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GLENDON ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friend,

As we continue to move forward into the spring and closer to this year's graduation celebrations, I wanted to express my deep gratitude for your ongoing support. Whether it's through mentorship, donations or simply staying engaged and attending our events such as the John W. Holmes Memorial Lecture or our Glendon Global Dialogue series, you remain an integral part of the growth of our institution. Later this week, we will be unveiling a sculpture by Indigenous artist Tania Willard – we hope to see you there!

I also wanted to reach out to you directly regarding the recent announcement from York University about the temporary suspension of admissions to a number of programs as part of the University's Forward Action Plan.

This message is intended to provide clarity, context, and most importantly, reassurance. While media headlines have sparked concern and speculation, I want to share what this means specifically for Glendon and how we remain firmly committed to our mission.

As many of you know, all Ontario universities are navigating significant financial challenges due to a prolonged freeze on tuition and provincial operating grants since 2018. This situation was further impacted by recent federal caps on international student recruitment—measures that have left institutions across the province re-evaluating how best to remain sustainable while continuing to deliver quality education.

For York University, additional pressures such as last year's labor disruption and ongoing enrollment declines have compounded the challenge. At Glendon, we've already taken significant steps in response—restructuring academic departments and streamlining our programs—all in the spirit of strengthening the student experience while staying true to our core values.

The temporary suspension of new admissions to selected programs is not a closure. Current students will continue their studies and graduate, and courses will still be offered. This pause simply creates space for our faculty and administration to reimagine their programs—to ensure their future relevance, sustainability, and alignment with student interests. Whether through a renewed structure, a new interdisciplinary orientation, or a collaborative model with the Keele campus, we are working diligently to position programs for long-term success.

Should you have any questions, concerns, or simply wish to reconnect, I welcome the opportunity to hear from you. Together, we are committed to open dialogue and collaboration as we move forward.

Thank you for your continued care for Glendon. With your support, I remain confident in the road ahead.

Warm regards,



Marco Fiola, Principal
Glendon Campus, York University

News and stories



Glendon's very own Top 30 Under 30

We are proud to recognize four young alumni selected for the York University Top 30 Alumni Under 30 list. From a climate justice environmentalist, an international relations expert, a marketing strategist and a researcher on inclusive language education, meet four selected, Glendon graduates.



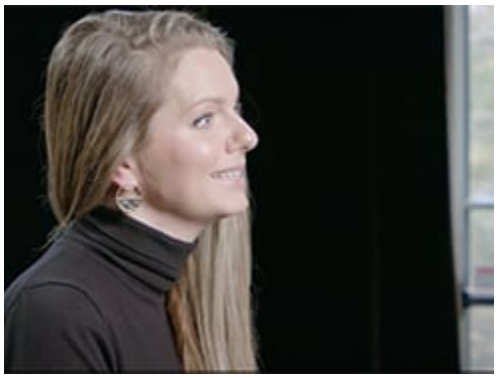
Glendon Campus opens world of possibilities

As they prepare to graduate, the Congo's Serufuli brothers recommend the experience to international students looking for a ready-made community to ease the transition to school away from home. The picturesque, park-like campus is set a stone's throw from the action of the city centre. Read more.



The Power of Generosity – The LLIR Story

For more than 50 years, Living and Learning in Retirement (LLIR) has enriched the lives of retirees through continued education. This non-profit organization provides a unique opportunity for seniors, to engage in university-level lectures without the pressures of exams. Read more.



Fundraising Spotlight: Experiential Education

Donors have truly made our dream of accessibility, a reality. Your generosity will inspire a new generation of changemakers by lifting financial barriers such as travel costs and course material expenses. Every gift makes an impact. Meet Julie, Experiential Education Coordinator.

Donate now!

Events



Friday, May 23 at 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Celebratory Launch at Glendon
You are cordially invited to join us for the launch of the new Indigenous sculpture by artist Tania Willard. Register here.

Alumni Resources



Learn. Grow. Succeed.

Looking to upskill, reskill, or explore new paths? Glendon's Continuing Education programs are designed for working professionals and lifelong learners. Short, flexible programs include micro-credentials and customized training. See how our programs can help you grow.



Glendon Career Services are here to help!

Looking for a job, or would like to create a LinkedIn profile? Do you need help with your résumé? As a graduate, you have access to our Career Centre for two years after graduation. Log in via Experience York to book an appointment.

Keep in touch

Are you a Glendon graduate looking to stay connected to the alumni community? Have you recently moved or changed your personal information? Don’t miss the latest news, events and resources from Glendon by updating your alumni contact information today!

We want to hear from you! Check your inbox for our alumni engagement survey! We’re inviting all York U alumni to participate in and help shape our future by completing our survey. Upon completion, you will have a chance to enter a draw to win one of 10, $250 AnyCard gift cards. Learn more.

