A number of York University community members and alumni are among the new appointees to the Order of Canada, including:

- Julia Foster, Chair, York University Board of Governors
- Susan McGrath, a professor in the School of Social Work
- Robert Cox, a professor emeritus in the Department of Political Science
- Edgar J. Dosman, a professor in the Department of Political Science
- 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)

Seven York U alumni were among the new appointees to the Order of Ontario, including:

- Mary Anne Chambers (LLD ’13)
- Joseph Halstead (BA ’78)
- Alis Kennedy (BA ’83, BA ’85)
- Gilles LeVasseur (LLM ’05)
- Eva Marszewski (BA ’70)
- Hon. Maryka Omatsu (LLB ’75)
- Hon. Warren Winkler (LLB ’62; LLM ’64; LLD ’12)

Ten emerging and established researchers from across the University have been appointed York Research Chairs. Tier I Chairs include:

- Isabella Bakker, Department of Political Science;
- Christopher Innes, Department of English;
Roger Keil, Faculty of Environmental Studies;
Sergey Krylov, Department of Chemistry;
Obiora Okafor, Osgoode Hall Law School.

Tier II Chairs include:
Mike Daly, Department of Earth and Space Science and Engineering;
Jane Heffernan, Department of Mathematics and Statistics;
Anna Hudson, Department of Visual Arts and Art History;
Fuyuki Kurasawa, Department of Sociology;
Rebecca Pillai Riddell, Department of Psychology.

For the fifth year, York ranked among the top 10 per cent of universities in the 2014 GreenMetric World University Ranking on sustainability, receiving high scores in transportation, waste and water management.

On January 12, York celebrated the launch of the new School of Continuing Studies. One of the largest in Canada, the School offers a mix of continuing professional programs and renowned expertise in English language training and academic preparation for international students offered by the York University English Language Institute (YUELI). The event featured the unveiling of two new innovative student-centered certificate programs that will offer students specialized knowledge in their field as well as the core foundational business skills that employers require.

An alumni reception in Markham was held on January 21 at the Remington Group Presentation Centre, hosted by President Shoukri and VP Advancement Jeff O’Hagan. The evening brought more than 130 alumni and community members together in support of the ongoing ‘Yes to York’ campaign for the University’s proposed Markham campus. Special guests included Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti and York alumnus and Chancellor Gregory Sorbara (BA ’78, LLB ’81).

Faculty of Science hosted their first York Science Saturday on January 24. York Science Saturday provides hands-on workshops for students in Grades 3-8 who are interested in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

40 York researchers have been awarded more than $6.3 million from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) through SSHRC’s Insight Development Grants and Insight Grants Competition.

Marianne Harris (JD/MBA ’83) is the recipient of the Hennick Medal, presented annually by the Hennick Centre for Business and Law to a distinguished leader.
who has earned international recognition in the business and legal communities.

Faculty of Science researcher Seyed Moghadas and Faculty of Health researcher Dale Stevens received a total of $284,331 in infrastructure funding from the Canada Foundation for Innovation to support their research projects.

In a groundbreaking study, Faculty of Health professor Doug Crawford and postdoctoral fellow Suryadeep Dash have discovered a new physiological system that continuously updates the remembered location of visual targets.

Physics and Astronomy professor Matt Johnson and his co-authors won third place in the Buchalter Cosmology Prize for their paper entitled, “Simulating the Universe(s): from Cosmic Bubble Collisions to Cosmological Observables with Numerical Relativity.”

Film alumnus Adam Clark (BFA ’11) has created and co-written a new web series, YEAR, which offers a new take on the Zombie genre and presents a model for how high-quality film and web productions are being created through collective pooling of the talent and production skills possessed by today’s new film graduates.

English Professor Christopher Innes has led an interdisciplinary team of researchers and performers in the creation of a new music CD featuring compositions by renowned playwright George Bernard Shaw.

Lassonde students Manjeet Kaur and Khady Lo Seck, along with recent Schulich grad Dhaman Rakhra, were chosen to be a part of The Next 36, a group of candidates identified for their extraordinary entrepreneurial potential.

York student and employee Kalpana Bilimoria, with 25 other students, helped to organize a shoe and coat drive on February 5 at Vari Hall as part of a Change Project class assignment for the course Prospects and Perils in the 21st Century.

Lions athlete Kayla Lambie won a silver medal at the OUA Fencing Championships.

Former mayor David Miller, president and CEO of the World Wildlife Fund-Canada and now an adjunct faculty member of the Faculty of Environmental Studies (FES), signed a Memorandum of Understanding outlining WWF-Canada’s commitment to the creation of partnerships between FES researchers and students and WWF conservation projects across Canada.

On February 11, the former Faculty of Fine Arts officially became the School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design (AMPD) in a ceremony attended by community members and hosted by President Shoukri and Dean Shawn Brixey.