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# President's Report to the Board of Governors



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## ***OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT***

### ***Province's Call for Proposals for New or Expanded Campuses***

On March 27, the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and Premier Kathleen Wynne issued a public call for proposals for the Major Capacity Expansion initiative. The call incorporates the same criteria for evaluation set out in its Major Capacity Expansion policy framework released in December 2013. Lakehead University continues its discussions with Barrie, Ontario's Georgian College on how we may respond, together.

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### ***Lakehead Hosts Ontario's University Leadership***

I was very pleased to host a two-day Council of Ontario Universities (COU) meeting of the province's University Presidents and Academic Colleagues, April 2-3.

Event attendees included Deputy Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs and Special Advisor: Strategic Mandate Agreements (Universities), Dr. Paul Genest; Acting Thunder Bay Mayor, Councillor Paul Pugh; current Lakehead Board of Governors' Chair, Cameron Clark; recently-named incoming Lakehead Board Chair, Murray Walberg; COU President and CEO, Bonnie Patterson; and numerous Academic Colleagues.

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*Ontario university presidents gather at Lakehead University's Thunder Bay campus.*



## Faculty of Engineering Celebrates 40 Years

On April 26, our Faculty of Engineering celebrated the 40th anniversary of its first graduating class with a special dinner in the Agora. Approximately 120 people attended, including graduates from Lakehead's very first Engineering class, Engineering alumni from over the years, former and present deans, faculty and staff, as well as Dr. Robert Rosehart, Lakehead University's President between 1984–1997.

*Alumni from Lakehead's first class of Engineering students (1964-1965) receive gifts of Lakehead Engineering backpacks.*



## LEARNER-CENTRED STUDENT EXPERIENCE



### Battlefield Tourism Students Travel to Europe

This April and May, students from the Department of Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Tourism's Battlefield Tourism course will spend 10 days visiting monuments and battlefields in Normandy, Northern France, Belgium and Holland. Lakehead students will explore and gain a better understanding of the history of the events surrounding the First and Second World Wars.

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*Dr. Harvey Lemelin (front right) and his Battlefield Tourism class at Thunder Bay's Memorial Park, which commemorates veterans from the First World War.*



## ***NURTURING SCHOLARSHIP***



*Athletes gather at PACI's Patterson Auditorium, March 29.*



### ***Celebrating Lakehead's Athletes***

Lakehead Athletics hosted its annual awards galas in Thunder Bay and Orillia on March 29 and 30, respectively. Ceremonies lauded outstanding Thunderwolves of the 2013-14 season, and crowned our male and female Athletes of the Year.

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*Jenna Sittek (centre), a member of Lakehead University's English equestrian team, receives an Athletic Achievement Award from Michelle Cowell (right) and Elvira Bushmakina, representing award sponsor, Plastics Protect and HollisWealth – Benson Kearley IFG.*





## ***GROWTH & CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT***

### **Lakehead University signs MOU with Shanghai Second Polytechnic University**

On March 28, a delegation from Shanghai Second Polytechnic University (SSPU) in China visited Lakehead University to strengthen ties and sign a five year memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the two universities.

The SSPU delegation, which included its President, Dr. Tao Yu, and three other faculty members, were welcomed by myself, Board of Governors Chair, Cameron Clark, incoming Board Chair, Murray Walberg, and several deans.

Dr. Tao and I discussed several opportunities for collaboration between our Universities, including joint programming, exchanges, short-term visits by faculty members between our two institutions, and other academic and research initiatives.



*From left: Ms. Wenjing Wei, Dean of School of Economics and Management at SSPU; Ms. Leigh-Ellen Keating, Director of Lakehead University International; myself; Dr. Tao Yu, President at SSPU; Ms. Leilin Yu, Director of President Office and Communication & Collaboration Office at SSPU; and Mr. Qinyuan Chen, Director of Assets Operation Centre at SSPU.*



## Dalarna University Delegation visits Thunder Bay

A delegation from Sweden's Dalarna University visited our Thunder Bay campus, April 21-24, including Dalarna's Vice-Chancellor and several senior members of their faculty. Over the course of their visit, they enjoyed meetings with senior administration and faculty from Lakehead, as well as a tour of our campus and the region.

Our cooperation with Dalarna University goes back more than 15 yrs, sparked by connections made between Lakehead and Dalarna during the 1993 Nordic Skiing World Championships in Falun, Sweden, and the 1995 Championship held in Thunder Bay. The majority of Lakehead students on our exchange program with Dalarna have been in Social Sciences & Humanities, and Business Administration. The goal of the visit was to expand our cooperation into new areas of study, including the addition of faculty exchanges and research cooperation.



*Myself with representatives from Sweden's Dalarna University.*



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### ***Success Through Giving Donor-Recipient Luncheon***

Lakehead hosted its annual *Success Through Giving* Luncheon, March 27. The event provides the unique opportunity for donors who give to academic scholarships to meet with the student recipients of the financial awards the donor contributed to. The luncheon, hosted by Board of Governors Vice-Chair Murray Walberg, was also a chance for students to share their learning experiences with donors, so they can see, first-hand, how much of a difference their generosity means.

### **Official Unveiling of 'Simcoe Hall'**

In recognition of the County's ongoing, tremendous support, it was pleasure to announce that our Orillia campus's academic building would be named 'Simcoe Hall'. The official unveiling saw the building's new name mounted onto its façade.

The County of Simcoe presented Lakehead University Orillia with a \$1 million cheque during County Council on November 26, 2013. Since 2009, the total amount of contributions by the County to the University is approximately \$3.5 million.

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*Representatives from the County of Simcoe and Lakehead University gather for official unveiling of 'Simcoe Hall'.*