

YORK U ALUMNI NEWS



York improves in several categories in Maclean's 2022 University Rankings

The rankings highlight solid progress in several important areas, including an impressive sixth-place ranking against all other comprehensive universities in Canada for the second consecutive year. York's rankings are also up in key priority areas, including the national reputation category, and student satisfaction section. [Read more about the Maclean's 2022 University Rankings.](#)



CAMPUS NEWS

What's new at the Markham Campus?

Gordon Binsted has been appointed Deputy Provost of Markham Campus for five years beginning in January 2022. Construction is underway for the much-anticipated new campus which will open its doors in fall 2023. [Learn more about the Markham Campus.](#)



ALUMNI EVENTS

Celebrate the York U Alumni Awards on Nov. 18

Join us for an evening of entertainment, celebration and networking, as we honour this year's four York U Alumni Awards recipients and cheer on our talented student and alumni performers. [Register and learn more.](#)



RESEARCH

Changes to polar bear diets reflect climate shift

How are warming temperatures and a loss of sea ice affecting polar bears and their prey in the Arctic? A York-led research team monitored what polar bears eat across Nunavut and where they are catching their prey to find out.

[Read more about the research.](#)



ALUMNI EVENTS

Global Entrepreneurship Week - York U Alumni Day

Join us on Nov. 8 for a panel featuring three young alumni discussing their paths to entrepreneurship at 12pm ET and return for a special keynote from alumnus Ario Khoshbin (BCom '02) at 6pm ET. [Register and learn more about these events.](#)



ALUMNI EVENTS

Introducing Mid-Career Conversations

Each event in this new virtual event series, will focus on a specific mid-career transition and feature an alumni storyteller sharing their personal journey and experiences. [Learn more about Mid-Career Conversations.](#)



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

The pursuit of lifelong learning

On Nov. 2, Varathaledchumy Shanmuganathan earned the distinction of becoming the oldest person to receive a master's degree from York University as part of her lifelong mission to continue advancing her education.

[Read Varatha's story.](#)



IN THE NEWS

The people's doctor

Eileen de Villa (MBA '03), Toronto's Medical Officer of Health, has calmly guided Toronto through the pandemic, delivering the science amid the heartbreaking toll of illness and death from COVID-19. [Read the full story in the York U Magazine.](#)



IN THE NEWS

Alumnae to direct and join the cast of new CBC show

Alumna Joyce Wong (BFA '06) directs the new CBC family comedy, *Run the Burbs* set to premiere in winter 2022. Cast members include alumnae Julie Nolke and Aurora Browne. [Learn more about Run the Burbs.](#)

ALUMNI BENEFITS



CHIRP audiobooks

Buy best-selling audiobooks at a discount with no subscription or membership fees with Chirp. Save on the next Alumni Book Club book, *The Glass Hotel* by Emily St. John Mandel. [Learn more.](#)



Ski at Mt. Tremblant

SkiMax is back for the 2021-2022 winter season! Tickets are valid until December 9, 2022. Fully transferable between attendees, SkiMax tickets are an excellent gift for your friends and family. [Learn more.](#)



TD Home and Auto Insurance

York alumni get a group discount with TD Insurance Meloche Monnex. To get a free, no-obligation quote, simply complete the quick, three-step application. [Learn more.](#)

ALUMNI EVENTS



Nov. 3 - 29 | York U Photo Challenge

Take a self-guided walk down memory lane on York's Keele campus with the York U Photo Challenge this November – all you need is the photo checklist, a phone camera and a sense of adventure!



Nov. 4 | 7pm ET | Mid-Career Conversations | Becoming an author

Join Kelly Jackson (MA '06) co-author of *Our Canada - A Year With Canuck Kids*, for a discussion on all that goes into writing, publishing and marketing a book while working full-time.



Nov. 5 | 12pm ET | Tax-effective wealth and estate planning

Join alumnus Mark Halpern (BA '85) to learn how to effectively preserve and grow your estate, use government benefits to reduce taxes, create generous charitable gifts, and leave more for loved ones.



Nov. 15 | 7pm ET | Markham Community Open House

Markham residents are invited to join us for a virtual open house to discover more about our new Markham Campus, construction plans and future opportunities when open.



Nov. 24 | 12pm ET | Scholars' Hub @ Home | Intimate partner violence and access to justice

Join Osgoode Prof. Janet Mosher for a talk highlighting the unique and complex challenges that arise for survivors of intimate partner violence as they attempt to navigate two or more legal domains – among them family, criminal, child welfare, and immigration law.



Nov. 25 | 12pm ET | GRADitude | Young alumni speed networking

Looking to grow your professional network or practice your networking skills? Join this virtual speed networking session hosted by young alumni ambassador Crystal Heidari (BSc '17, JD '20), where you will have the chance to meet fellow York alumni from all over the world.



Nov. 27 | 10am ET | York Circle | Francophone in Canada: Negotiating minority and majority rights

Hosted by Dr. Rebecca Pillai Riddell, this lecture will feature a panel of three leading faculty members sharing their research and engaging in thought provoking conversation.

To find out more about the events we're hosting this month [check out our full event listings](#).

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