



**September
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President's Report to Senate



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Office of the President

Thunder Bay Campus's 2016 Convocation Ceremonies & Chancellor's Dinner

Approximately 1,700 degrees were awarded to graduates at this year's three Thunder Bay campus convocation ceremonies, May 27-28. In addition to celebrating our students and their achievements, we conferred three honorary doctorates (The Hon. Jean Charest, Helen Cromarty, and Dr. Keijo Virtanen) and named two Fellows of the university (Tammy Squitti and Bill Bartley).

Lakehead University Faculty Ratify New Collective Bargaining Agreement

This August, Lakehead University's Board of Governors and the Lakehead University Faculty Association (LUFA) ratified a new four-year collective agreement. The new collective agreement is effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020, and includes a general economic increase on total faculty salaries, enhancements to benefit plans, as well as a voluntary retirement incentive program.

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MobileSafety App

Lakehead University has partnered with *AppArmor* to give students, faculty and staff a faster way to access resources on campus. The new MobileSafety app includes emergency contacts, a safety toolbox, and other important resources available at the touch of a button. The safety toolbox includes a flashlight, a loud alarm, and the ability to send security a photo. AppArmor custom mobile safety apps improve emergency response in a crisis and make campus security resources more accessible. To download the app search for Lakehead Mobile Safety. It is available on all IOS, Android and BlackBerry devices.

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Achieving Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Research

Biorefining Research Institute Creates Advisory Committee

A new advisory committee has been established to provide direction to Lakehead University's Biorefining Research Institute (BRI) that will benefit Northwestern Ontario's forestry sector. The committee is comprised of individuals from academia, government and industry. One of the committee's goals is to help establish partnerships with industry, government and academic institutions that will assist the BRI with its research.

Mission to Israel yields Opportunities for Students

From May 15-20, **Dr. Andrew P. Dean** (V-P, Research and Innovation), **Dr. Alla Reznik** (Canada Research Chair in Medical Imaging), and Anne Klymenko (Director of Research Services) accompanied Premier Kathleen Wynne's Business and Academic Institution Mission to Israel.

The mission's purpose was to sign several Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with Israeli institutions, making it easier for experts in research and innovation to collaborate on new projects. Lakehead Dean and Reznik signed an MOU on behalf of *Philipps Healthcare* (Haifa) to expand internship opportunities for our students in Israel.

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MOU creates research opportunities for Lakehead University, FAPEMIG

In July, Lakehead University signed a five year memorandum of understanding with Brazil's Fundacao de Amparo a Pesquisa do Estado de Minas Gerais (FAPEMIG) to allow an exchange of researchers, and create new joint research projects and training programs.

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Pozihun Renewed as Vice-President (Admin. & Finance)

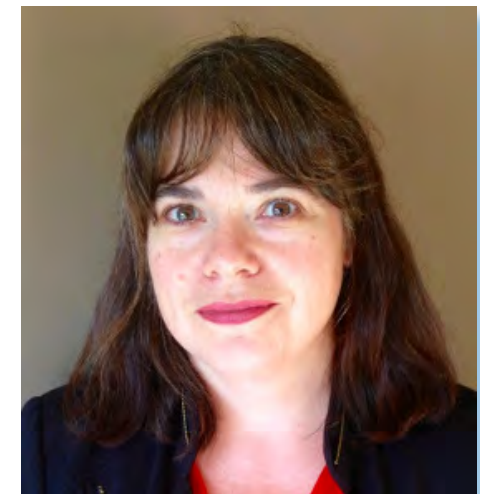
On September 9, I was pleased to announce the renewal of **Kathy Pozihun** as Lakehead University's Vice-President (Administration & Finance). Over the last four years, Kathy has been committed to the leadership, oversight, and stewardship of the University's administrative functions. As our Chief Financial Officer, she has continued to ensure that Lakehead remains financially sustainable and poised for growth. Kathy successfully led the transformation of our University's annual budget process, as well as the development of various capital and technology projects in Thunder Bay and Orillia.

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Eccles Appointed General Counsel & University Secretary

On August 26, I was pleased to announce the appointment of **Barbara Eccles**, HBSc, JD, LL.M. as Lakehead University's General Counsel & University Secretary. Her purpose is to provide in-house legal services to the University, work with external counsel, support and advise Lakehead's governing bodies (including Lakehead's Board of Governors, Senate, Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council) in exercising their respective legislative, monitorial, and judicial functions, as well as serving as a liaison between those governing bodies and Administration.

