



FACULTY OF HEALTH
&
CALUMET AND STONG COLLEGES
AWARDS

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Schulich Executive Dining Room
York University

Message from the Dean Faculty of Health



The Faculty of Health has 10,000 students, 2,000 of whom graduate each year. Every one of our students is talented, dedicated, and on the road to success. However, the handful of students we are recognizing today have distinguished themselves for outstanding academic success and leadership. I'd like to thank and congratulate each and every award recipient. It's a privilege to have you as a member of York University's Faculty of Health sphere of success and influence.

Success, recognition, and membership also come with responsibilities. Your award should not be the pinnacle of your career - it is merely an indication of your potential to achieve even greater things. We are counting on you to become tomorrow's local, national and global leaders in health and health care. We need your energy, talent, and imaginative ideas.

The Faculty of Health has many faculty, staff and alumni who have produced remarkable achievements such as reducing the suffering caused by pain, improving the lives of people with disabilities, understanding and improving brain health, advancing the profession of nursing, showing how physical activity can prevent disease and injury, and improving health care policies and practices in Canada and around the globe.

E-journalist Lydia Sweatt wrote: "All good men and women must take responsibility to create legacies that will take the next generation to a level we could only imagine." As a member of the Faculty of Health we look to you to uphold and extend our legacy of excellence, compassion, integrity and innovation.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul".

Paul McDonald PhD, FRSPH, FCAHS
Dean, Faculty of Health

About the Faculty of Health

As York University's second largest Faculty with more than 10,000 students, 174 full-time faculty and five degree programs (Kinesiology & Health Science, Psychology, Nursing, Health Studies, and Global Health), York's Faculty of Health believes the key to solving the crisis in health care is to keep more people healthier, longer, with an emphasis on prevention first, then care when needed - to make a difference in people's lives and make health and health care sustainable for all. Our vision is to educate future global leaders - agents of change - who will redefine and advance health and human science, local to global.

About the Colleges



Calumet College

Calumet College is affiliated with the Faculty of Health and the Schulich School of Business, and primarily supports students from Global Health, Health Policy and Management, and Psychology programs. Our values are student-centric, collaborative, mentorship, engagement and bold. Calumet College is a community committed to an engaged student experience through high-quality and collaborative academic support, leadership development and recognition of achievement.



Stong College

Stong College is affiliated with the Faculty of Health and the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, serving students from Nursing, Kinesiology and Health Science as well as English, Creative Writing and Professional Writing. Enriched by the Stong family pioneer spirit, to which we owe our name, our community is committed to innovation while preserving the values of diversity and inclusivity. Our team at Stong College aims to support student success through a variety of programs designed for students throughout their university experience.

Paul McDonald, Dean

Mary Wiktorowicz, Director & Special Advisor to the Dean, Global Health

Mazyar Fallah, Associate Dean, Research and Innovation

Parissa Safai, Interim Associate Dean, Teaching and Learning

Angelo Belcastro, Chair, School of Kinesiology and Health Science

Mike Connor, Undergraduate Program Director, School of Kinesiology and Health Science

Joel Goldberg, Chair, Department of Psychology

Jennifer Connolly, Undergraduate Program Director, Department of Psychology

Marina Morrow, Chair, School of Health Policy and Management

Hannah Wong, Undergraduate Program Director, School of Health Policy and Management

Judith MacDonnell, Interim Director, School of Nursing

Karin Page-Cuttrara, Undergraduate Program Director, Collaborative Program, School of Nursing

Julie Nilsen-Berec, Undergraduate Program Director, 2nd Entry Program, School of Nursing

Pat Bradley, Program Coordinator, Internationally Educated Nurses Program, School of Nursing



Jennine S. Rawana
Head of Calumet College

On behalf of Calumet College, congratulations on your exceptional academic and leadership achievements. Undoubtedly, your stellar success reflects your commitment to your studies and our university community, and pursuing what makes you passionate and excited. Thank you for choosing the Calumet College community to help you attain your goals and dreams and for your contributions to our programming and events. Calumet College will continue to support you as you embark on the next steps in your journey ahead, and I encourage you to fulfil your roles as engaged leaders that transform lives and communities.



