



# President's Report to Board of Governors



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## Office of the President

### Lakehead Thunder Bay's 2019 convocation ceremonies to honour exceptional people

Lakehead University will recognize four exceptional people at this year's convocation ceremonies at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium on Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1.

Northwestern Ontario Women's Centre coordinator **Gwen O'Reilly**, Indigenous rights advocate **Marlene Pierre**, and award-winning author and *Toronto Star* columnist **Tanya Talaga** will each receive an honorary degree for their remarkable achievements.



Lakehead will also honour the dedication of retired *The Chronicle-Journal* publisher **Colin Bruce** by naming him a Fellow of the University.

Approximately 1,800 students will graduate at the Thunder Bay convocation ceremonies on Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1, and around 400 students will graduate during the Orillia ceremony on Saturday, June 8.

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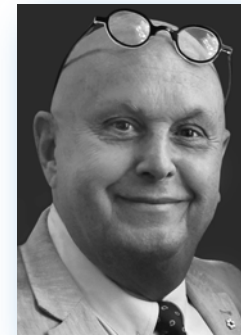
## Lakehead University announces 2019 honorary degree and Civitas Award recipients

On Saturday, June 8, one of Canada's most distinguished and internationally recognized contemporary artists, **Charles Pachter**, will receive an honorary doctorate in fine arts during Lakehead University's Orillia Campus convocation ceremonies.

Lakehead Orillia will also recognize Anishinaabe Elder and storyteller **Mark Douglas** with the Civitas Award.

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## Voices from the Class 2019

Lakehead University has selected students to speak as the *Voices from the Class* at this year's convocation ceremonies.

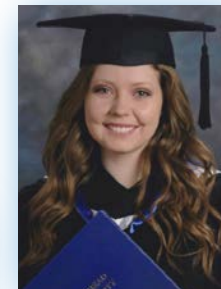
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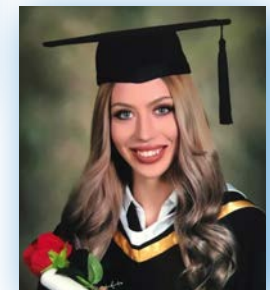
**Masoud Manzouri**  
Thunder Bay, May 31



**Madison Sameshima**  
Thunder Bay, June 1  
(morning)



**Vanessa Ervin**  
Thunder Bay, June 1  
(afternoon)



**Zoe Dhillon**  
Orillia, June 8



## Academic Excellence

### Atlas Trophy Presented to Dr. Lindsay Galway

On April 24, **Dr. Lindsay Galway, Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Sciences**, was presented with the Atlas Trophy for her article, *Deforestation and child diet diversity: A geospatial analysis of 15 Sub-Saharan African countries*, published in the journal *Health & Place*. Carrie Christensen, Publisher at Elsevier, presented the award to Dr. Galway.

The Atlas trophy is awarded monthly to the author of a single article selected from Elsevier's 3,800 journals hosted at ScienceDirect. Dr. Galway's research found a negative association between deforestation and child diet diversity and nutritious food consumption in sub-Saharan Africa. An external advisory board, composed of individuals from non-governmental organizations, chose Dr. Galway's article based on the impact that her research will have on people's lives around the world.



### First Graduates of New Maternal-infant Support Worker Program in Sioux Lookout

On April 5, six proud students were the first to complete the new Maternal-infant Support Worker (MiSW) program offered at the Sioux Lookout Men Ya Win Health Centre in Sioux Lookout.

The MiSW program is a certificate program that resulted from a collaboration between the Sioux Lookout Area Aboriginal Management Board, Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre, Confederation College and the Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research at Lakehead University. The aim of the program is to improve the care of mothers and infants living in remote First Nations by providing enhanced skills to community health representatives in those communities.

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## Lakehead Orillia's Humanities 101, CELL, and TALL

Lakehead Orillia celebrated its seventh year of its 'door opening' Humanities 101 program this past April, with 17 new alumni graduating during a moving ceremony held at the Mariposa Inn and Conference Centre (photo attached).

**Humanities 101** is a cornerstone of Lakehead Orillia's "CELL" – The Office of Community Engagement and Lifelong Learning. Students were joined at the celebration by family and friends, as well as Lakehead faculty members who volunteer as instructors, and community members who support the program through donations.

This community-based outreach program, spearheaded by Dr. Linda Rodenburg, CELL Coordinator, is designed to ensure that diverse community members with a love of learning have access to a university educational experience despite financial or others barriers. Students continue to be connected to Lakehead through ongoing emergent Humanities 201 programming as well.



Other successes in April include a three part lecture series in Bracebridge, attended by close to 100 people (The 60s: The decade that changed the world?), a sold-out Ontario Master Naturalist program winter workshop on deciduous trees, a Risky Play workshop at Lions Oval public school, and a Humanities 201 lecture and paint night focused on Van Gogh.

Lakehead sent students out on four occasions to local seniors' homes to share the lectures from the first Third Age Learning Lakehead (TALL) lecture series. This was made possible through the Patti Cox memorial fund here in Orillia. It was a success and was a great multigenerational learning opportunity.



