

## The Fated Fertile Lands of Laurier [overdramatic? Does manure have anything to do with volunteering?]

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Volunteerism, much like enjoying a cup of coffee in the morning (or like crack?), is something that must be introduced ~~to~~. I do not contend that every person has the capability, want or drive to be a volunteer; I do; however, believe that not every person knows that they want to volunteer until the benefits are shown to them. Just as there are some people that enjoy coffee and discovered it on their own, there are those people that had to be shown the benefits of a cup of coffee – some people are initially turned off by the strong scent or hot temperature, like some people are turned off of the working-for-free or time consumption of volunteerism; yet, many people ~~that-who~~ are introduced to coffee become coffee lovers and many people, like Laurier Students, who are introduced to volunteerism become avid volunteers. To understand why Laurier stands ~~astride~~ the rest of Canada as a volunteerism colossus, it is necessary to understand how Laurier students are introduced to volunteerism. [your thesis statement is not strong enough: tell us what you understand, and cut out the bullshit about Laurier standing "astride" other institutions (go back to your coffee fields). The metaphor of coffee is getting tiresome quickly.]

Laurier has an excellent introduction system; (comma splice) much like a parent or friend offers a cup of coffee to a tired youth on a cold day, Laurier brings volunteerism to students in an ~~affectionate~~ and ~~effective~~ manner (drop fuzzy words or define them -- where is this affection of which you speak. My volunteer experience did not come with a massage.). The affection of Laurier's introduction is found within the people that facilitate the introduction, the effectiveness is found within nature of those people that facilitate, the volunteers that found volunteerism on their own – the self-made volunteers (the shit of bulls is good for fertilizing fields, not essays). First, the nature of self-made volunteers shall be examined, then the broader base of volunteers themselves.

The nature of Laurier's self-made volunteers is diverse and deep. There are an excellent array of volunteers – think of them like flavours, some people are like Mocha, some are ERT, some are like Vanilla, some are involved with student governance. The diversity of volunteerism positions available, almost too numerous to list - ~~certainly too numerous to list in this essay~~ - ensure that there is a flavour for everyone (do any of them taste like cock?). The self-made volunteers are like eager vendors, each with a different steaming (or chilled, as some people like their coffee!) flavour, all working in union to make sure everyone finds the cup that will suit them the best. The nature of the self-made volunteers, the bold pioneers that tried that exotic flavour and found it wonderful, the nature of the people that found a volunteer niche and filled it, is one element of the volunteer introduction system that Laurier has. (While this is a good point, do these bold pioneers come only to Laurier and nowhere else? Why is it that volunteerism is thriving on our campuses but not elsewhere (e.g. UW)? You're not answering the question.)

The coming together of those that were introduced to volunteerism and of the self-made volunteers of Laurier form the other element of Laurier's excellent volunteer introduction system (only at Laurier, eh?). When someone finds a brand or flavour of coffee they like, they let their friends and curious passers-by know about it, so to do the volunteers of Laurier let their friends

and curious passers-by know about their volunteer position – and much like someone who has found a flavour of coffee they truly love, they like to drink – or show it off – a lot. From Laurier Day to Orientation Week to the countless events that the volunteers of Laurier put on, there are always volunteers out showing everyone else what they are into – and certainly, if someone likes the look of what they see, they will try it – be it some new speciality coffee or a position they think they would enjoy (oh, I certainly like showing people the positions I enjoy ... Again, this paragraph provides a good explanation why people in general volunteer (peer pressure), but doesn't tell us why this abundance of volunteers is specific to Laurier. And no more talk of coffee!).

The warmth spreading through someone's body as they sip on a cup of coffee, the warmth spreading through someone as they have fun and help others with a group of likeminded people – these two are very similar, and they both have two elements (like ass sex?). The people that pioneer and strive to find a new brew or volunteer opportunity, and the introduction of other people to that brew or position. Laurier has both of these. While it is certain that other schools have those bold people that strike out and fill a volunteer gap, Laurier had the stars aligned in the right pattern. Every school has the chance to have the great volunteer culture that Laurier has, just like the planet Earth had slim chances to house life, it did, and the conditions were right for life to flourish. The soil was rich and the coffee beans grew strong and hearty. Laurier was designated by fate to be the school of the volunteers: the conditions were right for the introduction system and the land was fertile with volunteers who grew strong and hearty. So you're blaming fate (and star alignment) for our volunteer culture? Bullshit. You can take your well-fertilized essay and sit on it.

Thanks for ruining my appetite for coffee forever!

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