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Award-Winning Finish



Winning not one, but two medals is how Emmaleigh Ayotte finished her year at Lakeland College.

This recent esthetician graduate put her skills to the test in the aesthetics category of the 2021 Alberta Provincial Skills Canada Competition in May, winning first place. Ayotte then reached the podium with a bronze medal win at the Skills Canada National Competition in June.

"It's been such a rewarding way to finish my Lakeland experience this year," says Ayotte, who hails from St. Paul, Alta. "I am really thankful for all of the experience I've gotten from competing."

Held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Ayotte competed at Lakeland's Lloydminster campus spa. The competition challenges included a facial analysis, pedicure and manicure with nail art, a smoky eye look and fantasy makeup application inspired by the 1980s.

Two other Lakeland students made the podium at provincial Skills Canada competitions. Destiny Neufeld was second in Alberta in the aesthetics category while Paige Lehmann won silver in the Saskatchewan hairstyling category.

"We are so proud of our students and their achievements this year," says Janice Aughey, dean for the School of Health and Wellness and Human Services. "Completing their programs while navigating a pandemic has been an accomplishment in and of itself. Entering Skills Canada and medaling in their competitions is a testament to the dedication and commitment these students have for their field."



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- Are you interested in being more involved as a Lakeland College alum?
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CALLING ALL ALUMNI

Greetings to all Lakeland College Alumni.

We all have been through more than a bit of hard testing these past many months. A lot has happened since our last Excel and our last Annual General Meeting (AGM). An update of alumni matters is in order.

Our most recent Alumni Association president, Barry McCarty, Class of 1969, submitted his resignation a few months ago. We thank him for his service to our alumni and wish him good health.

Traditionally, in situations like this, the vice president would move into the presidency. As the current acting president doesn't wish to hold the position, the directors are in an aggressive recruitment mode, actively seeking youth and new talent for our Alumni Association board of directors and executive.

Requirements for the board include enthusiasm and knowing the importance of alumni. We are friendly, caring and willing to promote grads of all ages, as well as promote the college and, of course, party. We offer a lending hand, generous financial support and mentorship at its best.

We are also recruiting volunteers. We need youthful, fresh ideas to move the Alumni Association into the future. All executive positions will be up for election at the next AGM, on Nov. 6, 2021. This includes president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and six directors.

The AGM will be held at the Vermilion campus, if current health restrictions permit. Alternately, it may be held on Zoom. We are also planning a luncheon in conjunction with the AGM. Details will be finalized soon so standby.

On Friday, Sept. 3, I was asked to welcome the newest alumni members when I attended the firefighter graduation. I welcomed 26 hopeful and well-trained people. The ceremony was unique to me. As each grad entered the auditorium, they rang a bell with pride and introduced themselves with their name and future service in their field. It was very impressive.

I'm ringing the bell of recruitment and renewal. We are strong and shall continue.

Ed Lefsrud
Acting President
Lakeland College Alumni Association

ALUMNI INDUSTRY MIXERS

Please join us at these alumni and industry mixers. Leave work behind and visit with alumni, college instructors and industry leaders for an evening of memories, laughs and fun! Complimentary snacks and a cash bar will be available. Bring fellow alumni or a client you want to chat with.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

- ▶ **Alumni Association Annual General Meeting**
November 6 at noon
Location: Vermilion campus: cafe
lunch will be served for a fee of \$25 - AGM begins at 1:30 p.m.

ALUMNI SOCIAL

- ▶ **Agribition**
November 23, 2021
Location: Regina, Sask.
- ▶ **Arizona**
February, 2022
Location: Yuma, Arizona
- ▶ **Edmonton Social**
Spring, 2022
Location: Edmonton, Alta.

ALUMNI WEEKEND

- ▶ **Alumni Weekend 2022**
June 10, 11, 12, 2022
Location: Vermilion campus
Details to come, including a save the date, stay tuned

SAVE THE DATE

- ▶ **Feast on the Farm 2022**
August 18, 2022
Location: Vermilion campus

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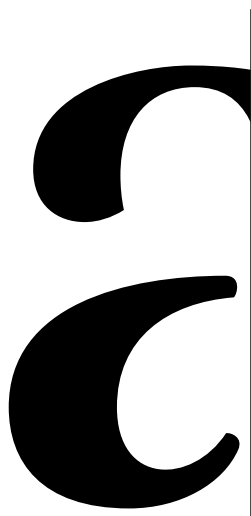
Stay connected to your fellow alumni.

Our Class Champions Program enriches class reunions and deepens connections with alumni by supporting volunteers to act as class representatives. You'll reach out to former classmates to encourage them to attend their milestone reunions of five to 70 years!

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- ✓ Take a leading role in reconnecting your college classmates with Lakeland

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Staying connected matters. Throughout the year, we planned two online alumni events and helped one alumni couple host a reunion outside this past summer.

Our Virtual UT Social was held from May 10-14, 2021. We're happy to share that 38 alumni participated. The Virtual Alumni Weekend was held June 11-13, 2021, with 191 who attended. The Prices – Jack, Class of 1966 agriculture, and Jeanette, Class of 1966 commercial – welcomed close to 40 alumni to their farm for a weekend gathering in July.

We invite all of our alumni to continue to stay connected this year with the events we have planned!



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Career and Employment Services

Lakeland helps alumni connect with employers

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Job Postings are open to alumni

Visit our job board and see what jobs our connected employers have to offer.



Power Hour: Spark your creativity

FREE sessions for alumni. Check our website for details.



Links to Job Boards

Check out what other job boards across Canada have to offer.



Online Resources

Find links to several helpful sites related to everything from interview tips to salary negotiations.



Career Fair & Job Fair

Free events throughout the year. Online Job Fair is on February 15, 2022.



GROWING WILD

Alumna follows passion for wilderness to Lakeland

Katie Harris grew up in the wilderness. She spent her childhood in the forests of northern Manitoba, following a family passion for the environment that would lead her to Girl Guides before pursuing environmental sciences at Lakeland College.

Now, Harris is spearheading the first large-scale wildlife monitoring project in Saskatoon, Sask., while being fast tracked for a PhD from the University of Saskatchewan.

"I grew up in the bush, surrounded by coyotes, bald eagles, deer and moose," Harris, from The Pas, Man., explains. "I was always interacting with those animals. I feel incredibly fortunate that I am actually able to make a career in an area that I am just innately passionate about."



A family legacy

Careers in environmental sciences run in the family – Harris' great grandfather was one of the first conservation officers in Manitoba. A trip to Lakeland's Open House with her mother sealed her decision to pursue her studies at Lakeland.

Now, the Class of 2017 alumna holds a dual diploma in environmental sciences, majoring in both conservation and restoration ecology as well as wildlife and fisheries conservation.

After graduating from Lakeland, she completed a bachelor degree at the University of Saskatchewan before moving into the master's program. She was fast tracked into the PhD program without needing to complete her master's.

Harris credits her experience at Lakeland with helping her find her footing in the post-secondary world, as well as giving her a strong technical background that helped her excel once she moved on to university.