## Lakehead receives grant for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion program

Lakehead University is one of only 15 organizations from across Canada awarded a new grant that will help promote equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) at the University. The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) received 51 applications for the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Institutional Capacity-Building Grant, which will provide \$384,700 to Lakehead University over the next two years.

This funding will support Lakehead University in advancing its EDI agenda as well as beginning to adopt and implement the Dimensions: Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Canada pilot program launched by the Government of Canada on Thursday, May 9. Inspired by the United Kingdom's internationally-recognized Athena SWAN program, the program promotes equity, diversity and inclusion in research.

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## Enactus Lakehead runner-up in their league at the national exposition

From May 7 to 9, Enactus Lakehead competed at the Enactus Canada National Exposition in Vancouver along with 68 other Canadian universities and colleges. Enactus Lakehead presented two projects (*Making Cents!* and *Getting Financially Lit!*) in a dynamic 17 minute presentation and won runner-up in their league in the opening round.

Enactus is a global non-profit organization where students, communities and business leaders utilize entrepreneurship to address economic, social, and environmental needs. Through Enactus, student leaders around the world create social enterprises that address the United Nations 19 Sustainable Development Goals.

In March, Enactus Lakehead also won runner up in the CWB Financial Education Challenge in their league at the regional competition in Toronto. This is their second year of competing and the first time they have placed at the National Exposition.

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*Enactus Lakehead Team (from left): Quinn Dombroskie, Lisa Chiarelli, Madison Sameshima, Kyle Neabel, Silas Young, and Adrienne Belanger-Barnes.*



## Lakehead Orillia study abroad student awarded *North2North scholarship*

Zachary Boshart Koopman, 2nd year HBASc (Geography), has been awarded the *North2North scholarship* in the sum of 35,000 NOK (approximately \$5,400 CAD). Zachary will be studying abroad in Fall 2019 at The University Centre in Svalbard, Norway, where he will be taking courses in Arctic Physical Geography and Field Techniques. He will be the first Lakehead University student to study at this host institution.

## Lakehead receiving more than \$360,000 from *New Frontiers in Research* fund

Lakehead University researchers are receiving \$361,325 from the federal New Frontiers in Research fund for two research projects. New Frontiers in Research is a new, highly competitive tri-agency program designed to support groundbreaking interdisciplinary research.

These research projects will explore the connection between personal identification access and public health and will define and look at the impact of socially accountable medical education.



**Dr. Chris Sanders**, Assistant Professor in Sociology, in partnership with Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic, is receiving \$196,500 to spend two years exploring the impact of lack of access to personal identification like birth certificates on First Nations communities' ability to access health care.

**Dr. Erin Cameron**, Assistant Professor, Northern Ontario School of Medicine, is receiving \$164,825 to spend two years examining how socially accountable medical education fosters transformation in rural health care systems.



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## **Local and Global Partnerships**

### **Indigenous Education and Mathematics Conference**

From May 3-5, Lakehead Orillia Education Associate Professor Dr. Ruth Beatty and her team organized Wiidookaadying Gikinoomaagewin: Gindaaswin Kendaaswin – Relationships and Reciprocity: Indigenous Education and Mathematics Conference. The event built on the work of seven research teams and other community members and educators who have been conducting similar work both provincially and nationally. The conference provided an opportunity for participants to contribute to a national dialogue on Indigenous research capacity and reconciliation in education, and focussed on sharing and learning about culturally-responsive education and collaborative classroom-based research.

### **Lakehead Orillia's Gifted Outreach Conference**

On May 2, Lakehead Orillia's Teacher Education candidates and Simcoe County District School Board partners annually offered a Gifted Outreach (GO) Conference for gifted learners in Simcoe County. Approximately 150 students arrived at Simcoe Hall for a day of fun and adventure in workshops designed and delivered by students in the professional program of the Faculty of Education. This year's theme was the "Magic of Disney."

### **Gathering of Simcoe County Chiefs, Council Members, and Education Directors**

Lakehead Orillia hosted Simcoe County Chiefs, Council members and Education Directors for a tour of the Orillia Campus and presentations by Lakehead Faculty on the programs and courses provided at our campus.

Organized by our Chair on Truth and Reconciliation, Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux, the gathering welcomed First Nation communities closest to Orillia, including the Chippewa of Beausoleil First Nation, Georgina Island First Nation, Rama First Nation, Moose Deer Point First Nation, Alderville First Nation, and Scugog Island First Nation.

The Faculty of Lakehead did a wonderful job providing concise, informative, and compelling backgrounds on their programs. In fact, they did such a thorough job that several participants from the First Nations commented on how impressed they were with the programming and the professionalism of our faculty.





## World's Leading Academic & Industry Experts to Speak at IFBC & ISLM 2019

Lakehead University's Biorefining Research Institute announced that the world's most influential academic and industry experts will speak at the upcoming 2nd International Forest Biorefining Conference and 4th International Symposium on Lignocellulosic Materials.

The joint Conference & Symposium, which will be held June 9-12, 2019 at the Victoria Inn in Thunder Bay, is hosting global delegates to discuss and collaborate on the most innovative and game changing bio-economy opportunities.

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