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**President's Report
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Student Central's official opening

Lakehead University officially opened its new Student Central on September 28.

The opening marked the realization of a vision to create a space at the heart of the institution's Thunder Bay campus, where new and current students can receive a variety of Enrolment Services and supports in an innovative 'one stop'.

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Operation Timberwolf a success

Lakehead University and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) hosted the Orillia campus's first active threat exercise on October 13. The exercise, designed to test the response of both the University and first responders, was a success and a great learning opportunity for students, staff, and faculty.

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Lakehead Orillia raises tipi

On October 19, Lakehead Orillia students, faculty and staff were on hand for the raising of its new tipi adjacent to the Wiigwasitig Gitigaan Lakehead Community Gardens. The tipi will serve as a meaningful and social space for the community and a sign that Lakehead is committed to ensuring a safe gathering space for Indigenous learners.

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Lakehead and IISD Experimental Lakes Area team up to safeguard Canada's fresh water

Officials from Lakehead University and the International Institute for Sustainable Development Experimental Lakes Area (IISD-ELA) have signed a five-year memorandum of understanding to foster collaboration between the two organizations. Thanks to this new MOU, Lakehead University faculty and students can visit and perform research at the IISD-ELA much more easily, staff from both organizations will be able to participate in seminars and workshops together, and students can benefit from being supervised by staff from both institutions.

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Lakehead impacts Ontario's GDP by more than \$1.4 billion per year

A new report reveals that Lakehead University has an economic impact of more than \$1.4 billion per year on Ontario's gross domestic product. The new Economic Impact Study found that Ontario's GDP benefits from the Lakehead's Thunder Bay campus to the tune of \$1.301 billion per year, and from its Orillia campus with \$122.7 million per year.

The study's leaders, Dr. Camillo Lento, Associate Professor in Lakehead's Faculty of Business Administration, and the faculty's Dean, Dr. Bahram Dadgostar, explain that the amounts were estimated based upon the University's operating and capital spending, student and visitor spending, alumni spending, human capital development, and research and development.

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Achieving Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Research

Canada 150 Research Chairs Nominations

The Canada 150 (C150) Research Chairs Program, announced in Budget 2017, provides Canadian institutions with a one-time investment to attract top-tier, internationally based scholars and researchers to Canada. The grant provides up to \$2.45M over seven years to support C150 Chairs. Lakehead University received over 200 applications from candidates in 59 different countries in response to its advertisement. After an extensive review process, the Canada 150 Research Chairs Search Committee has recommended that Lakehead nominate two candidates for the following C150 research chairs:



- 150 Chair in Food and Global Environmental Sustainability (Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities)
- C150 Chair in the Sustainable Production of Bioenergy and Value-added Bioproducts (Faculty of Engineering)

Lakehead Orillia and Georgian College co-host *Business 2 Innovation*

Lakehead University and Georgian College co-hosted the 2017 Business 2 Innovation (B2I) evening Oct. 11 at our Orillia campus.

The event encourages learning, collaboration and interaction by connecting industry and researchers to create partnerships. Approximately 60 local business leaders and municipal representatives were in attendance to learn how to access expertise and funding to maximize innovation and growth through the research services of Georgian College and Lakehead University.



Top 10 in *Maclean's University Rankings*, again

Maclean's 2018 University Rankings have once again included Lakehead University among the country's Top 10 primarily undergraduate universities.

Among Canada's primarily undergraduate universities, the *2018 Maclean's University Rankings* place Lakehead first in total Research Dollars, second in Citations (scholarly output), third in Scholarships & Bursaries, and third in Library Acquisitions.

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Research University of the Year for 3rd consecutive year

For the third consecutive year, *Research Infosource* has named Lakehead Canada's *Research University of the Year* in the undergraduate university category. Lakehead's placement 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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Mushquash honoured by Royal Society of Canada

Dr. Christopher Mushquash will soon be the first Lakehead University professor inducted into the Royal Society of Canada's *College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists*.

The *College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists* is a new initiative within the Royal Society of Canada that recognizes scholars who represent the emerging generation of scholarly, scientific and artistic leadership in Canada.