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Lakehead Orillia Celebrates 10th Birthday

It has been ten years and Lakehead University is ready to celebrate! The University is marking an important milestone this year – the 10th Anniversary of its Orillia campus and is inviting the community to join in the festivities.

The celebrations begin on Tuesday, September 6 with the raising of the Lakehead Orillia 10th Anniversary flag in front of the Opera House in Orillia. Then on September 8, the University is hosting a “Hole in Ten” golf tournament at Couchiching Golf Club, followed by a birthday party and barbeque on campus at 500 University Avenue.

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Fall Orientation

Thunderwolves Howl! 2016 ran from Monday, Aug. 29 through Saturday, Sept. 10 in Thunder Bay, and from Thursday, September 1 to Sunday, September 4 in Orillia, and focused on helping students successfully transition to Lakehead University. This year's orientation will feature a first – students in Thunder Bay connected with their peers at our Orillia campus via live stream for the opening commencement ceremony on Friday, Sept. 2 in the Hangar.

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Extend Community Engagement and Outreach

HD Recipient Honoured at Finland Alumni Event

On May 17, in Helsinki, Finland, Alumni Association Vice-President **Dr. Michel Beaulieu**, along with Canada's Ambassador to Finland (far right in the picture), hosted a reception for alumni and friends. The guest of honour was our 2016 Honorary Degree recipient, Dr. Keijo Virtanen.



NWOSSSA Conference

Over the last weekend in May, North-Western Ontario Secondary Schools Students Association hosted a four-day conference on our Thunder Bay campus to bring together high school students from the City and surrounding area for small group sessions, large group activities, and inspirational speakers. The NWOSSSA is a student run organization that brings students together as one voice to promote leadership and cooperation while encouraging personal growth and community involvement.



William G. Tamblyn Legacy Society + Art Gallery

On September 1, Lakehead University announced the new William G. Tamblyn Legacy Society and opened a new art gallery space at our Orillia campus's Simcoe Hall. Community leaders and friends of the University gathered to learn about the new initiative and view the unveiling of the New Sun Art Gallery, located in the Alumni Commons.

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Enhance Support of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies

FNNRYEP Exposes Students to Careers in Natural Resources

The First Nations Natural Resources Youth Employment Program (FNNRYEP) has 48 participants learning about anthropology, geography, dendrology, sustainable energy sources, visual arts, engineering, entrepreneurship, aboriginal mentorship and more this week during a Science Camp at Confederation College and Lakehead University. Lakehead University and Outland Camps developed a partnership in 2015 to offer the Mink Lake First Nations Youth Employment Program (MLFNYEP), an experience which mirrors that of the FNNRYEP.

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Indigenous Content Requirement begins

I am pleased to report that we have followed through with a May 2014 commitment that by the beginning of the 2016/17 academic year, all academic units would have calendared for all of their undergraduate degree programs a degree requirement of at least one 0.5 Full Course Equivalent course containing at least 50% (equivalent to 18 hours) of Indigenous knowledge and/or Aboriginal content,

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NOHFC Announces \$1 million for our Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre

On July 15, our **Minister of Northern Development & Mines, The Honourable Michael Gravelle**, announced an investment of \$1 million through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) to support Lakehead University proceeding with the engineering and design phase for our Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre.

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Expand our International Reach

Welcoming our Largest Group of International Students

Lakehead University welcomed a record number of international students at this year's orientation. Around 400 students from 44 countries participated in the International Orientation at the Hangar on Wednesday, Aug. 31.

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Strengthen our Commitment to Social Justice

Lakehead's First Chair on Truth and Reconciliation

On September 16, I announced the appointment of **Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux** as our University's Chair on Truth and Reconciliation. This historic appointment takes effect immediately.

Since July 2013, Dr. Wesley-Esquimaux has served as our University's Vice-Provost, Aboriginal Initiatives.

In her new role as Chair, Dr. Wesley-Esquimaux will advocate for Truth and Reconciliation within the Lakehead University community, while serving as an ambassador for Truth and Reconciliation issues in Northwestern Ontario and Simcoe County, as well as at the provincial and national levels.

Dr. Margaret (Peggy) Smith, Associate Professor in Natural Resources Management, will serve as Interim Vice-Provost, Aboriginal Initiatives.

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