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President's Report to Board of Governors



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President's Task Force Submits Report on Sexual Assault and Support

On June 25, Lakehead's Task Force on Sexual Assault Education, Prevention and Support submitted its report to me, seven months after I created the Task Force in response to a letter to the editor published in the Chronicle-Journal about a former student's disclosure of an alleged sexual assault involving another student off campus.

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Georgian College–Lakehead University Submit Letter of Intent to MTCU

On June 26, a letter of intent regarding an innovative plan by the Georgian University Partnership Centre and Lakehead University to create expanded university studies in Central Ontario was submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU). The Plan was developed in response to a call from the MTCU to increase degree capacity in parts of Ontario with growing demand for postsecondary education. Under the Georgian-Lakehead plan, by 2030 more than 50 degree programs will be delivered to as many as 6,000 students. Many offerings will be integrated diploma-degrees, allowing students to graduate in four years and enter the workforce sooner, better prepared for their chosen careers..

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Strategic Management Agreement Signed

On July 31, I signed Lakehead's SMA with Ontario's Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. Mandated by all of Ontario's post-secondary institutions, the SMAs are designed to help post-secondary institutions build on their individual strengths, avoid or limit expansion in academic areas where programs already exist, and see to it that institutions are connected to various levels of the economy. The purpose is to ensure that students can gain experience through opportunities such as co-op programs and applied research, helping them create new businesses or find highly skilled work that will benefit Ontario.

Board of Governors Announces my Renewal for a Second Five-Year Term

Lakehead's Board of Governors announced that my appointment as our University's President & Vice-Chancellor has been renewed for a second five-year term, beginning in August 2015. I look forward to continuing to work with members of Senate and the rest of our Lakehead community as we head into our 50th anniversary year as a University, and, eventually, begin work on a new Academic and Strategic Plan during my second term.

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Nanabijou Opens its New Doors

The Nanabijou Childcare Centre moved the children under its care into its newly-completed facilities on Oliver Road, August 27. An open house was hosted in early September, with an official opening ceremony expected later this fall.

Thunderwolves Howl: Orientation 2014

Thunderwolves Howl! 2014, which occurred between September 4-10, focused on helping students make a successful transition to Lakehead University. Events and activities catered to varied student populations, including students entering from high school, college/university transfer, international, Aboriginal, and mature students.

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New Shuttle Service Links Lakehead Orillia with City of Barrie

Since September 8, Lakehead students, faculty and staff have had the option of enjoying a new bus service between Lakehead Orillia's 500 University Avenue site and the City of Barrie. The new transit link, established by Lakehead University and Hammond Transportation, provides service between our Orillia campus and Barrie's Bus Terminal four times a day (Monday to Friday), and on weekends.

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Lakehead University Orillia Campus Dean & Vice-Provost Dr. Kim Fedderson and Hammond Transportation President Greg Hammond confirm new partnership.

Report on Student Appeals, 2013-2014

According to Lakehead's Director of Risk Management and Access to Information, Millo Shaw, four appeals were considered by the Judicial Panel under the [Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures](#). Two involved academic misconduct, and two non-academic misconduct. In one academic misconduct case the sanction was reduced and in the other the student withdrew the appeal. In the non-academic misconduct cases one appeal was upheld and the other was denied.

Senate Academic Appeals Committee (SAAC)

During the 2013-2014 academic year five student appeal applications were filed with the SAAC under the [Senate Policy Regarding Academic Appeals](#) — all but one concerning final course marks. In one case the decision being appealed was slightly varied. In three others the SAAC found that it had no jurisdiction to hear the appeal. In the fifth case the student abandoned the appeal.

Major Capacity Expansion Proposal

The Ministry released its Major Capacity Expansion Policy Framework on December 20, 2013 and posted a call for full proposals due September 26, 2014. **On Sept. 26, Lakehead University and Georgian College submitted its proposal for major capacity expansion to the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU).** Successful proposals will meet the MTCU's goals for increased capacity at the undergraduate degree level; greater affordability for students, institutions, and the province; improved institutional differentiation; and regional economic benefits. MTCU has stated that that this long-term initiative will help ensure that our postsecondary education system will have the right spaces in the right places for Ontario students.

