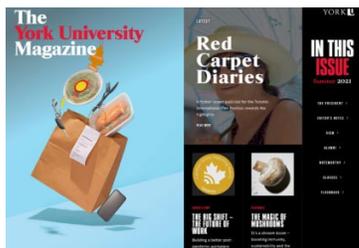


PRESIDENT'S KUDOS REPORT

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Schulich School of Business Profesor [Ivona Hideg](#) received the runner up award in the Responsible Business Education Awards (Academic Research with Impact category) of the Financial Times for her paper “The unintended consequences of maternity leaves” in the *Journal of Applied Psychology*.



[The York University Magazine](#) received five Canadian Online Publishing Awards, a recognition of its outstanding achievement in Canada’s digital media landscape. The winning awards include:

- Best Multicultural Story (Gold): Bright Spot (Winter 2021)
- Best Industry Feature (Gold): Equity Disparity (Fall 2020)
- Best Digital Edition Publication (Gold) and Best B2B Website (Gold): The Big Shift (Summer 2021)
- Best of Canada (Silver)



Two computer science students from the Lassonde School of Engineering, [Adrian Fagarasanu](#) and [Thalia Godbout](#), received this year’s Nascent Co-op/Internship Students of the Year Award. The Nascent Co-op/Internship Students of the Year Award is sponsored by Nascent Digital and recognizes two students for their exceptional contributions to their respective host employers, along with their involvement in the Lassonde community.



Associate Professor [Greg Thiemann](#) from the Faculty of Environmental & Urban Change received a grant from Environment and Climate Change Canada for his research project with PhD alumnus Paul McCarney, “Knowledge co-production to address human–polar bear conflict in Southern Hudson Bay and James Bays.” The research aims to advance polar bear management and conservation, and to explore opportunities for joint knowledge production related to human–polar bear interactions in Ontario.



A team of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year [Schulich BBA students](#) has won their division in the John Molson International Undergraduate Case Competition. The team was comprised of Aaditya Shah, Ananya Kakkar, Ayaan Popatiya and Madeline (Maddi) Yeung. This is the first time Schulich has made it into the finals since being selected for this invitation-only competition in 2017. The virtual competition involved 28 of the strongest business case competition teams from around the world.



Schulich School of Business student [Marco Renda](#) was part of the team that took first place during the 2021–22 Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment (MLSE)'s Global Partnerships Case Competition. Students from across Canada competed for a summer internship opportunity with MLSE's Global Partnerships department by developing a marketing partnership between one of MLSE's team properties and a brand of their choice. The winning team partnered Redfin real estate with the Toronto Raptors.



[The Las Nubes Grounded Project](#) recently released a new documentary film titled *Buried Seeds*, which looks at the life experiences of 20 peasants in Southern Costa Rica, their sense of identity, their daily struggles, the threats to their ways of life, and what sustains them. The film is directed by Felipe Montoya, with Mburucuya Marcela Ortiz Imlach as the academic lead, in collaboration with the Faculty of Health, Universidad Técnica Nacional de Costa Rica, San Carlos Campus, and York Libraries.



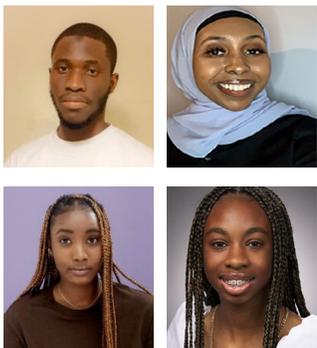
Faculty of Education Assistant Professor [Lesley Wilton](#) has been invited to join the panel of judges for this year's Global Youth Challenge 2022: AI and the Future of Humankind. The Global Youth Challenge is a worldwide competition that consists of public speaking, essay writing, and creative projects that grapple with the topic of artificial intelligence and the impact that it will have on humanity.



[Patrick Alcedo](#), Chair of the Department of Dance in the School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design, was featured in *The Manila Times* for receiving the 2021 Pamana ng Pilipino Award. The Pamana ng Pilipino Award is conferred on Filipinos overseas, who, in exemplifying the talent and industry of the Filipino, have brought the country honour and recognition through excellence and distinction in the pursuit of their work or profession.



