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President's Report to Senate



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Office of the President

Asbestos Information Sessions

In response to recent concerns about asbestos on our Thunder Bay campus, we've invited [True Grit Consulting](#) to host several information sessions. These sessions include a presentation by True Grit about what asbestos is, where it's found, how our University manages it, as well as a Q&A with faculty, staff, students, and the expert consultants.

50th Anniversary Celebration Planning

Homecoming 2015 — Email invitations (Evites) were issued, March 30, to announce Homecoming 2015 schedules and registration information for both campuses. Several tables have already been sold for our Thunder Bay gala, as well as many tickets for varsity basketball and hockey games.

50th in a Box — Two hundred *50th in a Boxes* have been shipped to recipients all across Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, Europe, Malaysia, and Hong Kong.

Scholarship Fund — To date, we have approx. \$1260 for the fund. Proceeds came from selling hats and t-shirts at various events including varsity games, research week, and grad fair.

GTA Students get a Taste of Lakehead and Thunder Bay

During March Break, Enrolment Services hosted 53 student applicants and some parents from the GTA with an all-expense-paid, three day trip to Thunder Bay. During their stay, students and parents participated in a special VIP campus tour, explored the City and Fort William Historical Park, and dined with our deans as part of a welcome dinner. Feedback from our visitors was glowing about our University and region.

2015-2016 Budget Approved

On May 7, the Board of Governors approved our University's 2015-2016 Operating Budget. This approval is one month earlier than past practice to coincide with the start of the fiscal year. The development of the 2015-16 Operating Budget was part of a redesigned budget process allowing for extensive consultation, transparency and accountability.

Achieve Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Research

Orillia Convocation's 2015 Honourees Named

Lakehead University will honour three exceptional individuals at this year's Convocation ceremonies being held at Rotary Place in Orillia, June 6.

The University will confer an honorary doctorate degree of music to **Gordon Lightfoot** in recognition of his international success and outstanding contributions throughout Canada and in his hometown of Orillia.

Lakehead will also recognize the hard work and dedication of **Angelo Orsi**, who will be named a Fellow of the University. Orsi has been a champion of Lakehead University – one of the principal drivers of Lakehead University's campus expansion to 500 University Avenue. His exceptional commitment as Mayor of Orillia was also key to the campus's success and growth.

This year's Civitas Award, given annually to a community member who has made a significant contribution to the University's Orillia campus, will be awarded to **Robert Lamb**, whose role as lead negotiator for the university project was instrumental in the establishment of the Lakehead Orillia campus.

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Gordon Lightfoot



Angelo Orsi



Robert Lamb

2015's Professors Emeritus

Please join me in congratulating the following list of faculty who have accepted the offer of Professor Emeritus for 2015:

- Dr. P. Allingham, Faculty of Education
- Dr. H. Fennell, Faculty of Education
- Dr. J. Jamieson, Department of Psychology
- Dr. M.L. Kelley, School of Social Work
- Prof Karen Maddox, School of Nursing
- Dr. S. Mansour, Department of Electrical Engineering
- Dr. Michel Morton, School of Nursing
- Prof. M. Nisenholt, Department of Visual Arts
- Prof Diana Pallen, School of Nursing
- Dr. Sandra Wolf, Faculty of Education

Lakehead joins with MITACS

Lakehead University is now an associate member of MITACS — a national, not-for-profit organization that has designed and delivered research and training programs in Canada for 15 years. The federal government's Budget 2015 announcement included \$56 million for the agency. As a member of MITACS, Lakehead will have access to significant internship opportunities for our students, as well as access to funds to bring in top quality graduate students from abroad.



Spring Student Applicant Reception

On April 22, Board of Governors Chair Murray Walberg and myself welcomed 200 student applicants, and their family and friends, to our annual applicant reception. Attendees included students that have applied to Lakehead for September 2015. The event offered opportunities to gain a level of comfort with our campus and community, hear from current Lakehead students, learn about next steps (admissions, registration, scholarships & bursaries, OSAP, orientation and more), and meet with Deans and Program Chairs/Directors to learn more about various programs.

Inaugural Ontario Master Naturalist Program off to Great Start

An aquatic biologist, a physical education undergraduate student, and a gardener are all part of the diverse group of people participating in the [Ontario Master Naturalist Program](#) (OMNP), which kicked off on Saturday, May 2. The first of its kind in Canada, the 6-module program is a partnership between Lakehead University and Ontario Nature, and is passionately spearheaded by local award-winning naturalist Bob Bowles.



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OMNP student group before embarking on first field experience in Scout Valley.

President's Golf Tournament Business Award Recipient

Graduand James Newlands, who has completed our Honours Bachelor of Commerce program, is the recipient of Lakehead University's President's Golf Tournament Business Award – a \$6,900 award presented annually to a fourth year student from Simcoe County enrolled in Lakehead Orillia's business program. [Watch this video to learn more about James and his future plans.](#)

Extend Community Engagement and Outreach

PACED's 'Milestones for Success'

The President's Advisory Council on Economic Development (PACED) in both Simcoe County and Northwestern Ontario have developed 'Milestones for Success' for the Economic Development circle of the 2013-2018 Strategic Plan. The recommendations were presented to the Board of Governors at its May 7 meeting.

[Click here to see PACED's recommended milestones...](#)

First Global Conference on Holistic Early Learning and Development

Almost a dozen Lakehead Orillia students joined faculty members from Lakehead and other universities, as well as child development experts, to present a wide range of educational seminars to delegates at the recent [First Global Conference on Holistic Early Learning and Development](#). The event was organized by members of Lakehead's Education faculty, Dr. Sonia Mastrangelo and Dr. Katherine Becker, who launched the [International Journal of Holistic Early Learning and Development](#), last year. The conference took place at our Orillia Campus, on May 1-2, and attracted over 160 delegates from throughout the province.



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From left: Student presenter Travis Francis; Dr. Sonia Mastrangelo; keynote speaker, Connie Gale; and presenter Amir Haimove.

Strengthen our Commitment to Social Justice

Human Trafficking Institute

Dr. Natalya Timoshkina, Associate Professor in the School of Social Work at Lakehead Orillia, has led the organization of a Summer Institute on Human Trafficking in cooperation with the [Alliance Against Modern Slavery](#), to take place at the Orillia campus June 16 to 18. The Institute will feature a wide range of educational sessions for students, service providers, law enforcement personnel, community activists and academics. Under Natalya's leadership, the planning group was successful in their application for a \$25,000 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Connection grant for the event. For more information, including the program's schedule and registration, visit the [Institute's website](#).