Lakehead and Georgian have joined forces to deliver a capacity expansion strategy that is at the same time innovative, cost-effective, and sustainable. In addition to minimizing duplication of programming, this collaborative model draws on shared services to lower operating expenses and uses existing capacity to reduce infrastructure investment requirements. With this approach, the Lakehead-Georgian collaboration circumvents the need for unwarranted duplicate of infrastructure and services that already exist in the region, focuses on enhancements that fill existing gaps, and ensures a strategy that adds value to the region with its potential for innovation and economic development.

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Achieve Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Research

Lakehead Commemorates Daniel Beardy Memorial Award

On May 16, **Ontario Regional Chief Stan Beardy, his wife Nellie,** and I held a ceremony at our Thunder Bay campus commemorating the ten years since the passing of Chief Beardy's son, Daniel. The Daniel Beardy Memorial Award was created in 2012 in memory of Daniel. Chief Beardy and I, together, presented a cheque for \$1,500 to be put towards the award that has, thus far, helped two Lakehead students achieve their post-secondary dreams.

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Derek and Joan Burney Fellowship Established at Lakehead's CESME



On May 29, **Lakehead Chancellor Derek Burney and his wife, Joan,** announced a generous gift of \$150,000 to establish a special postdoctoral fellowship at the University. The Derek and Joan Burney Postdoctoral Fellowship is the first fellowship established through Lakehead's Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Mining and Exploration.

The new postdoctoral fellowship will be affiliated with Lakehead's Department of Economics within the Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies. The fellowship will fund a three-year bridging position at the University for a researcher who is between their PhD and a faculty position.

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Lakehead University's Convocation 2014

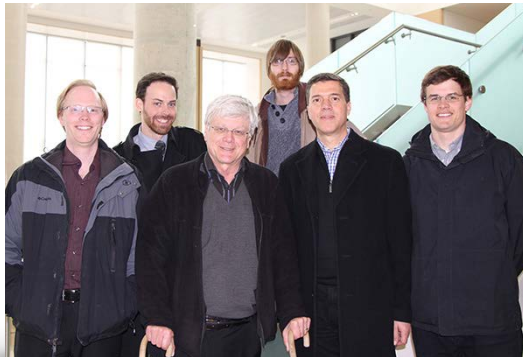
Approximately 2,100 degrees were conferred during our Convocation 2014 at our Thunder Bay and Orillia campuses, between May 30 and June 7. In addition to celebrating our students and their achievements, our Alumni Awards dinner and Convocation ceremonies included the presentation of numerous awards and five honorary degrees, as well as naming two Fellows, a Civitas Award recipient, and this year's professors emeriti.

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From left: Myself; Honorary Doctor of Laws recipient, The Honourable Frank Iacobucci; Honorary Doctor of Laws recipient, The Honourable Bob Rae; Lakehead Chancellor Dr. Derek Burney.



Business Partners with Researchers on "Big Data"

On June 16, Orillia's Third Sector Publishing announced its partnership with a Lakehead University software engineering team to develop a software system that will help bring the company to a leading edge position within its market. The project is focused on the rapidly growing new research field of "big data," the term used to describe the vast and complex amount of data available online.

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Lakehead University research assistant Greg Hill; Jamieson Bruce, Third Sector Publishing; Third Sector Publishing President Anderson Charters; Lakehead University student Kyle Galvin; Dr. Rachid Benlamri, Professor, Lakehead University; and Tim Charters, Third Sector Publishing.



