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Lakehead University Geology Department
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 GEOLOGY
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Well it has been another busy semester for the Geology Department here at Lakehead, mainly because our undergraduate enrolment is at record highs (140 students across all our programs)! Partly as a result of this the Department featured prominently in the LU Report to the Community which featured alumnus **Steve Flank** (Class of '11) and local company Magma Metals on the [web site](#). Following on the retirement of Dr Borradaile last year, we are sad to announce that Dr Steve Kissin will be leaving us when he retires at the end of the academic year. Steve has been granted Emeritus status at Lakehead so we expect to see him in the Department in the coming years, if only because it will take him that long to clean out his office!

Successful Alumni

John Mason (Class of '75) was recently presented with the 2012 Ontario Prospectors Association Award, given to individuals who have made significant contributions to the mineral exploration sector in Ontario. John started with the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) in the 1970's where he progressed through the Resident Geologist program to become the Resident Geologist for the Beardmore-Geraldton area for a number of years. John rose through the ranks to become the Regional Manager for the northwest before retiring in the Fall of 2011 to work as Project Manager, Mining Services for the Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission (CEDC), to lead the development of a Mining Readiness Strategy.



PDAC



Lakehead will once again have a presence at PDAC this year. In addition to the President's Breakfast, there will be over 40 of our students in attendance as well as faculty and staff from the University. You can find us in the vicinity of the Ontario Pavillion if you want to stop by for a chat.



Dr. Brian Stevenson, President of Lakehead University, once again invites Geology alumni to join him for breakfast at 7.30 AM in the Territories Room at the Royal York Hotel on Monday, March 4, 2013. Space is limited so please RSVP to Amanda Gerow (amanda.gerow@lakeheadu.ca or 807-343-8155) before March 1.

Please contact peter.hollings@lakeheadu.ca if you have a story to share

Support

As announced in the last newsletter Rainy River Resources made a generous donation of \$20,000 to support two scholarships for undergraduate students in the Geology program. We are very happy to announce that the first winners of these awards are Brian Pisani and Tim McIntyre. Both Brian and Tim are third years in the Honours Geology program and were thrilled to receive these



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awards, which will go a long way to covering their costs for the year.

Collaborations

The Department is currently collaborating with the Geological Survey of Canada and the Ontario Geological Survey as part of the Natural Resource Canada's Targeted Geoscience Initiative 4 program. The program is supporting the research of two MSc students. Ben Kuzmich (*Class of '12*) is working on Ti-V bearing granites in the Ring of Fire area, whereas Brent Trevisan is investigating the petrogenesis of the Midcontinent Rift-related Ni-Cu-PGE bearing Thunder Intrusion.



Brian



Tim

Other News

As well as arranging for 40 or so of our undergraduates to attend PDAC this year, GALU (the Geological Association of Lakehead University) have also applied to set up a Society of Economic Geology (SEG) Student Chapter. If successful this will open up a wide range of funding opportunities from the SEG, who are keen to support student activities, especially field trips and activities with other student chapters. Even before they have been approved, the students are helping organise a short course on Greenstone



4th year student Emily Smyk spent last summer working at the Musselwhite Mine

Gold Deposits taught by Howard Poulsen. Howard, who is another Geology alumnus and the first person to receive an MSc from the Geology Department at Lakehead (*Class of '80*), has generously offered to give the profits from the course to the student chapter, so that they can be up and running as soon as they get approval. If you are in town the course will be held on January 18 & 19.



Ben Kuzmich examining core at Noront's Esker camp

Summer Jobs

With our high enrolment numbers we have a lot of students looking for summer jobs this year. So if you or your company are looking for summer students please think about Lakehead. We would be more than happy to put you in touch with our students, who are generally highly sought after by industry. We have already had a recruiting visit from John Biczok (*Class of '76*) from Musselwhite Mine, with more companies coming in the New Year.

Want to know more? Please visit our web site at www.geology.lakeheadu.ca