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CONGRATULATIONS

class of 2021

LETTER FROM

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President and Vice-Chancellor

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on your graduation!

I was so hoping we would be able to share the celebration of your accomplishments with you, your family and friends, and with your Lakehead family on our campuses.

While the pandemic has limited our ability to come together in person, it has not limited the significance of your exceptional achievements, and the promise of future successes that come from learning and living these past years as a Lakehead University student.

We are especially proud of how well you have adapted to the challenges we have all faced this past year, and how you have demonstrated your resilience and spirit, and ownership of your learning goals.

Our world and plans are now so different from those that were in place when you entered Lakehead University. However, our strategic priorities and specific hopes for you are still strong and fitting today.

Lakehead's mission to be an innovative comprehensive university that provides an education that is about how to think deeply has never been more relevant. We have always strived to be strong members of national and international knowledge creation communities that share and collaborate for the greater good.

For the second year in a row, Lakehead University has been recognized as one of the top 100 Universities around the world in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings. THE Impact Rankings are the only global performance tables that assess universities against the United Nations'

Sustainable Development Goals. These interdependent goals address global challenges facing the world, including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice, and reflect the grand global challenges Lakehead University focuses on through its teaching, research and partnerships.

You, our newest class of university graduates, are even more well-prepared to lead the lasting transformation our world needs now.

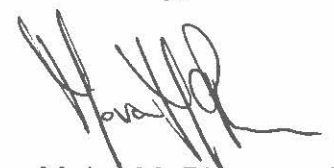
While experiencing the tumult of this pandemic, we have become profoundly aware of how well we have adapted to learning from one another, to sharing resources and expertise, and to seeing ourselves as members of communities collaborating for the betterment of our shared social, economic, and physical well-being.

We hope you have become more confident in how to use a wider range of technologies to help ensure you connect and thrive in your chosen careers or professions, even when neighbourhoods or hemispheres apart. Using virtual tools, you are able to create and interact with new levels of effectiveness and personal connection that truly cement long-term relationships and shared commitment.

This is a time of deep change. As both a graduate of Lakehead University and a global citizen, are poised to create a better future for yourself, for the communities you will choose to impact, and for our world.

Keep us in your hearts and in your minds as you, our exceptional 2021 graduates, make our future together brighter. We look forward to learning about all of your successes!

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