

PRESIDENT'S KUDOS REPORT

JANUARY 2018



The new [York University and Pioneer Village TTC subway stations](#) opened on the Keele campus on December 17, 2017 as a result of [decades of collaboration](#) between community members, the TTC and government officials at every level.



York University was ranked third in Canada and thirty-ninth overall in the [Universitas Indonesia GreenMetric World University Rankings](#), which scores universities around the world on their commitment to greening their campuses and policies that support sustainability.



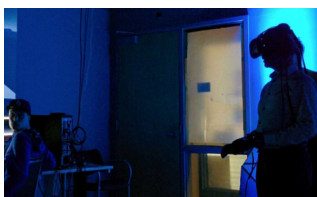
The annual [York Cares Campaign](#) raised \$173,688 for the United Way of Toronto and York Region, the largest non-governmental supporter of social services in the region.



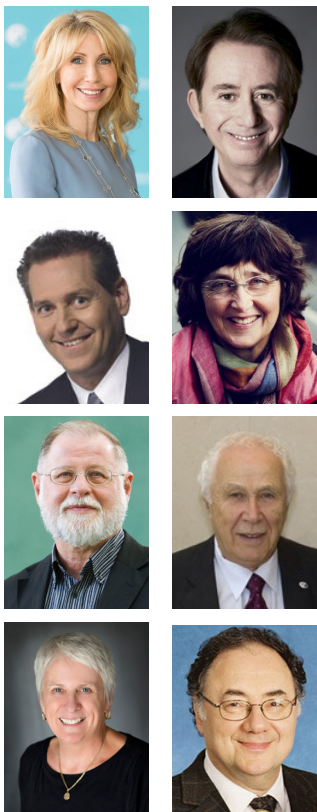
More than 80 faculty and staff members from across the University contributed their time and advice in the development of the University's [Canada Research Chairs Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan](#), which will work in conjunction with the CRC Secretariat's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan. Submitted on December 15, 2017, the plan will be subject to the University's regular governance processes after hearing from the CRC Secretariat.



For the seventh time in 16 years, [a team from the Schulich School of Business](#) won the Queen's Cup at the [2018 MBA Games](#), an annual competition among Master of Business Administration programs at Canadian universities.



The School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design [announced three new graduate degree offerings](#) in digital media: a Master of Arts (MA), Master of Science (MSc), and Doctor of Philosophy. The Master's programs will start this fall, and the PhD program will begin in 2019.



Eight York community members were appointed to the [Order of Canada](#), one of the country's highest civilian honours, which recognizes outstanding achievement, dedication to the community and service to the nation:

- Lynn Factor (MSW '88) - Member of the Order
- Mark Breslin (BA '73) - Member of the Order
- Dale H. Lastman (JD '82) - Member of the Order
- Barbara Neis (BA '75) - Member of the Order
- Alberto Manguel (LLD [Hons.] '15) - Officer of the Order
- Saul Feldberg (LLD [Hons.] '04) - Member of the Order
- Janine Brodie, former faculty member - Member of the Order
- Bernard Sherman, donor - Member of the Order



[Victoria Lean](#), who graduated with a joint Master of Business Administration and Master of Fine Arts from York, received the DOC Institute 2017 Vanguard Award, which recognizes an innovative up-and-coming documentary filmmaker.



[Three Kinesiology professors](#) were recognized for their contributions to teaching, research and service during the annual Faculty of Health awards:

- Nicolette Richardson - Teaching Award
- Christopher Perry - Research Award
- Rebecca Bassett-Gunter - Service Award



Schulich Professor [Matthias Kipping](#), Richard E. Waugh Chair in Business History, received the prestigious Humboldt Research Award from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation for his efforts to promote dialogue between business historians and management scholars.



The Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies recognized students for their outstanding academic performance at the [2017 Dean's Awards for Academic Excellence](#).



The [Art Gallery of York University](#) won four awards and one honourable mention at the Ontario Association of Art Galleries 2017 Awards Gala:

- Emelie Chhangur - Major Text over 5,000 Words (Curatorial Writing Awards) for *Paving it Forth*
- Sameer Farooq - Creative Campaigning (Public Program Award) for *Behind the Eyes*
- Black Dog Publishing & AGYU - Art Book (Design Awards) for *Marlon Griffith: Symbols of Endurance*
- Megan Toye - First Exhibition in a Public Art Gallery (Exhibition Awards) for *After great pain, a formal feeling comes...*
- Gabriel Levine - Honorable Mention (Art Writing Award) for *On Splendour*, in the publication *Marlon Griffith: Symbols of Endurance*



