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President's Report to Board of Governors



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Office of the President

Statement in response to Province's changes to Post-secondary Tuition

On January 17, the Province announced that Ontario's universities' and colleges' tuition fees will decrease by 10% for the 2019-2020 academic year, and will be frozen for the following year. While this will present challenges for northern universities, we support decisions that increase access to post-secondary education for students.

The delivery of quality education for our students remains Lakehead University's top priority. This includes protecting the supports and services that our increasingly-diverse student population relies on.

Northern Universities play an important role in Ontario's economy, and Lakehead recognizes the contributions it makes to the social and economic fabric of the regions it serves.

We welcome Minister Fullerton's commitment to maintain current grant funding levels and to create a fund to support northern universities impacted by the tuition reduction.

We are committed to working with the Ontario government to find solutions that recognize the unique position and strong contribution of northern universities in ensuring access to post-secondary education and in developing the highly-skilled workforce required to continue to drive economic growth and prosperity in Ontario, today and into the future.

Hats off to Lakehead University's Giving Tuesday donors

On Giving Tuesday (November 27), Lakehead University's alumni and friends invested a record \$63,001.10 to support the University's students. Since first participating in 2016, Lakehead University's Giving Tuesday initiatives have generated \$162,215.10 for student financial aid. A special thank you to the Alumni Association of Lakehead University, which matched the first \$25,000 in gifts.

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Food for Thought

On December 9 and 12, volunteers from the Alumni Association of Lakehead University spent time supporting students who were busy studying for exams in the first ever *Food for Thought* initiative, in addition to sponsoring *Exam Snacks* at both campuses, administered by our Student Central offices.

Volunteers were on hand to offer treats such as hot chocolate, cookies and apples in the Chancellor Paterson Library and beyond, helping to spread some good cheer, offer words of encouragement to our students, and help make exam time a little easier and a lot more delicious!

Many thanks to those who participated, to the staff and students at the Chancellor Paterson Library who were so appreciative, and to Chief Librarian Karen Keiller for suggesting the initiative.

Plans are in place for the April 2019 exam period.



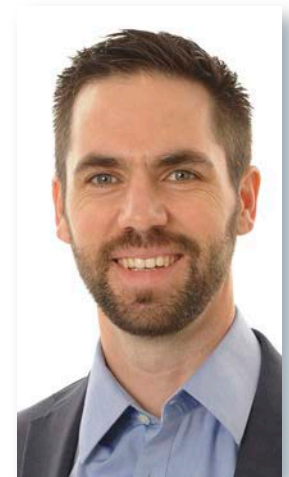
Local and Global Partnerships

New Director of Industry Research Partnerships

The Office of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation is pleased to welcome **Bill Maloney** as Lakehead's new Director of Industry Research Partnerships. In his role, Bill will lead the development of research partnerships with industry and enhance the leading role of Lakehead University in knowledge-based innovation and economic development in our regions.

Bill graduated from the University of Toronto with a degree in Commerce and Biology. He has over six years of experience building partnerships with government, First Nations, industry and academics. In his new role, Bill is looking forward to building new partnerships, supporting research initiatives and innovation, and fostering greater economic development.

Please feel free to contact Bill at bmaloney@lakeheadu.ca or by phone at (807) 343-8793.





2017/2018 Annual Reports to our Communities a success

On November 28 in Thunder Bay, and on December 5 in Orillia, Lakehead University hosted guests for our best annual Reports to the Community, ever. The theme of Lakehead University's 2017/2018 Report to the Community was Engage. Explore. Excel.

Complete with displays hosted by students and researchers from both campuses, an interactive website, and an exceptional annual report video, both luncheon events were attended by our highest numbers of community and partners' representatives.

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Academic Excellence

New CASES building will inspire top-tier research and innovation

The grand opening of Lakehead University's new Centre for Advanced Studies in Engineering and Sciences (CASES) on Friday, Nov. 30 was a prelude to the exciting moments that will occur in the new state-of-the-art facility for many years to come.

The opening featured a ribbon cutting and tours of the attractive offices, labs, and state-of-the-art equipment. Four of Lakehead's newest Canada Research Chairs, three research support units, the Faculty of Graduate Studies and more than seven leading research programs and laboratories are located in the 42,000-square-foot building, which is LEED Gold certified and cost more than \$26.2 million to design, construct, and equip.

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NOSM hires new Dean



On January 8, the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) announced the appointment of **Dr. Sarita Verma** as Dean and CEO of NOSM effective July 1, 2019. The NOSM Board of Directors unanimously approved the appointment on December 12, 2018. Dr. Verma is currently Vice President, Education at the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC) and until January 2016, was Associate Vice-Provost, Relations with Health Care Institutions and Special Advisor to the Dean of Medicine at the University of Toronto. Formerly the Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Medicine (2008-2015) and Associate Vice-Provost, Health Professions Education (2010-2015), she is a family physician who originally trained as a lawyer at the University of Ottawa (1981) and later completed her medical degree at McMaster University (1991). Dr. Verma will become NOSM's second Dean and CEO after Dr. Roger Strasser leaves the role on June 30, 2019.

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Humanities 101's Fall 2018 Convocation (Lakehead University Thunder Bay)

On December 13, graduates of the Humanities 101 program in Thunder Bay gathered to celebrate their successes. Surrounded by their classmates, family, friends, professors and the President of Lakehead University, Dr. Moira McPherson, students were recognized for their achievements in Humanities 101, an innovative Lakehead University program aimed at removing barriers to higher education experiences for people willing to explore new ideas.

Recent graduate, Marc Mullo, expressed his experience with Humanities 101:



"This excellent opportunity to help further my education was definitely worth it, the staff and mentors are engaging and friendly. I learned more than I thought I would from these informative lectures and caring professors. You're never too old to still learn, and this program certainly accommodates anyone looking to express themselves and enhance their self-esteem. As a new graduate, I will look back fondly on these three months, and my time spent together with my classmates, and now even a few new acquaintances. Life is a journey, and this program will continue to help improve the lives of everyone that enrolls in and completes it. My immense thanks go out to you all, and may your future endeavours help continue to define who you really are in an ever-changing world."

Preview Day introduces prospective students to university life

On December 4, high school students and those interested in learning more about postsecondary education attended our annual Fall Preview Day open house at Lakehead University Thunder Bay. Visitors were in for an exciting day of exploration and discovery, open to all future students who want to learn more about the Lakehead experience while meeting their future professors and current students.

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SSHRC awards \$140K in Indigenous Capacity and Reconciliation – Connection Grants

Lakehead University researchers 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.

These projects will:

- engage Indigenous youth to use video to present research stories about Lac Seul First Nation
- explore the development of a consultative research process in the resource-based economy using tourism outfitters in Northern Ontario as a case study
- bring together community members and educators at an Indigenous Mathematics Education Conference at Lakehead Orillia

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Social Responsibility

Lakehead Orillia institutes campus ban on disposable water bottles

Lakehead University Orillia has phased out the sale of bottled water on campus.

The move to stop the sale of bottled water was announced on Jan 10 at Lakehead Orillia by Principal Dr. Dean Jobin- Bevens. As the winter semester begins, single-use bottled water will no longer be available in the cafeteria, kiosk or vending machines on campus. Students will also be encouraged to refrain from bringing single- use, disposable bottles on campus and to switch to reusable bottles.

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