

SPECIAL 50TH COMMEMORATIVE EDITION



Lakehead
UNIVERSITY

2014-2015
ANNUAL REPORT

50
YEARS
1965 - 2015



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A SHARED JOURNEY

This annual report commemorates a major Lakehead University milestone – we are celebrating our 50th Anniversary.

The past 12 months have been a wonderful time to engage with Lakehead's history. At festivities throughout the year, I've been honoured to meet many of the Alumni, faculty, and supporters who've made Lakehead a place of exceptional and unconventional learning.

Our anniversary events have also reaffirmed that – from our earliest days – Lakehead has never been afraid to challenge itself to achieve greater things.

We grew from a technical institute into a college and then a university in less than

20 years. By 1965, we'd received our university charter and welcomed 1,066 students. In 2014-15, we welcomed 8,526 students to our campuses in Thunder Bay and Orillia. We've gone from two to ten faculties, and in Thunder Bay alone, Lakehead's economic impact over the past 50 years has been \$6 billion.

But this annual report is about much more than dates and numbers – it's about people. That's why the most important figure in this report is 57,000 – the number of Lakehead Alumni we are proud to call our own and whose legacy we will continue to embrace.

Brian J.R. Stevenson, PhD

*President & Vice-Chancellor
Lakehead University*

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS

William G. Tamblyn	1965-1972
Andrew D. Booth	1972-1978
George A. Harrower	1978-1984
Robert G. Rosehart	1984-1997
John H.M. Whitfield (Interim)	1997-1998
Frederick F. Gilbert	1998-2010
Brian J.R. Stevenson	2010-present

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY CHANCELLORS

The Hon. Norman M. Paterson	1965-1971
The Rt. Hon. Bora Laskin	1971-1980
Robert J. Prettie	1980-1987
G. Bernard Weiler	1987-1991
The Very Rev. The Hon. Lois M. Wilson	1991-2000
Lorne G. Everett	2000-2009
Arthur V. Mauro	2010-2012
Derek H. Burney	2013-present





CHAMPIONING EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

MEL BARTLEY, LAKEHEAD TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOUNDING PRINCIPAL

Grit and determination are mandatory in a geologist, and Melville (Mel) Bartley had both in abundance. He also had a keen civic spirit that would forge a lasting educational legacy.

Mel was a respected iron ore geologist, but in 1947 he accepted the position of founding principal of the Lakehead Technical Institute (LTI) because of his conviction that postsecondary education was vital to Northwestern Ontario. At the time, there was no college or university within hundreds of kilometres.

LTI's first 12 students arrived in 1948 to commence their two-year Mining Technology diploma on a makeshift campus – classes were held in army huts on a vacant lot on Cumberland Street.

"I've often said," notes Mel Bartley's son Bill, "that Lakehead University is the little mining school that got out of hand."

By its second year, LTI also offered a two-year Forest Technology diploma and first-year university credit courses in Arts and Science and Applied Science.

This was a gutsy move – the combination of technology and degree programs was unprecedented in Canada, laying the groundwork for Lakehead's metamorphosis.

In 1951, Mel stepped down to start his own consulting firm but he immediately joined the Institute's advisory committee along with William (Bill) G. Tambllyn, a local businessman who would become Lakehead University's founding president, and R.J. Flatt, another staunch advocate for postsecondary education in Northwestern Ontario.

LTI became the Lakehead College of Arts, Science and Technology (LCAST) in 1957 and moved to Oliver Road. The first academic building constructed on this new campus was later named the Braun Building to honour Harold S. Braun who succeeded Mel as LTI's principal before becoming LCAST's founding principal and the founding dean of University Schools at Lakehead University.

Mel skillfully helped Lakehead navigate its journey towards university status. He was the first chair of Lakehead's Board of Governors from 1965 to 1969, and in the early '70s he taught in the Geology department, influencing many future mining leaders.

Mel believed strongly in his students. In a 1951 LTI yearbook message, he said, "We look to you to bring to an unsettled world some of those qualities of vigour and enthusiasm which have marked your days here."

Mel Bartley's achievements continue to be celebrated with the new Dr. Melville Bartley CESME Memorial Scholarship for graduate students conducting research at Lakehead's Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Mining and Exploration.



LAKEHEAD'S EARLY YEARS

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The 1969 unveiling of a historic plaque commemorating Lakehead University (l-r) Former Board of Governors Chair Mel Bartley, Professor S.F. Wise, Board of Governors Chair J. Murray Fleming, University Schools Dean Harold Braun, President William Tamblyn, and Professor Kenneth Dawson

“Becoming educated does not follow inevitably from anything done by anyone else. What you derived from Lakehead University was determined by many things – the way you studied, the way you participated in other activities, the way you responded to your colleagues – in brief, the way you lived each day.”

*– Founding Dean of University Schools
Harold S. Braun, 1965*

1965

Lakehead receives its charter on Canada Day – the culmination of Northwestern Ontarians' long-fought battle to establish a university they could call their own

1965

Senator Norman M. Paterson becomes Lakehead's founding chancellor and William G. Tamblyn becomes Lakehead's founding president

1965

The Board of Governors establishes two divisions within the University – the Faculty of Arts and Science and University Schools

1965

Lakehead welcomes 1,066 students to the Thunder Bay campus which boasts the newly-constructed University Centre, described as the most modern theatre-lecture hall between London, Ontario, and Winnipeg

1966

New library is officially opened by Chancellor Paterson – in 1980 it's renamed The Chancellor Norman M. Paterson Library to honour his dedication to Lakehead

1966

First edition of Lakehead's student newspaper, *The Argus*, is published and the first students are admitted to the new four-year nursing degree program

1967

Centennial Building groundbreaking ceremonies start off with a bang when the Vice-Chancellor of Manchester University detonates a dynamite charge

1968

Development Fund surpasses its ambitious target of \$3 million for campus development and the C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse opens

1968

Lakehead awards its first graduate degree (English)

1969

Full-time enrolment climbs to 2,533 students and 64 new faculty and staff are hired

1971

Justice Bora Laskin is installed as Lakehead's second chancellor

ADVENTURES IN THE FIELD

A ROCK STORY

“How many people,” asks Emily Smyk, “have a job where they travel around a lake looking at rocks before stopping to have a picnic lunch?” Emily’s enthusiasm for fieldwork – and all aspects of geology – is shared by her fellow students.

