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Monthly Newsletter

New Members on the New College Council

1. Hi I'm Anthony Di Vito, the Athletics rep. This is my second year in this role and I'm looking forward to building on what we as New College did in intramurals last year.
2. Hey I'm Jason Tablang, the Commuter Rep for this year. I've been on council for a bit now and I'm already familiar with most of the people on it. So far it has been pretty chill and it almost feels like a family. As a Commuter Rep, I want to ensure that commuters know there is a place they can stay after events are held, and how they can get home on time safely.
3. Hey I'm Veronica Rondinone, this year's First Year Rep! The goal is to get first years involved; whether this be by intramurals, social events, or relaxing in the lounge. I want New College to feel like a home away from home for all students.
4. I am Iboro-obong Clement Ekefre aka I.C.E. I'm the current Pond Residence Representative for New College. Becoming a part of the council has served as a great achievement for me and every day is really fun and exciting. My goal is to be the voice of Pond Residence and I hope to get most Residents involved in social events, intramurals, and other events organized by New College.
5. Hi I'm Daniel Audisho. Being on Council gives me the opportunity to make a difference by fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment in the New College community. As the Social Representative for 2014-15, I hope to coordinate inclusive, accessible, and frequent events, in addition to assisting with current ones.



Upcoming Events

Hey New College!

January 12, 2015 will start our first day of **Frost Week!** This is a chance for all of those who missed out on Orientation-Week or are new incoming students to meet students in your faculty and residence, and to get to know your Student Council and upper year students. Frost Week welcomes all students in New College. Events for the week are: Ice Skating Downtown, Movie Nights, Karaoke, and to finish off, we head to the **Blue Mountain Resort** in Collingwood January 16th-18th! This is an annual trip that you do not want to miss out on! For \$150, it includes your bus ride there and back, 2 nights stay at the Grand Georgian Hotel, and 2 days ski pass. To top it off, Snow Jam is taking place that weekend at Blue Mountain! Hundreds of university students across Canada and the USA will be there. There are tons of events going on at the resort, one being hanging out with your New College family! Tickets go on sale Dec 1st at the Office of the Master. Hope to see you there!

New College Council 2014-2015

Club Information Spotlight

ITSA

ITSA is a non-profit student-run organization that caters only to York University students in the Information Technology and Computer Science discipline. We aim to create academic, social, and professional experiences for our student body by holding various events throughout the year.

Some examples of past events we have held include:

- Fall Campus Day 2014 – Our student association partnered with the School of Information Technology and the Faculty of LA&PS to hold tabling events wherein we helped promote the ITEC program to prospective students.
- Get Lucky @ Tequila Jacks 2014 – This was a fundraising event.
- Networking Event with Deloitte 2014 - IT Consultants and Specialists from Deloitte's Enterprise Risk Management team came to York University and advised students on the following: job hunting, resume building, networking and public speaking.

Website: <http://www.itsayork.ca/>

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Twitter: https://twitter.com/ITSA_York

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APAA

The Atkinson Professional Accounting Association (APAA) is a student-run organization that serves to encourage leadership, excellence, and professionalism. The APAA provides members with opportunities to network and learn from current accounting professionals. They offer an understanding of the different fields within accounting. This is one reason why the APAA is consistently recognized as one of the best student-run clubs on campus. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity for students to volunteer and gain invaluable experience. For instance, my name is Abdul Gureye and I am serving as the Communications Director for the APAA this year. I joined as a member at the end of my first year and have been an active member ever since. Through the APAA I have improved my communication and interpersonal skills and have been fortunate enough to be on council this year due to my consistent volunteering and commitment to the club. I highly recommend all accounting students to join and take advantage of all that APAA has to offer. The earlier in your University career, the better!

Past APAA events include:

- Grant Thornton Networking Night – September 12th, 2014
- CPA Information Session – September 25th, 2014
- Aim Conference 2014 – November 18th, 2014

For more information on the APAA or its events visit our website or follow our social media accounts.

Website: www.yuapaa.com

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HRSA

The Human Resource Student Association is a student-run organization that promotes personal and professional development among all Human Resource Management and business students of York University. We initiate strong academic and social networks among students with the events we host throughout the year.

