

YORK U ALUMNI NEWS

Welcome to our newsletter for recent graduates and early career alumni, offering timely stories and relevant information on career development, benefits and programming.



Happy Pride 2021!

June is Pride Month, a time to celebrate 2SLGBTQIA communities and honour their continued struggle for equality. We have the opportunity to recognize Pride Month and to affirm our dedication to creating a more diverse and inclusive society. [Learn more about the Pride events taking place in the York community this month.](#)



CAMPUS NEWS

Flags on campus at half-mast for 215 hours

The discovery of the mass grave of 215 Indigenous children at the Kamloops Indian Residential School is a tragic reminder that this history is still felt today through intergenerational trauma and that there is still a long road toward reconciliation. [Read the full statement.](#)



AWARENESS DAYS

National Indigenous History Month

June provides an opportunity for settlers to deepen their understanding and awareness of the history, heritage and diversity of the Indigenous peoples in Canada and [commit to learning about the lasting impacts of colonization.](#)



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Madeleine Patton (BFA '16)

When she was 14 years old, alumna Madeleine Patton wrote a story about a young, limping lioness in the wild. Today she shares her journey since graduating from York and creating her animated web series *My Pride* where she explores her bisexual identity. [Read more about Madeleine's journey.](#)



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GRADitude Speaker Series

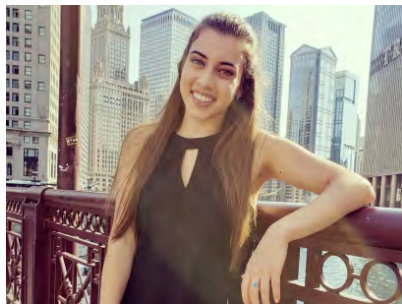
Join us on June 29 for the GRADitude Speaker Series featuring our final session of the season, *How to improve your money mindset in a digital era* with host and certified financial planner Cindy Marques (BA '12) to learn what you can do to create better money habits. [Register for June 29.](#)



CAMPUS NEWS

UN Leadership Training Centre opening at York

York University and the UN Institute for Training and Research are proud to announce the establishment of Canada's first *Centre International de Formation des Acteurs Locaux* (CIFAL). [Learn more about the first Canadian CIFAL Training Centre.](#)



ALUMNI BENEFITS

Financial literacy classes

Money Matters offers virtual financial literacy classes for young adults. Alumna Basia Pozin (BBA '17) focuses on the practical application of personal finances by covering topics related to budgeting, investing, and other skills. [Register now and save 20%.](#)



CAMPUS NEWS

New School of Medicine

York is moving forward with plans to establish a new School of Medicine that will focus on training family and community doctors in an integrated setting, building upon the University's history of leadership in health education and research. [Learn more about the proposed School of Medicine.](#)



ALUMNI NEWS

Vaccine Hunters Canada

Alumnus and YUAB member Jonathan Clodman (BEd '19, BA '19, MEd '20) is a teacher and one of four official members behind Vaccine Hunters Canada, a group providing thousands of Canadians with assistance navigating the COVID-19 vaccine rollout. [Learn more about Jonathan and Vaccine Hunters Canada.](#)



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Spring graduation ceremony

Join us on Tuesday, June 29 to celebrate the achievements and success of graduating students and welcome them into the York alumni community. [Join the conversation online with #YorkUConvo or watch the ceremony.](#)

ALUMNI BENEFITS



TD Home and Auto Insurance
TD Insurance for alumni is more than just car and home insurance! Thinking about hitting the open road this season? **Get a quote on motorcycle or RV insurance.**



Still looking for a frame?
Looking for the perfect gift for your spring 2021 grad? Help them show off their hard-earned diploma in a York University frame, **available online through Tempo Framing.**

An advertisement for the MBNA Rewards credit card. On the left, the text reads "Stock up on groceries and rewards." In the center is an image of the MBNA Rewards credit card, which is black with a gold chip and the MBNA logo. On the right is a photograph of a family (a man, a woman, and a child) shopping in a grocery store. At the bottom left is the "mbna" logo, and at the bottom right is a red button that says "APPLY NOW" with "Conditions apply." written below it.

Reward yourself! With the MBNA Rewards® credit card, you could get the flexibility to earn and redeem points for what you want, when you want. **Learn more.**

ALUMNI EVENTS



June 21 | 2pm ET | Indigenous History Month: A conversation on Indigeneity and student success

In recognition of Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous Peoples Day, the Indigenous Alumni Network, in partnership with the Centre for Indigenous Student Services (CISS) invites you to a virtual panel discussion and Q&A on Indigeneity, identity, and student success.



June 22 | 5:30pm ET | Pride Month: Queer perspectives at and after university

For Pride Week 2021, TBLGAY (Trans Bisexual Lesbian Gay Asexual at York) and the Alumni Engagement team present a Table Talk, 'Queer Perspectives At and After University'.



June 23 | 12pm ET | Scholars' Hub @ Home

This year is the 40th anniversary of both the Toronto bathhouse raids and the founding of Pride Toronto. This presentation will

reflect on the connections between the resistance to the bathhouse raids and the forgotten histories of Pride Toronto.



Sept. 22 | 12pm ET | Scholars' Hub @ Home

What role do video games play in our lives? This talk will focus on the benefits and opportunities presented by gaming during the pandemic and will discuss these social, creative, and intellectual possibilities as well as positive outcomes in terms of health and wellbeing.

Check our [event listings page](#) throughout the month for more Pride and National Indigenous History Month events. To ensure you stay in the know on Indigenous Alumni Network and Pride Alumni Network activities, [email Habibah Haque, Alumni Engagement Officer](#).

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