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The York University Brief

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Government Relations Updates and Highlights



York University celebrates Canadian changemaker Jean Augustine, full funding of endowed Chair in her name

Earlier this month, community members joined The Honourable Kamal Khera and Jean Augustine at York's Keele Campus to celebrate an announcement of \$1.5M in funding from the federal government to support the endowed university Chair in her name.



Toronto City Manager Tours York University

Toronto City Manager, Paul Johnson, toured York University's Keele Campus in late October to learn more about the university's work in the areas of homelessness prevention and sustainability.

Research Stories and Institutional Highlights



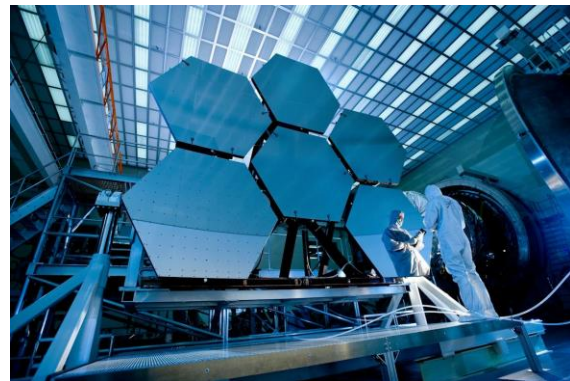
York University and Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre sign MOU to create positive change in Barrie and beyond

In October, York’s President and Vice-Chancellor, Rhonda Lenton, joined Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre’s (RVH) CEO, Gail Hunt, and Research Director Dr. Jesse McLean, to celebrate a shared commitment to advance medical education and health research through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will deepen the ongoing partnership between the University and RVH. [Read More](#)



York University community key in new target to achieve net-zero emissions a decade early

Faculty, staff and students at York University will be part of a progressive next step to build a more sustainable future for all as outlined by a new aspirational target for the University to



New partnership empowers businesses through applied research

York University is partnering with Seneca Polytechnic and the Ontario Centre of Innovation (OCI) to boost the number of applied research opportunities for small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the Greater Toronto

reach net-zero emissions a decade earlier than originally planned. [Read More](#)

Area and York Region, fostering greater connections between academics and industry. [Read More](#)



Lassonde innovation lands place in space history

The Lassonde School of Engineering recently celebrated landing a place in space history by contributing an essential scientific instrument to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) OSIRIS-REx – the first U.S.-led space mission to successfully collect a sample from an asteroid – and shared details of the mission and its success with the community. [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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