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President's Report to Board of Governors



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Lakehead University Engineering Team Cleans up at National Competition... again

For the second year in a row, a Lakehead University chemical engineering team placed first in the *SNC-Lavalin Undergraduate Plant Design Competition* held in Calgary in October.

The students designed a chemical plant that could convert 200,000 metric tonnes of waste plastic per year into high value hydrocarbons, including gasoline and kerosene.

They designed a financially viable plant that can address contemporary environmental problems by directing waste plastics away from landfills. This type of plant could potentially provide improved waste management in every city around the world.

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From left to right: Kayte Sutherland, Christopher Lock, Terry Milton, Ryan Gerlach, and Natasha Bieniek.



Lakehead Ranks Among Canada's Top 10 for Second Consecutive Year

Maclean's University Rankings have, once again, included Lakehead University among the country's Top 10 primarily undergraduate universities. When compared to Ontario universities in its category, Lakehead places second overall.

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Nurturing Scholarship

Lakehead University Research Ranked First in Canada

On October 15, *Re\$earch Infosource* announced its 2015 rankings, wherein Lakehead University was number one in Canada for research in the category of undergraduate universities.

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In the same announcement, Lakehead was also ranked number one in Canada in *Research Infosource's* feature, *Spotlight on University Non-Profit Research Partnerships for 2010-2014*.

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Lakehead's *Canada First Research Excellence Fund* Letter of Intent

Lakehead's Economic Development and Innovation Office, as well as the Office of Research Services led by the Vice-President (Research & Innovation), worked closely with Lakehead University researchers, select Canadian academic institutions, not for profit organizations, and industry partners to draft a scientific strategy and a letter of intent to provide a full proposal to the Canada First Research Excellent Fund (CFREF), entitled *BioFor: Forest Innovation for the Bioeconomy*.

CFREF funds competitively-selected Canadian postsecondary institutions to turn their key strengths into globally recognized research areas in order to create a long-term economic advantage to Canada over a 7 year project term. Lakehead University has requested \$30 million from CFREF. A decision to proceed is expected in January 2016, a full proposal would be due in April 2016.

Community Engagement



New Legacy Society Named in Honour of William G. Tamblin

On October 2, we launched our University's new Legacy Society in honour of Lakehead's founding President and Vice-Chancellor, William G. Tamblin.

The William G. Tamblin Legacy Society allows Lakehead to recognize its donors and stewards, and recruit and sustain donor commitment.

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First Homecoming Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The tremendous success of our Thunder Bay campus's first ever Homecoming (October 2-4, 2015) was evident through the attendance of over 5,000 people – including students, faculty, staff, alumni, family, dignitaries, and the public – from around the world who took part in the weekend's activities. Events included the Homecoming Gala Dinner (which sold out at 540 guests, earlier this year), a '60s party at the Outpost; Varsity sporting events, a Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony, and a Farewell Brunch.

Our University's faculties and departments were also very involved in the success of the weekend through hosting individual celebratory events.

During the Homecoming Gala Dinner, the Alumni Association presented its 2015 Alumni Awards to Jill Marrick (Alumni Honour Award), Michael Nitz (Young Alumni Award), Julie Cosgrove (Young Alumni Award), and Bill Bartley (Legacy Award). Honourary Alumni Membership was conferred to Dr. John Whitfield and Lakehead University Board of Governors Chair Murray Walberg in recognition of their exceptional service to, affinity for, and support of our University and Alumni Association.

Feedback from attendees and participants was extremely positive and highlighted the number of people that attended the Gala, the beautiful décor and atmosphere of the Gala, and how well organized the weekend events were. Overall, the Homecoming Weekend in Thunder Bay was a great success. Pictures of the 2015 Homecoming Weekend and other 50th anniversary events can be viewed at our 50.lakeheadu.ca.





Lakehead Orillia's Report to the Community

On November 12, our Orillia campus Report to the Community luncheon recognized the influential people and events from the last year and celebrated the University's 50th Anniversary.

People from across Simcoe County gathered at Hawk Ridge Golf and Country Club to celebrate the release of the University's special commemorative 2014-15 Annual Report.

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Lakehead University's 50th Anniversary Homecoming Celebrations in Orillia

Lakehead celebrated its 50th Anniversary in Orillia, last week, with "Homecoming" activities for the entire community.

On Thursday evening, there was a 1960s style rollerskating party at The Roller Skating Place. On Friday, a campus-wide Open House offered tours in the afternoon before the week's festivities wrapped up with the much-anticipated Homecoming Dinner & Dance Party at Casino Rama.

The 1960s celebration featured entertainment by Lance Anderson's *Hitsville Revisited – The Music of Motown*. All proceeds from the event went to financial aid for Lakehead University students.

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Cheryl Lescom, one of Canada's top rhythm and blues singers, and a member of Hitsville Revisited: The Music of Motown, was one of the featured performers at our 50th Anniversary Dinner & Dance Party at Casino Rama.

Learner-Centred Student Experience

Faculty of Natural Resources Management Signs Joint Doctoral Agreement in China

From November 2-6, our Vice-President (Research & Innovation), Dr. Andrew P. Dean, visited the Jiangshu province of China as part of Premier Kathleen Wynne's trade and educational mission.



Jiangshu province is a sister province of Ontario and this year the two regions are celebrating the 30th anniversary of an agreement to facilitate student mobility between the two provinces. The Council of Ontario Universities organized the visit that included university delegates from 12 universities who signed numerous agreements. Lakehead University signed an agreement with Nanjing Forestry University to develop joint doctoral programs with our Faculty of Natural Resource Management.

Dr. Andrew P. Dean (second from right) in Jiangshu province as part of with Premier Wynne's mission to China.