The birth of Lakehead’s geology program began with early leaders like Mel Bartley who knew that a university in the heart of the Canadian Shield had to build on regional strengths and encourage economic development.

Emily is carrying on this tradition. “I love northern Ontario geology,” she says, “and the mining industry is a major employer that’s a lot bigger, broader, and more sustainable than people realize.”

Emily’s time at Lakehead – as an undergraduate and now as a master’s student – has been filled with opportunity. She was a student geologist with the Musselwhite and Goldcorp mines and served as president of the Geological Association of Lakehead University and the local student chapter of the Society of Economic Geologists.

She’s also had remarkable research experiences. Emily’s thesis supervisor, Lakehead Geology Chair Peter Hollings, points to her as “a great example of how Lakehead students get to collaborate with researchers around the world.”

Emily agrees. “I’ve been to the United States, Chile, Australia, Iceland, Sweden, and France – that’s something I didn’t expect at all. There are so many student-run bodies and there’s so much support and funding for geology students.”

1972-1975 MILESTONE MOMENTS

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- 1972** Andrew D. Booth is installed as Lakehead’s second president
- 1972** Ryan Building opens and is named in memory of Dean of Arts Timothy J. Ryan
- 1975** MA programs in Education and Sociology established



“Lakehead’s field school is outstanding. You can learn a lot about geology in the classroom, but having the chance to apply it makes you a better geologist.”

EMILY SMYK
MASTER’S STUDENT AND ALUMNA
(HBSC’13)



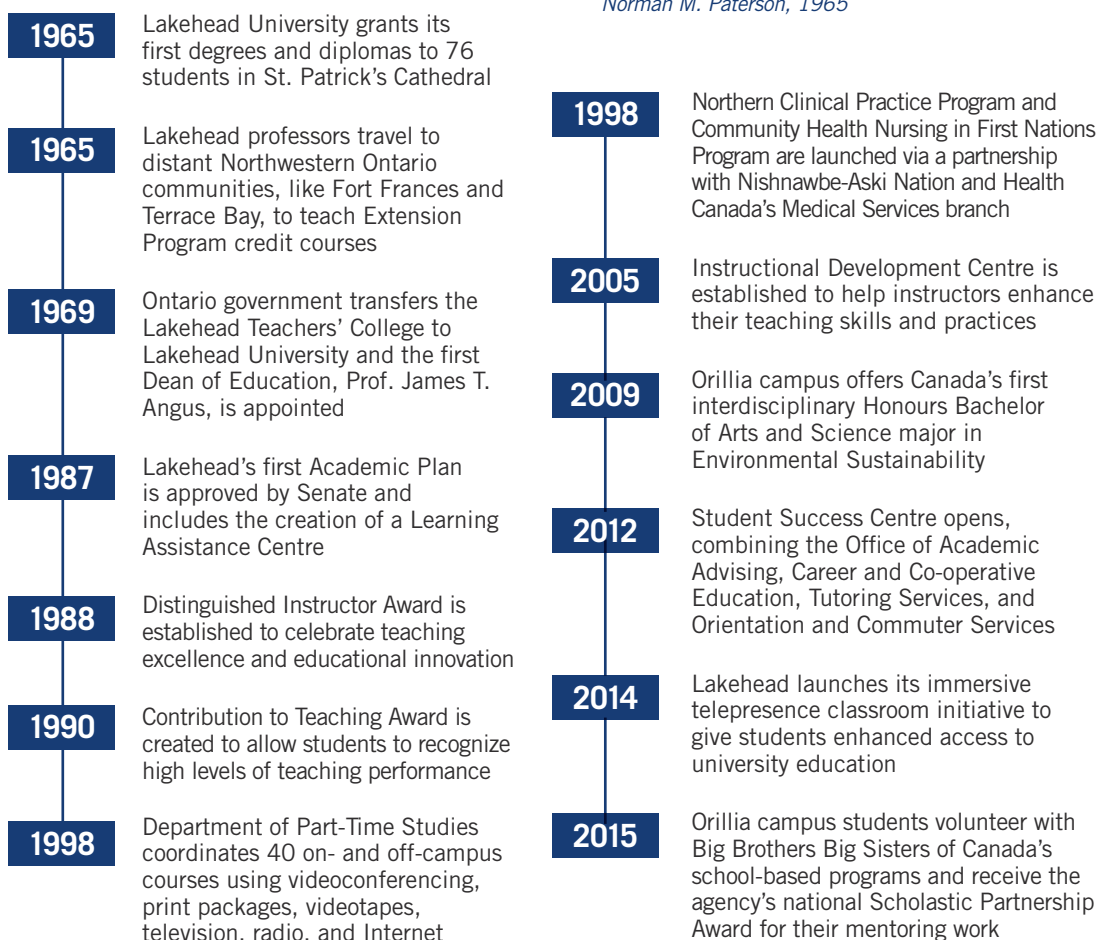
SELECTED TEACHING MILESTONES

A LEGACY OF LEARNING

Excellence in teaching and student-centred learning have always been at the core of Lakehead University's mission. Since our founding, we have given people from all walks of life the opportunity to shape their futures. We unite proven approaches to education with innovative interdisciplinary and experiential learning to create good citizens and strong communities.