"I really loved my years at Lakeland," she says. "It was a really great stepping-stone from high school. I did a lot of great work in the environmental sciences program and the instructors were so knowledgeable, open and accommodating. Everything about Lakeland set me up for the success I'm having now."

Part of that success, she explains, came from Lakeland's hands-on learning approach.

"The more time I spend in university, the more I appreciate that aspect of the program at Lakeland. It's one thing to sit in a classroom and stuff your brain full of theory. It's a totally different thing to actually go out into the field and practice what you learn and how to integrate that into your skillset. It gave me the opportunity to take those skills I had learned in the field with me to university, which really helped me to understand a lot of the theory I learned in university. I had already put it into practice."



Finding an urban wilderness

Just as she was beginning her master's program, Harris was offered an incredible opportunity – to develop and implement the first large-scale wildlife monitoring project in Saskatoon. While there have been other studies on specific wildlife and habitats, Harris is spearheading a project to create a foundational database of urban wildlife in the city. With a network of trail cameras, she is studying what animal species are present in Saskatoon, the types of habitats they select, as well as biodiversity and how different species adapt to or against levels of urbanization and development.

"This project just worked out perfectly for me," Harris says. "I work with a committee and it's been an amazing journey so far. Our overarching long-term goal is to create a 30-plus year monitoring study. There is so much potential to delve deeper into the social aspect of science and integrate it with the ecological aspect. Humans are a huge part of research like this."

Though she has left the remote wilds of northern Manitoba for a more urbanized habitat in Saskatoon, Harris is continually surprised and excited by her project with the sheer amount of biodiversity she is finding in an urban environment.

"There is wildlife in cities," she says. "We see jackrabbits, foxes and deer, so we are aware of that, but the depth of wildlife that is here is honestly mind-blowing. Many of them have adapted to being more active at night and when you don't see something regularly, it just

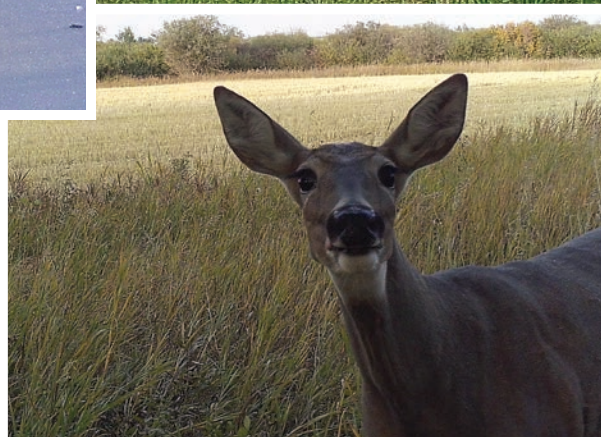
doesn't occur to you that it might still be there. But I have seen thousands and thousands of images of the wildlife here in this city and it's opened my eyes. There's a whole other world superimposed over our urban life that most people don't realize is there."

Part of Harris' career is providing outreach and teaching the public about the wildlife in the city, as well as how best to live alongside it.

She explains, "I show other people the animals that live here and share our space and our resources. They're not going away and we need to create solutions for cohabiting with them that benefits both the people and animals. We need to work together and be educated with the end goal of having a biodiverse ecosystem where people and animals can both live and thrive."

It's a lot for a recent graduate to take on, but with her passion for wildlife and her educational background behind her, Harris feels more than up for the challenge – she feels privileged to be given the opportunity.

"Growing up the way I did really helped hone my passion, taking it from just being an interest to being something that could actually be a career," Harris says. "I feel incredibly fortunate that I am able to make a career in this area that I'm so innately passionate about. I've had so many huge accomplishments already in my career and it's astounding. But I'm just doing what I love and that resonates with people, so I'm just going to keep going."



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Harris' trail cams have provided thousands of images of urban wildlife in Saskatoon, including this fox, coyote and deer.

As marketing manager for Spiro's, a third-generation Greek/Canadian eatery located in Lloydminster, Elenee Young is often the voice for change and looking for the next thing to keep the family business moving forward.

"I'm probably the first person in our family to bring in an outside education in business, economics and marketing. It has been a gradual process to help my family understand that change is good," says Young.

She graduated from Lakeland College's business administration diploma program in 2015 with a major in marketing and then completed a bachelor of commerce in 2017 through the college's partnership with Athabasca University.

"I swear the restaurant is in our blood. I think what wakes me up in the morning and pushes me to do the things I do is this beating in my heart that says, 'How are you making this 50-year-old business better?'" says Young.

When the pandemic closed the front doors of many businesses, Young explains Spiro's team had to figure out a way to get business out the back door.

"There's a lot more to owning a restaurant than opening up your doors and cooking food and hoping people show up. It's an experience, and it requires a team that is going to be equipped to handle the whole process."

Spiro's recently unveiled a state-of-the-art patio experience in the spring, upgraded their point of sale system to track sales and food inventory efficiently, and developed a new app capable of booking reservations, placing online orders, and offering a loyalty program.

"Our restaurant's motto is let our family serve yours. I wanted to make Spiro's easily accessible again since the pandemic slowed everything down. If we're not able to accommodate people through our front doors for dining



Naturally nurturing generational success

Elenee Young doesn't skip a beat.

in, I want to be able to say you can order online."

They also franchised their Spiro's Greek Dressing and Secret Sauce to be sold in stores across Alberta and Saskatchewan, which also got them an audition with the producers of *Dragons' Den*, a Canadian television show where aspiring entrepreneurs pitch business ideas to a panel of venture capitalists in the hope of securing business financing and partnerships.

"We didn't get to pitch to the Dragons because that's the next tier. From what the producers told us, our product didn't line up with the theme for that season so we won't make it to the next stage. Overall, it was a fun experience. It encouraged us to dig deep into our numbers and explore the profitability of our product," Young explains.

Locally, the sauces that feature family recipes are available at a variety of stores and can be ordered online.

Next, Young says she's excited to make Spiro's recipes more accessible and bring a bit

of Greek culture to home chefs everywhere through a cooking show in partnership with the Lloydminster & District Co-op.

From being a family restaurant to taking care of families, Spiro's brand remains family.

"Because I grew up in a family business, a lot of what I learned at Lakeland wasn't new information, but I found learning from different perspectives invaluable. Lakeland opened my eyes to the outside world, what running a successful business could look like and encouraged me to be open to exploring different ways to grow. It's been insane to see the growth that's come from accepting and changing with the times," Young says.

When Young isn't wearing her restaurateur cap, she is a wife, a mom of two and a Christian/Gospel singer/songwriter. In 2017, she was named Songwriter of the Year at GMA Immerse.

A JOURNEY WEST



Jackie Wismer came to Alberta looking for a place to belong in the wide-open pastureland, drawn by the herds of cattle and horses. Now, working in management at Wild Rose Co-op's Sedgewick agro site, it's safe to say she found it.

Growing up on a Clydesdale operation in Amherstburg, Ont., Wismer had a passion for agriculture but also a developing awareness of the spreading urban areas that were making it more difficult to find farm and pastureland.

