



President's Report to Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council

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Lakehead University in top 100 of Times Higher Education Impact Rankings for third consecutive year

For the third year in a row, Lakehead University was included in the top 100 of the *Times Higher Education* Impact Rankings. Lakehead is the highest ranked university in the world with under 10,000 students.

The Impact Rankings measure the societal impact of universities by evaluating an institutions' success in delivering the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. In 2022, Lakehead has been ranked as one of the top universities in the world contributing to poverty reduction, elimination of hunger, reduced inequalities, good health and wellbeing, and to peace, justice and strong institutions.



Lakehead is ranked 64th out of 1,406 universities from around the world, based on its performance in meeting the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Lakehead is the only primarily undergraduate university in Canada that participated in the 2022 *Impact Rankings* and one of only 16 Canadian universities to be included in the top 100.

Lakehead is ranked in all 17 SDGs, which demonstrates the University's commitments to be a leader in sustainability and to embed and embrace sustainability throughout the university community.

Ranking ahead of several top comprehensive and research-intensive Canadian universities, Lakehead scored highly across many SDGs, including ninth globally in SDG 1: No Poverty, which measures institutions on their respective efforts to help reduce poverty, including research, stewardship, outreach, and teaching. This represents Lakehead's role as one of the largest employers, post-secondary institutions and economic hubs in Northwestern Ontario and Simcoe County, and the direct impact the University has on economic and social resiliency in the regions it serves.

This ranking also reflects the many initiatives Lakehead offers to support students who face barriers to accessing university education, including financial barriers, as well as the innovative research being done by faculty related to poverty in rural and remote communities in Northwestern Ontario.

Visit Lakehead University's Times Higher Education profile at [timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/lakehead-university](https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/lakehead-university).

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Lakehead University welcomes elementary school children to campus through the Achievement Program

Lakehead University's ActiveU staff hosted more than 80 young people on Friday, May 13 as part of the annual Achievement Program Day on Campus.

Lakehead started the Achievement Program in 2011 to help students obtain a post-secondary education.

The Achievement Program offers children who might otherwise not have been able to attend University the opportunity to experience it. School boards choose eligible schools based on socioeconomic status and families self enrol.

Children in grades 4-12 participate in programming yearly in their school, community and at Lakehead University, and in return earn financial support for Lakehead University once they graduate high school.



Lakehead University's Achievement Program Day welcomed the next generation of Lakehead students to the CJ Sanders Fieldhouse gym.

Amanda Stefanile, Achievement Program Coordinator, said she was happy to have the students back on campus for the day.

Achievement Program Day on Campus had students exploring campus through educational activities offered by ActiveU, the School of Nursing, Let's Talk Science, Ingenuity, the Department of Chemistry, the Faculty of Engineering, the Nijiji Indigenous Mentorship Program, and Indigenous Cultural Support Services.

Lakeishia Meekis is an Achievement Program alum who encouraged the students to continue to push themselves.

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Lakehead University's 2022 Convocation and Graduation celebrations

Lakehead University recognized six exceptional people at this year's main convocation ceremony held virtually on Thursday, June 2.

Lyn McLeod, Chief Perry Bellegarde, and Karl Subban will receive honorary degrees for their distinguished achievements within the communities and people they have dedicated their lives to improving.

Lakehead University will also honour former Lakehead Board of Governors Chair Cameron Clark by naming him Fellow of the University. Fellows are named for their unique contribution to the growth, development, welfare, and well-being of Lakehead University.

Clark served as Chair and Vice-Chair of Lakehead's Board of Governors from 2010-2014.

Robert and Qennefer Browne (posthumously) will be presented with the 2022 Civitas Award for their significant contributions to the University community.

Lakehead's virtual main Convocation Ceremony will also include the formal installation of Lakehead's 10th chancellor, Dr. Rita Shelton Deverell. Dr. Deverell was named Lakehead's Chancellor in October 2021.

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Thunderwolves close out historic season at Provincials with a top four finish

The 2021-2022 season was a historic one for the Lakehead Orillia Thunderwolves varsity women's indoor soccer team. For the first time in the program's history, and after a season full of adaptation and unexpected challenges brought on by the pandemic, the Thunderwolves secured a final four finish in the Ontario College Athletics Association (OCAA) Provincial Championships and finished the season ranked fourth in the province.