"It must not be forgotten that to learn, to think, to remember, and to concentrate is the purpose of a college education. This training must be accompanied by heart and kindness and consideration for others."

– *Founding Chancellor*
Norman M. Paterson, 1965



RESEARCH ON THE RISE

Over the decades, Lakehead has evolved into a leading research-intensive university. Our researchers are improving the lives of Canadians by generating new knowledge and innovations that foster economic growth in Northwestern and Central Ontario.

“Discovery, creativity, inquiry, insight, and controversy are critical to research and to the development of new ideas. Lakehead has all of these in its outstanding network of researchers.”

– *Founding Vice-President, Research and Development, John H.M. Whitfield, 1999*





“Mammography is the best tool to significantly reduce breast cancer deaths and to detect breast cancer in women over 50. But there’s always room for improvement – especially for younger high-risk women and women with dense breast tissue.”

ALLA REZNIK
CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR IN THE
PHYSICS OF MEDICAL IMAGING

INCREASING CANCER DETECTION

INNOVATION WILL SAVE LIVES

Earlier in her career, physicist Alla Reznik worked on a device the Mayo Clinic used to reveal recurrent cancer missed by standard mammography. “I felt I helped save lives,” she says. “It was an emotional experience that committed me to improving women’s health.”

Currently, Alla is a Lakehead physics professor and Canada Research Chair in the Physics of Medical Imaging.

In 2013, she received a \$450,000 Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation grant to develop a new molecular breast imaging device – the Portable Positron Emission Mammography (PEM) – that will distinguish between cancerous and normal cells.

PEM uses a radiotracer to detect small masses and early breast cancer in younger high-risk women, women with dense breast tissue, and women with inconclusive mammography results. It also has the advantage of not requiring breast compression.


“Mammography is the best tool for breast cancer diagnosis,” Alla says, “but in 80% of cases involving dense breast tissue, it can’t provide conclusive results.” These women face the anxiety caused by a battery of tests, including biopsies, of which only 5% will prove cancerous. This is where PEM will benefit patients most. “If it shows cancer,” Alla says, “it is 99% accurate.”

This landmark innovation is being commercialized by Lakehead University and the Thunder Bay Regional Research Institute. In the near future, Portable PEM will save the lives of women in Northwestern Ontario, Canada, and the world.

1981-1989 MILESTONE MOMENTS

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- 1981** Lakehead University Student Union is incorporated
- 1985** Engineering Structures Laboratory opens its doors
- 1989** Lakehead establishes a regional campus in Kenora, Ontario



**“Being Canada
Research Chair in
Human Origins at
Lakehead University
is a great honour and
privilege. It’s allowing
me to explore human
evolutionary history
as well as give back to
my alma mater and my
hometown.”**

MATTHEW TOCHERI
ANTHROPOLOGY PROFESSOR AND ALUMNUS (HBA'99)

ORIGIN OF THE SPECIES

EVOLUTION UNCOVERED

Lakehead alumnus Matthew Tocheri has been to Flores many times – a lush volcanic island in the Indonesian Archipelago where Komodo dragons and huge tortoises roam. But Matthew isn't there for the wildlife. Instead, he heads into an ancient limestone cave to excavate the bones of an extinct human species discovered in 2003 – *Homo floresiensis*.

These small hominins were nicknamed 'hobbits' because they stood just over one metre tall. Their ancestors likely landed on Flores one million years ago – pre-dating the origins of modern humans by an astonishing 800,000 years.

Matthew, a Smithsonian Institution Research Associate and Flores dig co-director, says the excavations are going extremely well. "We discover new information about *H. floresiensis* and the prehistory of this region every year."

Matthew fell in love with anthropology as a Lakehead student. "My professors lit the spark for my academic interests and I also had an incredible opportunity to conduct fieldwork in Egypt."

His research focuses on the evolutionary history of humans and great apes. Now he's back at Lakehead's Thunder Bay campus as an anthropology professor and new Canada Research Chair in Human Origins. "I derive tremendous satisfaction when I see students get excited about learning new things," he says.

Matthew believes that understanding human evolution is pivotal to mapping out a sustainable future for ourselves. "If we don't fully comprehend where we came from, how can we know where to go?"

1990-1993 MILESTONE MOMENTS

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- 1990** Centre for Northern Forest Ecosystem Research launched in cooperation with Ministries of Natural Resources and Colleges and Universities
- 1992** William H. Buset Music and Visual Arts Centre opens
- 1993** Lakehead's first doctoral program, in Psychology, is approved by Senate



SELECTED ALUMNI MILESTONES



CELEBRATING ALUMNI

Since 1965, our Alumni have been transforming the world through their exceptional and unconventional accomplishments. Over the coming decades, the Alumni Association of Lakehead University (AALU) will continue to support our Alumni and celebrate their successes.

“We hope that as Alumni you will continue to feel that you are a part of this institution, because, in fact, a part of you will always be here.”

