

May 2016



President's Report to Senate



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Office of the President

Federal Budget 2016

On April 12, Federal Finance Minister Morneau issued Canada's budget, which included many tuition- and infrastructure-related commitments directed at the country's universities and colleges.

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Lakehead, Georgian College, and SCDSB sign MOU

On April 15, I, along with Georgian College President and CEO Dr. MaryLynn West-Moynes, and Kathi Wallace (Simcoe County District School Board Director of Education), signed a Memorandum of Understanding stating that we will work together to support international students. The agreement outlines our commitment to linking the K-12 and postsecondary education systems for international students in Simcoe County.

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Lobby Days in Ottawa

On May 3 and 4, I, accompanied by Dr. Peggy Smith and Elder Gerry Martin, was in Ottawa for two full days of successful meetings where we met with government officials to lobby for our Gichi Kendaasiwin project.



Board of Governors Names David Tamblyn as Incoming Chair

Lakehead University's Board of Governors has appointed current Vice-Chair **David Tamblyn** as its next Chair. Tamblyn, who has served as the Board's Vice-Chair since October 2014, will assume the position of Chair following the Board's Annual General Meeting in October 2016.

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Proposal for Federal Infrastructure Program

We have submitted an application to the Federal Strategic Infrastructure Fund to co-finance the renovations to the CNFER building and to add an extension. The new complex, called CASES (Center for Advanced Studies in Science and Engineering), will house the offices for Research Services, EDI, and Graduate Studies, provide space for a planned Center for Student Innovation and Entrepreneurship and a Graduate Student lounge, as well as allow for the needed expansion of our Instrumentation Laboratory and more than 80 spaces for graduate student growth. Our funding request to the Federal Program is for \$9.3M. We expect a response our application by the end of June.

Achieving Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Research

Lakehead Student Awarded \$50K for Motor Skills Development Game

Lakehead University student **Shayna Parker** was recently awarded \$50,000 from the Ontario Brain Institute's (OBI) Entrepreneur Program for her development of a game for mobile devices. Her game will help assess and train hand functions in people that have experienced motor deficits.

The OBI funds and supports scientists in entrepreneurial and commercialization opportunities to help establish neuroscience-related companies in the Neurotech Ontario cluster.



Lakehead University's Steel Bridge Team takes first place at regionals

For the third year in a row, our team of Civil Engineering students placed first at the AISC/ASCE Regional Qualifier Student Steel Bridge Competition. The team will now prepare for the National Steel Bridge Competition in May. Lakehead also took second place in the technical paper competition.

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Exceptional individuals will be celebrated at Lakehead's Convocation Ceremonies

Lakehead University will recognize five exceptional people at this year's Thunder Bay campus Convocation Ceremonies on Friday, May 27, and Saturday, May 28 at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium.



The Hon. Jean Charest, Helen Cromarty, and Dr. Keijo Virtanen will each receive an honorary doctorate for their work in politics, health care, and research on Finnish immigration to Canada, respectively. We will also recognize the hard work and dedication of **Tammy Squitti** and **Bill Bartley**, who will each be named Fellow of the University.

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Lakehead Orillia's 2016 Honorary Degree and Civitas Award Recipients



Lakehead University will recognize two champions of education at this year's Orillia campus Convocation Ceremony on Saturday, June 4 at Rotary Place in Orillia.

Bonnie Patterson, an outstanding leader in postsecondary education, will receive an Honorary Doctor of Commerce degree for her contribution to the growth and development of universities in Ontario. Lakehead will also recognize the hard work and dedication of **Garfield Dunlop**, who will receive the 2016 Civitas Award, which is awarded annually to a community member who has made a significant contribution to the University's Orillia campus.

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2016's Professors Emeritus

Please join me in congratulating the following list of faculty who have accepted the offer of Professor Emeritus for 2016:

- Dr. Ti King, School of Nursing
- Dr. Mani Rappon, Department of Chemistry
- Dr. Karen Reynolds, Faculty of Education
- Dr. Patricia Sevean, School of Nursing
- Dr. Rick Holmes, Department of English
- Dr. Ladislav Malek, Department of Biology
- Dr. William Sears, Department of Physics

Strengthen our Commitment to Social Justice

Lakehead University selects its first Director of Human Rights and Equity

On April 28, we announced the hiring of **Dreeni Geer**, our first Director of Human Rights and Equity.

Geer comes to Lakehead University after working as War Child Canada's Country Director in Uganda, where she provided key strategic leadership for the organization's operations and programs. War Child provides justice, protection and human rights programs for diverse communities around the world.

She has also worked in Sweden with the Raoul Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and with the Ontario Human Rights Commission. Geer has lectured at Lund University on Refugee Women's Rights and taught at Sheridan College.



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