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# *The York University Brief*

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## **Government Relations Update and Highlights**



### **Markham Campus Hard Hat Tour with MPPs**

At the end of last month, we were pleased to welcome MPPs Logan Kanapathi, Billy Pang, Laura Smith, and Daisy Wai to our Markham Campus location to view the progress we've made in advance of the opening this September. Thanks to all who attended.



### **Markham Skate Day 2024**

The York team was pleased to welcome community members to the Markham Civic Centre skating rink on February 24 for free skating, hot chocolate, cookies, giveaways, and a photo booth. With a clear sky and a stiff breeze, it was perfect skating weather. We were also joined by our special guests, Markham City Councillors Amanda Collucci, Isa Lee, Ritch Lau, Reid McAlpine, Member of Parliament Paul Chiang and of course, Yeo the Lion.



### **Meeting with Paul Chiang**

As always, it was a pleasure to meet with Markham-Unionville MP Paul Chiang. We had a great discussion on university events, our Markham Campus, and a number of other priorities. Thanks to MP Chiang for always finding the time to meet.

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### **York University on the Move**

Congratulations to York Alumnus, Jamil Jivani, BA '10, on his recent by-election win to become the new Member of Parliament for Durham.

### **Research Stories and Institutional Highlights**





## York immunologist's work recognized as standout achievement in arthritis research

Ali Abdul-Sater, an associate professor in the School of Kinesiology & Health Science in the Faculty of Health, alongside his research team, discovered that a protein called TRAF1 can help limit the body's production of a substance called interleukin-1 beta (IL-1 $\beta$ ), which is a main cause of gout. [Learn more.](#)



## York University professors help shape national pandemic strategy

In February, two York University professors joined Canadian experts and government representatives at the Pandemic Agreement Regional Engagement Series. Organized by the Government of Canada, this series of meetings held across the country were intended to facilitate productive discussion about Canada's role in pandemic prevention, preparedness and response. [Learn more.](#)



## The future of disease diagnostics explored at Lassonde

A modern research hub at York University's Lassonde School of Engineering is focusing on scientific innovation to transform the future of disease diagnostics. Picture state-of-the-art technologies, busy researchers wearing white lab coats and futuristic, artificial intelligence-powered tools with capabilities beyond imagination. That is the Laboratory of Advanced Biotechnologies for Health Assessment (LAB-HA). [Learn more.](#)

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