– Founding President and Vice-Chancellor
William G. Tamblyn, 1967

1972

Alumni Association commissions a silver convocation mace as a gift to the University

1979

Alumni Office is created to give graduates a meaningful voice in Alumni affairs and Lakehead University's development

1981

‘Evans House’ on Oliver Road is renamed ‘Alumni House’ and a new Alumni Association constitution is approved

1984

First issue of the *Nor'Wester: a magazine for Lakehead University alumni and friends* is published

1984

First annual Alumni Association Entrance Award goes to Churchill High School student Thompson Campbell McCuaig – since then, the AALU has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to student scholarships

1988

First annual Alumni Award is presented to Dr. Ronald Duhamel (BA'68) who served as a Canadian Member of Parliament and Senator until his death in 2002

1990

Alumni Reunion Weekend is held during Lakehead's Silver Jubilee celebrations

1993

Lakehead University and the Alumni Association purchase the Avila Centre from the Sisters of St. Joseph as the new headquarters of the Alumni Association

2004

Alumni Association expands its recognition program by establishing the Young Alumni Award – the first recipient is Todd Moore (HBScF'98)

2005

Alumni Association takes the lead role in celebrating Lakehead University's 40th Anniversary

2014

Alumni Association adopts the tagline ‘Engage. Celebrate. Share.’ and introduces a new convocation tradition – giving every graduating student an Alumni scarf



2014

Alumni Commons study lounge for Orillia campus students opens in Simcoe Hall

2015

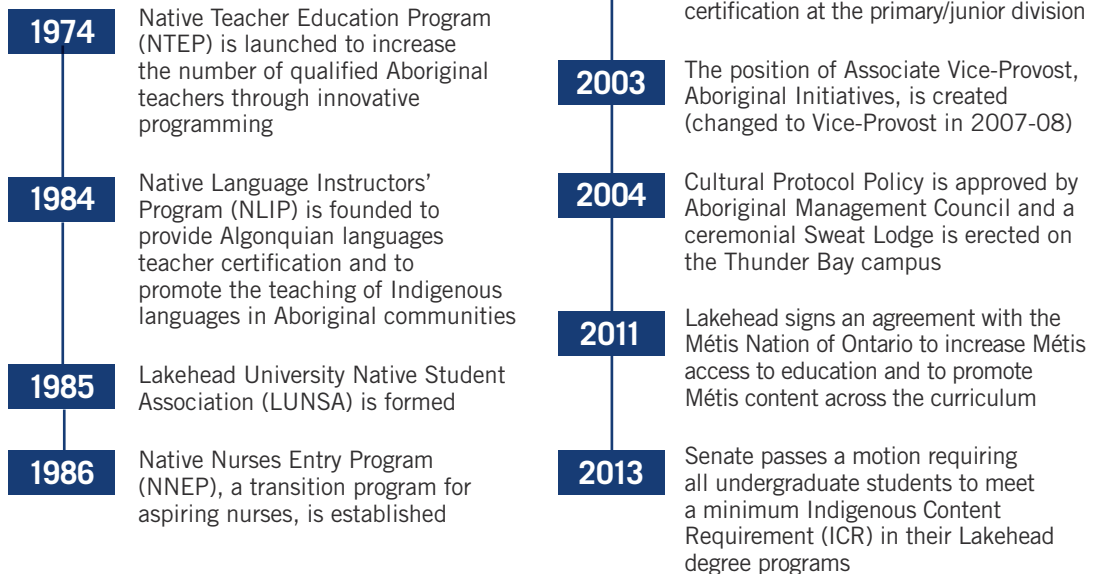
Lakehead University now has 57,000 proud Alumni living around the globe

CONNECTING WITH LEARNERS

“What motivates Aboriginal people to go back to school isn’t money or fame – it’s family. Most want to make a better life for their children.”

– *Lakehead’s First NTEP Teacher Counsellor and Professor Emerita of Education, Dolores Wawia, 2006*

Lakehead’s Thunder Bay campus is located on the traditional lands of the Fort William First Nation and our Orillia campus is located on the traditional lands of the Chippewas of Rama First Nation – the homes of the Anishnawbe and Métis people. Lakehead is committed to empowering Aboriginal learners, advancing knowledge, and fostering critical thinking.



OPENING DOORS TO OPPORTUNITY

ADVANCING EDUCATION

In 2006, Linda Rodenburg became one of the founding professors of Lakehead's Orillia campus – a place that has shaped the futures of thousands of people.

The early days of the Orillia campus were a heady time. “It was amazing,” says Linda. “We had 104 students in our charter class and by the end of the first month, we knew almost everyone on a first-name basis. There was a strong sense of community right from the start.”

For Linda, joining Lakehead as a faculty member brought her full circle – she completed her undergraduate studies at Lakehead's Thunder Bay campus. A native of Woodstock, Ontario, Linda had no idea just how far Thunder Bay was from her hometown, but she embraced these years as “a great learning adventure.”

This 2013 Lakehead Alumni Honour Award recipient now teaches English and Interdisciplinary Studies with a focus on postcolonial literature and Indigenous

cultural theory. She was first introduced to these concepts by Lakehead professors like the current Orillia Campus Principal Kim Fedderson, sparking Linda's fascination with “ideas of community and how we define ourselves and others through stories.”

Linda has been dedicated to creating transformative opportunities for students and community members for almost 10 years. This includes coordinating Humanities 101 in Orillia – a course that allows Simcoe County residents to experience postsecondary education. “Humanities 101,” Linda says, “gives participants the confidence to open the doors in their lives.”

1998-2006 MILESTONE MOMENTS

50
YEARS

- 1998** Lakehead donates 60 acres of land to build a new regional hospital in Thunder Bay
- 2004** \$44-million Advanced Technology & Academic Centre (ATAC) opens
- 2006** New Orillia campus welcomes its charter class of 104 students to Heritage Place



“Even though its geographical and social circumstances are unique, Lakehead Orillia has a culture like the one I was immersed in as a Thunder Bay student – one of learning, discovery, and community.”

LINDA RODENBURG
ORILLIA CAMPUS FOUNDING
PROFESSOR AND ALUMNA (HBA/BED'99)



SELECTED ATHLETICS MILESTONES

EXCELLENCE IN SPORT

Athletics have always been an essential part of the Lakehead University experience and our student-athletes perform at the highest levels of university sport.

