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# President's Report to Senate



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## Gerretsen Report Update

The Gerretsen Report's recommendations were intended to chart a path forward to improve collaboration between Georgian College, Lakehead University, and on Laurentian University. With Laurentian's recent decision to cease operations in Barrie, the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities has confirmed that the Gerretsen Report no longer applies.

A recent letter from the Ministry States that the MTCU is pleased that Georgian and Lake had planned to move forward with the collaborative programs identified in the Report.

The Principal of our Orillia campus, Dr. Kim Fedderson, has already begun working with Georgia College to develop strategic models to move forward with our collaboration. In addition, we will build on the work already completed by the Deans and Chairs to move some initiatives forward. As with all new programs and major academic modifications, these initiatives will move through our normal Senate and other internal review processes.

## Lobby Days at Queen's Park

At the end of March, Dr. Peggy Smith and Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux joined me for numerous meetings with provincial government officials from several parties in and around Queen's Park. The focus of our successful two-day trip was to lobby for our Gichi Kendaasiwin project.





# Achieving Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Research

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

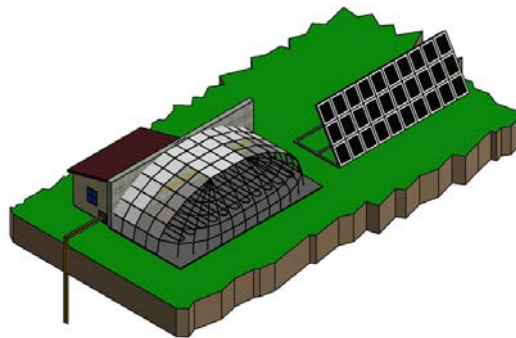
For the third year in a row, our team of Civil Engineering students placed first at the AISC/ASCE Regional Qualifier Student Steel Bridge Competition. The team will now prepare for the National Steel Bridge Competition in May.

Lakehead also took second place in the technical paper competition.

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*From left to right, Dr. Sam Salem (Steel bridge team academic advisor), Thomas Gobeil, Curtis Moss, Nick Wegher, Chris Legg, Brad McDonald, Brad DesRochers and Conrad Hagstrom (Civil Engineering Labs Manager).*



*Illustration of Andreas Zailo's geothermal greenhouse.*

## Lakehead Mechanical Engineering student wins first place

A fourth-year Mechanical Engineering student from Lakehead University placed first at the Canadian Engineering Competition held recently at McGill University.

In the Engineering Communications category, Andreas Zailo had to present a clear and concise viewpoint on a technical topic to a judging panel. He had to focus on thoroughly explaining technical, social, economic and environmental impacts.

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## Growth of Orillia Campus's Athletics Program Celebrated

The accomplishments of athletes at the Orillia campus were celebrated at an annual banquet on April 2 at Hawk Ridge Golf & Country Club. **Over 80 athletes from seven sports, along with their coaches, were recognized.**



As a result of the growth of the athletic program, for the first time, awards were presented to the overall female and male athletes of the year. The honour went to Brianne Martin of the Women's Hockey team and to Brett Gibson of the Golf team. In addition, recipients of the *Plastics Protect & Holliswealth Athletic Achievement Award* were recognized (as shown in photo below). This award is presented each month during the school year to recognize exemplary leadership, sportsmanship and athletic performance.



## Lakehead University Athletics Awards Dinner

Lakehead Athletics handed out awards at its annual awards gala, April 2, which was held in the John N. Paterson Faculty of Law Auditorium at PACI.

Runner Kevin Tree repeated as *Male Athlete of the Year*, while skier Alysson Marshall took home *Athlete of the Year* honours among Thunderwolf women.

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*Alysson Marshall, the Female Athlete of the Year, flanked by myself and Athletics Director, Tom Warden.*