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Media advisory: Wilfrid Laurier University to sign Scarborough Charter on anti-Black racism and Black inclusion

WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University will join over 40 universities and colleges across the country in signing the Scarborough Charter on Anti-Black Racism and Black Inclusion in Canadian Higher Education at a virtual event Nov. 18.

The Scarborough Charter is an initiative stemming from the [National Dialogues and Action](#) and its national forums focused on equity and inclusion in Canadian post-secondary institutions.

The results of the forums on anti-Black racism and Black inclusion aided in the development of the charter, which commits participating institutions to redressing anti-Black racism and fostering Black inclusion and guides them on actions related to four principles: Black flourishing, inclusive excellence, mutuality and accountability.

Laurier's Associate Vice-President of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Barrington Walker is a member of the inter-institutional advisory committee for the national dialogues and action for inclusive higher education and communities and a member of the drafting sub-committee that created the charter.

By signing the charter, Laurier is taking another step to address systemic discrimination and racism outlined in Laurier's [Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and Indigeneity Action Plan and reflected in the Laurier Strategy](#).

Further details will be shared in a news release on Nov. 18.

Media are welcome to join the signing event, which will include:

- Video message from **Laurier's President and Vice-Chancellor, Deborah MacLatchy** and other participating post-secondary institution presidents
- Remarks from panelists
- Question and answer period

DATE: Thursday, Nov. 18

TIME: 3 p.m. EST

LOCATION: Zoom ([registration is required before Nov. 15](#)).