Announcing the new Finnish Chair

The Finnish Chair Advisory Committee and the Department of Anthropology are pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Oula Seitsonen** as the 11th Lakehead University Chair in Finnish Studies. The Chair in Finnish Studies is an interdisciplinary appointment for one or two terms during the regular academic year.

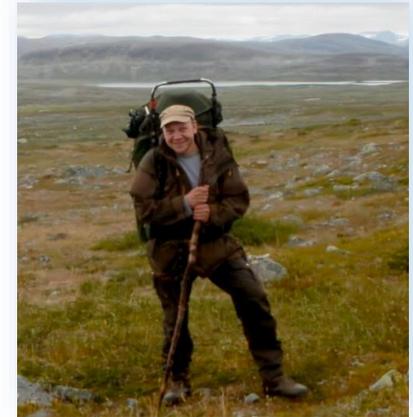
Chairs are chosen by the Advisory Committee through an open competition and are expected to have a significant research profile. Dr. Seitsonen is an archaeologist with a particular interest in contemporary archaeology of, for instance, immigrant and refugee populations.

Dr. Seitsonen will be in Thunder Bay for the fall term and will be teaching a course entitled Modern Conflict Archaeology (ANTH 3811). During his time at Lakehead University, he will also be conducting a research project entitled “Finnish-Canadian homestead research in the footsteps of archaeologist Sakari Pälsi.”

He will be carrying out a multidisciplinary contemporary archaeological study of early-20th century Finnish Canadian homesteads and exploring the material heritage of Finnish Canadians in the Thunder Bay region, and retracing the trail that Finnish archaeologist Sakari Pälsi took in 1927 across Canada. Pälsi visited Finnish societies in different parts of Canada and documented their lifeways in photographs and writing, for instance, in the Port Arthur area, and at Sointula on the Malcom Island, British Columbia.

Dr. Seitsonen has taught a wide variety of courses at Universities of Helsinki and Oulu, and been in charge of archaeological field schools and fieldwork in various areas, besides Fennoscandia, for example in Mongolia and eastern Africa. His recent teaching has included e.g. the following lecture series: “Archaeologies of 20th Century Conflicts” and “Remote Sensing methods and approaches in Archaeology”. In addition to teaching, he enjoys community engagement that he has practiced for example through public lectures and community archaeological projects.

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Lakehead University launches 10-year plan to increase Indigenous language fluency

Lakehead University is embarking on a 10-year initiative that will support the revitalization of Indigenous languages in and around the University. This plan will reaffirm the University's commitment to working alongside Indigenous communities as they revitalize those languages by providing an interactive and immersive experience.

The United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization has designated 2022 – 2032 as the Decade of Indigenous Languages. The revitalization of Indigenous languages is a social movement, where everyone has a role whether they are Indigenous or non-Indigenous, a language learner or a non-language learner.

At Lakehead University, there are three Indigenous languages taught: Oji-cree, Cree, Ojibwe, with four dialects of Ojibwe: Eastern, Northern, Southwestern and Western. Lakehead held a kick-off celebration with Ojibwe Language Revitalization expert Dr. Anton Treuer, Ojibwe professor at Bemidji State University and author, on April 20.

At the Making a Decade of Action for Indigenous Languages meeting in Mexico City more than 500 participants from 50 countries passed the Los Pinos Declaration, which affirmed Indigenous Peoples' rights to freedom of expression, to an education in their mother tongue and to participation in public life using their languages, as prerequisites for the survival of Indigenous languages, many of which are currently on the verge of extinction.

Sadly, Indigenous language loss is prevalent in Canada, where many communities no longer produce fluent first-language speakers.

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Lakehead Orillia celebrates varsity athletes during in-person athletic banquet

The Lakehead Orillia Thunderwolves capped off a successful 2021-2022 athletic season on Tues. April 5 during the first in-person Athletic Awards Banquet since 2019. Marking the first season back to regular training and competition, there was a lot to celebrate for the Thunderwolves three varsity teams. Winners from the evening include:

Athlete of the Year

Breann Sharma, Women's Indoor Soccer
Shane Tonkonog, Men's Indoor Soccer

Principal's Award for Leadership in Athletics and Recreation

Sarah Simpson

OCAA All-Academic

Joshua Brown, Golf (fall 2021)
Ethan Sleep, Golf (fall 2021)
Grace Heywood, Women's Indoor Soccer (winter 2020)
Ally Morris, Women's Indoor Soccer (winter 2020)

Rookie of the Year

Jack Beck, Golf
Hady Hamdan, Men's Indoor Soccer
Mikaela Pludra, Women's Indoor Soccer

MVP

Noah Collins, Golf
Lucas Tinney, Men's Indoor Soccer
Grace Heywood, Women's Indoor Soccer





Academic Excellence

Lakehead researchers excited about the NDP's proposal to expand OHIP to include therapy sessions

Two Lakehead University psychology professors said NDP Leader Andrea Horwath's proposal to expand OHIP to include therapy sessions is in-line with recommendations they made in their 2020 article published in the Canadian Journal of Public Health.

