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Celebrating Alan Marshall's Milestone: 150 Courses and Counting It gives me great pleasure to recognize Alan Marshall on the occasion of his remarkable achievement of having taught 150 courses at Wilfrid Laurier University. As a long-standing Contract Faculty member, Alan has made a significant and sustained contribution to both our School and the student experience over many years.

As a former Area Coordinator, I had the opportunity to work closely with Alan—meeting with him, assigning him to a range of core and elective courses, and observing his quiet dedication firsthand. Alan consistently demonstrated professionalism, flexibility, and a strong commitment to teaching excellence. He willingly took on challenging courses, adapted to shifting schedules, and was always dependable—a true asset to our teaching team.

Alan has worked primarily within the Operations and Decision Sciences (ODS) Area, where his contributions have been especially impactful. As Sapna Isotupa shared, "I have been in a teaching team with Alan Marshall on multiple occasions, and he has always impressed me with his professionalism. He has mentored new full-time faculty teaching the required courses in our Area – BU255, BU275, BU385 and BU395." Alan's collegial spirit, willingness to share knowledge, and ability to support new instructors have made him a valued and respected member of the ODS teaching community.

Shelly Jha, a now-retired colleague, also remembers Alan fondly from their time working together on multi-section OM and analytics courses. He describes him as "collegial, conscientious, and dependable," and adds that "he was held in high regard by both his students and his co-instructors... and generously shared original and useful teaching material."

In addition to his work in ODS, Alan contributed meaningfully to the Finance Area. He taught foundational courses such as Introductory Finance, Financial Management I, and Financial Management II for many years. These courses can be particularly challenging for students due to their technical and quantitative demands. As Brian Smith, past Finance Area Coordinator, noted: "These were challenging courses to teach... Alan made a real difference in helping students navigate the material."

Alan's career at Laurier reflects more than 150 courses—it represents years of meaningful engagement with students, collaboration with colleagues, and steady, behind-the-scenes leadership. His contributions have helped uphold the academic standards and collegial culture that define the Lazaridis School.

On behalf of many colleagues and students who have benefited from his work, I sincerely congratulate and thank Alan Marshall for this well-deserved recognition.

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