SEPTEMBER

During homecoming celebrations, the York University Alumni Association recognized six outstanding individuals with scholarships. The recipients are students Sumeet Farwaha, Julia Pennella, Maya Prager and Erica Shligold; and graduates Jay Gajiwala and Tanvi Gupta.

PhD candidate Colin McGuire won two prizes for papers exploring the connection between music and martial arts.

The 14th annual Kenaidan-York University Lions Cup Golf Tournament raised more than $290,000 in support of graduate students and student athletes.

OCTOBER

Mark Terry (BA ’80), a broadcast journalist and documentary filmmaker, has returned to York U to pursue a master's degree in humanities. Terry was awarded the Enbridge Graduate Student Award this past summer.

Lions women's tennis team captured the 2014 Ontario University Athletics championship on Oct. 5th at the Western Tennis Centre in London, ON.

Mark Schwartz, professor of management and business ethics in the School of Administrative Studies in LA&PS, has received a Master Teacher in Ethics Award from Brigham Young University. Schwartz is only the second Canadian academic to receive this distinction.

Alumna Maria Mutch (BFA ’91) was named a finalist for the 2014 Governor General’s Literary Award for Non-Fiction for her debut book “Know the Night: A Memoir of Survival in the Small Hours.”

Mathematics Professor Huaxiong Huang appointed to the position of Associate Director for Industry Liaison at the Fields Institute for Research in Mathematics.

As of October 14, 2014, Lions men’s soccer team is the No. 1 nationally ranked team. The Lions also lead the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) West standings with 40 points.
Schulich MBA program was ranked number one in the world by Corporate Knights, the world’s largest circulation magazine with an explicit focus on responsible business.

Lecturer Pastor Valle-Garay from the Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics received the Pioneer in Education Award by the Hispanic Canadian Heritage Council.

Schulich Professor Theodore Noseworthy is York’s new Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Entrepreneurial Innovation and the Public Good. Faculty of Health Distinguished Research Professor Douglas Crawford has been renewed as a CRC in Visual-Motor Neuroscience.

Alumni Harini Sivalingam (LLB ’05) and husband Gary Anandasangaree (LLB ’05), have established the Nagaratnam (Siva) Sivalingam Award, the first-ever graduate award in Tamil studies in memory of a pioneer and leader of the Tamil community.

York’s dramatic overall improvement in the Times Higher Education World University rankings (THE) saw an increase of 57 places, from 291 in the world last year to 234 this year. Most other Canadian universities either declined in rankings or remained the same.

Also in the THE rankings, York ranked fourth in Canada and in the top 100 in the world in Social Sciences (95) and Arts & Humanities (97) for the first time.

At Schulich’s 2014 Alumni Recognition Awards, the School honoured achievements of alumni in four categories: Outstanding Executive Leadership, Outstanding Progress and Achievement, Outstanding Public Contribution and Outstanding Contribution to the School. The recipients included:

- Michael Cooper (MBA ’86), president and CEO of Dream Unlimited Corp
- John Ruffolo (BBA ‘88), CEO of OMERS Ventures
- J. Mark Lievonen (BBA ’79, MBA ’87), president of Sanofi Pasteur Limited Outstanding Public
- Howard Lichtman (MBA ’82), president of The Lightning Group and co-founder of Ethnicity Multicultural Marketing and Advertising

At Fall Convocation 2014, York conferred five honorary degrees to an exceptional group of Canadians. The recipients included:

- Allan Carswell, internationally renowned scientist and former York professor;
- Rick Mercer, a Canadian cultural icon, satirist, and activist;
- Vivienne Poy, a former Canadian Senator and a champion of post-secondary education;
- Bonnie Patterson, an academic leader who has been a pioneer of post-secondary education in Ontario;
- Kathleen Taylor, a trailblazing bank executive and a graduate of both Osgoode Hall Law School and Schulich School of Business.