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President's Report to Senate



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Office of the President

Search for Vice-President (Research, Economic Development & Innovation)

The executive search firm of Caldwell Partners has been selected to assist in the search for our new V-P (Research, Economic Development & Innovation). The search process is proceeding, with consultations beginning in the near future.

Alumni Association Opens New Orillia Study Lounge

Thanks to the Lakehead University Alumni Association and the Orillia Student Alumni Association, students at our Orillia campus can now enjoy a quiet place to catch up on their studies or just take a break.

The new Alumni Commons, located on the second floor of Simcoe Hall near our administration offices, was officially opened on November 26, 2014.



New Alumni Commons opens... (l - r): Mark Tilbury, Lakehead's Alumni and Community Relations Director; Sami Pritchard, LUSAA President; Alumni Association President Rob Jamieson; and Frank Capadoccia, Associate Vice-Provost.



Nanabijou Childcare Centre Hosts Grand Opening

The new Nanabijou Childcare Centre officially opened its doors during a grand opening, December 16, 2014. Several dignitaries and government officials attended and spoke at the event that featured a tour of the 8,200-square foot facility and an overview of the many services available to the University and local community.

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Dr. Moira McPherson Appointed Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

On December 18, 2014, I was very pleased to announce that our University's Board of Governors had appointed **Dr. Moira McPherson** as Lakehead's Provost & Vice-President (Academic). As the chief academic officer at Lakehead University, she leads academic planning, development, and internal operations.

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Achieve Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Research

Leadership Certification for Not-for-Profit Leaders

The YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka and Lakehead University are proud to partner to deliver a professional development Certificate Program for not-for-profit leaders. The first of a new three-part module program will take place February 11 - 13, 2015 at Geneva Park. The cost for the three-day, two-night program is \$600 (+HST).



An OASIS for Orillia Campus Students

In November 2014, our Orillia campus's OASIS (Orillia Academic Success In Science) Centre began providing a variety of free tutoring services to all students in a science related area of study. Faculty members, graduate and undergraduate tutors are prepared to assist students in all science and environmental sustainability courses at all year levels.

The drop-in centre offers an environment for independent or group study and free one-on-one interactions with tutors regarding any science course offered at the Lakehead Orillia campus.

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Collaborative Mining Research Project Wins Innovation Award

A breakthrough in mineral analysis that Lakehead University helped create won an Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) Innovation Award at a gala in London, England.

The IET's award in the 'Measurement in Action' category went to the University of Tasmania, Imperial College London, Natural History Museum, Lakehead University, and AMIRA International for development of laser ablation analysis for enhanced discovery of mineral resources. The new analysis process allows explorers to predict distance and likely occurrence of metal resources.

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Lakehead Professors and Students Receive Generous SSHRC Grant

Lakehead University professors and students are receiving nearly \$720,000 in funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) to help answer some fascinating questions.

Some of these outstanding research programs will investigate lead exposure in members of the colonial-era British Navy, analyze the protest media landscape during recent anti-austerity protests, examine how people responded to climate change over a long period of time, and determine how European immigrants influenced the culture of death in Canada.

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Extend Community Engagement and Outreach

Art for Social Change

In December, our Orillia campus's Media Studies students presented a showcase of media artwork at the Orillia Museum of Art and History. Besides traditional photography and visual art exhibits, the free public exhibition featured comic-book creations, sound recordings with unique soundscapes, video productions, memes, and posters representing the depth and wide-ranging interests of Lakehead students.



Lakehead Celebrates 50th Anniversary in 2015

This month begins a year of events that will celebrate Lakehead University's 50th Anniversary. Celebrations held at both the Thunder Bay and Orillia campuses began, this week, with our 50th anniversary flags being raised by cities of Thunder Bay and Orillia.

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