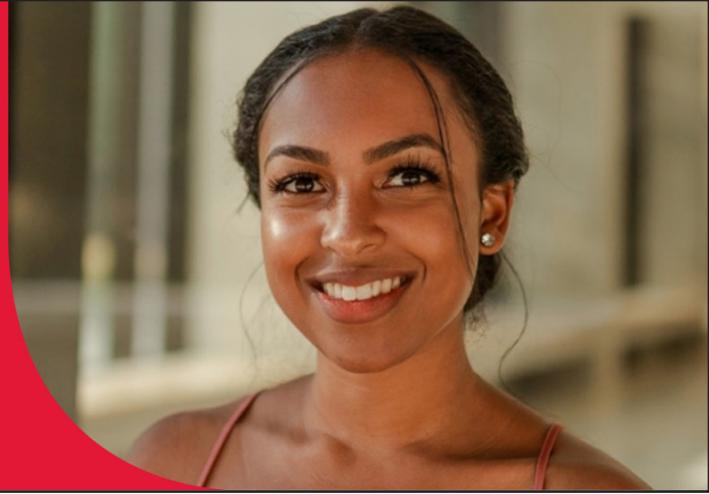


PRESIDENT'S KUDOS REPORT

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Stephen Gill, a Distinguished Research Professor of Political Science, Communications and Culture, received a 2021 Killam Prize from the Canada Council for the Arts. The prestigious award recognizes the work of active and eminent researchers whose work has made an outstanding impact on the lives of Canadians and people around the world.



Six individuals with affiliations to the University were included in *Maclean's* magazine's "The Power List," which identifies 50 Canadians who are the biggest influencers of the year. Those with ties to York are:

- Beverley McLachlin (No. 15, as part of the "Retired Supreme Court Justices"), an honorary alumna (LLD '99 Osgoode), for her achievements as the first woman, and the longest-serving, chief justice in Canadian history;
- Cindy Blackstock (No. 27), an honorary alumna (LLD '17 Osgoode), for her advocacy of rights for Indigenous children;
- Murray Sinclair (No. 34), an honorary alumnus (LLD '15 Osgoode), for his contributions as Manitoba's first-ever Indigenous judge and his time serving as chief commissioner to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission;
- Jagmeet Singh (No. 36), an alumnus (LLB '05 Osgoode), for his achievements leading the New Democratic Party;
- James Temerty (No. 41, as part of "James and Louise Temerty"), an honorary alumnus (LLD '18 Science), for his incredible philanthropy and support of Canadian medicine; and
- Bianca Wylie (No. 45), an alumna (BA '12 Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, political science), for her advocacy in open government.



The **Faculty of Science** launched its inaugural Dean's Special Advisory Board, a diverse group of industry and community leaders that will provide guidance on pressing issues, including the societal need for science programs; best practices surrounding Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in science education; challenges and opportunities for science innovation and entrepreneurship; and the successful community integration of the Faculty.



The York community contributed \$161,643 toward the **2020 York Cares United Way Campaign**, which raised funds to help vulnerable members of the community facing crisis. The community surpassed the \$150,000 goal.



Team Schulich earned the first-place title and the Queen's Cup at the 33rd annual MBA Games, hosted online by Laval University. Considered the largest MBA competition in Canada, the two-day event features over 600 students from MBA programs across the country competing in academic, athletic, and spirit challenges.



York launched the new [Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Black and Indigenous Scholars](#), as part of a wider commitment to promoting justice and embracing a variety of scholarly perspectives, backgrounds, and lived experiences. The program will offer emerging scholars from a range of disciplines access to the financial support, mentorship, and career development opportunities needed to build the foundation for a successful professional future.



Lassonde's K2I Academy launched the [Helen Carswell STEAM Program for Black and Indigenous Youth](#). The program will welcome 25 Black and Indigenous students from the York Region District School Board to participate in a 14-week paid research program, where they will work on a project related to engineering, computer science, earth science, and/or atmospheric science under the guidance of Undergraduate Research Assistant Mentors, supervised by Lassonde School of Engineering faculty.



[Two students](#) from Lassonde have received the Nascent Co-op/Internship Students of the Year Award in recognition of their exceptional contribution to their co-op employer and involvement in the Lassonde community:

- Ignacio Isola, third-year space engineering student, and
- Julia Paglia, fourth-year computer engineering.