BULLETIN D'INFORMATION DES DIPLÔMÉS DE GLENDON

Chers diplômés et chères diplômées de Glendon,



À l'approche des célébrations de remise des diplômes du printemps, je tiens à vous exprimer ma profonde gratitude pour votre soutien constant. Grâce à votre mentorat, à vos dons et à votre participation à nos événements — comme la conférence commémorative John W. Holmes ou la série de Dialogues internationaux de Glendon —, vous continuez à faire partie intégrante de notre collège. Plus tard cette semaine, nous inaugurerons une sculpture de l'artiste autochtone Tania Willard et nous espérons que vous pourrez être des nôtres!

Je tiens aussi à vous fournir plus de contexte sur l'annonce concernant la suspension temporaire des admissions de plusieurs programmes de York dans le cadre du plan York U Forward Action. Étant donné que les manchettes des médias ont suscité beaucoup d'inquiétudes et de spéculations, j'aimerais profiter de cette occasion pour clarifier les choses et vous rassurer. Je souhaite notamment vous faire part des implications de cette décision pour Glendon et notre engagement ferme envers notre mission.

Comme vous le savez aujourd'hui, toutes les universités ontariennes sont confrontées aujourd'hui à d'importants défis financiers en raison du gel prolongé des droits de scolarité et des subventions provinciales de fonctionnement depuis 2018. Les récentes mesures fédérales de plafonnement du recrutement des étudiants internationaux ont aggravé la situation et les établissements de l'Ontario ont dû réévaluer la meilleure façon de rester viables tout en continuant à prodiguer un enseignement de qualité.

À l'Université York, des pressions supplémentaires ont amplifié ces défis, notamment l'interruption de travail de 2024 et la diminution des effectifs étudiants. Glendon a pris des mesures significatives (comme la restructuration de ses départements académiques et la rationalisation de l'offre de programmes) afin de consolider l'expérience étudiante sans sacrifier ses valeurs fondamentales.

La suspension temporaire des nouvelles admissions dans certains programmes n'équivaut pas à des fermetures. Les étudiantes et étudiants actuels

poursuivront leurs études en vue de l'obtention d'un diplôme. Les cours resteront offerts. Cette suspension permet au corps professoral et à l'administration de réimaginer les programmes afin d'en assurer la pertinence, la viabilité et l'adéquation avec les intérêts de la population étudiante. Que ce soit au moyen du renouvellement de notre structure, d'une nouvelle orientation interdisciplinaire ou de notre modèle de collaboration avec le campus Keele, nous travaillons sans relâche pour positionner nos programmes en vue du succès à long terme, et les quatre programmes de Glendon dont les admissions ont été suspendues seront rouverts dès le prochain cycle de recrutement.

Je reste à votre disposition si vous avez des questions et des préoccupations, ou si vous souhaitez simplement reprendre contact avec nous. Nous sommes déterminés à aller de l'avant ensemble dans le cadre d'un dialogue ouvert et collaboratif.

Je vous remercie pour votre intérêt constant envers Glendon. Fort de votre soutien, je me sens confiant dans l'avenir.

Cordialement,



Marco Fiola, Principal
Collège universitaire Glendon, Université York

Dernières nouvelles



Le Top 30 des moins de 30 ans

Nous sommes fiers de reconnaître quatre jeunes diplômés sélectionnés pour la liste des 30 anciens de moins de 30 ans de l'Université York qui se sont illustrés de façon remarquable. Une environnementaliste en matière de justice climatique, un expert en relations internationales, une stratège en marketing et une chercheuse spécialisée dans la formation linguistique inclusive. Lire la suite.



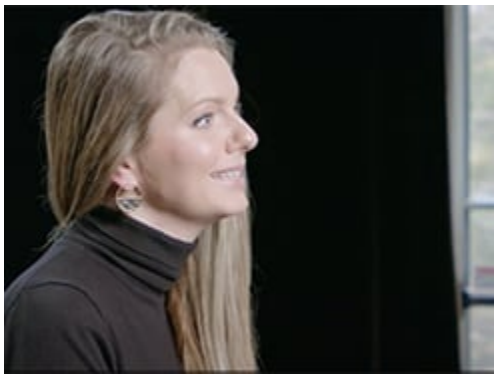
Glendon ouvre un monde de possibilités.

Alors qu'ils se préparent à obtenir leur diplôme, les frères Serufuli du Congo recommandent le Collège universitaire Glendon aux étudiants internationaux qui cherchent une communauté qui favorise une transition en douceur vers un établissement post-secondaire loin de leur domicile. Le campus offre un espace de verdure dans un cadre urbain, en plus d'être situé près du centre-ville. Lire la suite.



LLIR : Une histoire généreuse

Depuis plus de 50 ans, le programme Living and Learning in Retirement (LLIR) enrichit la vie des retraités grâce à la formation continue. Cette organisation à but non lucratif offre une occasion unique pour les aînés de s'engager dans des conférences de niveau universitaire sans la pression des examens. Lire la suite.



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