Mazen J. Hamadeh
Head of Stong College

I would like to congratulate all the award recipients on excelling academically or in showing exceptional leadership. These awards reflect your hard work, focus, passion, persistence and meaningful contributions. Your commitment to leaving a significant impact and evolving the community you live in will stand you well in your future endeavours. Stong College is proud of you and your achievements, and we wish you continued success. As you go forth with your next chapter in life, remember to contribute to the success of the community as others have contributed to your success. The way must be tried!



Gold Medal for Academic Excellence and Outstanding Leadership

Awarded to a graduating undergraduate student in the Faculty of Health who has demonstrated academic excellence and outstanding contributions to undergraduate student life at York University.



Syed Ali

Leadership Experiences

- Founder and Coordinator, Nothin' But Change Homelessness Project, 2014-present
- Mentor, Ascend Leadership Retreat, 2018
- Delegate, Ascend Leadership Retreat, 2017
- Student Success Coordinator, Health Aid Network, 2015-17
- Youth Council Member, Eden Community Food Bank, 2014-15
- Project Coordinator, Charity Week Canada, 2014-15
- Tait McKenzie Basketball Tournament Coordinator, 2014-15
- Public Relations Officer, Muslim Students Association, 2013-14
- Youth Team Leader, Trillium Health Partners, 2012-14

Research Projects

- Dr. Bassett-Gunter - Teacher Demographic Factors & Attitudes towards Inclusive Physical Education, Independent Study, York University, 2018
- Dr. Kanagasabai - the Relationships Among Uric Acid, Diabetes, and Obesity, Research Assistant, York University, 2015
- Dr. Kuk - Obesity Lab Data Entry, York University, 2014
- Dr. Kin On Wong - Bone Health Study, University Health Network, 2016

Volunteer Experiences

- Senior Peer Tutor, Kinesiology and Health Science Student Organization, 2015-16
- OsteoConnections Community Outreach Volunteer and Lay Writing Publisher, University Health Network, 2014-15
- Server, Eden Community Food Bank, 2014-15
- Kine Kids Physical Activity Program Facilitator, 2014
- Counseling and Disability Services Note Taker, 2013-14
- Junior Editor for Existere - Journal of Arts and Literature, 2013-14
- Volunteer, Trillium Health Partners, 2011-13

Awards and Distinctions

- Gold Medal for Academic Excellence and Outstanding Leadership, 2018
- Steve Dranitsaris Leadership Award, 2018
- Kinesiology and Health Science Honour Award, 2018
- Continuing Student Scholarship, 2017
- Stong College Student Life Award, 2017
- Bryce M. Taylor Memorial Scholarship, 2017
- Michael Smith Award, York University, 2017
- Kinesiology and Health Science Honour Award, 2017
- 1st Place Most Outstanding Team Award (Health Aid Network), 2017
- Entrance Scholarship, 2013-17
- Olga Cirak Alumni Bursary, 2016
- Michael Smith Award, 2016
- Kinesiology and Health Science Honour Award, 2016
- John Frostad Award of Excellence, 2016
- Faculty of Health Student Leadership Award, 2016
- Agents of Change Grant, 2015

Silver Medal for Outstanding Leadership

Awarded to a graduating undergraduate student in the Faculty of Health who demonstrates outstanding leadership skills and potential through involvement and initiative in Faculty of Health organizations and activities.



Anisha Akhtar

Leadership Experiences

- Co-President, Women Empowerment Club at York, 2015-16
- Student Health Ambassador at York (SHAY), 2014-15
- General Member, Kinesiology and Health Science Student Organization (KAHSSO), 2014-15
- Organizing Committee, Relay For Life at York, 2013-15
- Physical Activity Leader, KinKids at Play, 2014-15
- Recruitment Assistant, Faculty of Health, 2015-16
- Annual Fund Representative, York University Alumni Office 2013-15

Research Projects

- Independent Research Student, 2016-17
- Research Volunteer, KinKids at Play, 2014-15
- Research Volunteer, Dr. Jennifer Kuk's Lab, 2014-15

Volunteer Experiences

- Volunteer, Full Body Health Physiotherapy Clinic, 2017-18
- Medical First Responder, St. John Ambulance, 2015-18
- President, Malton Community Toastmasters, 2017-18
- Volunteer, Etobicoke General Hospital, 2012

