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Happy Holidays from the School of Public Policy and Administration!



Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season

In this extraordinary year, we offer you an Indigenous tale told by Ojibwa Elder Donna-Lise Lamothe of the Bear Clan, courtesy of our colleagues from Glendon College. This multilingual tale invites us to think differently about a year dominated by the pandemic, and to look at things through a new lens. Above all, a message that reminds us of the importance of taking care of our people and the nature around us.

This is the wish we share with you this holiday season. In turn, we invite you to share it with your loved ones.

Click here to view video https://youtu.be/86HIUC5A_vc

To avoid distracting from the voice and words of Elder Donna-Lise Lamothe, we opted to forgo subtitles and instead we offer the full transcript of the story in the description box, under the video.

In Case You Missed It...

In case you missed our **SPPA Student, Community and Community Recognition Awards** on November 26, you can read about it in the recently released YFile story [SPPA awards focus on public service resilience, innovation and leadership in times of crisis](#) and view the keynote address by **Judith D'Souza Soares** titled **"What Matters Most: Crucial Leadership Lessons the COVID-19 Pandemic Has Taught Us"** on our website [here](#).



Congratulations again to all of our award winners and many thanks for being such inspirational role models.

The call for nominations for our 2021 SPPA awards will be released in January.



TO OUR DEAREST SPPA COMMUNITY,

Seasons Greetings

The end of the year brings no greater joy than the opportunity to express to you season's greetings and good wishes. May your holidays and New Year be filled with joy.

Regards,

**YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC
POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION ALUMNI
NETWORK**

**Ashley Cabral, Wazhma Abdul Rahimzay, Joana Jabson,
Romina Chencheva, Alyssa Offenheim, Apollo Ojara**

York University's

Student Financial Aid Initiative

COVID-19 has had a profound impact on students. Your donation will go towards bursaries and scholarships that will help students focus on their studies and future instead of worrying about how to make ends meet.

YUSPPAAN is seeking support from the SPPA community to raise donations and pledges to support students in need.

Our goal is to reach \$5,000 by January 7, 2021.

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE NOW](#)

Please note that although the donation page is York's generic site, the unique YUSPPAAN donor link provided has been set up with tracking so we can see how many donations are made through this initiative.

In order for contributions to be counted under YUSPPAAN's initiative/goal, it is important for donations to be made by clicking on the particular URL shared.



A [message](#) from YUSPPAAN President
Ashley Cabral

Thanks to the profound generosity of The Victor Dahdaleh Foundation and The Pierre Lasonde Family Foundation, **if you give to the Emergency COVID-19 Student Relief Fund your gift will now be tripled up to \$300,000.** This means that your gift will go three times as far and have triple the impact!

Please note that

**the University will be closed for Winter Break from
December 24 until January 6th 2021.**

Winter classes begin on January 11, 2021.

*We wish you a safe and happy holiday
season.*



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