In the article released on August 7, 2020, Lakehead psychology professors Drs. Deborah Scharf and Kirsten Oinonen, who are both registered clinical psychologists, argued Ontario's COVID-19 response highlights shortcomings of its physician-only public health-care system.

Drs. Scharf and Oinonen said it limits access to appropriate and sustainable mental health care. They encouraged the province to integrate registered mental health providers into the public health insurance system, which is why they're excited about the NDP's proposal.

Drs. Scharf and Oinonen argued that a physician-focused OHIP approach was inadequate because physicians were already overburdened with pandemic-related medical issues and they may not have the training or desire to assume increased responsibility for mental health care.

At the same time, registered and specially trained mental health professionals such as psychologists were available to help offset the increased need for services.

The researchers described several problems with Ontario's physician-centric response to COVID-19, including that physicians do not typically provide psychotherapy; payment incentives in medicine have not typically increased public access to mental health-care; shortages of psychiatrist and other public mental health-care services mean that physicians have nowhere within the public system to refer their patients with severe or emergency mental health issues, among other concerns.

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Lakehead research into an innovative mass timber beam-to-column connection received Canadian patent certificate

A Lakehead University Civil Engineering professor and graduate student have published the results of a new study on the fire performance of an innovative mass timber beam-to-column connection that they designed to achieve one hour of resistance from fire without any additional protection.

Dr. Sam Salem, Associate Professor and Chair of the Dept. of Civil Engineering, and graduate student Cory Hubbard developed and tested the timber beam-column connection, which they described in a research article in fire safety journal, Elsevier, a leading journal in fire safety engineering.

The new connection configuration utilizes two fully concealed, mechanically fastened steel rods in glulam beam sections. The fire experiments presented in the published article were conducted in the Fire Testing and Research Laboratory at Lakehead University.

The new timber beam-to-column connection configuration has received a patent certificate from Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada – Canadian Intellectual Property Office (Patent No. 3045195) and patent-pending status in the USA.

Dr. Salem mainly funded this research through a Discovery grant from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC).

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The Canadian Patent record for this innovative mass timber beam-to-column connection can be seen [here](#).

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News from the Giant airing on CKPR television

News from the Giant is a series of three programs that aired on CKPR television between May 18-May 20 at 7 pm. This series explores Thunder Bay and the Lakehead region through the lens of the nightly news from the late 1950s and early 1960s. The production is part of a larger project called the Reel Memories Project. News from the Giant replicates the newsreels that were once shown in movie theatres around the world.

This is a public history project that faculty, along with current and former students in the Department of History have been working on for the past three years and News from the Giant is one of the first results of the research. In addition to the work of faculty and students, the project also features the talent of people in the local film industry.

The series covers a variety of topics that will be of interest to anyone who appreciates history and the art of filmmaking. See a report on Queen's visit in 1959, hear what Tommy Douglas had to say about the Canadian economy, and watch as the "Twist" is danced for the first time at the Lakehead. Tune in for an entertaining look at the local news from years gone by.

Two Lakehead Engineering students selected for the 2022 Canada-Africa Innovation Fellowship

Two Lakehead Engineering students will participate in the Canada-Africa Innovation Fellowship established by Engineers Without Borders. Out of over 100 applications, Lakehead Engineering students **Annang Ibrahim** and **Wade Treslove** were awarded this prestigious fellowship after a rigorous selection process.

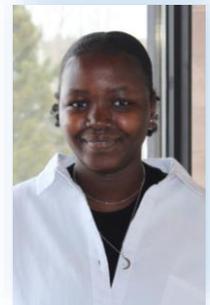
Ibrahim is a third-year Mechanical Engineering student at Lakehead Thunder Bay and Treslove is about to complete an Electrical Engineering degree at Lakehead-Georgian in Barrie.