Awards and Distinctions

- William and Nona Heaslip Scholarship
- Member of the Golden Key International Honour Society
- Mayor Bonnie Crombie Youth Leadership Award, 2015
- Kinesiology and Health Science Honours Award, 2014
- Schulich Leader Nominee, 2013

Order of Ceremony

Welcome Frank Clarke, Director, Communications and Planning, Faculty of Health and Master of Ceremonies

Land Acknowledgement Jennine S. Rawana, Head of Calumet College

Opening Remarks Paul McDonald, Dean, Faculty of Health

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Calumet and Stong College Certificates Mazen J. Hamadeh, Head of Stong College
Jennine S. Rawana, Head of Calumet College

Calumet and Stong College Awards Mazen J. Hamadeh, Head of Stong College
Jennine S. Rawana, Head of Calumet College

Silver Medal for Outstanding Leadership: Anisha Akhtar Angelo Belcastro, Professor and Chair, School of Kinesiology & Health Science

Gold Medal for Academic Excellence and Outstanding Leadership: Syed Ali Mike Connor, Associate Professor & Undergraduate Program Director, School of Kinesiology & Health Science

Closing Remarks Frank Clarke, Director, Communications and Planning, Faculty of Health and Master of Ceremonies

Student Leadership Certificate

Calumet College Council

Gabriel Brito Arce
Miriam Damile
Renaee Facey
Frances Gontoulas
Daniella Johnson
Esther Kamenetsky
Hafsa Kazim
Daanish Mohammed
Ronnie O'Connor
Vivienne Okon
Najma Osman
Althea Parala

Trisha Phan
Mikael Roque
Antonella Ross
Amanda Sampson
Claire Saramaki
Vikram Singh
Sereymony Srey
Cassandra Stevenson
Bethany Sukhnanan
Brad Tam
Leoandro Torrejon
Collin Zinn

Stong College Student Government

Mehrnaz Adli
Ricardo Babic
Cara Caponio
Alexia Caputi
Siana Carlse
Gabriel Dancel
Paulina DeFulviis
Anoke Dunston

J.C. (John-Cannon) Hall
Jacqueline Huynh
Pranavan Kandasamy
Orrett Powell
Nitesh Sharma
Anjali Suthakaran
Camila Varela
Kingsley Wong

Global Health Student Association

Oyewunmi Oyelowo
Jacob Mathew
Andre Moura
Shanthiya Nallathamby
Fatima Niri

Maleesha Paskarathas
Luiza Ravalli
Fatima Sayedi
Thrishana (Abi) Singh

Kinesiology and Health Science Student Organization

Yasmin Abo Halima
Raymond Akhavan
Lamya Burhani
Henrietta Dorogi

Tom Huberty
Yelena Slobodscoy
Sohan Vemannagari

Calumet College Council Leadership Award

Lilian Nguyen

Stong College Student Government Leadership Award

Brendan Yoshida

Student Leadership Award for Global Health Student Association

Thaadsha Manivasagan

Student Leadership Award for Kinesiology & Health Science Student Organization

Shir Grunebaum

Student Leadership Award for Nursing Student Association of York

Ryan Manickam

Student Leadership Award for Student Association of Health Management, Policy & Informatics

Cajaana Kanagaratnam

Student Leadership Award for Undergraduate Psychology Students' Association

Urooj Qureshi

Calumet College Ruby Impact Award for Student Leadership and Community Building

Abdulkhader Mohammed

Stong College Ruby Impact Award for Student Leadership and Community Building

Shir Grunebaum
Michael Halkiotis

Calumet College Emerald Initiative Award for Student Contribution and Engagement

Cody Nguyen

Stong College Emerald Initiative Award for Student Contribution and Engagement

Yasmin Abo Halima

Stong College Sapphire Dream Team Award for Visionary Leadership and Transformative Community Engagement

THE ASCEND NETWORK

Dominic Bowman
Maseh Hadaf
Shareef Hadid
Bria Hamilton
Bryan Hansraj
Nassar Khan
Sarah Levy

Mehran Nejad Mansouri
Srishti Mathur
Jacob Melisses
Ahbair Pasha
Daulton Scott
Nancy Truong

Stong College Topaz Bold Leader Award for Leadership Capacity and Community Engagement in First Year at York University

