



**November 2016**

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



**Lakehead**  
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## Office of the President

### New inclusive washrooms at Orillia campus

Thanks to a partnership between the Lakehead University Student Union, Physical Plant, and Administration, our Orillia campus now features two fully-inclusive washrooms. These washrooms are open to all persons, and include a change table and standard washroom facilities. They are identified with signage and are available to everyone.

### Lakehead Ranked #1 Research University in Canada, again

Two assessments of Canada's universities have, once again, placed Lakehead University atop several research categories.

For the second year in a row, *Re\$earch Infosource* has ranked Lakehead University number one in Canada in its category of undergraduate research universities.

Lakehead's strength as a research university is also reflected in the *Maclean's* rankings, where Lakehead is ranked first in Ontario in its category for Total Research Dollars, as well as Student Awards and Library Expenses.



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### County of Simcoe celebrates 10 years with \$1M gift

County of Simcoe Warden Gerry Marshall presented a \$1 million cheque to Lakehead University on October 18 during a special celebration at our Orillia campus. The amount brings the total amount of contributions to Lakehead by the County of Simcoe to approximately \$6.5 million since 2009.

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## Nurturing Scholarship

### New Canada Research Chair in Sustainable Food Systems

**Dr. Charles Levkoe**, an Assistant Professor in our Department of Health Sciences, is the new Canada Research Chair in Sustainable Food Systems.

Dr. Levkoe's community engaged research uses a food systems lens to better understand the importance of, and connections between social justice, ecological regeneration, regional economies and active democratic engagement. Working directly with a range of scholars and community-based practitioners across North America and Europe, he studies the evolution of the broader collective of social movement networks that views the right to food as a component of more sustainable futures. Mobilizing his existing partnerships, Dr. Levkoe integrates his research and teaching through community engaged learning pedagogies and supports students, community-partners and scholars to be actively involved in knowledge co-generation. Through community-based, action-oriented inquiry and teaching and the development of placed-based action projects, his research contributes to critical discussions that inform theory, civil society action and public policy.



### Masters student wins Joseph Morrison Legacy Fund Bursary

Meghan Young, a graduate of our one-year Honours Bachelor of Social Work program at Lakehead Orillia, and who is currently enrolled in Lakehead's Master of Social Work, was named one of two recipients of the Joseph Morrison Legacy Fund Bursary. The Joseph Morrison Legacy Fund offers a bursary to one male and one female Aboriginal student in need who exemplify the values and dedication of the late Justice and Elder Joseph Donald Morrison, including a demonstrated ability to overcome adversity to achieve their goals towards a better life. Meghan is an Anishinaabe-Métis student who is passionate about Indigenous issues and is focused on integrating Anishinaabe language and culture into her social work practice.



## Learner-Centred Student Experience

### Georgian, Lakehead unveil two new degree-diploma programs for 2017

Two new degree-diploma programs, offered jointly by Lakehead University and Georgian College, will bring rewarding opportunities for students across central Ontario, beginning in September 2017.

The first program is a four-year Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical) degree with Electrical Engineering Technology advanced diploma. The program is offered at the Barrie Campus of Georgian College.

The second is an Honours Bachelor of Arts and Science – Environmental Sustainability (Specialization in Ecosystem Management) degree with Environmental Technician diploma. Students will spend the first two years of the program at Georgian's Barrie Campus and complete their studies at Lakehead's Orillia Campus.



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### First International Students' Celebration

On October 24, international students from Lakehead Orillia took part in a day of celebration presented by the County of Simcoe, in collaboration with Lakehead University, Georgian College, and the cities of Orillia and Barrie. More than 500 international students currently enrolled at Lakehead University Orillia and Georgian College got together for orientation sessions, tours of Orillia and Barrie, and an afternoon of workshops, exhibits and celebrations at Georgian College in Barrie.

### Lakehead-YMCA Not-for-Profit Program

Lakehead has now had their third graduating class of Level I Leadership in the Lakehead-YMCA Not-for-Profit Program. We now have had over 90 graduates of the Leadership Certificate. Graduates have come from dozens of non-profit organizations throughout Ontario including: the United-Way, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the YMCA, Canada Blood Services, Victim Crisis Services and Canadian Red Cross to name just a few.



## Community Engagement

### Dr. Lloyd Axworthy Speaks at Faculty of Law

**Dr. Lloyd Axworthy**, Canada's former Minister of Foreign Affairs, gave a talk called *Canadian Lessons from International Judicial Forums: Reflections on the International Criminal Court, Responsibility to Protect, and the UN's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*. The talk — made possible by the Harold G. Fox Education Fund — was held on Monday, Nov. 7, in our Faculty of Law's John N. Paterson Auditorium.



The event was attended by students, faculty, and staff, as well as numerous community guests and dignitaries, including the Honourable David Zimmer, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, who came to Thunder Bay for this occasion.

### 2016 Reports to our Communities

The theme for our 2015-2016 Annual Report is innovation and entrepreneurship.

At this year's Reports to the Community luncheons (Orillia on Nov. 17, and Thunder Bay on Nov. 23), we recognized the innovative people, programs and projects that are making a difference at the University and in its communities.

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## Growth & Capacity Development

### Canada and Ontario invest in post-secondary infrastructure at Lakehead University

On November 10, the the Honourable Ministers Hajdu and Gravelle hosted a media conference in our Senate Chambers to announce the largest single amount of funding for Lakehead University's Thunder Bay campus.

The announcement was made by the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Status of Women, on behalf of the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, and by the Honourable Michael Gravelle, Ontario's Minister of Northern Development and Mines.

Lakehead will receive \$9.5 million to modernize and expand a new state-of-the-art research complex to be known as the Centre for Advanced Studies in Engineering and Sciences. The new centre will enable us to offer advanced training courses and will help local businesses and start-ups commercialize their products and services and help grow the region's economy.

Federal-provincial investments in this project include:

- \$7.96 million from the Government of Canada;
- \$1.54 million from the Province of Ontario.

Lakehead University will provide an additional \$9.07 million, for a total project investment of \$18.57 million.

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*From left to right, Don Rusnak, MP for Thunder Bay-Rainy River; the Honourable Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development and Mines; the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Status of Women; Myself; Dr. Amanda Diochon, Director of Lakehead's Water Resource Science Program; Dr. Andrew Dean, Vice-President, Research and Innovation*