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President's Report to Board of Governors



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The Lakehead Secret is Out

Earlier this month, Lakehead University was included among an exclusive group of Canadian universities on a *Huffington Post* list of under-the-radar institutions that are considered our country's best kept secrets.

[*Click here to view the Huffington Post article...*](#)

Sexual Violence Response Policy approved

Lakehead University maintains its leadership in supporting survivors of sexual violence with its newly approved Sexual Violence Response policy. This policy is the culmination of the President's Sexual Assault Task Force's hard work leading consultations with the broader university community and crafting the draft policy. This survivor-centred policy ensures that those affected by sexual violence are supported and accommodated while setting out a process for fairly dealing with sexual violence complaints. The Office of Human Rights and Equity will lead in the implementation of this policy and will provide training opportunities on the policy in the new year.

[*Click here to view Lakehead's Sexual Violence Response Policy...*](#)

Nurturing Scholarship

Humanities 101

On December 15, I had the pleasure of meeting with our latest cohort of *Humanities 101* graduates. Humanities 101 is a community based outreach program, which ensures that community members, who have a love of learning, have access to a university-level educational experience despite financial or social barriers.

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Major funding for research into the origin of oxygen on Earth

A Lakehead University professor is part of a research team receiving more than \$2.7 million to explore when oxygen first entered Earth's environment by examining rocks near Red Lake, Ont.

The European Research Council has announced the major grant to study Earth's early ocean and atmosphere.

Funding will be allocated over five years to Dr. Stefan Lalonde, European Institute for Marine Studies, Brest, France, and **Dr. Philip Fralick** (Department of Geology, Lakehead University) to perform the research.

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Learner-Centred Student Experience

Students from across the province explore Lakehead University at Fall Preview Day

Staff, faculty and students at Lakehead University welcomed prospective students to campus for an exciting day of exploration and discovery at the annual Fall Preview Day on Tuesday, Dec. 6. Prospective students of all ages toured the campus, all day, discovering the wide range of programs through specialized presentations, and exploring everything they can do at Lakehead at the Student Life Expo.

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Japanese-Mexican Students' Lunch

On November 29, our Lakehead International Office and I hosted a farewell lunch for dozens of Japanese and Mexican exchange students who had completed their time with us.

Community Engagement

Alumni Association's GTA Chapter Promoting Lakehead

Approximately 90 Lakehead University Alumni, parents and friends were in Ryerson University's Mattamy Athletics Centre stands on Friday January 6, 2017 to watch our Women's and Men's Thunderwolves Basketball teams. This event was hosted by the Alumni Association's GTA Chapter, and is part of our varsity athletics engagement strategy. Events are planned throughout January and February in Ottawa, Toronto, Waterloo and Guelph. Quite often the Lakehead fans outnumber the home team fans for these away games.

Lakehead's first Giving Tuesday an exceptional success

On Tuesday, November 29th, Lakehead University initiated its first-ever Giving Tuesday event, which officially kicked-off the giving season. The University's Social Media Champions did a tremendous job all day long sharing the message and encouraging others to support Lakehead's students through an online or in-person gift – thank you! A huge debt of gratitude is owed to Lakehead's students, faculty, and staff. The University, alumni, and civic leaders were so generous and we are most grateful.

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