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President's Report to Senate



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Conference Board of Canada Skills Gap Discussion

On December 5, the Conference Board of Canada's Director of Education, Health and Immigration Programs, Diana MacKay, and University of Alberta's Provost and Vice-President (Academic), Dr. Carl Amrhein — who is also a visiting executive with the Conference Board of Canada — co-hosted an information session at our Thunder Bay campus about the development of a Centre for Skills and Post-Secondary Education. In attendance were Lakehead faculty, staff, and senior administration, and local industry representatives.

ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING, LEARNING, AND RESEARCH

Fulbright Canada Establishes Visiting Research Chair in Interdisciplinary Sustainability Solutions at Lakehead University

On January 10, Lakehead University and the Foundation for Educational Exchange between Canada and the United States of America (Fulbright Canada) signed a memorandum of understanding that establishes a Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Interdisciplinary Sustainability Solutions at Lakehead.

Fulbright Canada will invite innovative American Fulbright Scholars from every academic discipline to join our network of faculty and students engaged in cross-sector and interdisciplinary sustainability work, and carry out programs of research, teaching, and services for a minimum of one semester.

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Myself and Dr. Michael Hawes, CEO and Executive Director of Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program, signing the MOU on Friday, January 10.



EXTEND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH



CESME's First Conference a Success

Lakehead University's recently established Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Mining and Exploration helped address challenges faced by Northwestern Ontario's mining sector at their inaugural conference, December 5-6. The conference, entitled *The Role of Government Policy in Sustainable Mining Development*, brought together researchers and participants from First Nations, Métis, and other local communities, government representatives, and several speakers, including Bob Rae.

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EXTEND OUR INTERNATIONAL REACH

Lakehead signs MOU with UAlberta's Faculty of Arts School in Italy

On December 5, Lakehead signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that establishes a relationship with the University of Alberta's Faculty of Arts School in Cortona, Italy.

The MOU creates a framework to allow:

- Mobility of faculty and/or staff
- Mobility of graduate and/or undergraduate students
- Joint research activities and publication
- Participation in seminars and academic meetings
- Exchange of academic materials and other information
- Special short-term academic programs

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Myself and University of Alberta Provost and Vice-President (Academic), Dr. Carl Amrhein.



Institute of Italian Studies-Lakehead University Contributes \$25,000 to Cortona Project

The Institute of Italian Studies-Lakehead University's (IISLU) board of directors contributed \$25,000 to the Cortona project through the Free Tuition scholarship program at Lakehead University. The funds will be used to send students to study in Cortona, Italy.

Thanks to IISLU's contribution, approximately four Lakehead University students will have the opportunity to spend a month studying in Cortona, Italy. The first student, from our Orillia campus, is leaving for Italy this month. Two more Thunder Bay campus students will depart this spring.

Back row (left to right): Cortona Scholarship Recipient, Kelsey Pennanen; IISLU President, Roy Piovesana; Lakehead University Provost and Vice-President (Academic), Dr. Rod Hanley; Lakehead University President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Brian Stevenson; IISLU Vice-President, John Bonofiglio; IISLU Secretary and Treasurer, Richard Buset; Cortona Scholarship Recipient, Paige Tyler.



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Agreement with University of Shanghai Science and Technology

While on a trip to China, and on behalf of the Faculty of Science & Environmental Studies, I signed a memorandum of understanding with the University of Shanghai Science and Technology (USST) for the development of two plus two dual degree programs in Science. The agreement will also lead to USST students who have studied two years in their undergraduate program to transfer into, and complete their undergraduate studies at, Lakehead University. These transfer students will also have the opportunity to complete a Masters degree in their field of study at Lakehead.

Lakehead Welcomes New Cohort of International Students

On January 10, I had the pleasure of welcoming about 60 new international students to Lakehead University and Canada. Students from eleven countries (Brazil, China, India, Iran, Mauritius, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, the United Arab Emirates, and Venezuela) spent the day participating in a series of orientation events organized by Lakehead University International.