On May 20, the Government of Ontario announced that the proposal to build a new York University–Markham Centre campus was accepted. York’s proposal, in collaboration with the City of Markham, the Regional Municipality of York and Seneca College, was the only one selected among 19 submissions. The new campus will offer professionally-relevant academic programs and workplace-based learning opportunities to over 4,000 students, with easy access to transit, major employers and research hubs.

The Canadian Association of Research Administrators (CARA) has recognized two York senior research administrators with national awards. Angela Zeno received the Community Builder Award and David Phipps received the Research Management Excellence Award.

Osgoode alumni Aida Shahbazi, Paul Jonathan Saguil and Lisa Feldstein were 3 of the 6 winners of the 2015 Precedent Setter Awards. Created by Precedent magazine, these awards recognize Ontario lawyers who have shown excellence and leadership in their early years of practice.

Alumna Autumn Mills has been selected for the Canadian women’s baseball team competing at the Toronto Pan Am Games this summer.

The University recently celebrated the success of its YORKWISE Energy Conservation and Retrofit Project, which has received rebate savings from Toronto Hydro ($1,030,480) and Enbridge Gas Distribution ($44,611).

Lassonde School of Engineering researchers have received a total of over $3M in infrastructure funding from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) to support research projects.

York Theatre graduate student Tanya Elchuk was selected as one of five winning students in the 2015
SSHRC Storyteller contest for her research on cognitive neuroscience and acting.

Two industry-academic partnerships led by York University have received a total of $3,300,000 through NSERC’s Collaborative Research and Training Experience (CREATE) Grants Program.

12 students were recognized for their work in poetry, short fiction, screenwriting and stage writing at the 2015 President’s Creative Writing Awards and the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies’ Creative Writing Program Awards ceremony on May 12.

Graduate/professional student Dan O’Hara and non-academic employee Amanda Wassermuhl have been nominated for membership on the Board of Governors.

Sculptor-in-residence Marlon Griffith is working with a group of 15 students to build seven large-scale, wearable costumes to be featured in a 300-person procession Aug. 9, titled “Ring of Fire.” The project was commissioned by the Art Gallery of York University and will raise awareness about accessibility.

Vice-President Research & Innovation Robert Haché signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between York University and Radboud University Nijmegen on behalf of the Donders Institute for Brain, Cognition & Behaviour. The MOU solidifies the existing research relationship and provides a framework for further collaboration in the areas of vision research and the neuroscience of perception and action, and their applications in health, computer science and robotics.

The Faculty of Science hosted a gala to celebrate its 50th anniversary. More than 160 attendees, including staff, faculty, retirees, students, alumni and friends of the Faculty, came to celebrate York University’s rich contributions to the sciences.

LA&PS held its third annual Experiential Education Celebration on May 5, which provided an overview of this year’s achievements and future experiential education at York University.

A team of six students from Lassonde was among the 10 finalists in the 2015 IDeA student competition for their concept of eyeglasses for individuals with a hearing
impairment that uses microphones and speech recognition software to display words spoken to the user.

The New Journal of Chemistry (NJC) held its fourth annual NJC Symposium: New Directions in Chemistry for the first time in North America. The symposium took place June 5 at the Keele Campus.

Professor Richard Hornsey, Professor Suzanne MacDonald and Professor Adrian Shubert have received the title of University Professor for their scholarship, teaching and participation in University life. Professors Hornsey and MacDonald will be honoured during spring convocation ceremonies, and Professor Shubert will be honoured in the fall.

Chemistry Professor Demian Ifa was named one of the leading new researchers in the area of mass spectrometry in the most recent issue of the Journal of the American Society for Mass Spectrometry.

Linda Chigbo, an electrical engineering student at Lassonde, has been selected to receive the Hydro One 2015 Women in Engineering Scholarship.

On May 29, York University English Language Institute (YUELI) received a Certificate of Recognition as an Excellent Organization in Sino-Canadian Education from the United Association of Global Educational Development.

The Australian Academy of Science has awarded the 2015 Selby Fellowship for excellence in science to Dean Ray Jayawardhana for his contributions to science.

Lassonde Professor Sushanta Mitra has been inducted as a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineering.
The New Brunswick government has appointed history Professor William Wicken to an Environmental Assessment panel that will listen to public concerns regarding a proposed tungsten and molybdenum open pit mine.

Julia Foster, Chair of the Board of Governors, was recently appointed to the Governing Council of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

Several of York’s DEM graduates and faculty presented at the 25th World Disaster Management Conference held June 8-11 in Toronto. Three Master’s students (Sarah Thompson, Aung Moe San, and Nai Ming Lee) received awards from the Ontario Association of Emergency Managers (OAEM) and the Disaster Recovery Information Exchange (DRIE).

The Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) honoured Dr. Debra Pepler with the 2015 Donald O. Hebb Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology as a Science.

LA&PS professor Dr. Stuart Shanker was conferred with an Honorary Diploma in the General Arts and Science Program by George Brown College in recognition of his groundbreaking research on self-regulation and his work with multiple departments and divisions at the College.

At Spring Convocation 2015, University-Wide Teaching Awards were presented to Jean-Michel Montsion, Assistant Professor, International Studies at Glendon College, and Vivian Stamatopoulos, Teaching Assistant and PhD candidate in Sociology.

Four Governor General’s Academic Medals were awarded at Spring Convocation. Gold medal recipients were Sarah D’Amour (MA, Psychology), and David Moffette (PhD, Sociology). Silver medal recipients were Nick Zabara (BA, Hons. Dbl. Maj. Professional Writing & Psychology), Julien Cossette (MA, Social Anthropology) and Ali Helmi (BSc., Spec. Hons. Kinesiology & Health Sciences). The Murray G. Ross Award was presented to Atifa Karim (BEd., Inter/Senior Geography and English), pictured here with her parents and Helen Vari.