

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

President's Report to Senate

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ORIENTATION 2012 — *MY LAKEHEAD, MY LEGACY*



Our Student Success Centre's Orientation 2012 saw a 12% increase in participation over last year, with a noticeable growth in the number of off campus students participating. There was also an increase in faculty involvement, with more academic themed events included as part of the Orientation schedule. Activities were extended through the first week of classes, this year, culminating with the President's

Dinner. Other notable events throughout the week included a packed house for Midnight Madness, as well as our twist on the academic game show "Reach for the Top (Giant)", hosted by Dr. Berg.

FALL HARVEST

Aboriginal Cultural-Support Services hosted the Annual Fall Harvest, September 8, at our Sweat Lodge site. With our new VP (External Relations) presiding in my stead, approximately 300 students, staff, faculty and community members enjoyed and experienced cultural foods, traditions and storytelling. Traditional teachings came by way of the Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council's (O-AGC) Elders Council membership and we used the occasion to remind attendees of our development of the Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre.

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR'S RECEPTION

Kicking off our Thunderwolves' 2012-2013 season, I spoke at this year's annual Athletics Director's reception where I joined in honouring several guests, including the late John Zanatta, his widow, Mirella, as well as our 47 All-Canadians.

ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES' FAIR (OUF)

I'd like to thank the many Lakehead students, staff, faculty and alumni who volunteered their time to represent our University at this year's OUF at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. More than 118,000 students, parents and educators were drawn to this increasingly popular and successful three day (Sept. 27-29).



LOBBY DAYS @ QUEEN'S PARK

October 1 + 2 saw myself, Deb Comuzzi and Cam Clarke at Queen's Park for Lobby Days. The two day series of meetings and gatherins afforded us the invaluable opportunity to speak with numerous MPPs and the policy advisor from the Premier's Office. During these various talks, I expounded on, among many things, Lakehead's Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre and the growth of our Orillia campus.

LAKEHEAD TOWN HALL



Our very successful Town Hall, attended nicely by Thunder Bay faculty and staff, in addition to those joining us via video-conference from Orillia, was very successful. During the ninety minute session, Kathy Pozihun and Gerry Munt gave presentations explaining Lakehead's major challenges and enrolment numbers, how we consistently mitigate our structural deficit, and what our University is looking ahead to—pension plans, capital plans and future budgets.

MAYOR KEITH HOBBS VISITS CAMPUS

During his most recent vist, Thunder Bay Mayor, Keith Hobbs and I took the opportunity to discuss a number of our programs and issues. I also updated him on our Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre, while requesting His Worship's support for it.