"Where I'm from, there isn't much room for agriculture," Wismer explains. "My family still has our farmland, but it's getting few and far between."

While looking into post-secondary schools after high school, Wismer decided to move west and enrol at Lakeland College.

Drawn to Lakeland's agribusiness program, Wismer wanted to learn the ins and outs of how decisions are made in commercial agriculture operations and the finances behind those decisions. She majored in livestock production to keep working hands-on with livestock while learning the business side.

"I liked that the program touched more on the agronomy side of it," Wismer says. "It wasn't just cattle, either. We looked at things like poultry barns and dairy operations. I learned about the supply chain of pretty much every animal commodity out there."

Her experience at Lakeland far exceeded her expectations.

"It was phenomenal," Wismer says. "I was so shocked by how close everyone is at Lakeland. Your classes are small

and your instructors are so invested in your education and future. They were invested in us as people. They know who you are and where you came from and stay invested, even after you graduate."

Since graduating in 2019, Wismer moved to Strome, Alta., where she is currently the interim agro manager at Wild Rose Co-op's Sedgewick agro site. She credits one of her instructors with helping set her on the path to her career with Co-op.

"One of my instructors knew the division manager and told us they were opening a new site in Camrose. He helped set up an interview with my current boss," Wismer explains. "I started off on the livestock production side as a feed specialist and from there, I just blossomed and now I'm in management. Within a year and a half I'd become the assistant manager of this site and now I'm covering my boss' maternity leave as interim manager."

Wismer is involved in nearly every aspect of operations, from ordering, pricing and selling equipment to scouting, ordering and managing inventory on the crop side of things, as well as administration.

"My sales classes at Lakeland definitely prepared me tremendously for what I ended up doing in sales. Having that first-hand experience from an instructor who was in sales for so long, it just stays in the back of my mind while I'm on the job," Wismer says. "I learned so many tips that I can use to better my sales ability. The rest of my courses were so helpful in helping build my knowledge-base so I already have experience with so much of what I do.

"I love it here at Co-op, I really do. And everyone at Lakeland continues to be invested in me, checking in and seeing how I'm doing. It means a lot."

The Rogan family

A Lakeland Legacy

It's a legacy that began with Anne Rogan (née Garnett) in 1946 and has continued through the generations. The Class of 1947 alumna's children and grandchildren attended Lakeland College, met their future spouses there and even worked at the college, coaching and mentoring each new crop of students.

Anne passed away in the summer

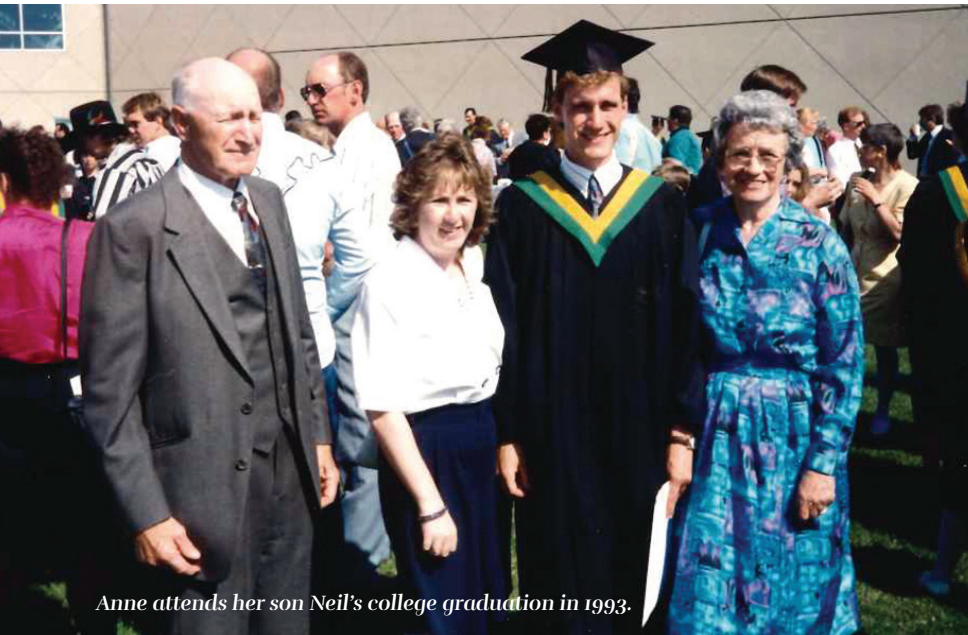
of 2020 at the age of 93 and as her family went through her belongings, they found one of her report cards from 1946. She'd been enrolled in home economics, her son Alan recalls.

"She was the first of our family to go to college," explains Alan, Lakeland's athletics director. "She finished in 1947 and started working in the kitchen as a cook assistant. She was

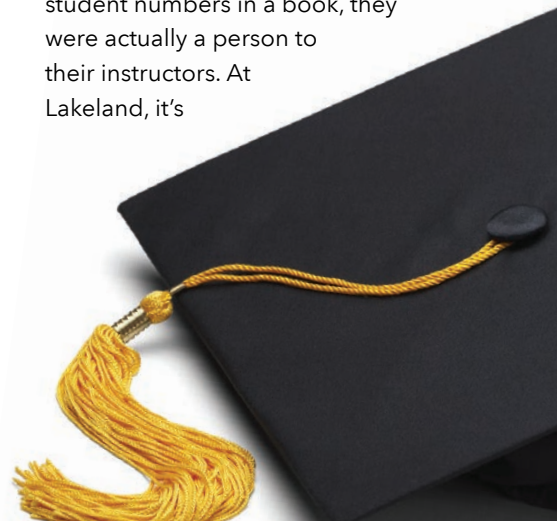
so excited to be making \$40 a month. She was even more excited the next year when she moved up to pastry chef and was paid \$70 a month. I can still remember her telling me how it was just super."

Following her passing, Alan and his family reminisced about how most members of their family were connected to Lakeland.

"We were laughing about how we should start charging a finder's fee for the students we send," Alan says. "Lakeland is like a family. It's not too small, not too big. My brother's girls were impressed that the faculty knew who they were. They weren't just student numbers in a book, they were actually a person to their instructors. At Lakeland, it's



Anne attends her son Neil's college graduation in 1993.





Top, Anne celebrated her 90th birthday in 2016 and is pictured with her entire immediate family. Bottom, Anne's Lakeland College class photo from 1947.



personal. It's family."

After his mother graduated from Lakeland, the tradition continued with the next generation. Alan's brother Neil attended Lakeland from 1991-1993, taking crop technology, where he met his wife Gisela, who was also a student. She completed the herd health and livestock program. They have three children - Marlis, Lana and Spencer - all of whom have been or currently are Lakeland students as well.

"My parents went to Lakeland. My sister went there and now my brother.

I had heard such good things about it," Lana explains. "And it was close to home. So I took early learning and child care there."

Living up to her family's

legacy wasn't much of a concern for Lana during her time at Lakeland.

"My experience definitely lived up to theirs," she says. "My favourite part was the connection to the instructors. They know you so well and actually care about you, both as a student and the other parts of your life. The rest of my family had good experiences with their instructors too, so I wasn't too worried about having to follow in their footsteps."

