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# President's Report to Senate



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## Office of the President

### Lakehead University names seminar room in honour of Edward and Brian Greenspan

Lakehead University was proud and honoured to have a seminar room in the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law Library named after the legendary criminal lawyers **Brian Greenspan** and his late brother, Edward Greenspan, who passed away in 2014.

The Edward and Brian Greenspan Seminar Room, anonymously funded by a close family friend, is located in the mezzanine of the law library. Naming this space allows Lakehead to preserve the legacy of two brothers and their contribution to the legal profession.

The unveiling of the Edward and Brian Greenspan Seminar Room, which immediately followed Brian Greenspan's compelling lecture called *And Justice for All: The Future of the Adversarial System in Canada*, was celebrated with a room filled with students from the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law, members of the Thunder Bay Law Association, and the general public.

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### Lakehead Orillia celebrates athletic achievements

Lakehead University Orillia capped off a successful 2017-18 athletics season on Friday, April 6 with a celebration of its student athletes during the annual Athletic Awards Banquet at Hawk Ridge Golf and Country Club. To cap off the celebration, Andrew Dobson was named Male Athlete of the Year, while Chauntelle Palmer was recognized as Female Athlete of the Year. Palmer was also recognized as most valuable player for women's varsity indoor soccer.

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## Minister Navdeep Bains and Minister Patty Hajdu Announce Economic Growth Strategy for Northern Ontario

The Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour announced their new Prosperity and Growth Strategy for Northern Ontario at Lakehead University on April 9. The PGSNO focuses on supporting innovation, growing companies, and building stronger communities.

Following the announcement, Dr. Andrew P. Dean, Vice-President of Research and Innovation, and Ellen MacKay, Manager of Innovation Development, hosted a fireside chat in which Minister Bains and Minister Hajdu answered questions from Lakehead University students and community members.

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## Million-dollar County of Simcoe gift celebrated with Lakehead Orillia students

On April 11, Lakehead University was presented with a \$1-million cheque by County of Simcoe Warden Gerry Marshall this morning during a special celebration event at Lakehead's Orillia campus.

Students, staff and faculty gathered in the Orsi Family Learning Commons to celebrate the County of Simcoe's most recent gift to Lakehead: bringing the total amount of their contributions to approximately \$8.5 million since 2009.

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## Research Services hires International Research Facilitator

Lakehead University's Office of Research Services is pleased to welcome **Ms. Jill Sherman** as Lakehead's new International Research Facilitator. In her position, Ms. Sherman will lead the development of international research collaborations at Lakehead, as well as serve as the Secretariat for the Canada and Latin America Research & Exchange Opportunities (CALAREO) Consortium. In addition to assisting faculty members with the preparation of grant applications, she will seek opportunities to support the growth of research collaborations with scholars across the globe.

## Expand our International Reach

### Orillia Donor helps students study abroad

Thanks to a local Orillia donor, five students from our Orillia campus were each awarded a \$1000 scholarship to support their planned travel for the 2018-2019 academic year through the Study Abroad program. This generous donation matched the bursary provided by Lakehead University International which is given to all students participating in the Study Abroad program. Scholarship recipients include:

**Meagan Bunda** - HBASc (Criminology) - York St. John University in United Kingdom in Fall 2018

**Sabrina Song-Chambers** - HBASc (Criminology) - Dalarna University in Sweden in Fall 2018

**Emily Davenport** - HBASc (Criminology) - York St. John in the United Kingdom in Winter 2019

**Emily Williamson** - HBASc/BEd (English and Media Studies) - York St. John United Kingdom in Winter 2019

**Sierra Stanley** - HBASc (Media Studies) - Metropolia University in Finland in Winter 2019 and International Student Assistant for 2017-2018



*Pictured are the scholarship recipients, local donor, Principal of the Orillia campus, and International staff.*





## Students support new Athletics Centre

In a recent student referendum, 79% of voted are in favour of a new Athletics Centre planned for the Thunder Bay campus.

The 30,000 square foot facility will include a multi-purpose gymnasium, an improved workout area, study/nap space, a student lounge, and retail opportunities.

Lakehead University Student Union Board of Directors is slated to ratify the decision.

## Extend Community Engagement and Outreach

### Thunder Bay Campus Alumni Commons to be Unveiled, April 19

After almost a year of renovations and changes, Lakehead University's Alumni Association will officially unveil its Thunder Bay campus's new Alumni Commons. The area, which repurposed the hall between the Agora and the Faculty Lounge, now features more space for people to gather. On display on the walls is 30 years of Alumni student art purchases, and the Alumni Wall of Honour.

