

# PRESIDENT'S KUDOS REPORT

OCTOBER 2021



Professor [Richard Leblanc](#) has been initiated as an Academic Fellow of the International Council of Management Consulting Institutes. Leblanc, who is a professor in the School of Administrative Studies in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, was accorded the honour in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the management consulting profession.



Long-time York University supporter [Jack Leitch](#) will be celebrated with an annual award in his name that recognizes incoming MBA students. The inaugural recipient of the Jack Leitch Award in Entrepreneurial Thinking will be announced this fall.



Supported by a York Science Scholars Award (YSSA), [19 top first-year students](#) participated in their first summer research experience as university students this year. The YSSA program provides awards of \$10,000 to high-achieving, passionate science students entering the Faculty of Science.



The Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies announced the launch of its [Student Numeracy Assistance Centre at Keele](#) (SNACK). This new centre will provide students in relevant LA&PS courses with extensive numeracy support in mathematics, statistics and Microsoft Excel.



Professors [Steven Hoffman](#) and [Rebecca Pillai Riddell](#) are among 74 new Fellows elected to the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. Election to fellowship in the academy is considered one of the highest honours for individuals in the Canadian health sciences community.



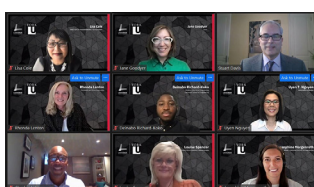
[Two York University students](#) have earned academic awards for their work advancing Canadian studies. The Barbara Godard Prize for the Best York University Dissertation in Canadian Studies recipient is Andrew Zealley, and the recipient of the Odessa Prize for the best undergraduate paper in a fourth-year course is Emily Belmonte.



A Research Associate with York University's Centre for Asian Research, [Yukari Takai](#), is one of 15 scholars globally to be appointed as a visiting research scholar at the International Center for Japanese Studies (Nichibunken) this year.



York University's UNESCO Chair [Charles Hopkins](#) is the recipient of the Clean50 Lifetime Achievement Award for his work on a global scale to reorient education towards sustainable development. This prestigious award recognizes Hopkins' focus on creating a better future for all.



On September 13, York University announced a contribution from Scotiabank that will provide \$980,000 to support a variety of initiatives at the [Lassonde School of Engineering](#). The funding will support research into global financial crimes and computer security, while also providing support for programs that advance equity, diversity and inclusion in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields.



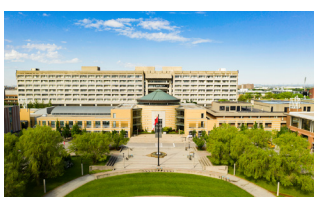
[Tracey Taylor-O'Reilly](#) has been named a Female Executive of the Year in the 18th annual Stevie® Awards. Taylor-O'Reilly, Assistant Vice-President of Continuing Studies, was recognized as the Gold Award recipient in the Government or Non-Profit category for organizations with 2,500 or more employees.



More than 700 faculty, staff, and students attended York University's [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#) virtual panel, "Reflections on Truth and Reconciliation," which took place September 30. The panel focused on reconciliation in action and was the University's keynote event, leading into a full day of activities created for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.



Osgoode Hall Law School Professor [Poonam Puri](#) has been awarded what many consider the "Pulitzer Prize" of legal writing. Ontario Attorney General Doug Downey named Puri as the recipient of the David W. Mundell Medal in an announcement on October 8.



As captured in the newly released [Maclean's 2022 University Rankings](#), York University has been successful in advancing our vision to provide a high-quality education at a research-intensive university informed by a clear set of core values. The rankings highlight solid progress in several important areas, including an impressive sixth-place ranking against all other comprehensive universities in Canada for the second consecutive year.

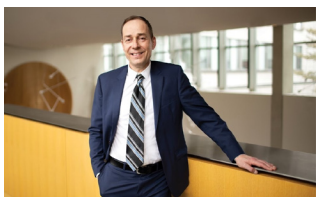


York University has launched a new organized research unit that is the first at the University to focus on Indigenous and decolonizing scholarship. The Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Languages is led by inaugural Director [Deborah McGregor](#), an Associate Professor at York and the Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Environmental Justice at Osgoode Hall Law School.



York launched a [three-year initiative](#) to enhance the representation of Black youth at universities across Canada. The initiative is led by Carl James, the Jean Augustine Chair in Education, Community and Diaspora in the Faculty of Education, who has focused on addressing systemic barriers and racial inequities for over a decade. A recent \$1.2-million donation from the RBC Foundation, as part of RBC Future Launch, is allowing this work to go national.

## APPOINTMENTS



[Dr. Detlev Zwick](#) was appointed to the position of Dean, Schulich School of Business, effective July 1, 2021, for a five-year term.



[Dr. Gordon Binsted](#) was appointed to the position of Deputy Provost Markham for a five-year term, commencing January 1, 2022.



Schulich School of Business Adjunct Professor [Joseph Mapa](#), Executive Director of the Health Industry Management Program, has been appointed to a three-year term as the inaugural Krembil Chair in Health Management and Leadership, effective July 1, 2021.



[Dr. Susan D. Dion](#) was appointed to the inaugural role of Associate Vice-President Indigenous Initiatives, effective September 1, 2021.