



**November 2018**

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



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## Academic Excellence



### Lakehead named *Research University of the Year* for fourth consecutive year

For the fourth consecutive year, *Research Infosource* has named Lakehead University Canada's *Research University of the Year* in the undergraduate university category. This is the first time that a university in *Research Infosource's* undergraduate category has been ranked *Research University of the Year* four times in a row. Lakehead's placement at the top of the country's undergraduate universities category is based on the university standing out on a balanced scorecard of research inputs and outputs, according to the annual ranking of Canada's Top 50 Research Universities by *Research Infosource*, Canada's source of research and development intelligence.

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### Senator Murray Sinclair: Harold G. Fox Distinguished Lecture Series Speaker

On November 5, as part of our Harold G. Fox Distinguished Lecture Series, Senator Murray Sinclair, former Chief Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and the first Indigenous judge appointed to the Provincial Court of Manitoba, gave a powerful talk to our largest crowd of guests, to date, at our Bora Laskin Faculty of Law about *Knowing Right from Law: What You Need to Know about Law School*. Following his talk, the Senator answered questions from the community attendees before taking time for one-on-one discussions with members of the audience.





## County of Simcoe recognizes Lakehead Orillia international student

The County of Simcoe honoured residents, businesses, and organizations during the sixth annual Newcomer Recognition Awards on October 25, 2018. The awards ceremony recognized community leaders and champions who purposefully take action to enhance the lives of newcomers in Simcoe County. Award recipients were nominated by their peers in 12 categories through an open nomination process. Nomination forms were reviewed by the Simcoe County Newcomer Recognition Awards Steering Committee.

We congratulate the following award recipients from Lakehead University:

**Jessica Dinner & Emily Wolst** - Youth Community Champion.

**Leanne Wang, 2nd year International student at the Orillia campus**, was accepted into the RBC Work-Integrated Learning Program within the Faculty of Business Administration. The program will offer students opportunities for learning and on-the-job training where they gain the skills and practical knowledge that ensure a successful transition to a career. Leanne has been hired by the Orillia CDC to complete 144 hours of paid work, ending March 2019.

## Lakehead in Top 10 of Maclean's 2019 University Rankings

*Maclean's University Rankings* have, once again, included Lakehead University among the country's Top 10 primarily undergraduate universities.

Compared to 2018's results, Lakehead University climbed one spot to eighth in Canada and to second in Ontario in its category.

Among Canada's primarily undergraduate universities, the *2019 Maclean's University Ranking* places Lakehead in the top spot regarding Citations (scholarly output), second place in Total Research Dollars, third in Social Sciences and Humanities grants, third in Library Acquisitions, and fourth in Scholarships and Bursaries.

Compared to Ontario's primarily undergraduate universities, the *Maclean's University Rankings* puts Lakehead in a tie for first place for Library Expenses, second in Student-to-Faculty Ratio, second in Student Awards, second in Operating Expenditures per Student, second in Social Sciences & Humanities grants, and third in Faculty Awards.

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## Lakehead Orillia Faculty of Education members' Research News

### Dr. Meridith Lovell-Johnston and Dr. Sonia Mastrangelo Win SSHRC Partnership Engage Grant

Congratulations to Dr. Meridith Lovell-Johnston and Dr. Sonia Mastrangelo, who were successful with their SSHRC Partnership Engage Grant, entitled "Enhancing Instruction in Literacy, Inquiry Based Kindergarten Classrooms."

As part of their research, they will observe and analyze child-led learning opportunities focused on inquiry and literacy in Simcoe County District School Board Kindergarten classrooms, and facilitate professional development focus group discussions with Kindergarten educators. Their interest in Kindergarten pedagogy and practice will also help to strengthen the placement experiences of teacher candidates in the Bachelor of Education program by identifying needs expressed by Kindergarten educators – many of whom host teacher candidates in their school board.

### Dr. Sonia Mastrangelo (Orillia) and Dr. Connie Russell (Thunder Bay) Partners in Provincial Centre of Excellence for Early Years and Child Care

Faculty of Education professors Sonia Mastrangelo and Connie Russell are part of the newly created Provincial Centre of Excellence for Early Years and Child Care, led by Western University and the Ontario Reggio Association.

