



April 2015



# President's Report to Senate



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## Office of the President

### Lakehead Recognized as one of the First Members of the TBCC

On April 11, I attended the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce's Business Excellence Awards Gala — the Chamber's most prestigious event of the year — which celebrated the TBCC's 50th anniversary. During the evening, Lakehead was recognized as one of the inaugural members of the TBCC, and Board of Governors Chair Murray Walberg was named Business Person of the Year.

### Capital Projects Update

**Squash to Hot Yoga** — The conversion of the squash court into a 24 person Yoga Studio in the CJ Sanders building is well underway. The studio will be complete with ballet bars, wall mirrors, radiant heating panels, and dimmable lighting. This project is 100% financed by Moksha Yoga and is projected to be completed, later this month.

**Fire Testing Lab almost Ready to Fire Up** — A new building has been completed in Parking Lot 5, adjacent to our Centennial Building and the Structures Lab for Civil Engineering. This new building will lead research in fire testing composite materials inside a kiln. The project is complete except for seasonal work outside and the installation of the kiln.

**Student Health and Counselling Renovations** — Renovations are underway to convert a first floor wing of the Prettie Residence into a new student health clinic for students. The renovations are expected to be complete by early June 2015.

**ELP moves from PACI to Thunder Bay's Main Campus** — Our English Language Program will be relocating from PACI to the main campus following renovations to a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor wing of Prettie Residence. Planning is underway and work is scheduled to be complete by late summer 2015.

#### **Other Projects to be completed in 2015:**

- CJ Sanders Building roof replacement over Kinesiology
- Bora Laskin lobby lounge
- NOSM autopsy laboratory renovations
- Bearskin Lake townhouse's flooring replacement
- School of Nursing lead paint abatement in both stairwells

## Achieve Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Research.



### Athletics Awards Gala

The annual Athletics Awards Gala took place on Saturday, March 28 at the John N. Paterson Auditorium in PACI building. Highlighting the event were the Athlete of the Year presentations, with **Jylisa Williams** and Kevin Tree being this year's recipients.

Jylisa set numerous Lakehead and league records, and became the first Lakehead basketball player to be named as the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Player of the Year. Runner Kevin Tree has also etched his name in the Lakehead record books, and took his talents international, competing in Colombia and China for the Canadian cross country running team earlier this year.

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### 2015 Athletics Wall of Fame Inductees Announced

This year's Wall of Fame commemorates athletes and coaches spanning the 50 years of Lakehead University. The official induction ceremony is slated for Saturday, Oct 3, in conjunction with Homecoming 2015 and the Gala Dinner and Dance that evening.

In the 'builders' category, **Lou Pero** and **Francis Clayton** will be inducted. Pero began as a student athlete in 1966 and went on to coach Lakehead basketball from 1989 to this day, and is also the current president of the Lakehead Alumni Association. Clayton is a prolific wrestling coach who has produced numerous national champions and some 40 wrestling coaches across Canada who began as wrestlers in his program.

*[Click here for full story and complete list of 2015's inductees...](#)*

## Thunder Bay Convocation's 2015 Honorary Degree Recipients and Fellow Named

Lakehead University will honour four remarkable individuals at this year's Convocation ceremonies being held at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium on May 29 and 30.

The University will confer honorary doctorate degrees to **Margaret Phillips**, **Michael Rapino** and **Dr. Dominic Lam**, three exceptional people being recognized for their achievements in social justice, entrepreneurship, and health, respectively.

Lakehead will also recognize the hard work and dedication of **Roy Piovesana**, who will be named a Fellow of the University. Piovesana has been a pillar of the Thunder Bay community, a champion of Lakehead University, and a role model and inspiration for generations of students.

Our Orillia campus Convocation's honourees will be announced, soon.

*[Click here for Thunder Bay campus media release...](#)*



M. Phillips



M. Rapino



Dr. D. Lam



R. Piovesna

## Expand our International Reach

### MOU signed with Ecuador's ESPOCH

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A delegation from Escuela Superior Politécnica de Chimborazo (ESPOCH) visited Lakehead University on April 8 to sign a memorandum of understanding to launch faculty and student exchanges, joint graduate studies, and research focused in natural resources management and related fields.

ESPOCH is a medium-sized, public university in central Ecuador that has a growing national and international draw as post-secondary education increases in profile in that region.

With approximately 20,000 students enrolled in ESPOCH's seven faculties that emphasize a professional education, there are strong similarities with Lakehead University.



*From left: Nancy Luckai, Deputy Provost; Kathy Pozihun, Vice-President (Administration & Finance); Rosa Pinos Neira, Rector of ESPOCH; and Fernando Romero, Dean of Natural Resources at ESPOCH.*

## Hong Kong Alumni Chapter Events

From March 26-28, Dr. Kim Fedderson (Dean & Vice-Provost, Orillia Campus), myself, and Alumni Relations staff traveled to Hong Kong to meet with several China-based alumni, and attend a special event.

During our visit, at a reception at Christie's in Hong Kong in the presence of a dozen local alumni, I announced the conferral of an honorary degree to Dr. Dominic Lam at this year's Convocation ceremonies in Thunder Bay.

Other meetings and activities included meeting with alumnus Peter Lau, owner of [Asia One](#), who will be helping Lakehead make connections with Hong Kong high schools and universities; and a special alumni dinner for those who are interested in establishing a Hong Kong Chapter of the Alumni Association.

