MARCH

The fifth annual TEDxYorkU conference was held on March 28 and featured eleven speakers and performances from York faculty, alumni, students and staff.

Three Lassonde professors and researchers were featured in the #30in30 Inspiring Women in Engineering initiative by the Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council of Canada’s Pratt & Whitney Canada Chair for Women in Science and Engineering Ontario. The initiative is designed to raise the profile of the province’s most accomplished female engineers as part of National Engineering Month.

APRIL

At York’s annual Earth Day celebration, the University celebrated a number of key sustainability awards and accomplishments, including:

1. York was named one of Canada’s Greenest Employers by MediaCorp Canada Inc. for the 3rd year in a row;
2. York was ranked 2nd on Corporate Knights Future 40 Responsible Corporate Leaders list for the 2nd consecutive year;
3. And for the fifth year in a row, York was ranked among the greenest universities on the planet, placing 35th on the 2014 GreenMetric ranking on sustainability.

Recipients of 2015 President’s Sustainability Leadership Awards:
- Bonfire Implementation Team
- York University’s Food Services Department
- Glendon Roots and Shoots
- Regenesis York
- Meagan Heath, Waste Management Supervisor, CSBO
LA&PS student Sayjon Ariyarathnam was selected as winner of the fourth annual President for a Day contest. Sayjon, who is active in the University community as a student Senator and as President of the Student Council of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (SCOLAPS), will swap roles with President Shoukri in September.

Former York University field hockey head coach and Kinesiology & Health Science faculty member Marina van der Merwe was named to the 2015 induction class for Canada’s Sports Hall of Fame.

Osgoode professor Benjamin Berger received the Canadian Association of Law Teachers-Association Canadienne des Professeurs de Droit Prize for Academic Excellence.

The Canadian Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Professionals has awarded the 9th Annual Lloyd Houlden Fellowship to Osgoode professor Poonam Puri.

The York Cares Campaign is in United Way’s top 15 per cent of contributors, thanks to support from over 10 percent of the York University community this year.

York grad Anthony Antan (BBA ’10) proposed to Maria Rego (BBA ’10) at the Observatory on April 24.

300 teacher candidates attended the Faculty of Education’s inaugural Education Symposium on April 25. The event marked the launch of the Faculty’s renewed professional learning program.

**MAY**

On May 1, York’s Centre for Vision Research awarded graduate students Sarah D’Amour the Marian Regan Prize, and Lesley Deas the E. Lynn Kirshner Award.

GEO-SLOPE International has presented Lassonde’s Civil Engineering program with a gift of more than $120,000 in software. The software is widely used for analyzing a variety of geotechnical problems, including the stability of foundations, mine pits and dams.

LA&PS student Khamica Bingham is competing for a spot at the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games after a successful 2014-15 season, winning the gold medal in the 60m at the OUA and CIS championships, with the second fastest time in Canadian history. Other Pan Am hopefuls include Melissa Humana-Paredes, a beach volleyball player; thrower Brittany Crew; and sprinter Dontae Richards-Kwok.
Fifty exceptional graduate and undergraduate students were honoured on May 5 at York’s annual Circle of Scholars celebration.

The Faculty of Graduate Studies honoured Professor Kathryn McPherson’s excellence in graduate teaching and mentoring with the Faculty’s Teaching Award at the Faculty Council meeting on May 7.

On May 9 four members of the York University Lions women’s hockey team began a cycling journey from Toronto’s SickKids Hospital to the Philadelphia Children’s Hospital, a ride that totaled 960km. The students joined forces with Toronto Police Services from 31 Division to raise money for The Hospital for Sick Children through the Cops Cycle for Kids event.

Two graduate nursing students, Sally Baerg and Kadeen Briscoe, received research awards from the Registered Nurses’ Foundation of Ontario (RNFOO) during National Nursing Week.

NSERC competition results indicate that Faculty of Science researchers received 12 Discovery Grants, with total funding of nearly $2 million, as well as one Discovery Accelerator Supplement ($120,000 over 3 years) and one Early Career Supplement ($25,000 over 5 years). Three Research Tools and Instruments applications were also funded, for a total of nearly $300,000.

The Economist has ranked the Kellogg-Schulich Executive MBA program number five in the world in its second survey of the globe’s top Executive MBA programs.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

Professor Ananya Mukherjee-Reed has been appointed to the position of Dean of the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, effective July 1, 2015, for a five-year term.

Joy Kirchner, former associate university librarian for content & collections at the University of Minnesota Libraries, has been appointed as York’s new university librarian, effective July 1, 2015, for a five-year term.

Professor Will Gage of the School of Kinesiology & Health Science has been appointed to the position of interim associate vice-president teaching and learning in the Office of the Vice-President Academic and Provost.

Osgoode professor Benjamin Berger will assume the role of the Law School’s inaugural Associate Dean (Students), effective July 1, 2015.

Celia Popovic has been appointed to the position of director of York University’s Teaching Commons.