

YORK UALUMNI NEWS



**Celebrating Black stories and voices for Black History Month**  
Each year, Black History Month is a catalyst for ongoing efforts to enact meaningful change throughout the year, a reminder of the past and present injustices faced by racialized individuals, and an opportunity to centre the experiences and invaluable contributions of Black individuals and communities. [Read more.](#)



**York community members earn national, provincial honours**  
Seven members of the York University community are among the recently-announced Order of Canada and Order of Ontario recipients. [Read more.](#)



**Fellowship helps York alumna shape the future of sports leadership**  
York alumna Stephanie Morales Arevalo's (IBBA '23) strong passion for soccer helped carve her path to becoming the recipient of the 2024 TFC x BMO Women in Soccer Fellowship. [Read more.](#)



**York alumni-founded startup breathes new air into industry**  
Blade Air was recently named the fifth-fastest-growing company in Canada for 2023 by the *Globe and Mail*. Co-founder Giancarlo Sessa (BBA '19) was a member of York's inaugural Top 30 Alumni Under 30. [Read more.](#)



**Building pathways to education: a Q-and-A with Professor Carl James**  
Studies have shown that Black students are significantly under-represented on Canadian post-secondary campuses. The Jean Augustine Chair in Education, Community & Diaspora, now fully endowed and housed within York's Faculty of Education, aims to address this disparity. [Read more.](#)



**Telling Stories**  
From the award-winning *York University Magazine*, York biologist Dawn Bazely reflects on why science communication matters. [Read the story.](#)



**2023 Alumni Network of the year**  
The Master of Financial Accountability program has been recognized by the York University Alumni Board as Alumni Network of the Year. This award recognizes the network's commitment to York, impact and alignment to the York University Academic Plan 2020-25. [Read more.](#)



**Nominate an extraordinary alum for a York U Alumni Award**  
If you know an alum who is making a positive impact in their communities, submit a nomination for the 2024 York U Alumni Awards today. Nominations are due Feb. 20. [Submit your nomination today.\(PDF\).](#)

ALUMNI BENEFITS



**Alumni educational group travel**  
Travel to Antarctica, the Falklands and South Georgia on the alumni expedition of a lifetime, brought to you by Worldwide Quest. [Learn more.](#)



**Car and home insurance preferred rates**  
How much can York alumni save on car and home insurance? Find out online and get a quote in minutes. [Get a quote today.](#)



**Mastering fearless feedback**  
Giving and receiving feedback is a critical component to advancing your career. Join us online from March 4 - 29, 2024 to learn how to master this skill. [Enroll for free today.](#)

ALUMNI EVENTS



**Feb. 7 | 12 p.m. ET | [WORD, SOUND, POWER: An annual celebration of Black artistic expression](#)**  
Celebrate the rich and diverse world of Black artistic expression



**Feb. 8 | 12 p.m. ET | [Mid-Career Conversations](#) | [Executive presence: Tips for a smarter way to work](#)**  
Featuring D'Arcy Cameron (BA '86), Career Coach at D'Arcy Cameron Coaching



**Feb. 12 | 11:30 a.m. ET | [EUC Seminar Series 2023 - 2024](#)**  
Degrowth and systems: back to the caves or back to the future?



**Feb. 13 | 12 p.m. ET | [Level Up](#) | [Get hired: What recruiters look for in new grads](#)**  
Featuring Judith Fernando (BHRM '18), Stewart Pei (HURS '07), and Christine Madigan (BEd '17, BA '17)



**Feb. 17 | 11 a.m. ET | [Outdoor recreation snow tubing](#)**  
Snow tubing is a thrill-seeking activity that requires no skill or previous experience



**Feb. 21 | 12 p.m. ET | [Scholars' Hub @ Home | Still I rise: The resistance work of black mother learners in Toronto](#)**  
Featuring Dr. Stephanie Fearon, Assistant Professor, Black Thriving and Education, Faculty of Education



**Feb. 29 | 12 p.m. ET | [Scholars' Hub @ Home | Our history in Black: A long legacy](#)**  
Featuring Dr. Natasha Henry-Dixon, Assistant Professor, African Canadian History, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies

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