The Canada-Africa Innovation Fellowship program provides a unique opportunity for young leaders based in Canada and Africa to work together and develop innovative solutions to complex global challenges.

This year, the Canada-Africa Innovation Fellowship will focus on building the entrepreneurship, innovation and leadership skills of undergraduate and recently-graduated Canadians, Ugandans and Ghanaians. It will provide them with a platform to ask tough questions and develop green and renewable solutions to mitigate the impact of climate change on underserved communities in sub-Saharan Africa, Canada, and beyond.

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Lakehead University Paleo DNA lab was Instrumental in Identifying the Remains of a Cold Case

Lakehead University's Paleo-DNA Laboratory has successfully identified an American man missing for 30 years. Eighteen-year-old Hoover Jerome Morris was last seen in November 1991 at his residence on Thomas Street in Heflin, Alabama. He left with a friend that evening and was never seen or heard from again. Police attempted to track him down but information was scarce at the time with no leads generated. Years later, remains were found in 1997 in a remote part of Heflin by a man preparing his land to build a house. When the man found the remains, he initially thought they were those of a deer, but after police inspection they were determined to be human and the result of a homicide. Covered in leaves and vegetation for 6 years, the remains were too degraded at the time to be identified by DNA. The case went cold.

This case was revisited in 2021. It was thought recent advancements in DNA testing may now make identification possible. In early 2021, the PDNA Lab began performing DNA extraction services for a few customers looking to do forensic genealogy on degraded material in order to generate new leads for identification purposes. The PDNA Lab would extract the DNA from the remains, send it off to another lab for whole genome sequencing, where that information would be forwarded on to genetic genealogists for analysis. One of those customers is the Mobile County Sheriff's Office in Alabama. A femur was sent to the PDNA Lab in November 2021. DNA was extracted and sent off for forensic genetic genealogy but there was not enough DNA extracted to produce any information. Next, 4 molars were sent in April 2022. DNA was extracted. The PDNA Lab was asked to perform mitochondrial DNA Analysis here and to compare the DNA profile to that of a possible maternal relative. The analysis took place, a comparison was made, and the remains were successfully identified as Hoover Jerome Morris.

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Lakehead University's Paleo-DNA Laboratory continues to be involved in many high-profile identifications bringing awareness to the expertise Lakehead University has to offer.

Some of the other well-known identifications are:

- ['Babes in the Woods' in BC](#)
- [Remains of the ill-fated Franklin Expedition](#)
- [Remains of General Casimir Pulaski](#)
- [Canadian WWI missing in action soldier](#)
- [The unknown child of the Titanic disaster](#)



Dr. Mirit Grabarski - Recipient of the 2022 HRR I Best Dissertation Award

Dr. Mirit Grabarski, Assistant Professor of Human Resources and Organizational Behaviour in the Faculty of Business Administration, was awarded the Best PhD Dissertation in HR Award from the Human Resources Research Institute (HRR I).

This award is granted to one recent PhD graduate from a Canadian PhD program in recognition of excellent research in the field of human resources.

Dr. Grabarski graduated from the Ivey School of Business at Western in 2021 before joining Lakehead University in August. In her dissertation she studied career empowerment, which embodies motivation for career-related behaviours. The dissertation is a multi-study project that employs mixed research methods to build the construct of career empowerment, create and validate a measure for it, and finally test its ability to predict a wide range of career-related variables such as objective and subjective career success.

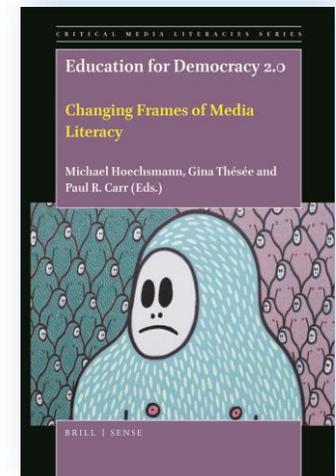


Dr. Michael Hoehsmann's Book Wins Outstanding Book Award

The book *Education for Democracy 2.0: Changing Frames of Media Literacy* has received a 2022 Society of Professors of Education (SPE) Outstanding Book Award. Congratulations to lead editor Dr. Michael Hoehsmann (Chair, Education Programs (Orillia) and Associate Professor).

