

**June 2016**



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



**Lakehead**  
UNIVERSITY



## Office of the President



### Board of Governors Names David Tamblyn as Incoming Chair

Lakehead University's Board of Governors has appointed current Vice-Chair **David Tamblyn** as its next Chair. Tamblyn, who has served as the Board's Vice-Chair since October 2014, will assume the position of Chair following the Board's Annual General Meeting in October 2016.

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### Proposal for Federal Infrastructure Program

Lakehead University is applying to the Strategic Investment Fund (SIF) for financial support in the amount of \$9,286,788 to enhance and repair an existing building, and construct a new addition to the existing building, to create a 40,000 sq. ft. new research and commercialization complex entitled: the Lakehead University Centre for Advanced Studies in Engineering and Science (CASES).



The project is shovel-ready and will be completed by April 2018. CASES will create approximately 180 new direct and indirect jobs as a result of construction in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Our application was submitted, May 9, 2016. We expect to get a response in June 2016.



## Lakehead University selects its first Director of Human Rights and Equity

On April 28, we announced the hiring of **Dreeni Geer**, our first Director of Human Rights and Equity.

Geer comes to Lakehead University after working as War Child Canada's Country Director in Uganda, where she provided key strategic leadership for the organization's operations and programs. War Child provides justice, protection and human rights programs for diverse communities around the world.

She has also worked in Sweden with the Raoul Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and with the Ontario Human Rights Commission. Geer has lectured at Lund University on Refugee Women's Rights and taught at Sheridan College.

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## Community Engagement

### Biorefining Research Institute Creates Advisory Committee

A new advisory committee will provide direction to Lakehead University's Biorefining Research Institute (BRI) that will benefit Northwestern Ontario's forestry sector. The committee is comprised of individuals from academia, government and industry. One of the committee's goals is to help establish partnerships with industry, government and academic institutions that will assist the BRI with its research.





## HD Recipient Honoured at Finland Alumni Event

On May 17, in Helsinki, Finland, Alumni Association Vice-President Dr. Michel Beaulieu, along with Canada's Ambassador to Finland (far right in the picture), hosted a reception for alumni and friends. The guest of honour was our 2016 Honorary Degree recipient, Dr. Keijo Virtanen.

## NWOSSSA Conference

Last weekend, North-Western Ontario Secondary Schools Students Association hosted a four-day conference on our Thunder Bay campus to bring together high school students from the City and surrounding area for small group sessions, large group activities, and inspirational speakers. The NWOSSSA is a student run organization that brings students together as one voice to promote leadership and cooperation while encouraging personal growth and community involvement.

## Nurturing Scholarship

### Mission to Israel yields Opportunities for Students

From May 15-20, **Dr. Andrew P. Dean** (V-P, Research and Innovation), **Dr. Alla Reznik** (Canada Research Chair in Medical Imaging), and Anne Klymenko (Director of Research Services) accompanied Premier Kathleen Wynne's Business and Academic Institution Mission to Israel.



The mission's purpose was to sign several Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with Israeli institutions, making it easier for experts in research and innovation to collaborate on new projects. Lakehead Dean and Reznik signed an MOU on behalf of *Philipps Healthcare* (Haifa) to expand internship opportunities for our students in Israel.

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## Thunder Bay Campus's 2016 Convocation Ceremonies & Chancellor's Dinner

Approximately 1,700 degrees were awarded to graduates at this year's three Thunder Bay campus convocation ceremonies, May 27-28. In addition to celebrating our students and their achievements, we conferred three honorary doctorates (**The Hon. Jean Charest**, **Helen Cromarty**, and **Dr. Keijo Virtanen**) and named two Fellows of the university (**Tammy Squitti** and **Bill Bartley**). For more details, please see May 2016's *President's Report to the Board*.

On the evening of May 27, Chancellor Burney hosted his fourth and final Chancellor's Dinner at the Victoria Inn to over 200 guests, students, dignitaries, faculty, staff, and convocation honourees.