



November 2015

President's Report to Senate



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Lakehead University Engineering Team Cleans up at National Competition... again

For the second year in a row, a Lakehead University chemical engineering team placed first in the *SNC-Lavalin Undergraduate Plant Design Competition* held in Calgary in October.

The students designed a chemical plant that could convert 200,000 metric tonnes of waste plastic per year into high value hydrocarbons, including gasoline and kerosene.

They designed a financially viable plant that can address contemporary environmental problems by directing waste plastics away from landfills. This type of plant could potentially provide improved waste management in every city around the world.

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From left to right: Kayte Sutherland, Christopher Lock, Terry Milton, Ryan Gerlach, and Natasha Bieniek.



Lakehead Ranks Among Canada's Top 10 for Second Consecutive Year

Maclean's University Rankings have, once again, included Lakehead University among the country's Top 10 primarily undergraduate universities. When compared to Ontario universities in its category, Lakehead places second overall.

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Presidential Review Committee to Review Student Code of Conduct

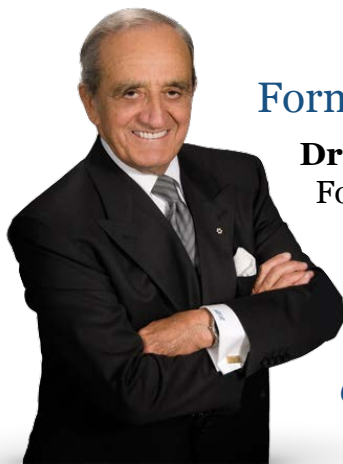
I am establishing a Presidential Review Committee to review Lakehead University's Student Code of Conduct. The committee will be composed of representatives from administration, faculty and deans, as well as students.

The purpose of the review is to revise, as appropriate, the Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures to improve clarity and format, to ensure the accuracy of all references cited within the Code, and to make other revisions and improvements as may be identified or necessary. The consultative process and revised Code is expected to be completed in late 2016, whereupon it will be brought to Senate for approval.

Proposed Toronto Office Space

Following a presentation at our recent Town Hall meeting, I am conducting consultations to establish a small and modest office in Toronto. Among the reasons for this is to maximize this space as a recruitment strategy.

The annual cost of the sublet is equivalent to 5 new students' tuition. In addition to using the space as a recruitment strategy, the benefits of having a Toronto office will be available to faculty and staff who frequently travel to the GTA.



Former Lakehead Chancellor Announces \$250,000 Scholarship Challenge

Dr. Arthur Mauro, Lakehead University's Chancellor from 2009-2012, and the Mauro Family Foundation, will match each gift or pledge received from November 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016, dollar-for-dollar to a maximum of \$250,000.

These gifts will be used to establish or enhance existing scholarships, bursaries or awards for current and future Bora Laskin Faculty of Law students.

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Achieve Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Research

Lakehead's *Canada First Research Excellence Fund* Letter of Intent

Lakehead's Economic Development and Innovation Office, as well as the Office of Research Services led by the Vice-President (Research & Innovation), worked closely with Lakehead University researchers, select Canadian academic institutions, not for profit organizations, and industry partners to draft a scientific strategy and a letter of intent to provide a full proposal to the Canada First Research Excellent Fund (CFREF), entitled *BioFor: Forest Innovation for the Bioeconomy*.

CFREF funds competitively-selected Canadian postsecondary institutions to turn their key strengths into globally recognized research areas in order to create a long-term economic advantage to Canada over a 7 year project term. Lakehead University has requested \$30 million from CFREF. A decision to proceed is expected in January 2016, a full proposal would be due in April 2016.

Expand our International Reach

Faculty of Natural Resources Management Signs Joint Doctoral Agreement in China

From November 2-6, our Vice-President (Research & Innovation), Dr. Andrew P. Dean, visited the Jiangshu province of China as part of Premier Kathleen Wynne's trade and educational mission.



Jiangshu province is a sister province of Ontario and this year the two regions are celebrating the 30th anniversary of an agreement to facilitate student mobility between the two provinces. The Council of Ontario Universities organized the visit that included university delegates from 12 universities who signed numerous agreements. Lakehead University signed an agreement with Nanjing Forestry University to develop joint doctoral programs with our Faculty of Natural Resource Management.

Dr. Andrew P. Dean (second from right) in Jiangshu province as part of with Premier Wynne's mission to China.

Extend Community Engagement and Outreach



Lakehead Orillia's Report to the Community

On November 12, our Orillia campus Report to the Community luncheon recognized the influential people and events from the last year and celebrated the University's 50th Anniversary.

People from across Simcoe County gathered at Hawk Ridge Golf and Country Club to celebrate the release of the University's special commemorative 2014-15 Annual Report.

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Lakehead University's 50th Anniversary Homecoming Celebrations in Orillia

Lakehead celebrated its 50th Anniversary in Orillia, last week, with "Homecoming" activities for the entire community.

On Thursday evening, there was a 1960s style rollerskating party at The Roller Skating Place. On Friday, a campus-wide Open House offered tours in the afternoon before the week's festivities wrapped up with the much-anticipated Homecoming Dinner & Dance Party at Casino Rama.

The 1960s celebration featured entertainment by Lance Anderson's *Hitsville Revisited – The Music of Motown*. All proceeds from the event went to financial aid for Lakehead University students.

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Cheryl Lescom, one of Canada's top rhythm and blues singers, and a member of Hitsville Revisited: The Music of Motown, was one of the featured performers at our 50th Anniversary Dinner & Dance Party at Casino Rama.

Lakehead Thunder Bay's Report to the Community

Lakehead University's Report to the Community luncheon recognized the influential people and events from the last year and celebrated the University's 50th anniversary. People from Thunder Bay gathered at the Valhalla Inn on November 24 to celebrate the release of the University's special commemorative 2014-15 Annual Report.

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Our largest ever Report to the Community event was held at the Valhalla Inn, Nov. 24, where community members, students, faculty and staff were interviewed by CBC Thunder Bay's Lisa Laco in a talk-show format.