Strengthen our Commitment to Social Justice

Lakehead Hosts Culture, Environment and Social Justice Conference

From August 7-10, our Thunder Bay Campus hosted and participated in a conference exploring Culture, Environment, and Social Justice that included environmental writers and academics from across Canada and beyond. It was the third biennial conference of the Association of Literature, Environment, and Culture in Canada, a national association whose members demonstrate how humanities research provides critical insight into environmental and social justice issues.

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Extend our International Reach

Lakehead Welcomes Record Number of New International Students

Lakehead University welcomed a record number of new international students (approximately 300) from 44 countries, at this year's Fall Superior Orientation organized by Lakehead University International. The event — which helps many of these students adjust to life in Canada — allows students to mingle with each other and representatives from the Lakehead University Student Union, the Chancellor Paterson Library, Thunder Bay Police Service, and other important local organizations.

Extend Community Engagement and Outreach

City of Orillia Endorses Georgian–Lakehead Expansion Plan

On July 21, Georgian College President & CEO, MaryLynn West-Moynes and I presented details of our Expansion plan to City of Orillia Special Council meeting. Our presentation explained that the Plan would see more than 50 degree programs delivered to as many as 6,000 students by 2030. Our two institutions have the capacity to add up to an additional 2,000 students, immediately, without building new infrastructure – 1,200 students at Georgian's Barrie Campus, and 800 at our Orillia campus. The Georgian/Lakehead proposal had already received the support of the County of Simcoe Council and the City of Barrie Council.

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Georgian–Lakehead Expansion Plan Website Engages & Informs Public

On August 5, Georgian College and Lakehead University launched georgianlakehead.ca, a one-stop shop to learn about our new Georgian-Lakehead Plan, stay up to date on its progress, and find out how it will benefit students and our communities for years to come.

The website also offers visitors the opportunity to share their thoughts and comments.

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(left to right) Faculty of Law's Founding Dean, Lee Stuesser; John B. Laskin; Barbara Laskin; myself.

Faculty of Law named in honour of Chief Justice Bora Laskin

At our September 30 donor appreciation reception at PACI, July 21, I announced that Ontario's newest school of law would be named the "Bora Laskin Faculty of Law" in recognition of the Thunder Bay son and former Chief Justice's integrity and contributions to Canadian law.

Among the 250 guests were family of the former Chief Justice (who passed away in 1984) — Bora Laskin's daughter, Barbara Laskin, as well as his nephew, John Laskin.

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Enhance our Support of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students

ActiveU Teams Up With Aboriginal Sport & Wellness Council of Ontario

More youth in Thunder Bay enjoyed summer camps at Lakehead University, in August, thanks to *ActiveU* partnering with the Aboriginal Sport and Wellness Council of Ontario (ASWCO).

Through a network of funding from the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs and the 2015 Pan-Am Games' 'Ignite' Program, ASWCO received a grant to subsidize the *ActiveU* camps, including a lunch program for campers. Representatives from the Indian Friendship Centre and the Multicultural Youth Council participated in the *ActiveU* camps, alongside members of our Office of Aboriginal Initiatives. The project also received support from the Community Sport Councils of Ontario.



ActiveU participants play skill-building games in our Thunderdome.

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Maadaadizi 2014 Celebrates Aboriginal Youth Heading into Post-Secondary Education

Maadaadizi 2014 is all about celebrating and inspiring Aboriginal youth coming to Lakehead University, Confederation College and Oshki-Pimache-O-Win this fall. Held on Saturday, Sept. 6, at Marina Park, "Maadaadizi" – meaning "she/he starts a journey" in Ojibwe – is a way of welcoming Aboriginal students and their families to post-secondary education and to the City of Thunder Bay.

The Maadaadizi Orientation was organized by Lakehead University's Office of Aboriginal Initiatives and Aboriginal Cultural and Support Services, Confederation College's Negahneewin Aboriginal Student Services Department, Eabametoong First Nation, Fort William First Nation, Matawa Post Secondary Program, Northern Nishnawbe Education Council, Oshki-Pimache-O-Win, and Seven Generations Education Institute.