

# YORK U ALUMNI NEWS



## Introducing our new VP, Advancement

Join us in extending a warm welcome to Susana Gajic-Bruyeva who was appointed for an initial five-year term as the vice-president, advancement beginning Jan. 1, 2022. Susana has 25 years' experience in higher education advancement, most recently as the associate vice-president of alumni relations and development at Western University in London, Ontario. [Read President and Vice-Chancellor Rhonda Lenton's letter about Susana's appointment.](#)



## Top 10 moments of 2021

From announcing York's first-ever Top 30 Changemakers Under 30 list, to expanding our virtual alumni events and programs, and celebrating gifts that will help the university continue to create positive change in our communities and around the world – 2021 was once again a year of growth and change.

[Read more about last year's highlights.](#)



## Righting the Future: 2021 President's Report

The report highlights how York has continued to advance the university's priorities, set out by the University Academic Plan 2020-25. It showcases how we're strengthening our impact on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and driving positive change locally and globally. [Read the full report.](#)



## Brain gain

York alumna, professor, athletic therapist and kinesiologist Danielle Dobney (BA '06) has been researching concussion management for over a decade. She's now working to make aerobic exercise a more widely used therapy for young patients who are slow to recover from concussions. [Read the full story in The York U Magazine.](#)



## Looking to read more books this year?

Join fellow alumni in learning how to navigate change, wrestle with failure and live an intentional life as they read through Neil Pasricha's bestselling book *You Are Awesome* with the York U Alumni Book Club. [Learn more about the book club.](#)



## Become a network leader

Is volunteering more one of your New Year's resolutions? Alumni network volunteers organize social activities, provide professional networking opportunities, support current students and much more! [Find out how you can get involved with an alumni network.](#)

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## ALUMNI BENEFITS



**Blue Mountain discount**  
Hit the slopes this winter and save 10 per cent on daily lift ticket pricing! The earlier you plan and book your ski days, the more you'll save. [Learn more.](#)



**Career support benefits**  
Give your career a boost in 2022 with York's career support services including continuing education discounts exclusive to alumni. [Learn more.](#)



**Fresh City Farms offer**  
Enjoy this introductory offer for York alumni and save \$15 off your first three orders of organic, sustainable and seasonal groceries. [Learn more.](#)

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## ALUMNI EVENTS



**Jan. 19 | 12pm | [Scholars' Hub @ Home | Eating as an art of connection](#)**

York LA&PS Professor David B. Goldstein will discuss our relationship to food and the important role that eating plays in creating community and pleasure.



**Jan. 27 | 2:30pm | [Vico Lecture Series | Marx & Vico: Comparing two interpretations of history](#)**

York LA&PS Professor Marcello Musto will give a talk on Giambattista Vico and Karl Marx's conceptions of history, and their main contributions to social sciences.



**Jan. 27 | 7pm | [Mid-Career Conversations | Becoming an executive](#)**

Christa Dickenson (MFA '93) will share her career journey to becoming the CEO of Telefilm Canada, her leadership style to motivate others along with skills and strategies she developed for career success.



**Feb. 2 | 12pm | [Scholars' Hub @ Home | Dancin' Feet: Harlem and basketball in the 1920-30s](#)**

York AMPD Professor Danielle Howard will highlight a history of Black

basketball players who used their bodies to orient themselves toward freedom and secure a cultural legacy.



**Feb. 3 | 12pm | Moving Forward Series | How LA&PS alumni are strengthening Black communities**

Join LA&PS for a talk with York graduates who are active in various initiatives addressing anti-Black racism and contributing positively to Black communities, families, and students.

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