Master of Environmental Studies alumnus and urban planner [Elijah Bawuah](#) has been selected for the CivicAction Leadership Foundation's DiverseCity Fellowship. Eli co-founded the Mentoring Initiative for Indigenous and Planners of Colour, where he focuses on establishing a national network among experienced planners and emerging planners from equity-seeking communities.

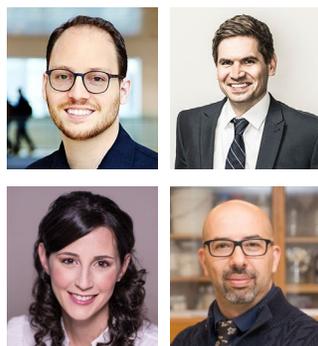


[The Tom Janes Award for Black Scholars](#) awarded \$5,000 to 10 Black first-year students who are enrolled in a Liberal Arts & Professional Studies program. The 2021 recipients of the award are:

- Awwal Ayila Abass (Law and Society)
- Muntaha Jamal Ahmed (Speech and Language Sciences)
- Isatu Lamarana Barrie (Political Science)
- Clifton Grant (Law and Society)
- Jasmine Christine Heath (Financial and Business Economics)
- Favour Kayode (Health and Society)
- Joshua Mezgebo (Financial and Business Economics)
- Keziah Umar Samson (Social Work)
- Tigist Yehualawork Solomon (Bachelor of Commerce)
- Hiba Yasin (Law and Society)

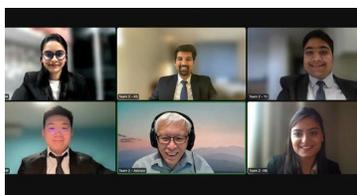


[Deborah McGregor](#) and [Lisa Myers](#) received Canada Foundation for Innovation and Ontario Research Fund awards to renovate the Faculty of Environmental & Urban Change's Wild Garden Media Centre. The centre will build and develop the Faculty's multimedia output and enhance its Indigenous and interdisciplinary research and training.



[Four York University researchers](#) were awarded funding from the Canada Foundation for Innovation to advance our understanding in areas related to sustainable materials, honeybee behaviour and health approaches to mitigate disease. The awards include:

- Building infostructure for quasi-experimental analysis in global legal epidemiology: Steven Hoffman (Faculty of Health, Osgoode Hall Law School)
- Multifunctional aerogel innovation platform: Thomas Cooper (Lassonde School of Engineering)
- Novel targets of whole-food dairy products for human musculoskeletal and cardiometabolic health: Andrea Josse (Faculty of Health)
- Research apiary to study honeybee behaviour, genetics and health: Amro Zayed (Faculty of Science)



[Team Schulich](#) was selected as the winning team of the 2022 CFA Toronto Ethics Challenge Competition. The team members consisted of five Master of Finance 2022 candidates: Juhi Maru, Rishika Bhatia, Anbochao Wang, Yusuf Jiruwala, and Kaustubh Sharma. The CFA Societies Canada Ethics Challenge is designed to increase students' awareness of the ethical dilemmas and issues they may face when they enter the investment management industry.



Five individuals with affiliations to York University are included in a [Maclean's](#) list of 50 Canadians who are "forging paths, leading the debate and shaping how we think and live." The list's influencers with ties to York are:

- **Rachel Notley** (LLB '90 Osgoode) for her contributions to provincial politics in Alberta;
- **Jagmeet Singh** (LLB '05 Osgoode) for his contributions leading a minority party in Canada;
- **Armine Yalnizyan** (BA '83 Glendon) for her ability to analyze Canada's uncertain economic reality during the pandemic;
- **Lisa Raitt** (LLB '96 Osgoode) for her contributions co-leading the Coalition for a Better Future;
- **Murray Sinclair** (LLD '15 Osgoode) for his contributions overseeing high-profile negotiations over federal compensation to Indigenous children.



APPOINTMENTS



Professor [Jennifer Steeves](#), Department of Psychology, has been appointed as Interim Associate Vice-President Research, effective March 1.