1967

Lakehead joins the US National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the hockey team wins the NAIA championship; the ski team wins the Ontario Ski Championship

1970

Gord Garvie becomes the men's wrestling head coach and leads the team to the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) title for more than 10 consecutive years

1974

Athletics Department is amalgamated with the Department of Physical and Health Education

1977

Men's basketball team wins the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union (CIAU) silver medal

1995

School of Education and Athletics is renamed and reorganized into the School of Kinesiology

1996

Athletics Director Norman Lavoie institutes the Lakehead Athletics Wall of Fame

1998

Coach Francis Clayton leads the women's wrestling team to their first Ontario University Athletics (OUA) championship followed by a second championship in 2000

"Our rapid growth is a tremendous challenge but it also holds tremendous potential. I am sure that we will tap that potential and produce an even more effective varsity and intramural program that will bring credit to the University."

– Founding Athletics Director and Intramural Athletics Director, Henry 'Hank' Akervall, 1967

2001

Varsity hockey returns to Lakehead after a 16-year absence

2005

The Hangar opens – a multi-sport 55,000-square-foot athletics facility

2006

Men's hockey team wins the Queen's Cup and wins silver in the Canadian Interuniversity Sports (CIS) championships

2012

Orillia campus wins a national Innovation Award for their Simcoe/ Muskoka YMCA partnership

2013

Orillia campus joins the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA)

2014

Women's Nordic skiing team wins their 10th consecutive OUA championship and their 10th national team title in 11 years



2015

Women's basketball player Jylisa Williams is named 'Basketball Player of the Year' by the CIS and OUA

EMBRACING THE WORLD

“Lakehead is ready for the world – our students, faculty, and staff are leading international exchanges and promoting global dialogue, learning, and research. We are reaching out and engaging with other peoples and other nations.”

– *Brian J.R. Stevenson, PhD*
President & Vice-Chancellor

Lakehead's geographic remoteness has never stopped us from connecting with communities thousands of kilometres away. As we have matured as an institution, our international partnerships have skyrocketed and our campuses have become more diverse. We are well on our way to a new milestone – increasing the international student population to 10% of overall enrolment by 2018.

- 1965** Lakehead welcomes 14 international students to the Thunder Bay campus
- 1987** Student and faculty exchange program established with Gifu Shotoku Gakuen University in Japan
- 1999** Lakehead University Student Union begins sponsoring refugee students to live and study at Lakehead through the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) program
- 1999** Student recruitment delegations sent to the United States, Japan, Russia, Hong Kong, and Singapore

- 2001** Lakehead joins The University of the Arctic – an international network of circumpolar educational institutions in Canada, Finland, Sweden, Norway, the United States, Iceland, and Russia
- 2007** Agreement signed with Changzhou Institute of Technology, China, to collaborate on the delivery of mathematics programs
- 2009** Lakehead researchers begin partnership with researchers at the University of Minnesota Duluth's Swenson College of Science and Engineering and Natural Resources Research Institute
- 2010** Lakehead's International Office expands its programs and services and is renamed Lakehead University International (LUI)
- 2011** LUI establishes a recruitment office in Beijing, China, and has bilateral agreements with thirteen universities in eight countries including England, Northern Ireland, Germany, Australia, and Singapore
- 2012** LUI establishes a new English Language Program for international students; Brazilian Science without Borders students begin coming to Lakehead to study science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
- 2013** Vice-Provost International position is created to enhance the recruitment of international students and meet the needs of international students
- 2014** Number of international students (including English Language Program and exchange students) jumps to 596 – an increase of 28% over 2013



“Students were really excited to be part of a campus with such groundbreaking technologies – like the geothermal heating system and the green roof.”

JESSICA FOX
TD BANK ENTERPRISE DATA QUALITY
SENIOR ANALYST AND ALUMNA (BADMIN'10)

THE CHALLENGE OF BIG DATA

MAXIMIZING EFFICIENCY

Orillia native Jessica Fox works on Bay and Wellington, smack in the middle of Toronto's financial district.

She's an enterprise data quality senior analyst with TD Bank, trying to unlock the puzzle of big data while building a data-focused culture. This rapidly emerging field focuses on analyzing massive amounts of information to turn data into an organizational asset.

"Understanding this data makes us a better bank," Jessica says. "It gives us clearer insight into our customers' needs."

This isn't the first time Jessica has been ahead of the curve.

After completing two college diplomas, she enrolled at Lakehead University in Orillia – one of the country's newest campuses. "It was the only university I applied to," she notes. "It really developed my critical thinking and going to university in my hometown was a great experience."

Jessica completed her Bachelor of Administration in May 2010 and was hired as a human resources assistant at the Orillia campus.

Jessica's new job put her on the frontline of a major campus expansion – a second location on 500 University Avenue. "That summer we hired 15 professors."

On September 23, 2010, Simcoe Hall on Lakehead's Orillia campus opened – a \$43-million Platinum-certified Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design LEED® academic building. "I was proud to be part of the celebration," Jessica says, "and to see Orillia's sense of community grow even stronger."

2006-2010 MILESTONE MOMENTS

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2006 'Yale Shmale' marketing campaign attracts worldwide attention

2008 Four-year Honours BEd in Aboriginal Education begins – the first in Ontario

2010 Lakehead opens Simcoe Hall in Orillia, an academic building meeting Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) standards

HONOURING YUKSEL GULMEN

EMPOWERING PEOPLE

Anyone who met Yuksel Gulmen was moved by her kindness and compassion. “She made friends wherever she went,” says her husband, Orillia campus donor Tony Gulmen.

Yuksel, who passed away in 2013, was an educator, an artist, and a social activist. She spent decades helping her fellow Central Ontarians because, Tony explains, “she believed in equality, accessibility, and equal opportunities.”

