

YORK U ALUMNI NEWS



**York celebrates Markham Campus construction milestone and major gift**  
A milestone event at the Markham Campus involved a ceremonial signing and installation of the final structural beam and a \$5-million donation from Metrovia and Howard Sokolowski, a York alumnus and the company's founder and CEO. [Read more.](#)



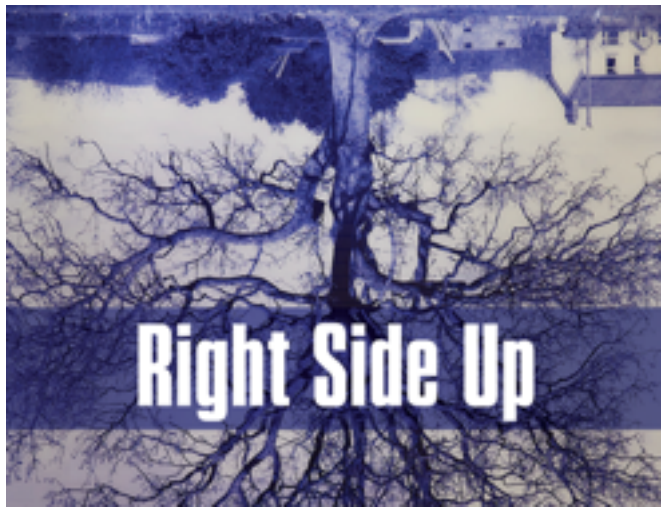
**President's Kudos Report**  
We invite you to read this month's Kudos Report, which highlights the exceptional academic, research, athletic and artistic achievements of York University community members. [Read more.](#)



**Markham Community Skate Day**  
Join us at the Markham Civic Centre Outdoor Ice Rink on Saturday, February 11, from 1pm to 3pm for a fun-filled day of skating, hot chocolate and more at the annual Markham Community Skate Day, presented by York University. [More information.](#)



**Kids surprisingly adultlike in memory recall, York research shows**  
Planning a trip to the zoo this weekend? Why is it that after a visit, a four-year-old might remember seeing a lion, a tiger and a bear, while a 10-year-old might also recall seeing a giraffe, a kangaroo, a pygmy hippo, a Komodo dragon, a ring-tailed lemur and maybe even a West African dwarf crocodile? [Read more.](#)



**Right Side Up**  
Artist Rodney Graham's upside-down tree gets us seeing in new ways in the latest story from the *York University Magazine*. [Read more.](#)



**Nominations for Alumni Award recipients are open!**  
Each year, the York University Alumni Awards recognize outstanding alumni who have achieved the extraordinary and are working to right the future by creating positive change in their fields. Nominations for the 2023 cohort are open until February 28. [Learn more.](#)

ALUMNI BENEFITS



**GoodLife Fitness**  
You and a friend or family member can save \$99 through this new corporate partner program for York alumni and friends. [Get this perk by signing in or registering today.](#)



**Opimian Wine Club**  
Your first case of premium wine is included with your membership (\$202 value). [Get this perk by signing in or registering today.](#)



**Toronto Marlies Hockey**  
Get discounted tickets for 2022-2023 home games at Coca-Cola Coliseum. Get notifications of flash sales for \$25 tickets. [Get this perk by signing in or registering today.](#)

ALUMNI EVENTS



**Feb. 8 | 12pm ET | [Scholar's Hub @ Home: "Reckonings and Re-imaginings": Thinking with Black Studies in the Humanities](#)**  
Andrea Davis, Professor, Department of Humanities, Faculty of LA&PS and Academic Convenor, Congress 2023



**Feb. 13 | 6:45pm ET | [Black Ice at York U: A Community Film Screening and Q&A](#)**  
Produced by York alumnus, Vinay Virmani (BA Hons. '08)



**Feb. 15 | 12pm ET | [Moving Forward: Thriving with my English or Creative Writing Degree](#)**  
Panelists include York University Alumni Board member, Dennis Garces (BA '92)



**Feb. 16 | 12pm ET | [Mid-Career Conversations: Black Excellence and Entrepreneurship](#)**  
Featuring Nadine Spencer (BA '94, BA'04), Chief Marketing Officer of BrandEQ Group



**Feb. 20 | 6:30pm ET | [York U Hong Kong Alumni Reception](#)**  
Connect with York alumni in the area



**Feb. 21-23 | [Canada-in-Asia Conference \(CIAC\)](#)**  
Taking place in Singapore and organized by the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada and Universities Canada



**Feb. 21 | 12pm ET | [Level Up | Young alumni speed networking](#)**  
Hosted by Ajay Nandalall (BPA '14, MPPAL '16), AI/Machine Learning Governance & Strategy, TD Bank



**Feb. 23 | 7pm ET | [York U President's Reception in Singapore](#)**  
Connect with York alumni in the area



**Feb. 28 | 12pm ET | [Level Up | Buying a home in today's real estate market](#)**  
Hear from industry experts Daniel Steinfeld (BBA '04) and Katie Steinfeld (BBA '04)



**Feb. 28 | 6:30pm ET | [Financial Health Check with the York University Black Alumni Network \(YUBAN\)](#)**  
Featuring Reni Odetoynbo (BBA '18), a content creator, marketing consultant and finance enthusiast