Alan's sister Karen married Peter Chapa, a fish and wildlife graduate from the Class of 1979.

Though he's not a Lakeland alum, Alan has been with the college since 1986. He started working in shipping and receiving before transferring to recreation and athletics. He met his wife Denise through her twin sister, who played on the volleyball team, and after they were married, Denise attended Lakeland as well.

Their son, Jesse, was practically raised in the gym at Lakeland. He chose to study interior design technology after getting a taste of it during high school through the Careers and Technology

Studies (CTS) program. He graduated in 2020.

"We are very blessed, very fortunate, to have Lakeland. My sister's husband still talks about his experience and is still in contact with some of the people he graduated with. My wife is still connected to her teammates from the college volleyball team. My brother still has some great friendships from playing for the Rustlers," Alan says.

"I've been around the college for 35 years and we're starting to see second generation student-athletes coming through our program. It's so neat to see our family among them, attending college and becoming involved the way my generation was."



PRESIDENTIAL PRAISE FOR MEDALISTS

Since 1981, Lakeland College's president has presented a medal to outstanding graduates. We now recognize an outstanding graduate on each campus with a president's medal.



“The Student-Managed Farm (- Powered by New Holland) was definitely a highlight of my Lakeland experience. Not many other post-secondaries can offer the level of hands-on learning that Lakeland provides. I was a nutrition coordinator for the purebred beef team on the SMF and I learned so much more than I ever could have imagined. It pushed me out of my comfort zone and I am so glad it did. I learned so much from that experience and developed skills that will prepare me for a career in the agriculture industry.”

Caylee Dorval

Class of 2021, Animal Science Technology Beef Major

“Being the president of the Students’ Association and participating with the business case competition team were two very impactful experiences. As president, there was a lot of work behind the scenes, especially, this year given the unique situation we were in. Competing with Lakeland’s case team was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. This year’s competition was a little bit different because it was held virtually. However, the experience that my team and I had was something that I will cherish forever.”

Jeru Lopez

Class of 2021, Business Administration Accounting Major

CELEBRATING DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS

Lakeland College awards honorary credentials to citizens who have made significant contributions to the community and have achieved provincial, national or international recognition.



“Optimism is when people just think things will magically work out, but hope requires action. Hope requires a bit of faith. You can believe in the capacity for things to change, but it requires action. I am always hopeful.”

Robin Acton

2020 Lloydminster Distinguished Citizen

“The better quality of life in any given community is determined by the willingness of individuals to pitch in and make that community better.”

Richard Starke

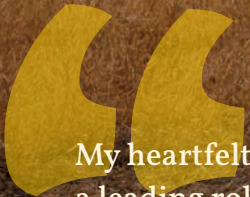
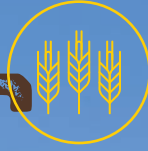
2020 Vermilion Distinguished Citizen



Congratulations Class of 2021

Welcome to Lakeland's Alumni Family!

RECORD- BREAKING SUCCESS



My heartfelt thanks to everyone who played a leading role during this exciting time of transformation for Lakeland College. Despite the challenges brought forth by COVID-19, the support of donors, our campaign leadership team and our employees never wavered, ensuring *Leading. Learning. The Lakeland Campaign* was a resounding success.

- Dr. Alice Wainwright-Stewart





More than \$13 million raised as fundraising campaign successfully reaches finish line

The generosity of more than 1,100 donors throughout Canada and beyond has made *Leading. Learning. The Lakeland Campaign.* the most successful fundraising campaign in Lakeland College's history.

The campaign began in 2016 and concluded on June 30. A total of \$13,374,066 was raised, surpassing the campaign goal of \$11 million.

"Our thanks to everyone for supporting Lakeland and our current and future students through their gifts to this campaign. We're thrilled that the enthusiastic support of donors made it possible for us to exceed our campaign goal. This support enables Lakeland to do what it does best: graduate job-ready leaders equipped for success in their careers and lives," says Mike Kotelko, campaign leadership team chair and a member of Lakeland's Class of 1982.

Expanding student success, empowering the next leaders in agriculture, and growing results-oriented research were the campaign priorities, says Dr. Alice Wainwright-Stewart, president and CEO of Lakeland College.



"Our donors' contributions have already helped in so many tangible ways. They've strengthened the services available to our students in areas such as Indigenous services, mental health, athletics, and student awards

"Our donors helped us modernize and expand our facilities and purchase more crop and pasture land where our student-managed learning concept can thrive. Gifts also supported our growing applied research efforts. We are increasing our capacity to produce results of value to industry and producers plus providing new student learning opportunities," says Dr. Wainwright-Stewart.

Alumni, students, community members and Lakeland employees gave gifts of cash, land, buildings, equipment, livestock, securities and life insurance. Some left a legacy by including Lakeland in their estate plans. Many contributed by participating in fundraising events such as the Rustlers Golf Tournament, President's Gala and Feast on the Farm.



By the numbers:

\$13,374,066

raised surpassing
\$11-million goal

1,131 donors

gave 3,077 gifts

\$5 to \$4 M

range of gifts

NEW HOLLAND AGRICULTURE AND LAKELAND EXTEND PARTNERSHIP

Lakeland College is excited to announce that New Holland Agriculture will remain the college's exclusive agricultural and utility equipment supplier until 2031.

The two organizations finalized a 10-year, multi-million-dollar agreement that will see New Holland continue to provide equipment to Lakeland. New Holland equipment is used on Lakeland's student-managed farm as well as for college-wide grounds maintenance plus applied research and other programming initiatives. New Holland provides tractors, swathers, skid steers, and combines, among other equipment.

Since our partnership with New Holland Agriculture began, we've grown to become one of the largest providers of agriculture training in Western Canada.

- Dr. Alice Wainwright-Stewart

In recognition of this support, Lakeland's student-managed farm will remain named the Student-Managed Farm - Powered by New Holland.

"New Holland remains committed to supporting the student-managed farm at Lakeland College," says Mark Lowery, Director of Commercial Marketing for New Holland Agriculture North America. "We thank the faculty, staff, and students at Lakeland College for recognizing the importance of production agriculture in North America."

New Holland and Lakeland began their partnership in September 2011. At that time, Lakeland served 295 agricultural sciences students. This past academic year, 533 students took agricultural sciences programs.

"Since our partnership with New Holland Agriculture began, we've grown to become one of the largest providers of agriculture training in Western Canada. We know that the innovative learning model available through our Student-Managed Farm - Powered by New Holland is a big factor in our growth," says Dr. Alice Wainwright-Stewart, president and CEO of Lakeland. "Our thanks to New Holland for ensuring our students have access to the latest equipment and technology. We're proud to showcase New Holland's products to the people who will be at the forefront of Canada's agricultural industry for decades to come."