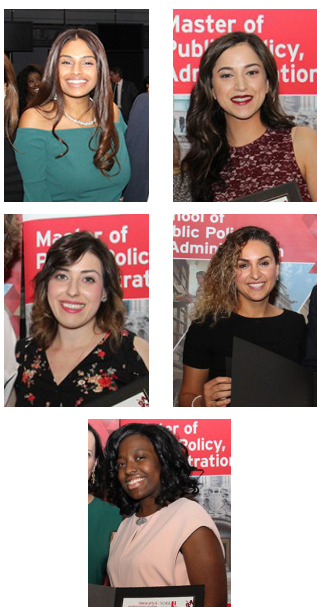
The annual silent auction hosted by [Las Nubes Students Association](#) in partnership with the Las Nubes Alumni Network raised \$1,500 towards the reconstruction of a bridge in the Las Nubes corridor that was damaged after recent hurricanes. The funds will also support the community learning and educational resource centre [La Casita Azul](#).



The [Faculty of Graduate Studies' Scholars Reception](#) honoured recipients of major internal and external research scholarships, including more than \$31 million in federal, provincial and other major external awards from 2013-2016, and approximately \$63.3 million in York University awards from 2012-16.

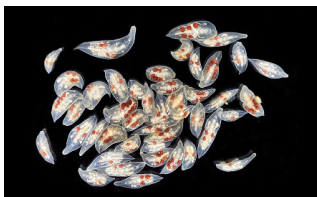


[Osgoode Professional Development](#) was recognized as a Silver winner in the Most Improved category for the redesign of its visual assets at the 26th Annual UPCEA Marketing and Enrollment Management Seminar held in Washington, D.C.



[Undergraduate and graduate students](#) from the School of Public Policy & Administration in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies were recognized for their service and presented awards during the annual celebration of service:

- Munisha Basiram - Undergraduate Student Award
- Shireen Salti - Graduate Student Award
- Ashley Cabral - Emerging Leader Award
- Najva Mohammad Amin - Emerging Leader Award
- Tanya Waugh - Alumni Award
- Shovan Chakraborty, Salvatore D'Agostino, Rathsara Illangasinghe, Eric Lothman and Hannah Ross - Best Team Award (not pictured)



A photo of *Mesostoma ehrenbergii*, a species of aquatic flatworm, taken by graduate students [Eleni Fegaras](#) and [Chun Chih Chen](#) was selected as one of thirteen winning entries of RayBiotech's 2018 Calendar Photo Contest.



Faculty of Science Professor [Sampa Bhadra](#) has been invited to be a member of the International Advisory committee for LISHEP 2018 (XIV International School on High Energy Physics) to be held at the Universidade Federal da Bahia (Brazil) in September 2018.



Twelve students from across the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies were recognized as winners of the annual [LA&PS Writing Prize](#).



The [Mobilizing Inuit Cultural Heritage project](#) at York University has been invited by the Art Gallery of Ontario to be part of the curatorial team for a major exhibit this summer that will showcase the work of Inuit artists Kenojuak Ashevak and her nephew Timoottee (Tim) Pitsiulak.



Schulich alumna [Alyssa Fearon](#) will curate the new Scarborough portion of the Toronto night-time arts festival Nuit Blanche this year.



A study published by Faculty of Science Professor [Jianhong Wu](#) titled "Analyzing the Potential Risk of Climate Change on Lyme Disease in Eastern Ontario, Canada Using Time Series Remotely Sensed Temperature Data and Tick Population Modelling," has been recommended in F1000Prime as being of special significance in its field.



As the oldest and largest program in Canada that grants degrees in Gender and Women's Studies and Sexuality Studies, [the School of Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies](#) in LA&PS celebrated its 20th anniversary this month.



Osgoode Professor [Obiora Okafor](#) was appointed Independent Expert to the United Nations Human Rights Council.



[Yvette Munro](#), who served as Director of Academic Partnerships and Planning in the Office of the Vice-Provost, was appointed Executive Director of the Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer, effective January 15, 2018.



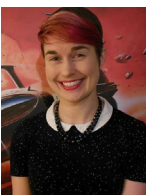
[Ijade Maxwell-Rodrigues](#), who served as Chief of Staff and Director, Government Relations in the Office of the President, was appointed York's Chief of Government and Community Relations.



Osgoode alumna Anne London-Weinstein was appointed [a judge of the Superior Court of Justice](#) in and for the Province of Ontario in Toronto.



Professor [Bernard Lightman](#) was elected president of the History of Science Society, the oldest society dedicated to understanding science, technology, medicine and their interactions with society in their historical context, and will serve a two-year term in this role.



Alumna [Nadia Danyluk](#) has been promoted from youth services librarian to deputy chief librarian of the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library.



[Dr. Michael Gardam](#), who was previously the director of the healthcare leadership development program with the Schulich Executive Education Centre, was appointed Chief of Staff to North York's Humber River Hospital.



First General, specialists in property damage restoration, has appointed alumna [Angela Veri](#) Executive Vice President, Strategic Partnerships.