



## **Laurier Brantford campaign generates scholarships and more**

Approximately one hundred people gathered to celebrate the campus' success in the 2005 campaign at a barbecue held at the Brantford campus on August 28. Speaking to the crowd gathered on the steps of the Carnegie Building, Sherri Bocchini, Associate Director, Development, thanked the many contributors who have designated their gifts to the Laurier Brantford Faculty and Staff Award, which recognizes a deserving student in Contemporary Studies, the campus' core program. In fact, she announced, giving has been so enthusiastic that the scholarship, established in 2005, will be granted this year; such awards generally take three years to be realized.

The main focus of the *Our Community, Our Laurier* campaign is to generate funding for the university's highest priority needs. At Laurier Brantford, gifts from staff and faculty have been used to support a speaker series that reflects the disciplines offered at Brantford and provide culturally appropriate convocation gowns for graduates of the Indigenous Studies program.

The campaign has also received leadership gifts from Dr. Leo Groarke, Acting Principal and Vice-President at Laurier Brantford; Dr. Bruce Arai, the campus' Acting Dean; Sherri Bocchini, Associate Director, University Development for Laurier Brantford; Dr. Sue Horton, Vice-President Academic, and Scott Hayter, Assistant Vice-President, University Development. These gifts have been used to establish student awards and scholarships for Brantford students.

In speaking of the campaign, Dr Groarke noted that "our ... faculty and staff have been generous in their support of Laurier Brantford. My own award will support a worthy student, and has provided me with an opportunity to express my commitment, in an ongoing way, to a project with which I have been intimately involved. In the long term, I hope it will help establish a culture of support which could provide enormous benefits to the campus in the long term."

Dr. Horton added, "I'm delighted to be able to fund a scholarship at the Brantford campus. The campus has been a tremendous success, growing beyond all our expectations, and I'm glad to contribute in this way to assist a student attending the campus".

For information on how you can boost gifts to *Our Community, Our Laurier* in your department or faculty, please contact Wendy Zufelt-Baxter at extension 3170 or at [wzufeltbaxter@wlu.ca](mailto:wzufeltbaxter@wlu.ca).