As part of their second year of studies, animal science technology and crop technology students manage commercial-scale crop, livestock and ag research enterprises. Students work together to make decisions that are applied to the Student-Managed Farm - Powered by New Holland. With access to modern ag facilities and equipment, purebred and commercial beef cattle, dairy cattle and bison, plus more than 3,000 acres of crop and



Federal Investment for Ag Research

Lakeland College received \$1 million in federal research infrastructure funding through the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) in support of smart agriculture technology.

The CFI's College-Industry Innovation Fund investment supported the development of Lakeland's new Agriculture Technology Centre, the central repository for all data collected on the Student-Managed Farm – Powered by New Holland (SMF) at the Vermilion campus.

"With the CFI's support, we'll continue to move forward with establishing our new Agriculture Technology Centre as the 'nerve centre' for the research, collection and analysis of data collected from new ag technologies we use on our SMF. We are very fortunate to receive this funding and are excited for how it will enable our research team to support producers and agriculture companies to increase productivity, efficiency, quality and sustainability of livestock and crop production," says Michael Crowe, Lakeland's vice president of academic and applied research.

The CFI funding will go towards the construction of a new Livestock Reproductive Technology Laboratory and on-farm connectivity infrastructure, enabling the SMF to become a fully connected, data-driven, commercial-scale smart farm. Lakeland's agriculture technology and equipment will grow to include the following inventory thanks to the CFI investment:

- *specialized sensors and monitoring technology*
- *livestock reproductive equipment*
- *emission detection equipment for livestock*
- *mobile imagery for phenotypic trait capture in cattle*
- *optical spot-spraying technology for crops; and*
- *an unmanned aerial vehicle (drone) fitted with two multispectral cameras for crops and livestock research applications.*

Lakeland currently has 52 active livestock and crop research projects underway.

A total of \$12.8 million worth of CFI funding through the College-Industry Innovation Fund was awarded to 15 colleges, cégeps and polytechnics across the country, as announced by the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, minister of innovation, science and industry on July 26. An additional \$3,861,072 was awarded under the Infrastructure Operating Fund.

pasture land at the Vermilion campus in eastern Alberta, the real world comes to Lakeland's ag students before they graduate.

Lakeland thanks both New Holland Agriculture and Webb's Machinery, the local New Holland dealer, for their expertise and support.

In addition to equipment, New Holland is contributing \$450,000 to further agriculture technology programs. Of this amount, \$150,000 went towards Lakeland's Agriculture Technology Centre, which opened this fall. These funds helped develop the new bachelor of agriculture technology curriculum, support research projects, and provide technology and materials for the labs. The remaining \$30,000 annual contribution will support ag technology initiatives at Lakeland. In recognition of this support, a lab in the Agriculture Technology Centre was named Agriculture Technology Lab - Powered by New Holland.

New Holland also provides student awards from an endowment fund created early in the partnership.



GIFT ENERGIZES SUSTAINABLE PROGRAMMING AND RESEARCH

Sustainable energy and sustainable agriculture programming and research are growing at Lakeland College, thanks to a \$300,000 gift to *Leading. Learning. The Lakeland Campaign*.

The funding is from JBC Anderson Foundation at Canada Gives.

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

The gift will help rebrand Lakeland's renewable energy and conservation program. It launched in 2008 and was Canada's first online certificate and diploma-level program focused on renewable energy.

"With input from industry, we developed four new courses and renamed our program sustainable energy technology," says Mal Dissanayake, former manager of engineering technology and renewable energy at Lakeland College.

"Our sustainable energy programming is poised to play a critical role in today's economy by preparing workers for careers in the burgeoning sustainable energy sector."

The majority of courses for the programs will continue to be offered online. The diploma program concludes with an onsite lab at Lakeland's Research Centre at the Vermilion campus.

The funding will also create bursaries for sustainable energy students. "This generous gift will help us educate the future leaders and innovators in sustainable energy technologies," he says.

Another development is the creation of sustainable energy technology micro-credentials to help people develop new competencies - an initiative the Government of Alberta is supporting. "This training will be easily accessible to unemployed or under-employed workers," says Dissanayake.

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

The gift from JBC Anderson Foundation at Canada Gives also supports the development of courses and bursaries for Lakeland's new agricultural sustainability diploma program that started this fall at the Vermilion campus.

"The three pillars of sustainability - economic, environmental and social - can only be accomplished by attracting and training students who are passionate about agriculture and can think critically and problem solve. We're so appreciative of this funding which will help us develop these students," says Geoff Brown, dean of agricultural sciences at Lakeland College.

A portion of the funding will support sustainable energy and agriculture research initiatives.



Sandy, Corrie and Ken Lewis are pictured in the Lewis Farms Data Lab during the opening of the Agriculture Technology Centre.

LEWIS FARMS GIFT

Supports Agriculture Technology Centre

A family whose ties with Lakeland College go back 70 years has donated \$105,000 to *Leading. Learning. The Lakeland Campaign*. in support of the new Agriculture Technology Centre.



Jack Lewis, Class of 1951, with his grandson Tyler Buba at the Class of 2013 convocation ceremony at the Vermilion campus.

Jack Lewis moved from the Winterburn area west of Edmonton in 1950 to study agriculture at the college - then known as the Vermilion School of Agriculture. He completed the program in 1951 and returned to Lewis Farms, founded by his parents in 1932.

Decades later, three of Jack's grandchildren also completed agriculture programs at Lakeland. Jack proudly attended the convocation ceremonies for Jordan Buba, Class of 2007 - livestock production, Kyle Lewis, Class of 2009 - animal science technology, and Tyler Buba, Class of 2013 - crop production.

Kyle and Tyler are part owners of Lewis Farms, which has expanded through the years to include 1,000-head of purebred cattle, 500 acres of seed potatoes, and 4,000 acres of grain near Spruce Grove and Sangudo. In 2006 Jack received Lakeland's Distinguished Alumni Award. As a leader in the agricultural field, his willingness to embrace innovation and new technology set a standard for excellence in an ever-changing industry. Jack's support for education and the involvement of youth in agriculture helped develop the next generation of producers.

"My dad (Jack) was very pleased to make this gift to Lakeland College because of our family's long-time affiliation with the college," says Ken Lewis. "He also wanted to support the ag industry and help young people. We thought ag technology was a great fit. Ag technology is changing all the time and it's more important than ever to the success of the agriculture industry."

Both Jack and Ken also supported the campaign by volunteering on the campaign's leadership team.

The donation was made before Jack passed away in May 2020. It wasn't announced then because Lakeland and the Lewis family had one more piece to finalize - how to recognize the gift in the Agriculture Technology Centre.

"I'm pleased to announce that we've named the data lab in the Agriculture Technology Centre the Lewis Farms Ltd. Data Lab in recognition of the Lewis family's generous gift," says Georgina Altman, vice president, external relations and infrastructure at Lakeland.

"I think Dad would be very proud to have Lewis Farms recognized in this space," says Ken. "I think he'd be grinning from ear to ear."

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- Ken Lewis



RBC FOUNDATION

supports leadership in new ag tech degree

Lakeland's new agriculture technology degree will provide students with enhanced leadership and work-integrated learning opportunities thanks to the support of the RBC Foundation.