A 3-year \$2.25 million initiative funded by the Ministry of Education, the Centre is tasked with advancing early childhood pedagogies in Ontario and will promote calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and embrace the values of Ontario's pedagogical framework How Does Learning Happen, including the view of children as protagonists in their own lifeworlds with participatory rights and responsibilities.

### Holly Prince Wins *Innovator of the Year*

The Centre for Education and Research on Aging & Health (CERAH) is pleased to announce that Project Manager, **Holly Prince**, is the successful candidate for the first ever "International Congress Innovator of the Year" award as part of the 22nd International Congress on Palliative Care 2018 in Montreal, Quebec. This award recognizes an individual who has introduced change that has improved hospice and palliative care in their health facility or program, community, country or beyond. Prince, an Anishinabek woman from the Red Rock Indian Band, was nominated to present on "Developing Palliative Care for First Nations Communities: A Workbook." The workbook is an 85-page PDF document accompanied by 83 educational, administrative and program development tools and resources available in various formats.

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## Dr. Tarlok Singh Sahota receives Fellow of the Canadian Society of Agronomy Award

**Dr. Tarlok Singh Sahota** (left in photo), **Director of the Lakehead University Agricultural Research Station**, received the 2018 Fellow of the Canadian Society of Agronomy Award. This award recognizes Dr. Sahota's outstanding contributions to the Canadian and international scientific community in Agronomy in addition to his dedication to northwestern Ontario's farming community and contributions to the mentorship of students and highly qualified personnel. After receiving unanimous endorsement, the Canadian Society of Agronomy presented the award to Dr. Sahota at their Annual General Meeting held in Baltimore, MD on November 7. Dr. Sahota joined Lakehead University in May 2018 after Lakehead took over the operations and research programming of the Thunder Bay Agricultural Research Station.

## Social Responsibility

### Lakehead University offering opportunity to talk about suicide

Lakehead University Orillia is offering an opportunity for the campus and community to talk about suicide through safeTALK.

The safeTALK workshop aims to reduce the stigma that prevents society from talking about suicide. safeTALK teaches participants to identify people at risk of suicide, start a conversation without fear, and direct them to the appropriate resources. Learning how to TALK – tell, ask, listen, and keep safe – is one of the key takeaways of the workshop.

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## Local and Global Partnerships

### Lakehead invites alumni to come home for Homecoming

Lakehead University hosted its biggest event of the year from Thursday, Sept. 20 to Saturday, Sept. 22. Homecoming allowed alumni and friends to engage with each other and reconnect with Lakehead University. Participants and family members enjoyed the exciting sports and social events held over three days.

Highlighted events included Thunderwolves hockey and basketball games, as well as a special ceremony to confer an honorary doctorate to Canadian broadcaster, Ron Maclean, and the the installation ceremony of President & Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Moira McPherson.

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### Treaty Week Recognition Week

In 2016, the province of Ontario proclaimed the first week of November Treaties Recognition Week. Its annual purpose is to honour the importance of Treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships. This year, Lakehead University offered numerous educational and experiential learning opportunities and activities across both our campuses. Our opening ceremonies were honoured to have **Fort William First Nation Chief Peter Collins** deliver the keynote address to kick off the week.

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### Lakehead Orillia students win Youth Community Champion Award

Two students from Lakehead Orillia, Jessica Dinner and Emily Wolst, have recently been announced as recipients of the Youth Community Champion award for their work in welcoming international students to our community. The awards will be presented at the 6th Annual Newcomer Recognition Awards ceremony held by the County of Simcoe Local Immigration Partnership on October 25. Jessica is in her 3rd year of the HBSW program, and Emily is in her 4th year of the HBASc program majoring in Criminology.



## Research & Innovation Team Visits German Universities and STEMM Conference

**Dr. Andrew P. Dean**, Vice-President Research and Innovation recently toured universities in Germany to pursue research and student exchange partnership opportunities. **Anne Klymenko**, Director, Research Services and **Jill Sherman**, International Research Facilitator accompanied Dr. Dean on visits to Beuth University of Applied Sciences, Deggendorf Institute of Technology, Pforzheim University, and Stuttgart University.