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Researchers receive funding for research on pre-modern man and communicating climate change

Two Lakehead University researchers are receiving nearly \$900,000 in Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) funding for important projects that may change the way you think about the world.

Dr. Matt Tocheri is receiving \$305,000 from SSHRC for a five-year project investigating pre-modern and modern humans.

Dr. Lindsay Galway, an Assistant Professor in Health Sciences, is receiving \$54,478 to spend two years examining how to communicate climate change impacts and solutions to promote citizen engagement.

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NSERC awards \$2.3 million to Lakehead researchers

Lakehead University researchers are receiving more than \$2.3 million in funding from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) for innovative research projects that explore a variety of areas – from biology and chemistry and physics to engineering and geology and computer sciences.

Dr. Laura Curiel, an assistant professor in Electrical Engineering, received \$120,372 for a Verasonics Ultrasound device that will allow Dr. Curiel and her team to continue their work finding new materials, new electronics and new processes that will make significant improvements to ultrasound therapy and imaging.

Dr. Vijay Mago, an assistant professor in Computer Science, has received \$100,000 to develop the software platform and hardware for a real-time analytic tool that will analyze large-scale social networking websites to determine the effectiveness of public health awareness social media campaigns.

Dr. Amanda Diochon, an associate professor in Geology, is receiving more than \$100,000 over the next three years to develop an outreach program that provides culturally responsive, hands-on learning opportunities for Indigenous youth in Northwestern Ontario.

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CIHR awards more than \$1M to Lakehead researchers

Two Lakehead professors are receiving more than \$1 million from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

Dr. Michel Bédard is receiving a \$409,275 Project Grant from CIHR to spend five years researching the negative and positive impacts that older adults experience when they must stop driving.

Dr. Vicki Kristman, Associate Professor in Health Sciences, is receiving a \$75,000 Catalyst Grant from the CIHR to spend one year working with the Nookiiwin Tribal Council to create a culturally-relevant app to assist Indigenous people who are experiencing violence or unkind behaviour in the workplace, whether they live on reserve or off.



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Extend Community Engagement and Outreach



Homecoming Weekend Highlights

Our third annual Thunder Bay Homecoming weekend was a combination of academic, athletic and alumni activities. The **Annual Alumni Awards Dinner** on Friday evening, honoured alumni Ken Boshcoff, Darren Lentz, Lloyed Lobo and David Heroux, as well as inducting Cathy Trojan and Cam Clark as Honorary Members. Saturday featured the **Athletics Wall of Fame induction ceremony** followed by the Zanatta Alumni Games.

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Award recipients (from left to right): Cam Clark, David Heroux, Cathy Trojan, Ken Boshcoff, Darren Lentz, Michel Beaulieu (AALU President)



Enhance Support of First Nations, Métis, & Inuit Studies

New Honours Bachelor of Education program for Sandy Lake First Nation

Our Faculty of Education, working closely with members of Sandy Lake First Nation, will be offering a modified version of its Honours Bachelor of Education program to community members in Sandy Lake.

The community has a strong commitment to education, and a longstanding relationship with the Faculty and Lakehead University.

The program will be stretched out an additional year, with courses over the first few years offered online, as well as by face-to-face instruction in Sandy Lake scheduled around the students' work schedules.

Students will travel to Thunder Bay in the third and fourth spring or summers, to complete some coursework. For the final two years, students will move to Thunder Bay to complete our professional program, including their practicums.

Expand our International Reach

Welcoming new Mexican students

On Thursday, October 27, at our International Centre, I met with 82 Mexican students who are attending Lakehead this semester. These students are sponsored by the Mexican government through the Coordination General de Universidades Tecnológicas y Politécnicas (CGUTyP). The students come from 13 different Polytechnic or Technical universities in Mexico. They are taking 10 hours/week of English instruction, as well as three courses per student in Engineering, Science, and Business Administration. They are also participating in extracurricular activities organized by our English Language Centre. All are being accommodated in campus Residence.