The awards ceremony was held virtually at SPE's Annual Meeting on April 23. The Society of Professors of Education is an organization which, since 1902, has provided a forum for addressing the issues facing the discipline and vocation of education.

See more here: <https://brill.com/view/title/59612>





Lakehead professors receiving New Frontiers in Research Grants

Two Lakehead University professors are each receiving significant research funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. In total, the amount represents more than \$470,000 of funding.

Dr. Jian Deng from Civil Engineering is receiving a \$237,970 grant under SSHRC's New Frontiers in Research Fund: special call on innovative approaches to research in the pandemic context.

Over one year, Dr. Deng and his team will explore new approaches in probabilistic slope stability analysis, which is how a civil engineer examines if the angle of a slope in a roadway, bridge or dam will result in that structure failing.

This research will contribute significantly to the advancement of knowledge and technologies associated with probabilistic slope analysis and design. Enhanced understanding of the slope failure mechanism will inform protocols and measures, by proper soil stabilization measures, to avoid slope disasters.

Dr. Nicholas Ravanelli from Kinesiology is also receiving a one-year grant under SSHRC's New Frontiers in Research Fund: special call on innovative approaches to research in the pandemic context – for \$237,730.

Dr. Ravanelli and his team will examine the way vulnerable people behave and their physiological responses to heat waves.

Advancements in wearable sensors, web applications, and internet-connected devices offer a unique opportunity to transform traditional data collection equipment to monitor the indoor and outdoor environmental conditions along with each person's behavioural and physiological responses in real-time during heat waves.

Dr. Ravanelli said these at-home environmental and health monitoring solutions may identify the primary factors influencing heat-related complications in vulnerable populations and provide greater telemedicine diagnostic precision for individuals who lack immediate access to health-care services.

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Lakehead University earns first place at the Student Steel Bridge Regional Competition

The team representing Lakehead Engineering has won first place overall at the Student Steel Bridge Regional Competition held in Illinois April 7 to 9, organized by the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

This year's competition included eight categories: aesthetics, construction speed, lightness, stiffness, construction economy, structural efficiency, cost estimation, and overall performance. Lakehead's team placed first in seven of the eight categories and came second in the other category.

Dr. Yanglin Gong and technologist **Cory Hubbard** supervised the team, comprised of fourth-year Civil Engineering students **Damien Grayda, Paul Graham, Philip Duke, Felix Lasalle, and Matthew Scott**.

The Lakehead Engineering team won the competition for Western Great Lakes region, hosted at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. They were the only Canadian university in this regional competition that featured over 400 students from 13 American universities.

Dr. Juan Pernia was faculty advisor for the ASCE student chapter. Technologists **Morgan Ellis, Kailash Bhatia** and **Stefanie Stangier** also acted as machinist advisors to the team. **Josh Fiegehen**, representing the student chapter, participated in symposiums and presented a technical paper.

The annual Student Steel Bridge Competition, which began in 1987, challenges student teams to develop a 20-foot-long steel bridge to fit a given hypothetical environment.

After triumphing in the regional competition, Lakehead's team will go up against top universities from across North America in the National Finals from May 27-28 at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia.

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From left, Philip Duke, Matthew Scott, Damien Grayda, Paul Graham, Felix Lasalle, and Cory Hubbard (technologist), Dr. Yanglin Gong (faculty advisor) won first place at the regional competition.



Law student receives Royal Society of Canada's inaugural Justice Rosalie Silberman Abella Prize

Aria Kamal, from Barrie, Ont., has been named as one of the recipients of the Royal Society of Canada's inaugural Justice Rosalie Silberman Abella Prize.

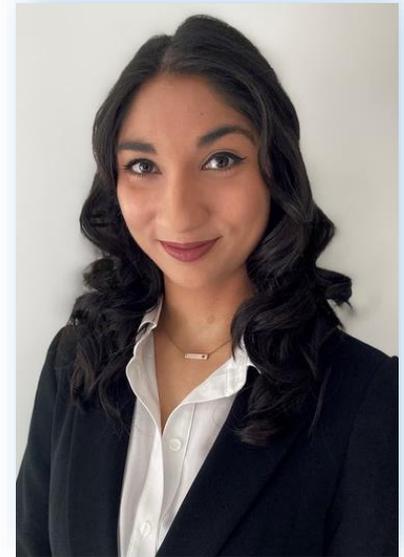
Kamal began advancing equality in her community through her involvement with Dress for Success, a charitable organization that empowers women to achieve economic independence, where she worked closely with clients by providing them with business attire and professional development training to secure meaningful employment.

