OCTOBER

Two York postdoctoral fellows have been awarded prestigious Banting Fellowships. Jesus Bermejo Tirado from the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies and Alexander Stasheuski from the Faculty of Science will each receive $140,000 in research funding over two years.


Distinguished Research Professor Emeritus Gordon Shepherd from the Lassonde School of Engineering is the recipient of the Scientific Committee on Solar Terrestrial Physics Distinguished Scientist Award for 2014.

NOVEMBER

York team members climbed Toronto’s CN Tower in support of the United Way Stair Climb and raised more than $4,000—well over their $2,500 goal.

Vice-President Academic and Provost Rhonda Lenton, along with six other York researchers, published *Community Service Learning and Community-Based Learning as Approaches to Enhancing University Service Learning*, for the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario (HEQCO). The report analyzes the many advantages of experiential learning for post-secondary education.

17 York runners raised $3,000 for the York Lions Swim to Survive Program at the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon. The Swim to Survive program provides children with free swimming lessons.
The Lions men’s soccer team had a banner year, winning their second straight Ontario University Athletics (OUA) championship, before going on to win the national title at the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) championship. This is the fourth OUA banner for the Lions, as well as the fourth Sam Davidson Memorial Trophy from CIS in the program’s history.

Long-time York supporters James and Joanne Love made a landmark donation of $2.5 million in support of environmental sustainability in the Faculty of Environmental Studies (FES) and the Lassonde School. The gift will contribute to a number of initiatives including:

1. Establishing the James and Joanne Love Chair in Environmental Engineering;
2. Completing funding for the James and Joanne Love Chair in Neotropical Conservation;

Lions men’s soccer head coach Carmine Isacco was named the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) coach of the year. He was one of four Lions honoured at the Charlottetown awards gala on Nov. 5, as Casey D’Mello, Jarek Whiteman and Jonathan Lao were all named CIS all-Canadians. It is the second straight year D’Mello and Lao have been recognized nationally, while Whiteman is an all-Canadian for the first time.

Innovation York, in collaboration with the Faculty of Health and the Lassonde School, created “LaunchYU,” a campus-wide initiative that supports early-stage entrepreneurship and helps to accelerate start-up companies within the University and the surrounding community.

Peter Liuni, a chemistry graduate student in the Faculty of Science, awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology for overall academic excellence and research potential.

Political Science Professor Heather MacRae has been awarded the Jean Monnet Chair in European Integration, a teaching post sponsored by the European Union that celebrates excellence in research and teaching.
Professor MacRae will use the award funding to enhance the European Studies curriculum offered at York.

York Space Engineering alumnus Jakub Urbanek is an operations engineer on the Rosetta Team of the European Space Agency, the group that facilitated the historic Philae comet landing.

Thousands of students, staff, and faculty participated in the Fall Red & White Day on November 13th. Participation in events and celebrations was record-setting. Some highlights of the day include:

- Lions Men’s Soccer Team, Women’s Tennis Team, and Intramural Athletes were celebrated for their achievements at the Spirit Rally in the Student Centre.
- President Shoukri and Associate Dean of Students Peter Cribb from the Faculty of Science presented the 2014 York U My Time contest winner Lidia Kazakova, a fourth-year student in biomedical sciences, with her free tuition cheque.
- York alumnus and award-winning comedian Gerry Dee (BA ’92), known for his role in the CBC sit-com “Mr. D,” returned to his alma mater to talk about his time at York University and “Life After Graduation.”
- The York community was eager to share its York spirit, as hundreds submitted photos to the Best in Class and #YUSpiritSelfie competitions.