



March 2017

**President's Report
to Board of Governors**



**Lakehead
UNIVERSITY**



Office of the President

CASES Renovations and Construction Begin

Work has begun on the single largest construction and renovation contract at our Thunder Bay campus in over 15 years. The project is expected to be completed in April 2018.

The *Centre for Advanced Studies in Engineering and Sciences (CASES)* will be a unique research facility in Northwestern Ontario built to LEED Gold standards. Its goal is to enhance the research, innovation and commercialization infrastructure at Lakehead in order to increase direct and long-term benefits to communities served by our University.



New Dean of Faculty of Science & Environmental Studies

Following a comprehensive search, Lakehead University has announced the appointment of **Dr. Todd Randall** as our institution's new Dean of the Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies.

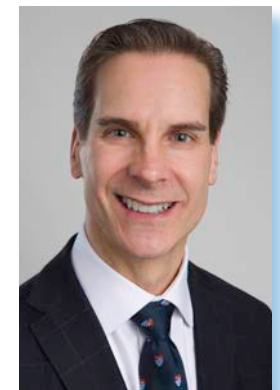
His five-year appointment begins on March 1, 2017.

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Next Principal, Orillia Campus

On February 17, at a special event at our Orillia Campus, I announced that **Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans**, who is currently Lakehead University's Interim Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, has been appointed Principal, Orillia Campus, effective July 1, 2017.

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Nurturing Scholarship

Mexican Indigenous Women coming to Learn at Lakehead

Five Mexican Indigenous women from the University of Guadalajara are currently at Lakehead to learn English and participate in Indigenous cultural activities. The students are participating in activities such as traditional smudging ceremonies, making dream catchers and Tikinagans, and learning how to bead. Regional Elders are involved in storytelling and traditional teachings, and have provided exposure to the Ahnisnabae arts and outdoor activities such as snowshoeing. This past weekend the students learned to make Quinsy huts and visited the Art Gallery.

In early March another 10 Indigenous women will arrive from CITNOVA, in the state of Hidalgo, Mexico. Both programs are funded by CONACyT and are helping to fulfill the language entry requirement for masters programs in Mexico.

2016 Canada-Mexico Roundtable at Lakehead University

This June, Lakehead University will host the 6th annual Canada-Mexico Roundtable on Indigenous/Aboriginal Higher Education.

Over the last six years, more than a dozen Canadian post-secondary institutions have participated in conferences hosted in Canada and Mexico.

Presidents of the universities in Canada and the Inter-Cultural Universities of Mexico discuss issues relevant to aboriginal/indigenous higher education in their respective nations and work on developing agreements to promote graduate and undergraduate student mobility, joint research, and Aboriginal community partnerships.



Learner-Centred Student Experience

Lakehead Students Win National Accounting Competition

Lakehead University accounting students **Tingting Zhuang, Sarah Dyce, Taylor Goods and Daniel Sabbe** earned first place in the Business and Accounting Student Case Competition and Conference (formerly GAAPS) sponsored jointly by Asper School of Business Accounting Association and Chartered Professional Accountants of Manitoba.

The competition took place from January 26-28, at the Fairmont Hotel, located in the heart of downtown Winnipeg.

Ten teams from across Canada, each comprised of four undergraduate students, participated in the three-day conference, which included an accounting-based case competition, guest speakers and networking events.

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Community Engagement

Research & Innovation Weeks 2017

Lakehead Orillia's faculty members and students are hosting a series of showcase events this week – all open to the community – as the University celebrates its annual Research & Innovation (R&I) Week at our Orillia Campus. R&I Week at the Orillia campus kicked off on Monday, February 27.

Our Thunder Bay Campus's R&I week launches this Friday, March 3, and continues through the weekend and into next week.

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Lakehead hosts roundtable on impact of mercury contamination

Decades-long contamination of the Wabigoon-English River system in the Kenora area has been an ongoing environmental and medical concern for the nearby First Nation communities, but high levels of mercury is an issue that impacts more than any one place, researchers say.

Lakehead will host a sustainability roundtable that is open to the public entitled, *What Can We Do About Mercury in Our Water?*, and is set for Monday, March 6, from 7-9 p.m., at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery.

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Time for an Indigenous Research Institute?

Lakehead University has a well-established relationship of research projects and partnerships with Aboriginal communities, so Interim Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives) Dr. Peggy Smith is wondering if the time ripe to set up a dedicated Indigenous Research Institute? To discuss the idea, Dr. Smith will host a roundtable discussion with speakers who have experience in cross-cultural learning and what is needed to set up an Indigenous-focused research institute. The event takes place March 8 as part of Lakehead's Research & Innovation Week.

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