Kamal said she is grateful for the unique opportunities and experiences that she has had as a student in the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law.

The Royal Society of Canada established this prize in honour of Justice Rosalie Silberman Abella, a changemaker celebrated for her visionary intellectual contributions and commitment to building equality and equity across Canadian society and beyond.

The Justice Rosalie Silberman Abella Prize is presented annually to a graduating law student in each of the law schools in Canada who is most likely to positively influence equity and social justice in Canada or globally.

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Local and Global Partnerships

Ontario Working for Workers by Investing Over \$5 Million in Health and Safety Research at Lakehead

The Ontario government is working for workers by investing \$5.5 million in ground-breaking workplace health and safety research led by the Enhancing Prevention of Injury and Disability @ Work (EPID@Work) Research Institute at Lakehead University. The funding will contribute to the Institute's leading research in several key areas including, reducing mental health stigma in the workplace and designing injury prevention programs for vulnerable workers in Northwestern Ontario.

Research shows vulnerable workers are often at increased risk of workplace injury as they face challenges accessing conventional workplace health and safety resources and training. EPID@Work's research will aim to identify and address these barriers.

This investment is part of the government's plan to build a future where Ontario is the best place to live, work and raise a family. This includes recently passing new legislation that provides historic new protections for workers, as well as releasing the province's five-year health and safety strategy, Prevention Works.

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Lakehead University and Confederation College Sign Joint Admission Agreement

Lakehead University and Confederation College have signed a joint admission agreement that will facilitate the seamless transfer of students earning a college diploma directly to undergraduate studies at university. Covering more than 30 distinct diploma to degree programs, this agreement will reduce red tape and the time, costs, and barriers of higher education by encouraging students to continue with post-secondary education after they complete their respective diploma program.

Through this agreement, students will experience improved and collaborative recruitment, communication, transition, and academic advising.

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Congratulations to Dr. Rebecca Schiff

The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board has chosen Lakehead University's **Dr. Rebecca Schiff**, Chair/Professor of the Department of Health Sciences, to serve on the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) Advisory Table.

The purpose of the CHPI Advisory Table is to review current Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative programs and funding commitments, and to identify new opportunities for consideration to assist TBDSSAB in meeting its strategic priorities, which will broaden engagement and participation of its rural and urban partners and stakeholders.

Dr. Schiff will serve on the advisory table until December 2023. Her research has brought much needed attention to homelessness in rural and remote communities during COVID-19.

Indigenous Initiatives

Supporting Student Potential

The Indigenous Initiatives Coordinator (Orillia) partnered with Lakehead University Student Union (LUSU) offered a Water Ceremony at the Orillia campus to mark World Water Day on March 22, 2022.

Engaging with Communities

The Indigenous Initiatives Coordinator (Orillia) continues to co-host weekly virtual Gindaasdaa (Reading Together) Book Club sessions with Elder Trish Monague, Elder in Residence - Lakehead University and Culture and Heritage Coordinator - Beausoleil First Nation (BFN). This initiative allows space for LU students and BFN members to stay connected and build relationships while exploring the book Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer. In addition, this is a way for Lakehead University to build relationships with the BFN community and a way to engage in a Year of Climate Action (YOCA). This was open to both Orillia and Thunder Bay campuses. Please note: Elder Trish Monague is on a medical leave until further notice.



Lakehead sponsor of 'back to business' event

On Thurs. April 7, the Orillia Campus team attended the Orillia & District Chamber of Commerce Business Achievement Awards at Casino Rama. It was the first in-person awards celebration since 2019. Lakehead University was Presenting Sponsor of this year's awards, as well as the Sustainability (Green) Award sponsor. Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans, Principal of the Orillia Campus, was on hand to present the award to this year's recipient, Green Storage.

Virtual Patient Journey Conference: Our Voices, Our Stories will be held June 9 and 10

Lakehead University's School of Nursing and School of Social Work, in collaboration with Wounds Canada, will be hosting the first virtual Patient Journey Conference on Thursday, June 9 and Friday, June 10.

Funded through a grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, **Dr. Ide Costa** from the School of Nursing (principal-investigator) is also the conference's chair, with presentations by the co-investigators **Dr. Catherine Phillips** (School of Social Work), **Dr. Michelle Spadoni** (School of Nursing), Dr. Pilar Camargo Plazas (Queen's University), and the support of Mariam Botros, CEO of Wounds Canada.