These are also the principles of Lakehead’s Humanities 101 program – one of Yuksel’s passions. This outreach initiative for community members shut out of higher education because of financial or social obstacles, provides a taste of university life in a free semester-long course.

In 2012, when Humanities 101 was brought to the Orillia campus, Yuksel quickly joined the community advisory board. It was a natural fit. Yuksel had been a political science professor at Georgian College and at Istanbul University in Turkey.

“Yuksel and I both have graduate degrees,” Tony says, “and from my past experiences as a business owner, I’ve seen the difference that postsecondary education makes.”

Tony and Yuksel Gulmen’s unswerving support has had a huge impact on the County of Simcoe and Tony is continuing this tradition. In November 2014, he organized a very successful Humanities 101 fundraising dinner in Yuksel’s memory. “We raised close to \$8,000 with the help of this beautiful community,” Tony says.

“Yuksel was a champion of the Humanities 101 program because it has the power to change peoples’ lives. She was incredibly proud of the success of the Humanities 101 students.”

– *Tony Gulmen, Lakehead Donor and Humanities 101 Supporter*



TONY GULMEN

*WITH A PAINTING BY HIS WIFE YUKSEL, WHO HELPED LAUNCH
HUMANITIES 101 ON THE ORILLIA CAMPUS*

HUMANITIES 101 CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

INSPIRING CHANGE

More than 10 years ago, Education Professor Christina van Barneveld found herself asking the question, “If you remove obstacles for people, where would they go?” Her question became the genesis of Lakehead University’s Humanities 101.

This free non-credit evening course introduces students to the rich diversity of the humanities and social sciences – everything from ‘Cooking up Chemistry’ to ‘The Emotion of Van Gogh’ to ‘Communication Styles of Aboriginal Peoples.’

Humanities 101 is aimed at community members who normally wouldn’t have the opportunity to attend university because of financial or social barriers.

School supplies, dinner, transit passes, and, if needed, childcare are provided to students when they enrol. “For many people, something as simple as bus fare can be the difference between attending or not attending,” explains James Czank, a Humanities 101 program assistant and Lakehead PhD student.



Proud Humanities 101 graduates Madeline Clarke and Erika Brown attend a Humanities 101 fundraising dinner in Orillia

“I was in a place in my life where all of the doors seemed shut but I’m not scared anymore to walk through them, and that is a priceless gift!”

– *Humanities 101 Graduate*
Vanessa Magee’s Valedictorian Speech

Christina, who has been the director of Humanities 101 since its establishment on the Thunder Bay campus in 2005, describes it as an outreach program that “inspires critical thought, growth, and strength in ourselves and in our communities.”

The course lectures are delivered by Lakehead professors and community leaders who volunteer their time – but they are more than repaid for their efforts. “When I lecture, I’m overwhelmed by the engagement and intellectual capacities of the students,” says Christina. “It takes a lot of courage for them to step onto a university campus.”

Linda Rodenburg, an English and Interdisciplinary Studies professor who runs the Humanities 101 program on the Orillia campus agrees. “On the first day of class, students are intimidated, very quiet, and unsure of how to respond to this new environment but by the end, they are an integral part of the University.”

Humanities 101 has many wonderful community partners, teachers, and mentors who have made the program the incredible success it has become. Together, they are helping people forge new and exciting paths.

THE GROWTH OF A UNIVERSITY

When Lakehead became a university in 1965, it was a much smaller place than it is today. Two divisions were established which included schools like Business Administration, Engineering, and Forestry that would later become full-fledged faculties.

Since then, Lakehead has grown into a comprehensive university with 10 faculties – enabling our students to shine in diverse fields of endeavour.

Founding Year

Faculty of Arts and Science
Established 1965

University Schools
(Schools of Business Administration, Engineering, and Forestry)
Established 1965

Now

Faculty of Education
Established 1969

Faculty of Business Administration
Established 1994

Faculty of Engineering
Established 1994

Faculty of Natural Resources Management
(formerly Faculty of Forestry)
Established 1994

Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies
Established 2001

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
Established 2001

Faculty of Graduate Studies
Established 2005

**Faculty of Medicine –
Northern Ontario School of Medicine**
Established 2005

Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences
(formerly the Faculty of Professional Schools)
Established 2008

Bora Laskin Faculty of Law
Named in honour of our second chancellor
and former Chief Justice of Canada
Established 2013



LEADING THE NEXT GENERATION

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Being elected to the Orillia City Council at the age of 22 creates a lot of expectations – but Mason Ainsworth is definitely up for the challenge.

Mason – a Lakehead commerce student and winner of the University's 2013 Lloyd Dennis Award for Outstanding Citizenship – has already spent years making his school and his hometown better places.

His initiatives have ranged from promoting economic development to helping vulnerable women find transitional housing to bringing Sunday bus service to Orillia.

“It takes a community to raise a family and that’s how I feel about Orillia,” Mason says.

His Lakehead experiences provided the springboard for Mason’s successful 2014 city council election campaign. “I honestly think that if I didn’t go to Lakehead, I wouldn’t be where I am today,” he explains.

Mason’s time as a student ambassador, orientation leader, Business Orillia Student Society president, and a Lakehead

University Student Union board member broadened his perspective and gave him familiarity working with government.

He also credits his academic courses with helping him develop leadership skills. “I ask a lot of questions and the low student/professor ratio means there are a lot of great classroom discussions.”

Next on Mason’s agenda is working with schools to better educate students about the electoral process to encourage higher youth voting rates. “This will build a stronger community,” Mason says, “and in turn, a stronger country with more active citizens.”

