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President's Report to Board of Governors



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Office of the President

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.

Georgian-Lakehead's Response to Capital Expansion Announcement

On May 20, the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) announced its long-awaited decision on postsecondary expansion.

The MTCU selected only one proposal for this fiscal year — a new York-Seneca campus to be built in Markham. The Ministry intends to issue a second call for proposals, next year, for the Halton and Peel regions. Notwithstanding the decision, Georgian College and Lakehead University remain committed to our ongoing collaboration to establish much-needed new degree programs for students in Central Ontario.

Going forward, our goal is to continue to emphasize the opportunities before us. There is exceptional potential to expand access to degrees in health and sciences, technology, engineering, business and management and other in-demand fields — without immediate capital investment or new buildings.

Lakehead and Georgian are already working on program development, and anticipate new programs as early as September 2016. Using existing space, we could add 2,000 new degree students – 1,200 at Georgian's Barrie Campus and 800 at Lakehead University's Orillia Campus.

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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...](#)

CONCUR Introduced for Travel Expense Management

Some staff will be using CONCUR to manage their travel claims during their trip to Orillia, this week.

Lakehead's Financial Services unit has been collaborating with other universities to develop the tool for post-secondary institutions' purposes, and commends the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities for investing in the software. Financial Services has already begun processing expense requests and claims within CONCUR. The app is easily installed and used on portable devices, thereby offering immediate claim submissions.

Alumnus/HD Recipient Gifts Original Artwork to Lakehead

On May 29, Lakehead alumnus and 2015 Honorary Degree recipient, Dr. Dominic Man-Kit Lam presented a gift to his alma mater. Dr. Lam's work, *Nine Court Diagram: Creativity*, was unveiled to the University community and media at an event in the Office of the President's reception area, where it remains hanging in our Student Art Gallery along The Row.

Dr. Lam explained that his original, mixed media piece represents the "treasures" he inherited from his education at Lakehead University.



Dr. Lam explains the meaning of his original piece at unveiling event.



Appointment of New University Librarian

Karen Keiller began her role as our new University Librarian in May. Karen's previous job was Director of Information Services and Systems at the University of New Brunswick Saint John where she led library services, information technology, and educational and classroom technology. She has experience at four post-secondary institutions in a variety of roles relevant to her new position at Lakehead.

Karen succeeds Anne Deighton, who is retiring in June after 38 years with Lakehead University. Anne's last day will be June 30.

Facing Challenges of Today for Tomorrow Roundtable

At the Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Winter Chiefs Assembly in February 2015, NAN passed Resolution 15/12 (Social Issue Commonalities with our Urban Neighbours). Further to that resolution, NAN invited community partners to a May 20th roundtable discussion called *Facing Challenges of Today for Tomorrow*. Lakehead University was part of the discussion and co-sponsored the Roundtable event.

The discussion included the following identified issues:

- **Positives** – Education Opportunities, First Nations Trade School, economic development, training
- **Prevention Strategies** – Addiction Issues, trafficking and abuse of narcotics and prescription drugs
- **Community Safety** – Racism, gangs, access to services, orientation for newcomers
- **Homelessness** – Overcrowding, access to housing

Thunder Bay Campus's 2015 Convocation Ceremonies & Chancellor's Dinner

Approximately 900 students attended our Thunder Bay campus's three convocation ceremonies, May 29-30. In addition to celebrating our students and their achievements, and conferring honorary degrees and naming a Fellow of the University (see May 2015's President's Report to the Board), this was the first year a graduate addressed the audience as the "Voice of the Class".

To honour our 50th Anniversary, a special video of Lakehead's 1965 Convocation was shared at each ceremony, with graduates from the 1965 ceremonies present at our Saturday afternoon convocation.

On the evening of May 29, Chancellor Burney hosted his third Chancellor's Dinner at the Victoria Inn to over 200 guests, students, dignitaries, faculty, staff, and convocation honourees.

2015 Pan Am Games Torch Relay

Early Sunday morning, May 31, I represented Lakehead University as one of the 3,000 torchbearers for the 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games Torch Relay, and was Thunder Bay's first torchbearer. The Relay went along Arthur Street to City Hall, where a breakfast was had with all torchbearers and their families, local dignitaries, and the Games' mascot, Pachi.



Nurturing Scholarship

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](#).

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](#).

Mitacs Selects Lakehead Researchers for Aboriginal Engagement Pilot Initiative

[Mitacs](#), a national, not-for-profit organization that has designed and delivered research and training programs in Canada for 15 years, has initiated a new national program to support collaborations between First Nation communities and universities. Lakehead University recently became an associate member of Mitacs. The organization has selected Lakehead researchers Dr. Connie Nelson and Dr. Rebecca Schiff to work on food security issues with Bearskin Lake and Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nations.

This Mitacs Aboriginal Engagement Pilot Initiative is examining holistic approaches for supporting food systems that increase health in the selected First Nations. Researchers receive between \$75,000–\$100,000 from Mitacs.



Orillia's 2015 Convocation Honourees

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

Community Engagement

Survivors Rowe Screened at Lakehead

On May 11, the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives and Nishnawbe Aski Nation hosted a screening of *Survivors Rowe* on our Thunder Bay campus. The documentary is about four men who, as boys, were victims of Anglican minister Ralph Rowe. The film features the harrowing and tragic stories of Christopher Anderson, Joshua Frog, John Fox and Ralph Winter, who recounted the abuse they experienced as children, how their lives disintegrated because of it, and how they reclaimed hope.

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.

Homecoming 2015 Planning

Lakehead's first ever Homecoming event is happening, this fall, at both our campuses. Email invitations (Evites) for our Thunder Bay and Orillia events have recently been issued to over 26,000 people, including alumni, students, faculty, staff, donors, dignitaries and other friends of the University around the world. Several tables for our Homecoming Gala Dinner & Dance in Thunder Bay (October 3 in the Fieldhouse) have already been sold.

For more information and details about Thunder Bay and Orillia events and tickets, visit 50.lakeheadu.ca. All proceeds from our Homecoming Dinner & Dances will go to student financial aid.

Celebrating Lakehead University's Charter Day

July 1st marks Charter Day, Lakehead University's official 50th birthday.

To celebrate, we have partnered with the City of Thunder Bay, and will have a tent at its Canada Day celebration at Marina Park. The tent will have different activities for children of all ages, with volunteers including varsity athletes and Superior Science. We will participate in the City's Canada Day parade, and have a special Lakehead University cake to share with everyone. In Orillia, we are participating in the celebrations at Couchiching Park, with a booth, cake, and other activities.

Learner-Centred Student Experience

Inaugural Ontario Master Naturalist Program off to Great Start



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

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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Growth & Capacity Development



Fedderson named Principal & Next Phase of Orillia Campus

May 15 marked the official beginning of a new role for Dr. Kim Fedderson and our Orillia Campus.

Building on the recommendations from the Provost's Task Force on the Academic Structure and Governance at the Orillia Campus, the time had come to realign our management and organization framework to support our Orillia campus's evolution going forward. Following the academic structural changes arising from the work of the Task Force, I announced that Dr. Fedderson would be appointed the new title of Principal, Orillia Campus.

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NOHFC Gives \$1 Million for Telepresence Expansion

On May 22, the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation announced its investment of \$1M in Lakehead university's telepresence initiative. The funds will be used to establish the immersive classroom technology in Kenora and Sioux Lookout so students can have access to an interactive university education experience right in their home towns.

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Minister Gravelle announces \$1M investment to live and virtual audiences at media event.