The trio also attended the Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine (STEMM) Equality Congress 2018 in Amsterdam, where they presented a poster, *Implementing a Government Mandated Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Strategy at a Small Canadian University*. The two-day conference explored worldwide equality, diversity and inclusion strategies, policies and practices in STEMM. As mandated by the Canada Research Chair (CRC) program, Lakehead University published a CRC Institutional Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Plan in December 2017. [The plan is available here.](#)

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## WUSC students at Lakehead University

Since 2001, Lakehead University's Student Union has helped bring students to our campuses through the World University Service of Canada (WUSC), a Canadian non-profit organization dedicated to improving education, employment, and empowerment opportunities for youth around the world.

This year, I had the pleasure of hosting a meeting with members of our Senior Executive Team and the first two female WUSC students to come to Lakehead: Marteena Aal-hano (an Iraqi who came to us from a refugee camp in Jordan), and Sophia Fatuma Selenge (originally from the Congo, she came to us from a refugee camp in Kenya). During the gathering, the students told us of their extraordinary stories and journey to Lakehead.





## Delegation visit from Furtwangen, Germany

On October 30-31, we hosted Hochschule Furtwangen University's **Dr. Michael Lederer** (Professor, and Vice-President, International Affairs and Executive Education) and Dr. Rüdiger Kukral (Professor / Director Furtwangen Internship Placement Service (FiPS)).

The institution, located in Furtwangen, Germany, spent the two days discussing with our Lakehead International Office ways to further its relationship with Lakehead University in specific fields of study, as well as exchange opportunities.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Mexico-Canada Roundtable on Intercultural/Indigenous Higher Education



Several members of our Aboriginal Initiatives office, Lakehead University International, and I had the pleasure of participating in the *7<sup>th</sup> Mexico-Canada Roundtable on Intercultural/Indigenous Higher Education* took place at the William O. Jenkins Convention Centre in the city of Puebla on Monday, November 12, 2018.

The overarching theme of the Roundtable was Indigenous Rights. The Roundtable was preceded by a cultural day on Sunday, November 11, and followed by an academic congress on Indigenous Rights at the Intercultural University of the State of Puebla (UIEP) in the village of Huehuetla on Tuesday, November 13. The latter has been the standard format for all of the previous Roundtables, including the event hosted at Lakehead University Thunder Bay in 2017.

Five Lakehead students from the Indigenous Learning program, led by Dr. Rob Robson and Anna Chief, participated in the academic congress and researched development in the remote Totonaku mountain community of San Juan Ozelonacxtla. This was generously funded by the Mexican Foreign Affairs office.

During the event, I participated in a panel discussion entitled, *Partner in Fostering Opportunities for Indigenous Learners in Northwestern Ontario and Simcoe County*.







## Capacity Development

### Minister Hajdu, MP Rusnak announce \$1M for CASES



Northwestern Ontario's top researchers and innovative, job-creating businesses and entrepreneurs will benefit from state-of-the-art equipment and technology at Lakehead University's new Centre for Advanced Studies in Engineering and Sciences (CASES) thanks to a Government of Canada investment of \$1 million.

The Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour and Member of Parliament for Thunder Bay—Superior North, and Don Rusnak, Member of Parliament for Thunder Bay—Rainy River, made the announcement today on behalf of the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, and Minister responsible for FedNor.

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### MTCU Minister & Deputy Minister visit Lakehead TBay

On November 5, it was our pleasure to host **The Honourable Merrilee Fullerton**, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, as well as **Deputy Minister George Zegarac**, as they visited Lakehead University Thunder Bay.

During their time with us, I toured the campus with them before the Minister and the Deputy Minister hosted a roundtable discussion session with students on a variety of topics.



# Entrepreneurship and Innovation

## Economic Development & Innovation Office Hosts Industry SPEED Connect Event

The Economic Development and Innovation Office hosted the Industry SPEED Connect event on October 18, in partnership with the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC). This event helps foster new industry-academic partnerships by connecting representatives from more than 25 community and industry partners with Lakehead University's research faculty and students. The key to this event is SPEED: more than 50 scheduled industry/faculty meetings were held in the new Centre for Advanced Studies in Engineering and Sciences (CASES) in less than an hour.