RBC Foundation's donation of \$250,000 to *Leading. Learning. The Lakeland Campaign.* supported the development and delivery of the Innovation Leadership in Agriculture course, part of the new degree program. The course will focus on communication, teamwork and critical thinking skills that are important to the 21st century workplace.

The funds will also be used to offset costs related to the operations, measurement and evaluation of the work-integrated practicum component of the degree, which is a key catalyst for student success.

"With this donation, RBC Foundation will have a direct impact on every graduate from our agriculture technology degree," says Josie Van Lent, dean of agriculture technology and applied research. "We are so grateful to RBC Foundation for supporting us in this endeavor with their generous gift."

Over the next five years, 150 students in the agriculture technology degree program will benefit from this donation. The majority of work placements and practicums will be in Western Canada, with opportunities for both national and international placements as well.

"RBC Foundation's support will not only benefit our agriculture technology students by enhancing their leadership and practicum experiences - it will benefit our regional agriculture industry and economy," says Dr. Alice Wainwright-Stewart, Lakeland's president and CEO.

Lakeland's new agriculture technology degree aligns with goals of RBC Future Launch: to improve industry networks, provide equitable access to work-integrated learning opportunities, and to develop 21st-century skills needed by employers.

"Partnering with Lakeland College makes great sense, as their unique agriculture technology degree fits so well with our goals to support young people," said Jason McEvoy, RBC vice president, Alberta North. "Through our Future Launch Program, we're committed to preparing youth for jobs of tomorrow by providing access to work experience, skills development opportunities, networking solutions and mental well-being supports and services."

Lakeland's annual economic impact exceeds \$130 MILLION

Through alumni contributions, college operations and student spending, Lakeland College adds \$130.6 million to the economy each year.

That's the key finding of a study completed by Hanover Research. The research company analyzed Lakeland's notable quantifiable and non-quantifiable contributions during the 2019-2020 academic year.

"There are multiple ways Lakeland adds value. We offer foundational to degree programming. This attracts people to the region and provides local residents with access to post-secondary education without relocating," says Dr. Alice Wainwright-Stewart, president and CEO of Lakeland College.

She also noted that Lakeland alumni make significant long-term contributions to the workforce. As for Lakeland's operations, the college is a major employer in the region and its operational spending on supplies and services benefits the economy.

In a 2017 study, Lakeland's economic impact was \$120 million.



NEW PROGRAM OPTIONS AVAILABLE



Blended animal health technology program

Students interested in a rewarding career as a registered veterinary technologist had more options this fall to pursue their goals with Lakeland College.

Lakeland's School of Agricultural Sciences expanded their animal health technology (AHT) program this fall to include a blended delivery model that enables students to complete their lectures online and five comprehensive lab residencies on campus as well as two practicums during the two-year program.

Lakeland also offers an in-person, on-campus AHT program.



French child and youth care option

Lakeland is the only college west of Quebec to offer an online French version of child and youth care (CYC). Like its English counterpart, the program, technique d'éducation spécialisée, teaches students to connect with at risk youth and children, build therapeutic relationships, recognize symptoms of abuse and addiction, and provide support to families.

Lakeland's two-year CYC diploma program is one of only 12 programs in the country accredited by the Child and Youth Care Educational Accreditation Board of Canada.



New education degree pathway

People interested in earning an education degree from the University of Calgary can now complete most of the program at Lakeland College's Lloydminster campus thanks to an enhanced partnership.

Lakeland and the UCalgary Werklund School of Education signed a Memorandum of Understanding that provides a framework to deliver UCalgary's community-based Bachelor of Education (BEd) program to Lakeland's university transfer students.

The community-based BEd program will allow Lakeland students the opportunity to train to be a teacher, complete practicums and launch their teaching career all in Lloydminster.



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The opening of the Agriculture Technology Centre presents an exciting new chapter for Lakeland College and agriculture science students from across the country.

- Minister Nicolaides

Agriculture Technology Centre PROVIDES SPACE TO INNOVATE

Lakeland College students and researchers will explore, test and apply the latest technology in a new central hub – the Agriculture Technology Centre.

They'll also develop skills needed by industry and produce results of value for commercial agriculture producers.

The facility officially opened at the Vermilion campus Tuesday, Sept. 14, with the Minister of Advanced Education Demetrios Nicolaides onsite for the celebration.

“The opening of the Agriculture Technology Centre presents an exciting new chapter for Lakeland College and agriculture science students from across the country. Being able to deliver Canada’s first degree program in agriculture technology, in a state-of-the-art facility, continues to position Alberta as a world-class destination for post-secondary education,” says Minister Nicolaides.

Home to Lakeland’s new bachelor of agriculture technology program and



A ribbon was cut to celebrate the official opening of the Agriculture Technology Centre on Sept. 14. Participating in the ribbon cutting were (from left): Josie Van Lent, dean of agriculture technology and applied research at Lakeland, Dr. Alice Wainwright-Stewart, president and CEO of Lakeland, Minister of Advanced Education Demetrios Nicolaides, bachelor of agriculture technology students Bobbi-Jo Foster and Caylee Dorval, Scott Webb, Lakeland board chair, MLA Garth Rowswell, and Michael Crowe, vice president of academic and research



ag tech applied research activities, the Agriculture Technology Centre is where students, faculty and researchers will collect and analyze production and sustainability data generated across the commercial-scale Student-Managed Farm - Powered by New Holland.

New Holland Agriculture, Canada Foundation for Innovation, Lewis Farms, MNP, and the RBC Foundation announced their support for Lakeland's Agriculture Technology Centre this year. Their investments support programming and research initiatives, as well as technology and materials for the Agriculture Technology Centre.

"We're so grateful to have the support of our incredible donors and funding partners - their investment in this facility as well as our students and research will leave a lasting impact on our future ag leaders and the industry itself for generations to come," says

Dr. Alice Wainwright-Stewart, president and CEO of Lakeland College.

The 743-square-metre facility features a technology hub with displays and analytical tools, combined lab and classroom space, and an area for large farm equipment demonstrations and training. It's home to two labs: the Agriculture Technology Lab - Powered by New Holland and the Lewis Farms Data Lab. The first is a large makerspace area that supports student innovation and entrepreneurship, and the latter serves as a central collection hub for all data collected from in-field monitors, sensors, cameras, and precision technologies embedded across the campus farm.

Learn more about the Agriculture Technology Centre at lakelandcollege.ca



PAN-CANADIAN SMART FARM NETWORK LAUNCHED

The Pan-Canadian Smart Farm Network was launched together with Olds College, GlacierFarm Discovery Farm and Lakeland College.

The network of Smart Farms are committed to sharing data and expertise that will help farmers, industry and developers better understand, use and develop smart agricultural technologies.

With funding from the Canadian Agri-Food Automation and Intelligence Network (CAAIN), the Pan-Canadian Smart Farm Network, lead by the Olds College Smart Farm, includes Glacier FarmMedia Discovery Farm located at Langham, Sask., and the Lakeland's Student-Managed Farm - Powered by New Holland.

The first project for the network will evaluate the functionality, connectivity and value of data collected from a common suite of sensors measuring soil, climate and crop conditions at different sites.