Nathaniel Penhearow

Student Leadership Certificate (cont'd)

Nursing Students Association of York

Rageena Balasingam
Nicole Bradbury
Mohan Burton
Pamela Chigbo
Brian DaSilva
Sayo Falade
Aberame Girithiran
Meagan Grafe
Meliza Guiao
Genevieve Guilliams
Jacob Hill
Janice Joseph
Caitlyn Leung
Carolyn Liow

Cassandra Melo
Betty Nwaogwu
Belinda Oteng
Owen Quanstrom
Rayyan Ramones
Elizabeth Rossi
Carmela Salde
Maylani Sebastiampillai
Katy Shum
Dhwani Soni
Alyson Stucke
Aya Tagami
Dana Wong

Student Association of Health Management, Policy, and Informatics

Amar Ali
Hidaya Ismail
Heather Leung
Tao Cheng Shi

Ezra Tanen
Kanchi Uttamchandani
Sameera Younus

Undergraduate Psychology Students' Association

Vanessa Cristini
Elizabeth German
Jacqueline Ha
Abdulkhader Mohammed

Cody Nguyen
Vincent Rizzo
Daniel Rodriguez

Kinesiology & Health Science Student Organization Peer Mentors

Alwiya Ali
Ilia Azari
Aperna Bhargava
Kevin George

Elnaz Heidari
Mahima Mehta
Urooj Taqvi
Ahsan Zaman

Student Leadership Certificate (cont'd)

Nursing Students Association of York Peer Mentors

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| Danielle Addison | Hannah Toffelmire |
| Pamela Chigbo | Maya Kolpin |
| Christina Chiu | Megan Watson |
| Robyn Coseni | Saxon Tidd |
| Aya Beverly Darkwah | Betty Nwaogwu |
| Genevieve Guillaume | |

Student Association of Health Management, Policy & Informatics Peer Mentors

Carl Aaron
Beverly George
Mairead Mulroy

Undergraduate Psychology Students' Association Peer Mentors

Liangbing (Charlotte) Liang
Victoria Medley-Parkins
Lulia Niculescu

Global Health Student Association Peer Tutors

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| Maryam Amodu | Nishila Mehta |
| Safiya Clarke-Mendes | Sandhra Sam |
| Cheyenne Haylor | Amandeep Singh |
| Rimaljit Kaur | |

Kinesiology & Health Science Student Organization Peer Tutors

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|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Linoy Atran | Vrati Mehra |
| Aperna Bhargava | Tamara Mghraye |
| Nikita Chauhan | Eric Mokri |
| Aly Fawzy | Andrew Ng |
| Sambidha Ghimire | Simran Sandhu |
| Shelly Gosain | Maryam Sharif |
| Nida Hashimi | Rostam Torke Sharifabadi |
| Ali Hussain | Jonathan Villa |
| Mahnaz Khomamizadeh | |

Student Leadership Certificate (cont'd)

Nursing Student Association of York Peer Tutors

Pamela Chigbo
Betty Nwaogwu
Margarita Yaskovich

Student Association of Health Management, Policy & Informatics Peer Tutors

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| Prerana Medakkar | Neruja Sivanesan |
| Aateka Rajab | Salsabil Zubedi |

Undergraduate Psychology Students' Association Peer Tutors

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| Tenzin Chosang | Deanna LeFort |
| Salma Saleh | Kimya Shahi |
| Jason (Jae) Lee | |

Colleges Course Representatives

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| Danielle Addison | Gazi Mohammad |
| Jeffrey Antwi | Mathushikaa Mohanasingam |
| Sadaf Azim | Devin Nijjar |
| Rupkatha Basu | Rumia Owaisi |
| Mahima Bijji | Avital Pitkis |
| Shukri Dahir | Najeem Popal |
| Aly Fawzy | Atiya Rehman |
| Amanda Gorgees | Fatima Rizvi |
| Youssef Hegazy | Antonella Ross |
| Ishdeep Kullar | Camela Salde |
| Melwin Lawrence | Stephanie Schmeiser |
| Daniel Logozzo | Kiran Sheikh |
| Jordana Madio | Daniel Soudat |
| Alaa Madwar | Rahin Virani |
| Samira Malik | Sameera Younus |

Alumni Leader

Neil Sinclair