The event is an open to the University Community, however [registration is preferred](#).





# Achieving Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Research

## Engineering students win national competition

A team of Engineering students from Lakehead University placed first in the Senior Design Category at the Canadian Engineering Competition held recently in Toronto.

The team, which competed against seven other schools, was comprised of third-year Lakehead students **Megan Eyben, Zachary Kelly, Caleb Frisby, and Graham Robertshaw.**

In the national competition held March 8 to 11, the Lakehead team designed and built a prototype of a remotely-operated fire truck, which could race to a flaming building and accurately launch water bombs at multiple locations.

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## Dr. Rennie earns Early Researcher Award

**Dr. Michael Rennie** has received an *Early Researcher Award* from the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Research, Innovation and Science for \$140,000 to support his project, *Restoration ecology: developing methods and practices for broad applications*. By demonstrating methods for lake ecosystem and fisheries restoration that can be applied across Ontario, the work will stimulate local economies surrounding recovered fisheries and potentially reduce fish contaminant concentrations. Dr. Rennie is a Canada Research Chair in Freshwater Ecology and Fisheries and a Research Fellow, IISD-Experimental Lakes Area.





## Enhance Support of First Nations, Métis, & Inuit Studies

### Thunder Bay listens to the young voices of La Loche

Thunder Bay had a chance to hear from the young people of La Loche Saskatchewan, a community that was changed forever by a tragic shooting in 2016. One of the four people who lost their life was Adam Wood, a graduate of Lakehead University who had recently left Thunder Bay to start teaching career in the community.

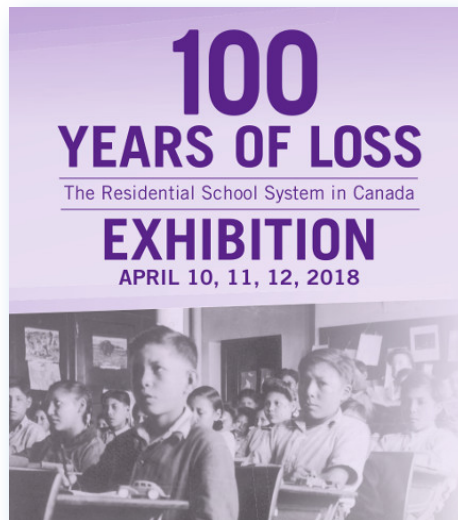
On Wednesday, March 28, Adam's sister, Caitlin Wood, presented her Master's research dedicated to giving the youth of La Loche a chance to be heard.

Her project demonstrates how research can be both deeply meaningful and a means to individual and community healing. Caitlin provided young people in the community with cameras to take photographs that reflect the positive influences in their lives, what changes they want to see, and what they feel childhood should look like.

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*This photo was taken by one of the participants in Caitlin Wood's research project, to depict friendship in response to the question What makes you strong?.*



### Residential Schools Exhibition comes to Lakehead University

Lakehead's Office of Aboriginal Initiatives and the Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales are hosting *100 Years of Loss: The Residential School System in Canada* Mobile Exhibition at Lakehead University in the Agora from April 10-12.

The [100 Years of Loss](#) mobile exhibition explores the history of the Residential School System and traces its legacy to the present.

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## Research & Innovation Week, Orillia, Highlights

Highlights of this year's event included poster displays by fourth-year Environmental Sustainability students; a special screening of Dr. Dalibor Misina's documentary, "Leonard Cohen: In His Own Words"; and, a community-based panel that explored a range of important and contemporary social issues, including poverty, food insecurity, social justice and civic engagement.

During the opening ceremony, March 19, Lakehead's **Vice-President (Research & Innovation) Dr. Andrew P. Dean** presented the *Indigenous Partnership Research Award* to **Dr. Ruth Beatty** from the Department of Education and her partner, **Christina Ruddy** of Algonquin Way Cultural Centre in Pikwakanangan First Nation for their research project, "Connecting Anishinaabe and Western Mathematical Ways of Knowing." This community-based, participatory action research project explored connections between the mathematics inherent in Algonquin cultural practices such as beading, and the mathematics content in the Ontario curriculum.



## Humanities 101 students celebrate success

A group of 21 Lakehead University students gathered with family and friends on April 4 for a special convocation dinner and ceremony.

The event celebrated the students' successful completion of Lakehead's Humanities 101 program, an outreach initiative providing adult learners who may never have believed that they could participate in post-secondary education with access to a university experience despite financial and other barriers.