Students' Association director **RECOGNIZED AS A RISING STAR**

Carrie Boerrichter, executive director of Lakeland College's Students' Association, is being celebrated for her service and leadership skills as the inaugural recipient of a national award.

The Rising Star Award, presented by the Association of Managers in Canadian College, University and

Student Centres (AMMICUS-C), is given to a professional in their first five years of working in the student movement across Canada. Recipients are chosen for their early leadership qualities and service to advancing the students' associations in Canada. Boerrichter is the first recipient of this award.



COLLEGIATE WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

HITS THE ICE

Thanks to the work of Lakeland and a community delegation, the college now offers a women's collegiate hockey team.

Together, they're providing a competitive student-athlete experience for 18-22 female hockey players. The team will play this season in the Alberta Junior Female

Hockey League and will be a club program under the Rustlers banner for the first year. They've applied to the Alberta Colleges Athletics Conference. The team also has a title sponsor, Kings Energy Group, and will be known as: The Lakeland College Kings Energy Group Rustlers Hockey Club.

Lakeland honours NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Lakeland College recognized the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Thursday, Sept. 30.

Earlier, the federal government passed legislation to mark Sept. 30 as an annual public holiday. As Lakeland continues its work to support and respond to the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the college honoured this day on campus with students and staff. This decision was made with consultation from our Elders close to Lakeland.

Leading up to and on Sept. 30, several activities were held to raise awareness of and further reconciliation efforts. On Sept. 30, a collective moment of silence was held at 2:15 p.m. to honour the 215 Indigenous children discovered on the grounds of the Kamloops Residential School on the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation earlier this year.



Thank you to Bill Bocoock, Class of 1952, whose generosity supports reconciliation efforts.

INTERIOR DESIGN PROGRAM RECOGNIZED BY INFLUENTIAL ASSOCIATION

Lakeland College's interior design technology (IDT) program is now recognized by Canada's most influential association for decor and design industry professionals.

As a Decorators and Designers Association of Canada (DDA) recognized institution, Lakeland's IDT students are eligible for a student membership with the association. Some of the benefits for students include access to the exclusive DDA affiliate decorator, participation in DDA Canada's annual Decorating & Design Competition, member-only articles and publications, discounts, a mentorship program and more.



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Everything that my instructors taught me is so important, but you don't realize it until you're working.



Jordan Moroz's practicum experience helped her start her new business, Jem Interiors, and attract clientele.

The Lakeland College Class of 2021 interior design technology (IDT) graduate completed her practicum with TimberChic Design and Craft & Trade Company, a construction company and retail store in Whitecourt, Alta. After offering her design services to a customer who was looking for materials at the store, Moroz landed her first client.

"Everything that my instructors taught me is so important, but you don't realize it until you're working," she says.

Moroz's instructors recognized her dedication to her studies, the program and design by nominating her for the Decorators & Designers Association of Canada's Ambassador Program Scholarship Award. She is the first Lakeland student to receive this recognition.

INTERIOR DESIGN SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

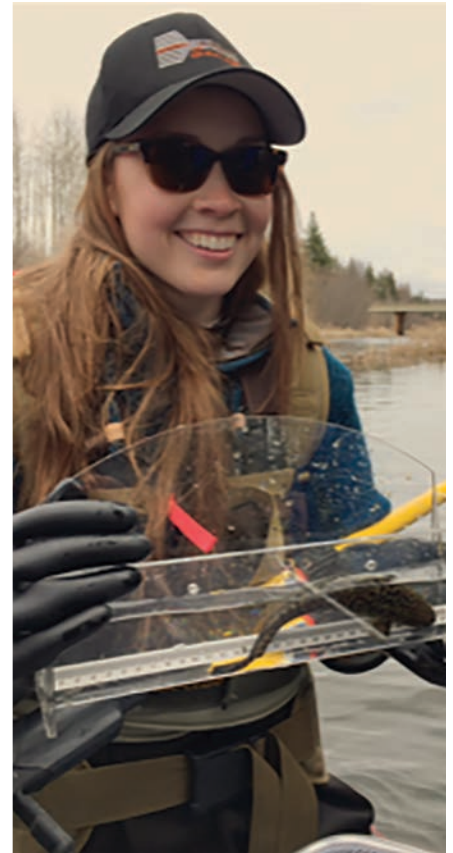
renders new business from experience

LEARNING ON THE JOB

Students in Lakeland's bachelor of applied sciences: environmental management (BASEM) program wrapped up their year with the Conference on Environmental Management.

Held virtually due to the pandemic, 12 students successfully completed the practicum and capstone requirements they needed to graduate. Nearly 600 people RSVP'd to watch as the students shared presentations on themes that included species protection, water quality monitoring, technology in the environment and more.

Following the conference, the presentations were evaluated and two presenters were chosen as award recipients: Matthew Gerolami and Kayla Hellum.



Matthew Gerolami (left) received the 2021 Trace Associates Lakeland College Capstone Award for his capstone presentation. Kayla Hellum (right) was named the ECO Canada Student Impact Award winner for her project.

Gerolami was chosen as the winner of the 2021 Trace Associates Lakeland College Capstone Award for BASEM presentation in the stream of reclamation and remediation. His presentation was on SRF - Saturated Rock Fills: Selenium and Nitrate Removal.

Hellum was named the ECO Canada Student Impact Award recipient

for her project, Aquatic Monitoring Program for a Nearby Gas Plant.

"We sampled a variety of areas around the gas plant, from greater to lesser exposure, and documented the changes downstream," Hellum says. "I learned that overall, as suspected, the gas plant I was studying was not causing any adverse effects to the environment."

President's Circle Honouring Outstanding Leadership

Every year, Lakeland College inducts student leaders to the President's Circle. As young members of the alumni family, they keep and carry the vibrant Lakeland spirit into the future.

Congratulations to the 70 students inducted to the 2021 President's Circle!

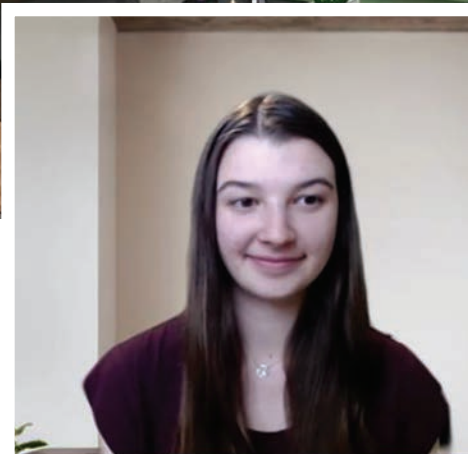


FOSTERING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Human services students put compassion into action through a community project in their leadership course. Offered to second-year students in the child and youth care and early learning and child care programs, the project includes choosing a cause to support, preparing and presenting a proposal, working as a team, developing communication skills and implementing projects that make a difference. With the added challenges of the on-going COVID-19 pandemic making many of the traditional project activities a challenge, students had to be particularly creative when choosing their project.

