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President's Report
to Board of Governors



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Office of the President

Search for Vice-President (Research, Economic Development & Innovation)

The executive search firm of Caldwell Partners has been selected to assist in the search for our new V-P (Research, Economic Development & Innovation). The search process is proceeding, with consultations beginning in the near future.

Nanabijou Childcare Centre Hosts Grand Opening

The new Nanabijou Childcare Centre officially opened its doors during a grand opening, December 16, 2014. Several dignitaries and government officials attended and spoke at the event that featured a tour of the 8,200-square foot facility and an overview of the many services available to the University and local community.

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Dr. Moira McPherson Appointed Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

On December 18, 2014, I was very pleased to announce that our University's Board of Governors had appointed **Dr. Moira McPherson** as Lakehead's Provost & Vice-President (Academic). As the chief academic officer at Lakehead University, she leads academic planning, development, and internal operations.

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Nurturing Scholarship

Researching Funding Opportunities

From January 19-20, Andrew Dean, Richard Longtin, and I visited each of the Federal Granting Councils, as well as Industry Canada and the Canada Foundation for Innovation. We were warmly welcomed, and received valuable news and advice regarding changes at the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the new Canada First Excellence Research Fund, and new funding opportunities.

Lakehead Welcomes New Canada Research Chairs

The following four new Lakehead University Tier 2 Canada Research Chairs have been approved by the federal government, effective January 1, 2015:

- Dr. Pedram Fatehi (Green Chemicals and Processes)
- Dr. Christopher Mushquash (Indigenous Mental Health and Addiction)
- Dr. Michael Rennie (Freshwater Ecology and Fisheries)
- Dr. Matthew Tocheri (Human Origins)

Learner-Centred Student Experience

Alumni Association Opens New Orillia Study Lounge

Thanks to the Lakehead University Alumni Association and the Orillia Student Alumni Association, students at our Orillia campus can now enjoy a quiet place to catch up on their studies or just take a break.

The new Alumni Commons, located on the second floor of Simcoe Hall near our administration offices, was officially opened on November 26, 2014.



New Alumni Commons opens... (l - r): Mark Tilbury, Lakehead's Alumni and Community Relations Director; Sami Pritchard, LUSAA President; Alumni Association President Rob Jamieson; and Frank Capadoccia, Associate Vice-Provost.



Leadership Certification for Not-for-Profit Leaders

The YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka and Lakehead University are proud to partner to deliver a professional development Certificate Program for not-for-profit leaders. The first of a new three-part module program will take place February 11 - 13, 2015 at Geneva Park. The cost for the three-day, two-night program is \$600 (+HST).

An OASIS for Orillia Campus Students

In November 2014, our Orillia campus's OASIS (Orillia Academic Success In Science) Centre began providing a variety of free tutoring services to all students in a science related area of study. Faculty members, graduate and undergraduate tutors are prepared to assist students in all science and environmental sustainability courses at all year levels.

The drop-in centre offers an environment for independent or group study and free one-on-one interactions with tutors regarding any science course offered at the Lakehead Orillia campus.

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Collaborative Mining Research Project Wins Innovation Award

A breakthrough in mineral analysis that Lakehead University helped create won an Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) Innovation Award at a gala in London, England.

The IET's award in the 'Measurement in Action' category went to the University of Tasmania, Imperial College London, Natural History Museum, Lakehead University, and AMIRA International for development of laser ablation analysis for enhanced discovery of mineral resources. The new analysis process allows explorers to predict distance and likely occurrence of metal resources.

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Lakehead Professors and Students Receive Generous SSHRC Grant

Lakehead University professors and students are receiving nearly \$720,000 in funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) to help answer some fascinating questions.

Some of these outstanding research programs will investigate lead exposure in members of the colonial-era British Navy, analyze the protest media landscape during recent anti-austerity protests, examine how people responded to climate change over a long period of time, and determine how European immigrants influenced the culture of death in Canada.

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Community Engagement

Art for Social Change

In December, our Orillia campus's Media Studies students presented a showcase of media artwork at the Orillia Museum of Art and History. Besides traditional photography and visual art exhibits, the free public exhibition featured comic-book creations, sound recordings with unique soundscapes, video productions, memes, and posters representing the depth and wide-ranging interests of Lakehead students.



Lakehead Launches 50th Anniversary Celebrations

This month begins a year of events that will celebrate Lakehead University's 50th Anniversary. Celebrations held at both the Thunder Bay and Orillia campuses began, this week, with our 50th anniversary flags being raised by cities of Thunder Bay and Orillia.

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Preview Day in Thunder Bay

Preview Day at the Thunder Bay Campus took place on Tuesday December 2, 2014. Over 550 prospective students, family and friends joined us for the opportunity to explore the campus, discover more about our academic programs and experience a day in the life of a Lakehead student.

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50 Reasons to Celebrate Research

Research Services, in collaboration with our 50th Anniversary Planning Committee, has been soliciting the University community and public for the past two months in order to select 50 Lakehead research stories to be presented during this year's Research & Innovation Week (March 7-12, 2015). More than 60 submissions have been received, so far. The top 50 research stories will be published in the *Chronicle Journal* throughout the year.

Quaestiones Naturales 2.0

The Faculty of Science & Environmental Studies continues with knowledge mobilization of research at the undergraduate level with the release of version 2.0 of *QA (Quaestiones Naturales)*. This magazine highlights the faculty's undergraduate students' research accomplishments from the past year.

[Click here to see Quaestiones Naturales \(Vol. 2, 2014\)...](#)

Growth & Capacity Development

New Canadian Roots Exchange Office in Office of Aboriginal Initiatives

A Work Study position has begun in the Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives) office to work with the Northwestern Coordinated Learning Access Network (CLAN) and the development of a Canadian Roots Exchange office and program at Lakehead. Two Confederation College practicum students will also be working with the Work Study. These students will be responsible for building a strong foundation and preparing guidelines for the Lakehead Canadian Roots Exchange Program and assisting with the coordination of the Lakehead Pow Wow.

Faculty from Natural Resources Management visit India

In November 2014, Dr. U. Runesson, Dr. C. Shahi, Dr. M. Leitch and Mr. A. Bilyk travelled to India with the goal of strengthening collaborations with a number of universities and research organizations for student and faculty exchanges, joint research and opportunities for student internships.

Specifically, NRM took part in Chitkara University's Global Engineering Week celebration where one-week courses were offered on Remote Sensing, Drones and Research Initiatives on Sustainable Development to engineering and agriculture students – over 300 students participated.

The team also visited Lovely Professional University (Punjab Region), Amity University (Delhi), and the Institute of Wood Science and Technology (Bangalore) to participate in conferences and to discuss future Memoranda of Understanding.