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The York University Brief

June 2023

The York University Brief will be on pause during the summer months and will resume in September 2023.

Government Relations Updates and Highlights



Minister Michael Kerzner visits York University and ADERSIM

On June 13, York University President Rhonda Lenton provided a tour of the Keele Campus to Ontario's Solicitor General and MPP for York Centre Michael Kerzner (BA LA&PS '86). Minister Kerzner had the opportunity to visit the [Advanced Disaster, Emergency, and Rapid Response Simulation \(ADERSIM\)](#) Lab which aims to enhance disaster and emergency planning across various sectors. The minister also had the opportunity to hear from the University's Emergency Management experts.

Research Stories and Institutional Highlights



York University Professor Dr. James Orbinski speaks on The CRAM Podcast

On June 1, Dr. James Orbinski, director of the Dadaleh Institute for Global Health Research at York University appeared on The CRAM Podcast to speak about his life and work. As a doctor, humanitarian, and activist, Dr. Orbinski spoke about his experiences on the front lines of some of the world's most horrific conflicts. [Click here to listen](#)



Jane-Finch high school students share lived experiences through poetry at Congress academic conference



Schulich ExecEd partners with York Regional Police to upskill civilian employees, officers

Schulich ExecEd, in partnership with the York Regional Police Service (YRPS), has debuted

Students from high schools in the multi-cultural Jane-Finch area of Toronto are asking to listen and be heard as they share their perspectives on the world by reading their poetry at the prestigious Congress 2023 academic conference hosted by York University. [Read More](#)

the Future of Leadership in Policing Program, meant to strengthen the business acumen and leadership skills of sworn and civilian employees. [Read More](#)



York ranks among top universities making global impact for positive change

The University is positioned among the world's top 40 universities for advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the 2023 Times Higher Education Impact Rankings which measure how more than 1,500 universities work to address the most complex and compelling societal issues of our time.

The results of the rankings – the only global report of its kind – recognize York's interdisciplinary research and innovation strengths in sustainability, inclusivity and equity that have earned the University placing in the top three per cent of universities in the world overall. [Read More](#)

The York University Brief is York University's monthly newsletter that showcases some of our latest research and institutional news. Although anyone can subscribe, our readership primarily consists of our government and community partners and is meant to provide insight into the work done at the University and its potential links to work done in government and in the community. The York University Brief is typically published monthly from September to June.

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