Called *Our Voices, Our Stories*, the conference will bring individuals, families and caregivers affected by complex wounds together with researchers, health and social service providers, educators, community leaders, and policymakers.

Speakers will address social determinants of health perpetuating health inequalities and discuss collaborative strategies to improve the delivery of a holistic and patient-centred wound care approach.

Register now by visiting: <https://www.woundscanada2022.ca/>

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Updates from Community Engagement and Lifelong Learning

In mid-May, CELL hosted the first cohort of the Executive Leadership Program, in collaboration with Georgian College. Several Lakehead professors taught in this program, including **Dr. David Richards**, **Dr. Kunle Akingbola**, Dr. Sonia Mastrangelo, and **Dr. Linda Rodenburg**.

TALL's latest series - "Canadian Systems of Power" – started May 18 with an important lecture by Dr. Timothy Sayle on NATO and the war in Ukraine. Lakehead's Dr. Toby Rollo will also feature in this series.

On May 26, 200 high school students attended the Youth Sustainability Summit at the Orillia campus. Their teachers took part in professional development workshops as well. This event, in collaboration with the Sustainable Orillia Youth Council and **Dr. Ellen Field**, was supported by a SSHRC Connection grant.

Thunder Bay programming includes an Arts-based SHSM "reach-ahead" held on May 30 and 31, which over 90 students from two high schools came to campus for a lecture, arts workshops, and a campus tour. This initiative was supported by the Thunder Bay Community Foundation.

CELL had over 700 people attend the Truth and Reconciliation dialogues - from as far away as New Zealand! In April, CELL hosted "Spring into Learning," four foodie workshops showcasing local businesses focusing on chocolate, gouda cheese, bread-making, and Shumka dust. CELL is also collaborating with Lions Oval and Regent Park elementary schools in Orillia on two PRO-grant funded workshops that will enable 200 families to participate in "Operation Grow!," learning about sustainable agriculture while planting tomatoes and lettuce this spring.

CELL has also launched registration for the next TALL series, "China and the World." The series, ran from March 30th - April 27th, it included not only bestselling author and journalist Jan Wong, but also Dr. Derek Irwin, a former Lakehead professor who is now Head of School at the University of Nottingham in Ningbo.

Finally CELL received a \$5000 microgrant from the Invasive Species Centre to expand the Special High Skills major programming and to fund an Invasive Species Eradication event for high school students onsite at Georgian Bay Islands National Park in collaboration with Parks Canada.



Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Ingenuity Updates

On May 2nd Ingenuity launched its second cohort of their Ascend Accelerator Program. With thanks to FedNor funding, Ingenuity was able to accept five teams and provide up to \$7500 per team for business development support. The applicants will work with Ingenuity over the next 12 weeks and have weekly milestone meetings, knowledge-based workshops and meet with mentors, along with other business support partners. A graduation ceremony to celebrate their success is planned for July 22.

Ingenuity continues to work with three of the four teams from the first cohort of Ascend. One business, Sunkissed Universe, is revenue generating and recently was a part of Craft Revival at Goods & Co in downtown Thunder Bay. Manilla has moved to Southern Ontario and is still working on plans to launch their app. Titan remains incorporated but the team has shifted focus to their engineering careers full time and their business as a part time enterprise.

Ingenuity is excited to announce their participation in a pilot program to trial entrepreneurial co-op at Lakehead University with the School of Kinesiology. Over summer 2022, the Student Success Centre will work with Ingenuity and Kinesiology to trial an e-co-op placement using the approach outlined below. From this experience, the Student Success Centre and Ingenuity will consider the development of a program recommendation in Fall 2022, for potential expansion to a limited number of e-co-op placements in Kinesiology and other interested Faculties Summer 2023.

Enterprise Co-op (E-Co-op) gives students the opportunity to start their own business related to the student's area of study while earning a co-op credit. A successful Entrepreneur Co-op term is one where you have built skills such as communication, problem solving, setting goals, planning and organizing, which are all crucial when it comes to being a business owner and professional. Upon completion of the Entrepreneur Co-op term you will have the foundation of planning and running a successful business and understand your market, your customer and your competitors. You will have developed a value proposition and will be comfortable pitching your product/service to any stakeholder.