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President's Report to Senate



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Achievement Program MOU helps Nipigon students realize their full potential

Nipigon students will have a greater chance of attending university thanks to a memorandum of understanding signed with Lakehead University on Tuesday, Sept. 25.

Current and future Grade 4 students from George O'Neill Public School and St. Edward Catholic School who are eligible will now have the opportunity to enroll in the Achievement program. Students who are eligible to participate, attend special on campus programming at the University and meet certain criteria to earn financial support toward their first year of tuition at Lakehead University.

Lakehead President and Vice-Chancellor **Dr. Moira McPherson** signed the memorandum of understanding with **Nicole Morden-Cormier**, Interim Director of Education at Superior-Greystone District School Board, and **Maria Vasanelli**, Interim Director for Superior North Catholic District School Board.



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Board of Governors names Ross Murray, Q.C. as Chair



Lakehead University's Board of Governors appointed its then-Vice-Chair, **Ross Murray**, as its next Chair. The decision was made during the Board's Annual General Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 27.

Murray is a retired lawyer in Thunder Bay who has served on Lakehead's Board of Governors since 2014, as its Vice-Chair since 2016, and as Chair of its Finance & Operations Committee since 2015.

Succeeding Murray's role as Vice-Chair Angela Maltese, a chartered accountant, certified financial planner, and partner with Grant Thornton LLP. Maltese has served as one of the Board of Governors' Lieutenant Governors in Council since February 2014.

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Economic Development & Innovation Office Hosts Industry SPEED Connect Event

The Economic Development and Innovation Office hosted the Industry SPEED Connect event on October 18, in partnership with the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC). This event helps foster new industry-academic partnerships by connecting representatives from more than 25 community and industry partners with Lakehead University's research faculty and students. The key to this event is SPEED: more than 50 scheduled industry/faculty meetings were held in the new Centre for Advanced Studies in Engineering and Sciences (CASES) in less than an hour.



Lakehead Orillia students win *Youth Community Champion Award*

Two students from Lakehead Orillia, Jessica Dinner and Emily Wolst, have recently been announced as recipients of the Youth Community Champion award for their work in welcoming international students to our community. The awards will be presented at the 6th Annual Newcomer Recognition Awards ceremony held by the County of Simcoe Local Immigration Partnership on October 25. Jessica is in her 3rd year of the HBSW program, and Emily is in her 4th year of the HBASc program majoring in Criminology.



Achieving Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Research

Lakehead named *Research University of the Year* for fourth consecutive year

For the fourth consecutive year, *Research Infosource* has named Lakehead University Canada's *Research University of the Year* in the undergraduate university category. This is the first time that a university in *Research Infosource's* undergraduate category has been ranked *Research University of the Year* four times in a row. Lakehead's placement at the top of the country's undergraduate universities category is based on the university standing out on a balanced scorecard of research inputs and outputs, according to the annual ranking of Canada's Top 50 Research Universities by *Research Infosource*, Canada's source of research and development intelligence.



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Lakehead in Top 10 of *Maclean's 2019 University Rankings*



Maclean's University Rankings have, once again, included Lakehead University among the country's Top 10 primarily undergraduate universities.

Compared to 2018's results, Lakehead University climbed one spot to eighth in Canada and to second in Ontario in its category.

Among Canada's primarily undergraduate universities, the 2019 *Maclean's University Ranking* places Lakehead in the top spot regarding Citations (scholarly output), second place in Total Research Dollars, third in Social Sciences and Humanities grants, third in Library Acquisitions, and fourth in Scholarships and Bursaries.

Compared to Ontario's primarily undergraduate universities, the *Maclean's University Rankings* puts Lakehead in a tie for first place for Library Expenses, second in Student-to-Faculty Ratio, second in Student Awards, second in Operating Expenditures per Student, second in Social Sciences & Humanities grants, and third in Faculty Awards.

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Lakehead Orillia Faculty of Education members' Research News

Dr. Meridith Lovell-Johnston and Dr. Sonia Mastrangelo Win SSHRC Partnership Engage Grant

Congratulations to Dr. Meridith Lovell-Johnston and Dr. Sonia Mastrangelo, who were successful with their SSHRC Partnership Engage Grant, entitled "Enhancing Instruction in Literacy, Inquiry Based Kindergarten Classrooms."

As part of their research, they will observe and analyze child-led learning opportunities focused on inquiry and literacy in Simcoe County District School Board Kindergarten classrooms, and facilitate professional development focus group discussions with Kindergarten educators. Their interest in Kindergarten pedagogy and practice will also help to strengthen the placement experiences of teacher candidates in the Bachelor of Education program by identifying needs expressed by Kindergarten educators – many of whom host teacher candidates in their school board.

Dr. Sonia Mastrangelo (Orillia) and Dr. Connie Russell (Thunder Bay) Partners in Provincial Centre of Excellence for Early Years and Child Care

Faculty of Education professors Sonia Mastrangelo and Connie Russell are part of the newly created Provincial Centre of Excellence for Early Years and Child Care, led by Western University and the Ontario Reggio Association.

A 3-year \$2.25 million initiative funded by the Ministry of Education, the Centre is tasked with advancing early childhood pedagogies in Ontario and will promote calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and embrace the values of Ontario's pedagogical framework How Does Learning Happen, including the view of children as protagonists in their own lifeworlds with participatory rights and responsibilities.

Holly Prince Wins *Innovator of the Year*

The Centre for Education and Research on Aging & Health (CERAH) is pleased to announce that Project Manager, **Holly Prince**, is the successful candidate for the first ever "International Congress Innovator of the Year" award as part of the 22nd International Congress on Palliative Care 2018 in Montreal, Quebec. This award recognizes an individual who has introduced change that has improved hospice and palliative care in their health facility or program, community, country or beyond. Prince, an Anishinabek woman from the Red Rock Indian Band, was nominated to present on "Developing Palliative Care for First Nations Communities: A Workbook." The workbook is an 85-page PDF document accompanied by 83 educational, administrative and program development tools and resources available in various formats.

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Extend Community Engagement and Outreach

Lakehead invites alumni to come home for Homecoming

Lakehead University hosted its biggest event of the year from Thursday, Sept. 20 to Saturday, Sept. 22. Homecoming allowed alumni and friends to engage with each other and reconnect with Lakehead University. Participants and family members enjoyed the exciting sports and social events held over three days.

Highlighted events included Thunderwolves hockey and basketball games, as well as a special ceremony to confer an honorary doctorate to Canadian broadcaster, Ron Maclean, and the the installation ceremony of President & Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Moira McPherson.

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Expand our International Reach

Research & Innovation Team Visits German Universities and STEMM Conference

Dr. Andrew P. Dean, Vice-President Research and Innovation recently toured universities in Germany to pursue research and student exchange partnership opportunities. **Anne Klymenko**, Director, Research Services and **Jill Sherman**, International Research Facilitator accompanied Dr. Dean on visits to Beuth University of Applied Sciences, Deggendorf Institute of Technology, Pforzheim University, and Stuttgart University.

The trio also attended the Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine (STEMM) Equality Congress 2018 in Amsterdam, where they presented a poster, *Implementing a Government Mandated Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Strategy at a Small Canadian University*. The two-day conference explored worldwide equality, diversity and inclusion strategies, policies and practices in STEMM. As mandated by the Canada Research Chair (CRC) program, Lakehead University published a CRC Institutional Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Plan in December 2017.

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