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President's Report to Senate



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Office of the President

Town Hall with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

On March 22, the public was invited to Lakehead Thunder Bay's Fieldhouse to attend a public town hall with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, as hosted by MPs Patty Hajdu and Don Rusnak.

Since 2017, the Prime Minister has hosted town halls across the country to hear directly from Canadians on the issues that matter to them and their communities. Supporting the economic and social well-being of the communities and regions we serve is one of Lakehead's core priorities, and we were excited that he chose to host this event at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay.



Hundreds of members of our University and local communities attended the live-streamed, 2-hour event.

Diversity Thunder Bay welcomes Tanya Talaga

On March 21, I, along with members of my President's Task Force on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, as well as other Lakehead University representatives, including students, faculty, and staff, attended *Diversity Thunder Bay's* 13th annual celebration breakfast at Thunder Bay's Victoria Inn.

The open-to-the-community event, which occurred on the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, featured keynote speaker, Tanya Talaga, the acclaimed author of *Seven Fallen Feathers*. Her inspirational talk touched on how all members of the Thunder Bay community have a responsibility, and all can have a hand in a new way forward. She also spoke about the positive changes that have already taken place in Thunder Bay, and the ways in which each community member can support a safer, more welcoming community.



Social Responsibility

Lakehead University formally adopts the Okanagan Charter

Lakehead University is placing the health and well-being of students, faculty and staff at the forefront with the formal adoption of the *Okanagan Charter: An International Charter for Health Promoting Universities and Colleges*. The Charter was signed by **Dr. Moira McPherson**, Lakehead's President and Vice-Chancellor, during a special event held at our Thunder Bay campus, and by Lakehead Orillia Principal, **Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans**, at our Orillia campus.

An outcome of the 2015 International Conference on Health Promoting Universities and Colleges, the Charter calls on post-secondary institutions to embed health and well-being into all aspects of campus culture, including the development of policies, procedures and practices.

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Academic Excellence

Jenna Kirker chosen as Lakehead's TD Insurance Meloche Monnex Fellow

External Relations and the Alumni Association of Lakehead University were very pleased to announce that – for the first time in over two decades – Lakehead University had been selected to receive a TD Insurance Meloche Monnex Fellowship through the Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education. This is an incredibly competitive process and only two recipients are selected from the post-secondary sector each year.

Lakehead's Fellow is **Jenna Kirker**, who has a long-standing relationship with the University, External Relations and the Alumni Association. Over the course of her year-long fellowship, Jenna will work on projects within the alumni engagement, annual giving, and legacy giving portfolios.

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Lakehead University receiving more than \$1.2 million from SSHRC

Lakehead University researchers from both our campuses are receiving more than \$140,000 in SSHRC Indigenous Research Capacity and Reconciliation – Connection Grants for important studies that will have a profound impact on the relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

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Local and Global Partnerships

Lakehead University Signs MOU with University of Benin University

A delegation from the University of Benin (Nigeria) came to Lakehead Thunder Bay on March 25 to sign a five-year Memorandum of Understanding.

The delegation, including **Professor F.F.O Orumwense**, the University of Benin's Vice-Chancellor, and Dr. Edeaghe (Eddy) Ehikhamenor, Project Coordinator of the Center for Forensic Programs and DNA Studies, met with members of Lakehead's Paleo-DNA Laboratory to explore potential areas of collaboration, including establishing forensic DNA training programs at the University of Benin.





Capacity Development

State-of-the-Art TEM and XPS Installed in CASES

New specialized equipment has been installed in the Centre for Advanced Studies in Engineering and Sciences (CASES). The Lakehead University Instrumentation Laboratory is now home to a Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM) and an X-Ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS) (pictured below). The \$1.25 million TEM uses energetic electrons to provide information on biological and medical samples. The XPS, valued at \$1.22 million, will be used to analyze the elemental composition of materials, including bio-materials.

The purchase of these state-of-the-art pieces of equipment was made possible through the support of the Federal and Provincial governments, FedNor, and the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC). Through the use of this equipment, Lakehead will broaden our research capacity and increase our ability to provide extension services to our industry partners.

Funding from the Federal Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario have also been confirmed for the purchase of a Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (NMR).



Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM)



X-Ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS)