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Government Relations Highlights



MP Ryan Turnbull Visits Keele Campus

In July, we welcomed Whitby MP Ryan Turnbull for a discussion of York's social procurement policy, a meeting with YSpace entrepreneurs, and a tour of York's Social Innovation Hub. It was a great opportunity

to demonstrate the many ways in which York University supports small businesses and the local community.



Roundtable with Minister Valdez and MP Sgro

Earlier this month we were thrilled to host Minister of Small Business Rechie Valdez and local MP Judy Sgro on campus for a discussion and showcase with founders of YSpace-supported businesses. These included Mississauga eatery [Honey Soul Food](#), portable electric vehicle charging company [Kiwi Charge](#), specialized fertility tracking services provider [Fibra](#), as well as gourmet snacks purveyor [EATABLE Popcorn](#), high-end chocolatiers [One More Cocoa](#), and healthy frozen desert maker [Nanashake](#).

Research Stories and Institutional Highlights



Relationship agreement ensures Indigenous priorities are included in future of health care

In a spirit of fostering healing and reconciliation, York University and the Indigenous Primary Health Care Council (IPHCC) signed a relationship agreement on September 12 at Keele Campus as a first step toward developing joint initiatives and advancing Indigenous health priorities.

[Read more here.](#)



York University takes significant step forward in journey to net zero

As part of recent operational actions underway to help York University meet its aspirational target of becoming a net-zero university by 2040, York U stopped running its fossil-fuelled co-generation units around the clock this summer.

[Read more here.](#)



York U's state-of-the-art emergency and disaster simulation lab with Emergency Operations Centre a multifunctional first

On July 3, York University opened its new state-of-the-art Victor Phillip Dahdaleh Advanced Disaster, Emergency and Rapid Response Simulation (ADERSIM) Lab, designed to act as an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), thanks to close to \$3.5 million in private and public funds.

[Read more here.](#)



Advancing YU empowers Black, women students

Advancing YU is a mentorship and scholarship program in York University's Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (LA&PS) that links Black and/or women third- and fourth-year students with experienced alumni mentors, and provides professional and personal development opportunities.

[Read more here.](#)

Lassonde students achieve top spot in self-driving car competition

Not long ago, self-driving cars were merely the stuff of science fiction. Today, however, researchers across the globe are diligently working to integrate autonomous vehicles (AVs) into everyday life. Among these trailblazers is a team of students from York University's Lassonde School of Engineering who achieved a second-place win in the Self-Driving Car Student Competition at the 2024 American Control Conference in Toronto last month.

[Read more here.](#)



Lassonde partnership leverages 3D printing to address housing crisis

Liam Butler, an associate professor in the Department of Civil Engineering, teamed up with construction company Printerra, which offers 3D construction printing. Together, they are helping to address Canada's growing demand for affordable and sustainable housing by manufacturing 3D-printed concrete homes. Using state-of-the-art printing technology and low-carbon concrete materials, the project's goal is to transform the future of housing construction by reducing both labour costs and construction time.

[Read more here.](#)

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