March 2017

President's Report
to Senate

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Office of the President

Next Principal, Orillia Campus

On February 17, at a special event at our Orillia Campus, I announced that **Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans**, who is currently Lakehead University's Interim Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, has been appointed Principal, Orillia Campus, effective July 1, 2017.

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Chancellor Derek Burney honoured with portrait unveiling

At a special event on March 2, a portrait of **Dr. Derek H. Burney**, Lakehead's eighth chancellor, was unveiled and hung on the Senate Chambers wall next to the University's seven previous chancellors.

Since his appointment as Chancellor in January 2013, Dr. Burney has used his influence and experience as a diplomat, entrepreneur, and strategist to further Lakehead's academic, political, and philanthropic endeavours.

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Lyn McLeod named Lakehead University's next Chancellor

Lyn McLeod has been named Lakehead University's next Chancellor on March 8 at a special event in Lakehead's Senate Chambers.

McLeod will be formally installed as Lakehead's ninth Chancellor at the first of the University's several convocation ceremonies, in June 2017.

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Extend Community Engagement and Outreach

Thunder Bay City Council Presentation

On February 6, I had the opportunity to make my annual presentation to Thunder Bay City Council, wherein I shared information about our most recent Annual Report and the University's achievements over the past year.
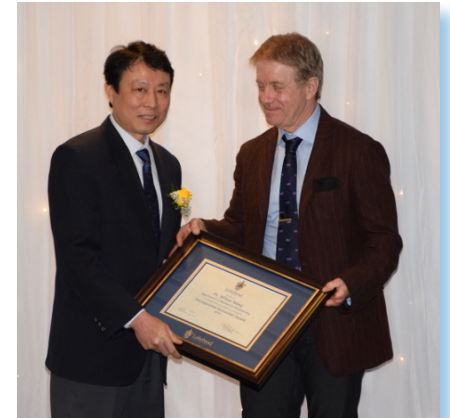
Research & Innovation Weeks 2017

Research & Innovation (R&I) Week 2017 was a tremendous success at both our campuses.

Highlights include the first time a special Orillia Research & Innovation week was organized; a talk about extraterrestrial life by NASA Director Dr. James Green; and a visit by Minister Moridi (Minister of Research, Innovation and Science). Minister Moridi gave an opening welcome to the *Issues with Water* Sustainability Workshop.

As part of Research & Innovation Week, *Lakehead University's Research & Innovation Awards of Excellence Reception* was held on Thursday, March 9 to celebrate the exceptional achievements of researchers and students.

Dr. Wilson Wang from Mechanical Engineering received the NSERC Distinguished Researcher Award, the highest honour conferred by Lakehead for research and scholarly activity.

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LUNSA's 29th Annual Powwow

The Lakehead University Native Student Association (LUNSA) hosted its 29th Annual Powwow at the CJ Sanders Fieldhouse, March 10-12. The annual event is LUNSA's signature event that showcases talent and entertainment, while reinforcing traditional aspects of Aboriginal culture such as drumming, dancing, singing, and giving thanks.

Ontario's Lieutenant-Governor Speaking Event

On February 15, we hosted **The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell**, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations, for a free public lecture at our John N. Paterson Faculty of Law Auditorium.

The Lieutenant Governor spoke to a capacity crowd from our University and external communities for her talk that drew on her eclectic public service career spanning provincial, federal, and international borders about The Crown and Reconciliation in 2017.

Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada Conference 2017

On March 6, Lakehead University hosted the 2017 PDAC Alumni and Friends breakfast at the InterContinental in Toronto for more than 100 attendees.

Each year, Lakehead University grows its presence at the PDAC conference and 2017 was no exception. The conference is an excellent opportunity for our delegation to attend industry events, reconnect with our alumni, cultivate towards new gifts and participate in a booth with our partners, Confederation College, and the Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission.

The Honourable Minister Bill Mauro provided opening remarks on behalf of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. Updates were provided on the Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Mining and Exploration by Dr. Pete Hollings (CESME Director), recent gifts were announced by Dr. David Barnett (Dean of the Faculty of Engineering) and attendees heard a presentation by Dr. Pedram Fatehi (Canada Research Chair and Industrial Research Chair) on the exciting work that he is conducting in Green Chemicals and Processes.

Strengthen our Commitment to Social Justice

Lakehead hosts roundtable on impact of mercury contamination

Decades-long contamination of the Wabigoon-English River system in the Kenora area has been an ongoing environmental and medical concern for the nearby First Nation communities, but high levels of mercury is an issue that impacts more than any one place, researchers say.

Lakehead will host a sustainability roundtable that is open to the public entitled, *What Can We Do About Mercury in Our Water?*, and is set for Monday, March 6, from 7-9 p.m., at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery.

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Time for an Indigenous Research Institute?

Lakehead University has a well-established relationship of research projects and partnerships with Aboriginal communities, so Interim Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives) Dr. Peggy Smith is wondering if the time ripe to set up a dedicated Indigenous Research Institute? To discuss the idea, Dr. Smith will host a roundtable discussion with speakers who have experience in cross-cultural learning and what is needed to set up an Indigenous-focused research institute. The event takes place March 8 as part of Lakehead's Research & Innovation Week.

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International Women's Day Research Panel

On March 8, Lakehead University hosted an International Women's Day panel to celebrate research by female faculty members over their careers. During the event, five researchers from various departments at Lakehead sharred their research accomplishments.

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