

YORK U ALUMNI NEWS

Happy Holidays

Our warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a very happy, healthy New Year.



ALUMNI EVENTS

York community celebrates 20 years of Bryden Awards

Hundreds of York community members gathered virtually on Nov. 19 to celebrate 20 years of York alumni who have changed the world for the better. Read about the evening's entertainment, interviews, and more.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Six York alumni take home JUNO Award

"Winning this JUNO award is like winning the Stanley Cup," said alumnus John Holland (PhD '18), a bass-baritone in the Ottawa Bach Choir that recently won a JUNO award for Classical Album of the Year: Vocal or Choral.



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Impact Report to Donors

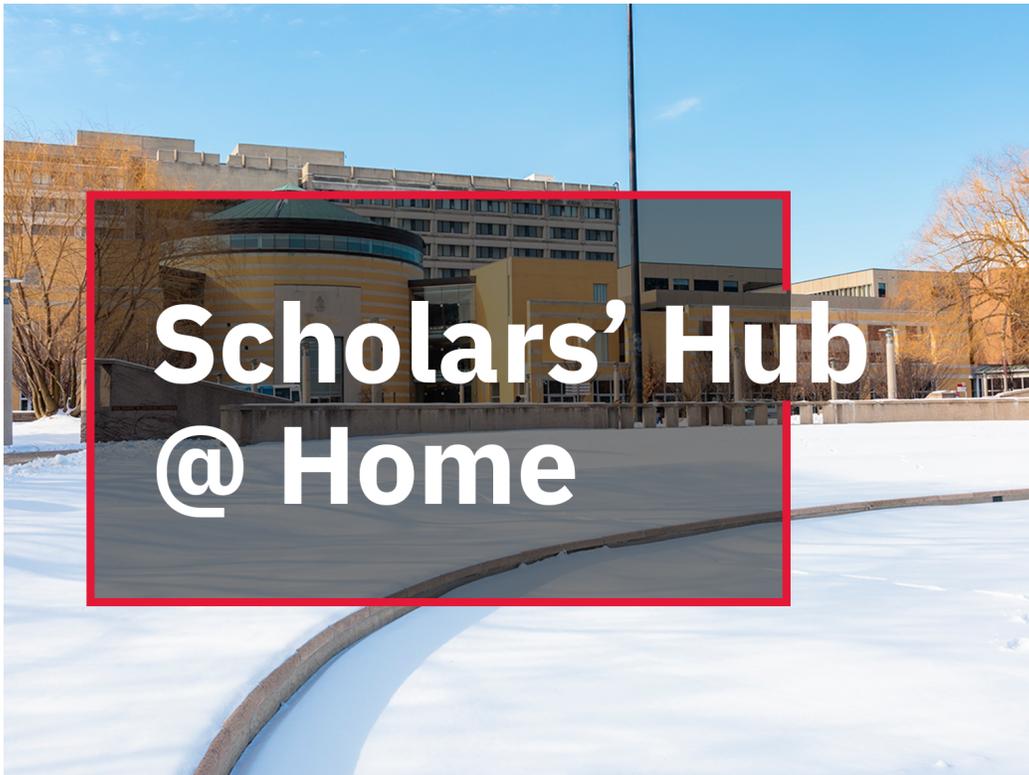
This year's report highlights some inspiring stories of donors who have stepped up to help our students at a time when it mattered most. It shows how your contributions and leadership are helping to create positive change in our community.



ALUMNI BENEFITS

Enjoy the holidays with great alumni benefits!

Take advantage of your alumni benefits with discounts on Polar Drive and the Bluffs Winter Wonderland Drive-Thru Experience. [Visit our website for details and promo codes.](#)



SCHOLARS' HUB @ HOME

Dec. 9 | Memory and decision-making in the time of COVID-19

Jan. 21 | Claim the vote, claim the country? Part II: Key takeaways from the 2020 US election

Jan. 27 | The COVID-19 pandemic reinforces the importance of the social determinants of health



ALUMNI NEWS

York grad lands major Dragon's Den deal with her innovative AI wig platform

Schulich alumna Akosua Asare (IBBA '16) pitched her artificial intelligence powered wig-fitting platform on CBC's Dragon's Den and landed a deal with Canadian investor, Manjit Minhas.



ALUMNI PROGRAMS

Alumni book club now reading Malcolm Gladwell's *Talking to Strangers*

Malcolm Gladwell, host of the *Revisionist History* podcast, offers a powerful examination of our interactions with strangers, and why they often go wrong.



ON CAMPUS

Hariri Pontarini Architects wins bid to design new stand-alone York gallery

The Art Gallery of York University's (AGYU) new stand-alone art gallery, to be designed and constructed by winning architectural firm Hariri Pontarini Architects, will embrace a vision of art and connectedness.



THE YORK UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE

Thinking inside the box

The pandemic has put the squeeze on pomp and circumstance this year, prompting a repackaging of the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020.



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Schulich program addresses issues facing women leaders

Practical Strategies for Successful Women Leaders helps students identify obstacles in their own workplace and increase their skills and understanding of what it takes to be successful as women leaders. [Learn more.](#)



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