Kara Mouly's group chose to launch a pen pal program between elementary school students and seniors in lodges. "Because of the pandemic, these two groups weren't really seeing each other as often as they were before," explains the child and youth care student. "We thought this would be a good way to connect them during the pandemic and bring the community together."

Other groups worked on creating Hope Boxes with children in the campus daycare program to give to their parents, smile baskets for children at Ronald McDonald House in Edmonton and collecting donations for homeless shelters, among others.



Regan Skomar (top) was presented the Governor's General Academic Medal virtually by Dr. Alice Wainwright-Stewart, Lakeland's president & CEO.



I knew I had good marks because I worked so hard for them, but I wasn't expecting to be the best at Lakeland.

Award Spotlights

Interior Design Grad

This award-winning interior design technology graduate is putting her new skills into action at an award-winning interior design firm.

While working at Hodgson Design Associates in Vancouver, B.C., Regan Skomar found out that she earned the 2021 Governor General's Academic Medal for having the highest academic standing of all diploma-level programs at Lakeland College. The accolade is the most prestigious award given to a Lakeland graduate.

"I knew I had good marks because I worked so hard for them, but I wasn't expecting to be the best at Lakeland."

Lakeland presented the Governor General's Academic Award to Skomar virtually in the summer.

LEARNING REAL - WORLD ROPES IN BUSINESS

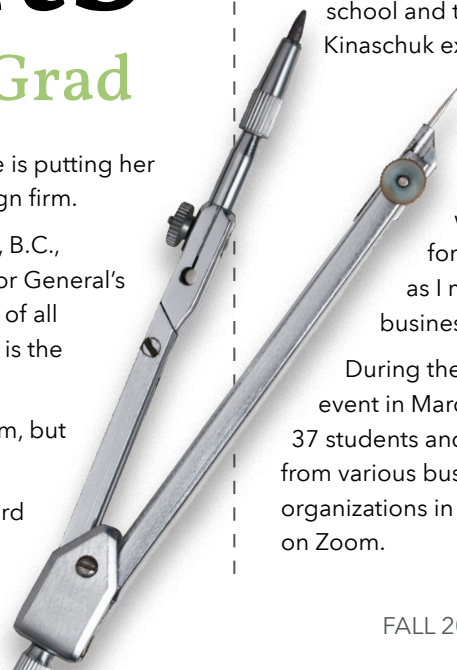
Lakeland College's business students' networks just got a little bigger.

The Lloydminster Chamber of Commerce's Mentoring in New Dimensions (MIND) program works to pair businesses with college students. The goal is for students to gain a greater understanding of what it is like working in their chosen field, receive real-world advice and to build valuable connections.

Dan Kinaschuk, a business administration student majoring in accounting, found a lot of value in attending the virtual event last spring.

"It was nice to be able to connect with some professionals to ask them questions and learn about the difference between school and the real world," Kinaschuk explains. "Having a little glimpse of the industry before I'm actually in it was so helpful for my confidence as I move into the business sector."

During the mentorship event in March, there were 37 students and 12 mentors from various businesses and organizations in attendance on Zoom.



IN MEMORIAM

Connie Axell
1982, Drafting

Edward Bross
1959, Agriculture 2 in 1

Edward Chmiliar
1975, Agriculture

Christina Fryfogel (née Golightly)
1948, Home Economics

Claude Gallinger
1966, Agriculture

Darlene Gallinger (née Wells)
1966, Commercial

George Gow
1955, Agriculture 2 in 1

Felix Hewko
1949, Agriculture

Phyllis Holte (née Johnson)
1961, Home Economics

Lesley Howland
2009, University Transfer

Ron Kidd
1960, Agriculture

Ed Kohel
Staff

William "Bill" Kondro
Board of Governors (1997-2003), Distinguished
Citizen (2006)

Terry Kubin (née Swanson)
Spouse of John Kubin - 1960, Agriculture 2 in 1

Ruby Lowe (née McCluskey)
1947, Home Economics

Inez "Pearl" Lewis
1948, Home Economics

Gladys McGinnis
Spouse of Dr. Arthur McGinnis - 1941,
Agriculture

Robert "Bob" Mosier
1954, Agriculture

Robert "Bob" Parker
1958, Agriculture

Raymond Smalley
Spouse of Janet Smalley (Née Hill) - 1969,
Business Education

Douglas Stecyk
Spouse of Susan Stecyk - 1965, Commercial

John Stewart
Distinguished Citizen (2017)

Gail Verleysen
2013, Animal Science Technology

Jean Wenig (née Withers)
1964, Commercial



1. Hillary Sauder, Class of 2021 animal science technology, received the Dick Turner Memorial Award during the Canadian Angus Association's annual general meeting in the summer. Sauder has shown cattle and worked for other cattle producers, in addition to her own family, and has been involved with 4-H and the Junior Angus Association. (Source: canadiancattlemen.ca)
2. James Kostuck, Class of 1999 emergency services technician, became the Airdrie Fire Department's new deputy chief of fire prevention and public education. Deputy Chief Kostuck previously served with the City of Grande Prairie's fire department for more than 20 years as a firefighter, officer, fire prevention officer and fire marshal. (Source: airdrietoday.com)
3. The Lloydminster Women's Basketball League features many Lakeland staff and alumni. Go Cougars!
4. Cassidy Dillon, Class of 2021 heavy oil power engineering, kicked off his career with International Petroleum Corporation's (IPC) plant near Onion Lake, Sask., in July. His position with IPC was lined up after he completed his 4th Class practicum placement with the company.
5. Quinn Hlus, Class of 2018 environmental sciences and 2020 bachelor of applied science: environmental management, worked with Ram River Environmental Consultants before joining the team at Lakeland. Now working with the Students' Association, she helps students navigate their own college experiences.
6. Jeru Lopez, Class of 2021 business administration, launched his own bookkeeping company after graduating. And to keep the momentum he built at Lakeland, he's enrolled at Athabasca University to pursue a degree in commerce.
7. Brittany Budd (née Partington), Class of 2009 university transfer and former Rustlers basketball player, and husband Joel welcomed their second son to the world. Walker Arch Budd arrived on July 11, joining older brother Paxton – both sure to be future Lakeland Rustlers.

To submit to Class Notes or In Memoriam, email raelean.hickson@lakelandcollege.ca.



The Bill Kondro Wing at the Lloydminster campus was named in honour of a longtime supporter of Lakeland College. As mayor of Lloydminster from 1982 to 1987, Mr. Kondro advocated for the development of a campus in Lloydminster and encouraged the city to donate the land the campus sits on to Lakeland. Mr. Kondro was appointed to the Lakeland Board of Governors in 1997 and served as chairman of the Lakeland Board of Governors from 1998 to 2003.

After his time on the board, he chaired the campaign team which raised \$2 million for the construction of this academic wing. In recognition of Mr. Kondro's commitment to education and his community, Lakeland proudly named the Bill Kondro Wing in his honour. Mr. Kondro (wearing a brown jacket) is pictured in 2008 during the opening with dignitaries and college representatives. Mr. Kondro passed away in March 2021. Our condolences to his family and friends.

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