Lina Maria first got involved in the HRSA when she was hired to be Vice President of Finance last year. While talking with students at HRSA events she realized students want to connect & network more with their peers. With this, Lina decided to take on the presidency this year and launch the HRSA Career Mentorship program where students can mentor one another, sharing their HR job experiences.

Some of our upcoming events include, but are not limited to:

- ADP HRIS Seminar – Wednesday, January 7, 2015. ADP systems trainers will be teaching students how to navigate use the various software used by HR departments today. (LIMITED SEATING)
- The Career Mentorship program connects students with HR internship opportunities for the summer term. (Exclusive events are provided to participants.)

Please visit our website if you are interested in getting involved with our association as a general member, volunteer or mentor: www.hrsayork.com



Faculty Spotlight

Why I became Master of New College

The former LA&PS Associate Dean students called me one day in May 2010 and asked me if I would like to become the next Master of New College. I had **never, never** thought of it but because I like to work with students I decided to apply. Moreover the idea of collaborating exclusively with professional schools appealed to me. I first studied linguistics but went back to school in my mid-thirties and studied HRM which fits well with the schools affiliated with New College. However my academic unit is still the Department of French Studies.

I am a pragmatic individual and like to see immediate results. In linguistics you have very little exposure to the world beyond the academe. In HR, and business in general, you deal with real situations that affect people in their everyday life. Also I find students enrolled in professional schools more focused than their counterparts in humanities or social science. To conclude I want to help York University connect more with the external world through its academic units and its Colleges.

By: Christian Marjollet

Connected or Disconnected?

How's this for a change, socializing without a phone? The idea of disconnecting from your cell phones is not such a bad idea and research supports this idea.

Virginia Tech conducted experiments that suggest the following: having a cell phone while conversing with people can negatively affect face to face interactions. When individuals carry cell phones while speaking to people, eye contact is significantly reduced because individuals are unable to detect vital cues such as tone of voice and facial expressions. A study was conducted between two groups with a sample size of 100 people that monitored and observed ten minute conversations. Those that did not possess cell phones had conversations that were of better quality despite demographic factors. (CTV, 2014). Individuals after the experiment reported that while speaking to a person who checked their phone often they felt less empathy from that person. This in turn causes one to miss vital cues, which may also affect personal relationships.

We should all strive to put away our phones while conversing with people face to face. Personal relationships should not be replaced via text messaging and other forms of technology; it is time to disconnect and find our connections through face to face interactions.

By: Alexa Lopreiato (Third year, BHRM)

YU Trivia Questions

- 1) What is York's motto?
- 2) How many full time professors does the faculty of LA&PS consist of?
- 3) How many Tim Hortons locations are there on the Keele campus?
- 4) How many colleges does York consist of and which is the newest?
- 5) Which college has the largest undergraduate population?

By: Vikul Malhotra (1st year BAS: Accounting)

* Answers to be provided in January's issue

Alumni Article: The Importance of Internships

One thing I regret is taking summer school. I had a preconceived notion which led me to believe that finding work after obtaining a degree would be easy. It was quite the contrary. After graduating, I applied to countless positions and did not receive a single response.

Desperate and confused, I started asking for unpaid work and finally obtained a position at a small firm where I "worked" 40 hours a week. Though not much, I had finally gained some experience. It was enough to land me a number of interviews that I would have not gotten otherwise.

I had no patience to stay in school for an extra semester or two to complete an internship. I wanted to get out of school as fast as I could and see my name written on a university degree. But what good is a degree if you cannot find a relevant job? I learned the hard way – what initially seemed like a waste of time was actually an invaluable experience, something I should have considered.

By: Samia Hasan (BAS: Accounting, 2012)

Office of the Master: Peer Mentor Program

Step back into your freshman year shoes: university just looked like a pile of textbooks and a maze of buildings. If only there was someone to guide you through your first steps.

The New College Peer Mentor program, created in 2011, is comprised of responsible upper year students who willingly devote their time to guide every first year student through their transition into university life. Mentors keep in touch with mentees throughout the duration of the program, a period of four months, assisting them in any questions they may have, informing them of upcoming events and guiding them through issues a mentee may be dealing with. The Peer Mentor program is rewarding for both mentors and mentees as it makes personal successes and failures in university worth sharing with someone who can learn from it. The program exists to keep first year students on the right track, to help them reach their highest potential and to help them get the most out of their time spent at York University.

By: Lori Khaouli (Third year BAS, Specialized Honours: Accounting)

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