[More than 80 York researchers](#) were included in a list of the world's top two per cent of researchers published in *PLOS BIOLOGY*. The list functions as a published database of the most prolific published researchers in science.



York launched a virtual pilot for a new international [Indigenous Student Exchange Program](#), where ten Indigenous students at York will join Indigenous students from partner universities worldwide to participate in a series of facilitated online workshops on topics ranging from food sovereignty to identity and political movements. The program is funded by the federal government-sponsored [Outbound Student Mobility Pilot Program](#), and organized by York International, the Centre for Aboriginal Student Services, the Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies, Schulich School of Business, the Faculty of Health, and the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies.



First-year Osgoode Hall Law School JD student [Bunisha Samuels](#) is one of the first award recipients of a scholarship that is part of a new Scotiabank Program for Law Students, which funds students interested in becoming anti-racism advocates in the legal profession.



The York University Magazine earned four gold medals at the 2020 Canadian Online Publishing Awards, including Best Publication in the Best of Canada division.

Communications and Public Affairs staff also earned four awards from the [CASE District II Accolades Awards](#):

- [#PeopleofYU](#) - Gold in the Marketing category, Marketing on a Shoestring; and Bronze in the Digital Communications category, Social Media;
- [York Community Holiday Skate](#) - Silver in the Special Event category, Event on a Shoestring; and
- [York U Research Hubs - Vision: Science to Applications \(VISTA\)](#) - Bronze in the Video category for News & Research Videos.



[John K. Tsotsos](#), Distinguished Research Professor of Vision Science from Lassonde, was awarded the CS-Can/Info-Can Lifetime Achievement Award in Computer Science for his sustained and outstanding contribution to Canadian computing.



The Economist ranked the MBA program at the Schulich School of Business first in Canada and 21st in the world in the magazine's annual survey of the world's top 100 MBA programs.



[Five Osgoode staff members](#) received staff recognition awards. The 2020 Wendy Rambo Outstanding Service Award recipients are:

- Craig Butosi, Manager, Library Operations (for less than five years' service);
- Meghan Carrington, Communications & Events Coordinator, Office of External Relations & Communications (for more than five years' service); and
- Meghan Thomas, Director, Professional Graduate and International Programs, Osgoode Professional Development (for more than five years' service).

The 2020 Louella Sturdy Leadership Award recipients are:

- Aneta Gasiorowska, Manager, Human Resources and Administration, Office of the Executive Officer; and
- Paul Wye, Manager, Information Technology & Innovation, Osgoode Professional Development.



York launched the institution's first-ever [Economic and Social Impact Report](#), which profiles the University's economic, fiscal and social impact in the GTHA, Ontario, and beyond.



Lassonde Professor [Satinder Kaur Brar](#) and her colleagues, Drs. Rama Pulicharla and Pratik Kumar, received the award for 2021 Best Theoretical Oriented Paper from the *Journal of Hazardous, Toxic and Radioactive Waste* for their paper "Simple Technoeconomic Approach to Chlortetracycline Removal from Wastewater Treatment Plant."



The Youth Climate Report, a documentary film project led by [Mark Terry](#), contract faculty member and course director at the Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change, earned an Honourable Mention from the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals 2020 Action Awards. The project is the only Canadian program to be recognized this year out of a field of more than 1,000 nominated projects.



Lassonde Professor [John Moores](#), using funding from the Canadian Space Agency, advanced the understanding and measuring of methane on Mars with the white paper, "High-frequency near-surface gas measurement: an opportunity to solve puzzles in planetary atmospheric processes in Martian methane and beyond." The paper was the first of two submitted into the Planetary Decadal Survey (2020), and both will be published in the *Bulletin of the American Astronomical Society*.



With funding from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Sociology Professor [Pat Armstrong](#) co-authored *Re-imagining Long-term Residential Care in the COVID-19 Crisis*, a report for the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives that provides government stakeholders with recommendations for improving long-term residential care.

APPOINTMENTS



Associate Professor [Chris Ardern](#) from the School of Kinesiology and Health Science was appointed Associate Dean, Research in the Faculty of Health.



Former Osgoode Professor & Dean [Lorne Sossin](#) was appointed a Justice of the Court of Appeal for Ontario.



Schulich Professor [Maxim Voronov](#) has accepted the prestigious Senior Editor position at Organization Studies, commencing April 15, 2021. The monthly, peer-reviewed, multidisciplinary journal publishes theoretical and empirical research with the aim of promoting the understanding of organizations.