2011-2013 MILESTONE MOMENTS

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- 2011** Civil engineering students win U.S. National Student Steel Bridge Competition
- 2012** Georgian College partnership expands postsecondary options in Central Ontario
- 2013** Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Mining and Exploration is founded



“When I was considering which university to choose, I got a Lakehead flyer in the mail saying ‘Your adventure starts here.’ And I thought, ‘That’s it, I’m going to Lakehead.’ And what an adventure it’s been.”

MASON AINSWORTH
COMMERCE STUDENT AND
CITY OF ORILLIA COUNCILLOR

2014-15 AT A GLANCE

TOP 10 IN MACLEAN'S 2014 UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

Lakehead is **SECOND OVERALL** among five primarily undergraduate Ontario universities in the 2014 Maclean's Ranking of Canadian Universities and:

1st IN TOTAL RESEARCH DOLLARS

1st IN SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES GRANTS

2nd IN SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES (% OF BUDGET)

STUDENT STATS



57%

of students are first generation (neither parent has completed a degree)



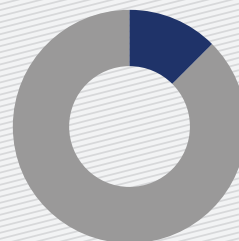
72%

of university-bound students from Northwestern Ontario choose Lakehead



61%

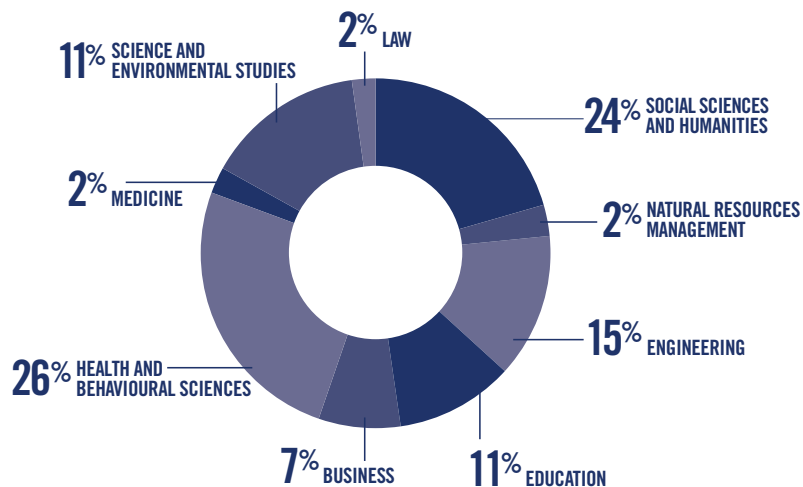
of full-time undergrad students enrolled at both the Thunder Bay and Orillia campuses come from outside Northwestern Ontario



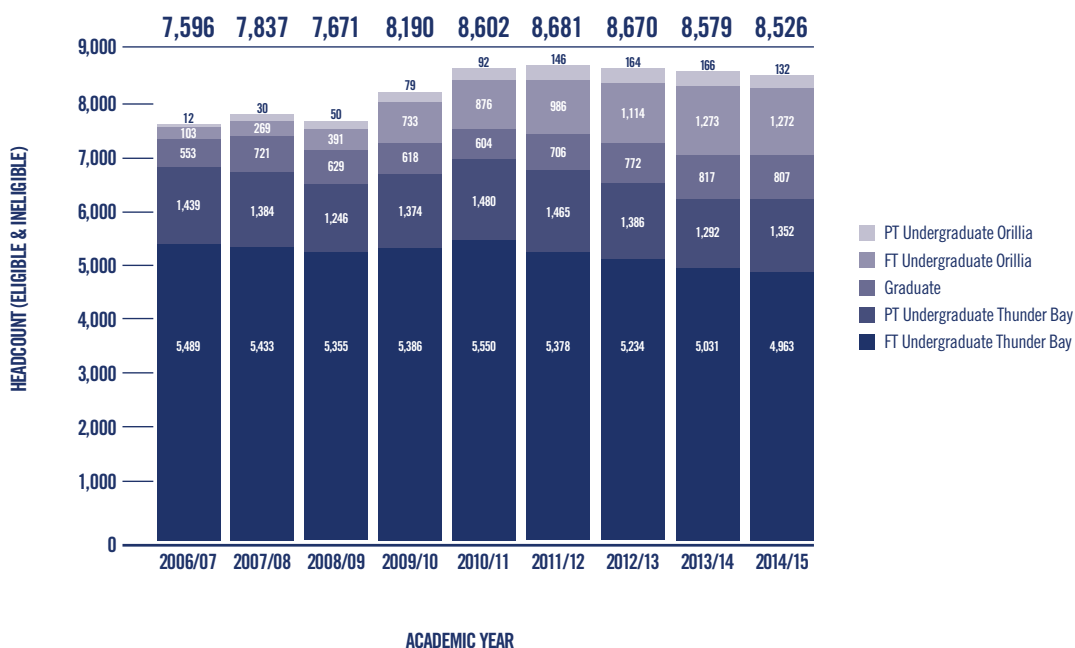
11%

of students identify as Aboriginal

STUDENT ENROLMENT BY FACULTY (FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATES)



STUDENT ENROLMENT BY CAMPUS (HEADCOUNT)



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

LAKEHEAD HAS
596
INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS
(INCLUDING ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PROGRAM AND EXCHANGE STUDENTS)

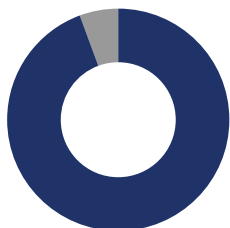
AN INCREASE OF
28%
OVER THE PREVIOUS
YEAR

