

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

President's Report to Senate

May 2013



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

2013 PROFESSOR EMERITUS/TA CONFERRALS

As per policy, the President is to inform Senate of all Professor Emeritus/ta appointments in their Report to Senate at the May meeting.

The following people have been offered and have accepted the appointment of Professor Emeritus/ta which will be formally conferred upon them at our 2013 Convocation:

- **Dr. Roger Delaney**, School of Social Work
- **Dr. Stephen Kissin**, Department of Geology
- **Dr. Bruce Minore**, Department of Sociology
- **Mr. Alain Nabarra**, Department of Languages
- **Dr. Ellie Prepas**, Faculty of Natural Resources Management
- **Dr. Vincent Schonberger**, Department of Languages
- **Dr. Victor Smith**, Department of History

MEETING WITH CONFEDERATION COLLEGE'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS

At the invitation of Confederation College President Jim Madder, Lakehead's Provost & Vice-President (Academic), Dr. Rod Hanley, and I recently met with the College's Board of Governors to discuss how our institutions can work more closely in the future.

Our presentation included a comprehensive look at Lakehead — faculties, departments, aboriginal initiatives, student affairs — in addition to putting forward various possible ways in which the College and University might collaborate. Proposed partnerships included ventures in applied research, the success of K-12 education, international recruitment, co-branding (where appropriate), and telepresence.

INCOMING COU CHAIR, DR. MAX BLOUW, VISITS LAKEHEAD THUNDER BAY

On Monday, May 6, I hosted Wilfred Laurier University President & Vice-Chancellor, **Dr. Max Blouw**.

An avid outdoorsman, Dr. Blouw — who will soon become the newest Chair of the Council of Ontario Universities — thoroughly enjoyed our Thunder Bay campus and looks forward to his new role.



VISITS FROM MINISTER DUGUID & PC LEADER TIM HUDAK

April 26 saw numerous representatives from Queens Park in Thunder Bay for the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association's Annual Meeting.

In the morning, members of PPG and I welcomed MTCU Minister **Brad DuGuid** with a presentation and round table discussion of Lakehead University initiatives. The Minister was very impressed that our ideas fit with his ideals. Following the meeting, DuGuid and I visited our Student Success Centre, where he had a chance to meet and chat with its Director, Heather Doyle, and several Lakehead students.



In the afternoon, had the opportunity to sit down with Ontario's PC Leader, **Tim Hudak**, during his visit to Lakehead.

CHANCELLOR MAURO HONOURED AT RECEPTION



Lakehead University's seventh chancellor, **Dr. Arthur Mauro**, was celebrated with a reception outside my Office, May 13.

Dozens of invited guests came to mingle and have pictures taken with our former Chancellor, including faculty members, representatives from our student union, PPG, Senate, and our Board of Governors.

To thank Dr. Mauro for his years of service to Lakehead, he was given an ornate international clock set to Eastern Standard Time to help remind him that our sincerest thanks and thoughts are with him.



FACULTY OF BUSINESS RETREAT

The Provost and I participated in the Faculty of Business's retreat, May 2. The event, held at the Nor'Wester Resort Hotel, featured a Q & A session wherein Dean Dadgostar and his faculty could ask questions of me and Dr. Rod Hanley.

LAKEHEAD ORILLIA NAMES ITS 2013 CIVITAS AWARD RECIPIENT



Earlier this month I had the pleasure of announcing that Orillia business owner, artist and community leader, **Will McGarvey**, was the recipient of the 2013 Civitas Award.

The Civitas Award is given annually to a Simcoe County resident who has a record of community engagement that has significance or importance to Lakehead University Orillia. McGarvey will be presented the Civitas Award at Lakehead University's June 8 convocation ceremonies at Rotary Place in Orillia.

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS ANNOUNCES FIRST EVER ORILLIA FELLOW

The Chair of the Board of Governors of Lakehead University, Cameron Clark, is proud to announce that Toronto dentist, **Dr. Robert Bennett**, will be named a Fellow of Lakehead University in recognition of his important contribution to help establish and grow the Orillia campus.

This will be the first time the title of Fellow is bestowed upon someone who has contributed to Lakehead Orillia.

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NEW OCAA STATUS BOOSTS ATHLETICS AT LAKEHEAD ORILLIA

The athletics program at Lakehead University's Orillia campus just got a huge boost, with the recent announcement that the campus was accepted as an affiliate member of the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA). Lakehead Orillia's official membership status is effective as of May 1, 2013 and opens up opportunities for expanding varsity sports and athletic competition.

"We are extremely pleased to have Lakehead University's Orillia campus as a new member," said Blair Webster, OCAA Executive Director. "Lakehead's membership will not only contribute to sport competition in the province, but will also enhance the Lakehead Orillia student experience."

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ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM WELCOMES CLASS OF 2013

Our [Department of Athletics](#) and [Office of Aboriginal Initiatives](#) hosted our [Achievement Program's](#) first 'Day On Campus' activity of the year for 39 students currently enrolled in the program. The on-campus event offers youth the opportunity to explore Lakehead University and participate in hands-on activities with our Faculty of Engineering, School of Kinesiology, and the Department of Athletics.

Schools involved in the Program include Gron Morgan, Sherbrooke, Algonquin, Agnew-Johnson, C.D. Howe, McKellar Park, and Ogden.

Each school's principal selected students based on First Nations, Métis, and Inuit status, and those facing barriers to post-secondary education. Many of the kids enrolled in our Program never saw graduating from Grade 12 as a possibility.

Achievement Program students must satisfy three conditions to remain in the program:

- Pass their grade
- Participate in school or community activities
- Participate in at least one "Day On Campus" event at Lakehead

Special guests at the event included the Lakehead Public School Board's (LPSB) Director of Education, Catherine Seminic, and LPSB Superintendent, Sheri-Lyn Pherin.



Dr. Stevenson asks students what they want to be when they grow up.

[Read all about the Achievement Program...](#)