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Writing Center

Want to enhance your ability to produce effective academic and professional writing? During the summer term, the Writing Centre will offer primarily online one-to-one appointments, drop-in sessions, and limited eTutoring.

Library Services During COVID-19: Zoom Consultations

Students can book a virtual research appointment with a liaison librarian through an online form (program specific).

<https://researchguides.library.yorku.ca/covid19services/home>

Career Centre

Enhance your abilities, knowledge and confidence in career development, job search and experiential education in the pursuit of career success.

Summer PASS Sessions

If you experience difficulty in ITEC 1620 then Peers Assisting Student Success (PASS) sessions are for you! To participate in Online PASS sessions this summer, please sign up at this link:

<http://www.yorku.ca/newcol/forms/view.php?id=140>

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Lorraine Myrie at: lmyrie@yorku.ca



#Black Lives Matter

Enough is Enough

Black lives matter is a worldwide movement that fights against the systematic and violent racism against the black community. This movement does not just affect the black community, it affects all of us. As we all deserve the right to be ourselves without being socially exiled for our skin tone. This movement was originally established in 2013, but this past month it has taken over all media platforms and caused an international uprising. The people have spoken, and enough is enough. Racism is an issue that stems from the systematic target People of Color have within society. It's ingrained in many aspects of our society and creates a world that takes away the equal rights that everyone is warranted to have.

George Floyd is one of the many black people that had their life taken away because the system failed them. He was arrested for allegedly using a counterfeit bill when shopping at a convenience store in Minneapolis. Videos were posted, showing the actions three police officers committed while handling Floyd's arrest. The footage was not able to show a consistent timeline of the entire situation, but in the videos that were displayed, Floyd showed no resistance to his arrest. Throughout the videos, you can see one of the officers, Derek Chauvin, kneeling on Floyd's neck, cutting off his airway. "I can't breathe!" That is what George Floyd repeatedly said before dying because Chauvin did not have the decency to remove his knee from Floyd's neck.

That is one of many stories that the Black Community have experienced. The list of names is endless, and every one of them deserved to be protected by the ones who were supposed to serve and protect the people. That should not be taken as a normal phenomenon because it is straight-up injustice that needs to stop. We need to do better.

The urgency and validity of the movement have finally been recognized. Petitions, protests, and social media posts have gone viral all over the world. The cruel actions that people witnessed displayed what institutional racism causes and what is continuing to happen in 2020. Even as York students in Canada, we feel for the Black Community. As Colleges at YorkU, we have come together to do what we can to show our support and educate our student community on what is currently happening not only internationally, but also at home. We have created a document to show students what they can do to contribute. We included a statement from the College President's Association, names of Black victims along with their stories, ways to take action as a citizen, resources for support, petition and donation, as well as educational tools.

As people in this society, it is our job to educate ourselves and the people around us, and then to take action. To create change, we need to come together to fight for what is right, which is equality. All lives cannot matter until Black Lives Matter. My heart hurts for what is happening in the world right now, and, to end this piece, I want to leave you all with the words from Martin Luther King Jr: " Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."



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Keeping Busy During COVID-19

If you are like me and an always on the go experiential learner, being told the world would be on shutdown this summer, halted all of my plans. I was scared of what the upcoming months would hold, as I felt trapped in my house with nowhere to go.

Here are some things I am doing to keep myself busy, and hopefully can get you going as well!

Regardless of your interests and hobbies, you can keep yourselves busy during this time while you find alternative ways to do so!



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1. LinkedIn Learning Courses

As York University students, we have full access to thousands of courses through LinkedIn Learning. These courses provide a full range of skill-based and personal development courses that can enhance any resume and LinkedIn profile.

Some of my course recommendations are: *Become an Administrative Professional*, *Working Smarter with Microsoft 365*, and *The Six Morning Habits of High Performers* (Pete Mockaitis).



2. Network with Industry Professionals

No matter your career aspirations, I truly believe every student can benefit from having educational interviews with professionals in the industry that they wish to pursue. I, personally, have been able to chat with many amazing people who have educated me on the industry, provided me with tips for personal and professional development, and I have received great advice on how to better prepare myself for my future career.

I recommend reaching out to individuals on LinkedIn, joining York's Network on Ten Thousand Coffees, and signing up for T.A.S.T.E.

3. Reading

I have never been much of a reader, but I have discovered that I just wasn't reading the right books. Once I found books on topics that I am interested in, I find myself choosing reading over Netflix. Whether reading from an educational or entertainment standpoint, there is something to learn from everything you read, and when you read about topics and subjects you are interested in, you enjoy it.

I strongly suggest thinking about your career and personal interests and exploring books based on those themes.





Information Technology Tips for IT Students

In the last few months, coronavirus has affected numerous activities, including businesses, learning, leisure, and other aspects of social interaction. For university students, staying at home has been depicted to be stressful and mentally frustrating at times. However, students can use Information Technology to utilize their time, think outside the box, and learn new things using their computers to make working at home more comfortable.

IT Students can develop blogs, which will help them make money in the long run. Through blogging, IT students can engage in various activities, such as content creation, advertising, and linking networks. Students aiming to advance their skills and competency can enroll in online courses on Coursera and Udemy Websites. Notably, during the ongoing lockdown, students can learn more new skills by watching YouTube videos.

For example, YouTube videos can help students develop new Yoga skills or better eating habits, which will help them stay healthy during the lockdown. Interestingly, IT students can also use their knowledge, to establish an e-commerce website, where they can sell services and products such as web designs, tailor-made programs and websites, and freelancing jobs, which will help them earn money. In addition to that, IT students could also develop their own YouTube channels and share their content with other students and the entire world. That can help advance their skill levels and other students, primarily during the pandemic.

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