THE LAKEHEAD EXPERIENCE

26% OF SENIOR YEAR
UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS HAVE ENGAGED
IN RESEARCH WITH FACULTY

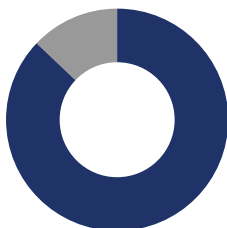
88% OF SENIOR YEAR
UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS FOUND LAKEHEAD
UNIVERSITY SUPPORT STAFF HELPFUL

STUDENT CAREER PATH



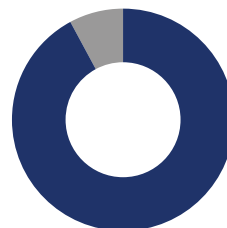
94%

of undergrad students were
employed two years after
graduation



84%

of full-time employed Lakehead
grads were employed in jobs
related to their university
undergraduate degree



88%

of Lakehead grads are doing
work using skills developed
through their university
undergraduate education

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

Lakehead is ranked Ontario's #2 and Canada's #3 research university (in the primarily undergraduate category) in *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities* annual ranking (as reported by RE\$EARCH Infosource)

IN 1979-1980

LAKEHEAD RECEIVED
\$800,000
IN EXTERNAL
RESEARCH FUNDING



IN 2014-2015

LAKEHEAD RECEIVED
\$22 MILLION
IN EXTERNAL
RESEARCH FUNDING

ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$44 MILLION

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF
LAKEHEAD'S
OPERATING EXPENDITURES
ON THE CITY OF ORILLIA

\$316 MILLION

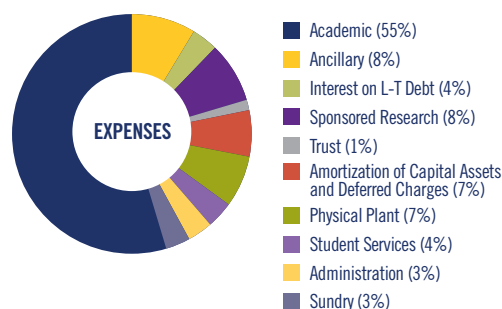
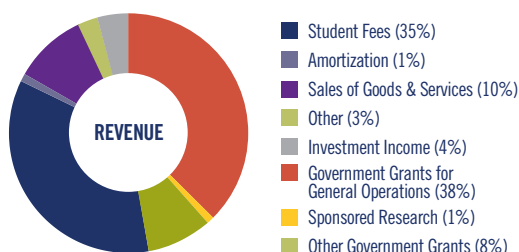
ECONOMIC IMPACT OF
LAKEHEAD'S
OPERATING EXPENDITURES
ON THE CITY OF THUNDER BAY

BALANCE SHEET

April 30	2015	2014
	(in thousands of dollars)	
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 36,042	\$ 39,240
Accounts receivable	8,036	9,454
Inventories and prepaid expenses	1,192	1,028
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	45,270	49,722
Long-term investments	106,648	97,883
Capital assets	148,018	155,778
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	\$ 299,936	\$ 303,383
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Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued charges	\$ 12,404	\$ 15,546
Deferred revenue	19,112	18,797
Current portion of long-term debt	1,925	1,817
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	33,441	36,160
Accrued pension liability	1,010	4,057
Long-term debt	109,655	111,580
Interest rate swaps	5,728	4,041
Deferred capital contributions	46,291	47,536
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	196,125	203,374
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Net assets		
Internally restricted	67,971	63,216
Endowments	44,479	43,203
Unrestricted	(8,639)	(6,410)
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	103,811	100,009
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	\$ 299,936	\$ 303,383
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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended April 30	2015	2014
	(in thousands of dollars)	
Revenue		
Government grants for general operations	\$ 64,326	\$ 65,269
Government and other grants for restricted purposes	14,518	14,959
Student fees	59,732	57,469
Sales of goods and services	17,216	19,639
Investment income	7,316	10,749
Donations	2,837	1,581
Contract research	1,038	1,197
Sundry	1,769	3,863
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	2,215	2,609
	170,967	177,335
Expenses		
Salaries and benefits	105,367	102,745
Operational supplies and expenses	6,438	5,953
Cost of sales and services	6,371	8,096
Amortization of capital assets	10,807	11,541
Amortization of debenture issuance costs	117	117
Building and equipment maintenance	7,134	7,573
Scholarships, bursaries and awards	11,039	10,556
Utilities	5,564	5,415
Travel	3,371	3,394
Other	6,101	5,427
Interest on long-term debt	6,115	6,219
	168,424	167,036
Excess of revenue over expenses before the undernoted	2,543	10,299
Unrealized (loss) recovery on interest rate swap	(1,687)	2,086
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ 856	\$ 12,385

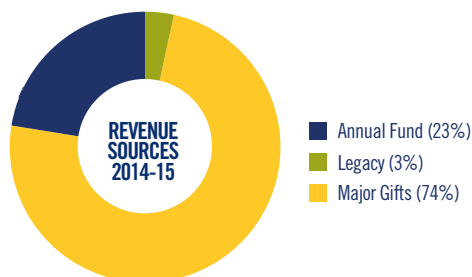


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2014-15 DONOR GIFTS

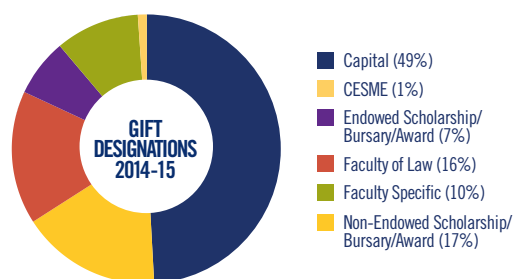
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1,781 2014-15 INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE DONORS



11% OF DONORS WERE FIRST-TIME DONORS

\$2.4 MILLION IN NEW GIFTS





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