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# President's Report to Senate



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## ***OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT***

### **Task Force Established to Examine Sexual Assault Education, Prevention, and Support**

On October 24, I announced the creation of a Presidential Task Force to examine policies pertaining to sexual assault prevention and the support provided to victims on campus. This task force will include Lakehead students, faculty and staff, as well as experts in sexual assault from the community, and will be chaired by Lakehead Professor and Chair of our Department of Women's Studies, Dr. Lori Chambers.

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### **Lakehead & Georgian Sign Two New MOUs**

In a time when Canada's universities and colleges are being encouraged to work closer together to expand opportunities for students, Lakehead University and Central Ontario's Georgian College signed two Memoranda of Understanding in October outlining how our institutions will embark on several new learning pathways.

***[Click here for October 23 MOU media release...](#)***

***[Click here for October 31 MOU media release...](#)***



*Left to Right: Baldev Pooni, VP, Academic and University Programming, Georgian College; Angelo Orsi, Mayor, City of Orillia; Jeff Lehman, Mayor, City of Barrie; Dr. MaryLynn West-Moynes, President and CEO, Georgian College; Myself; Cal Patterson, Warden, County of Simcoe; Garfield Dunlop, MPP, Simcoe North; Shelly Cunningham, Senior Vice President, Engineering Services, PowerStream.*



## **NOHFC & LUSU Help Build an Enhanced Nanabijou Daycare Centre**

With support from the province's Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) and the Lakehead University Student Union, the Nanabijou Childcare Centre is constructing a new 8,200-square foot building in front of our Hangar building to that will provide the an additional 40 day-care spots, a new infant care program, and training opportunities for early childhood education students. The facility is expected to open in fall 2014.

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## **Rita Blais Receives *Distinguished Leadership Award***



Congratulation go to **Rita Blais**, Lakehead's Associate Vice-President, Financial Services, who was recently awarded the prestigious Council of Finance Officers – University of Ontario *Distinguished Leadership Award*.

Nominated and voted by their peers, the award is bestowed to those who have demonstrated effective leadership and made a contribution to COFO – UO and the management of higher education.

Describing Rita as dedicated, always striving for excellence, and willing to participate and take leadership roles in all provincial committees, this year's Distinguished Leadership Award Nominating Committee was unanimous in its recommendation to present the award to her.



## ***ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING, LEARNING, AND RESEARCH***

### **Lakehead Research Rated #1 in Ontario**

Lakehead University is Ontario's number one university for undergraduate research according to this year's annual ranking of Canada's Top 50 Research Universities, as reported by Re\$earch Infosource. Lakehead was second in the province in the same category, last year. We are also second in the country in our category.

*[Click here for Research Infosource announcement...](#)*

*[Click here for Lakehead University's media release...](#)*



### **Maclean's University Rankings Place Lakehead in Canada's Top 10**

Maclean's magazine's annual University Rankings, released October 31, places Lakehead in second place among Ontario's primarily undergraduate universities. When compared to all Canadian universities in this category, Lakehead climbed two spots from last year's results to rank tenth overall.

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### **Lakehead Graduates' Employment above Ontario Average**

On November 19, the Council of Ontario Universities released its findings from its latest survey of students who graduated from an Ontario undergraduate university program in 2010. According to the provincial study, the results are positive: graduates have higher employment rates and higher incomes than those with any other level of education.

Once again, Lakehead University graduates have a higher employment rate (93.6%) two years after graduation than the provincial average (92.2%).

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## **LSUC Approves Faculty of Law's "Groundbreaking" IPC Program**

On November 21, Lakehead's Faculty of Law received an historic approval from the Law Society of Upper Canada (LSUC) for its Integrated Practice Curriculum (IPC), the first in Canada to integrate legal professional training into a law degree. The Faculty's new model of legal education fuses the theory of law with the practice of law. In addition to learning law, students will also acquire the necessary practical skills to use the law effectively; meaning our students will be "practice ready" upon graduation without the need for articling placements.

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***[Click here for Lakehead University's media release...](#)***

## ***EXTEND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH***



### **Lakehead's 2012-2013 Annual Report and Reports to our Communities**

Lakehead University is celebrating its success stories in Northwestern Ontario and Central Ontario through the release of the 2012-13 Annual Report.

The Annual Report describes the outstanding teaching and research occurring at both of Lakehead University's campuses, and includes performance indicators and financial statements for 2012-13.

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## County of Simcoe Gives Lakehead \$1M; Academic Building to be named ‘Simcoe Hall’



*The County of Simcoe makes \$1 million contribution to Lakehead University Orillia during County Council. Left to right: Warden Cal Patterson; Dr. Brian Stevenson, President and Vice-Chancellor, Lakehead University; Dr. Kim Fedderson, Dean and Vice Provost, Orillia Campus; and Mr. Bruce Waite, Member of the Lakehead University Board of Governors.*

Lakehead University Orillia was presented a \$1 million cheque by the County of Simcoe during its County Council meeting, November 26, in Midhurst, Ontario.

In recognition of the County’s enormous support, I proudly announced that our Orillia campus’s Academic Building would be named Simcoe Hall. An official naming ceremony will be held at the in spring 2014.

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## ***ENHANCE SUPPORT OF FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS, & INUIT STUDIES***

### **Faculty of Law Signs Aboriginal Protocol Agreement**

Lakehead University officials have signed a protocol agreement with Nishnawbe Aski Nation, the Union of Ontario Indians, Grand Council Treaty #3, and Métis Nation of Ontario to establish a strong, meaningful and respectful working relationship regarding the Faculty of Law.

The agreement brings together these Aboriginal leaders who will meet on a semi-annual basis to discuss issues relating to Aboriginal perspectives of the law.

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*Left to right: Professor Lee Stuesser, Founding Dean of Lakehead University's Faculty of Law; Lakehead President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Brian Stevenson; Deputy Grand Chief Goyce Kakegamic, Nishnawbe Aski Nation; Chief Gary Allen from Treaty #3 (signing on behalf of Grand Chief Warren White); Regional Grand Chief Peter Collins from the Union of Ontario Indians; and President Gary Lipinski from Métis Nation of Ontario.*