DECEMBER

York U was honoured with a York West Centennial Citation, awarded to businesses, individuals and groups for ongoing and outstanding contributions to the people and communities of York West, from MP Judy Sgro.

School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design student Eui Yong Zong won the $5000 Manulife Best Student Film Award for Leftover, a short drama about a North Korean refugee family living in Toronto.

Lassonde professor Andrew Eckford was one of seven finalists in the prestigious Bell Labs Prize competition, selected from almost 500 applicants in 30 countries. Professor Eckford’s project, entitled “Small Talk: Molecular Communication for Medical Nanorobotics,” explores the medical possibilities for being able to communicate with our bodies’ cells.

This year York’s Fall Recruitment event saw a 15 per cent increase in online student registration for the event and an 18 per cent increase in attendance compared to last year. The increases resulted in more than 4,300 visitors attending this year’s event on the Keele campus.

A number of York University community members were among the 95 new appointees to the Order of Canada, including:

1. Julia Foster, Chair, York University Board of Governors
2. Susan McGrath, a professor in the School of Social Work
3. Robert Cox, a professor emeritus in the Department of Political Science
4. Edgar J. Dosman, a professor in the Department of Political Science
5. And York alumni Michael DeGagné (LLM ‘10), Patrick Johnston (BA ‘73), Adèle M. Hurley (BA ‘74, MES ‘76), Barker Lawson (LLB ‘51), Robert Walters (BA ‘79, BSW ‘82, MSW ’86), and Catherine Zahn (BSc ‘74).
Schulich professor Trina McQueen was honoured with the Special Jury Award of Distinction at the 2014 Women in Film and Television Toronto Crystal Awards.

JANUARY

Team Schulich defeated teams from 21 other Canadian graduate business schools to win the 2015 MBA Games. The MBA games are composed of both academic and athletic challenges.

Schulich Professor Don Thompson’s latest book, The Supermodel and the Brillo Box, was listed as one of the best non-fiction books of 2014 by Maclean’s magazine.

Adam Douglas, Head Strength and Conditioning Coach at York University, helped the Canadian Junior hockey team win their gold medal at the 2015 IIHF World Junior Championship.

Three students have won this year’s Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLAC) Michael Baptista Essay Prize for outstanding scholarly papers relevant to Latin American and Caribbean Studies:

Undergraduate LA&PS student Jorge Villatoro won for his paper, “The Emergence of the Regional Cult of El Señor de Esquipulas.”

Osgoode graduate student Nadia Halum Arauz won for “Atahualpa’s Legacy: Analyzing the Impact of Gold Mining on Peru’s Campesino Community.”

Osgoode graduate student Jenna Meguid won for “Columbia’s Peace Talks.”

David Phipps, Executive Director Research and Innovation Services, was appointed to the Association of Commonwealth Universities’ (ACU) new Engage Community.

Osgoode professor Poonam Puri was appointed by Ontario’s Minister of Finance as the expert adviser to assist with the review of the Credit Unions and Caisses Populaires Act, 1994.

Alumnus Albert Shin (BFA ‘06) won the $5,000 Scotiabank Jay Scott Prize for his feature film In Her Place, which received its world premiere at TIFF last fall.

Faculty of Science student Kiu Ming April Kong is one of six winners of the Genetics Society of America (GSA) Victoria Finnerty Undergraduate Travel Award. This award will allow her to travel to Chicago to present her research at the 56th annual Drosophila Research Conference.