

YORK U ALUMNI NEWS



Introducing the 2026 York U Top 30 Alumni Under 30

This influential group of leaders are driving meaningful change in their communities and around the world. They demonstrate a deep commitment to giving back and are tackling complex social issues across various industries before the age of 30. [Learn more about this year's exceptional group of individuals.](#)



Lisa Philipps reflects on opportunities shaping what's ahead

Watch York in Focus: Leadership Perspectives as York's President and Vice-Chancellor shares what she's hearing across the University, the opportunities she sees taking shape and why she feels optimistic about York's path forward. [Watch the video.](#)



Dan Riskin leads a journey through the Amazon rainforest with York alumni travel program

As a TV host on *Daily Planet*, York alumnus Dan Riskin (MSc '00) led audiences on journeys around the world to learn about fascinating scientific discoveries. Now, Dan is leading global trips for Canadian university alumni to make their own scientific discoveries. [Read more.](#)



York-designed tool predicts how microbes from Earth survive on Mars

Researchers Grace Bischof and John Moores, from the Lassonde School of Engineering, are developing new tools to ensure future missions to Mars do not accidentally contaminate the planet with microbes from Earth. [Read more.](#)



Passings: Allan Carswell

Dr. Carswell's impact was immeasurable and will continue to enrich the lives of students and scholars for generations to come. His legacy at the University spans his influential research in physics, decades of teaching and leadership, and transformative philanthropy that strengthened scholarship across disciplines. [Read more.](#)



NASA award recognizes York scientists for wildfire air quality research

Two York University chemists received one of NASA's highest honours for their role in a major North American air quality campaign — work that could improve how wildfire smoke risks are understood and communicated in Canada. [Read more.](#)



Join the executive committee of the Women+ Alumni Network

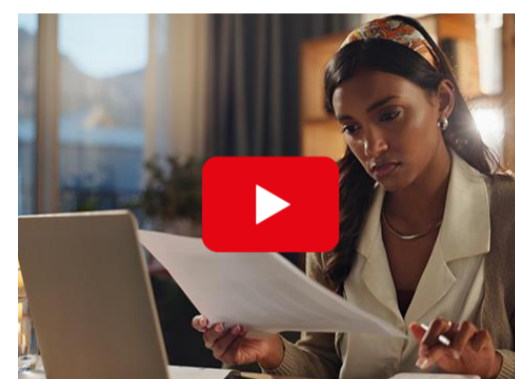
Help shape this exciting new network dedicated to connection, empowerment, and engagement among our diverse women+ alumni. [Learn more.](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Missed our latest Scholars' Hub or Level Up session? Catch up at our [YouTube channel](#) and explore various topics and key insights from the York community.



[Scholars' Hub @ Home | Human-Animal Attachments in the Workplace: The rise and future of pet-friendly organizations](#)



[Level Up | How to File Your Taxes](#)

ALUMNI BENEFITS



All-Purpose Realty

Planning a move? Access a full-service real estate support program and earn cashback rewards when you buy or sell your home through the program. [Learn more.](#)



TD Insurance — Home & Auto Insurance 101

Join this free session on May 27 to learn about common insurance myths, coverage options, and what to do in the event of a claim. [Register today.](#)



QE Home

Refresh your space this spring with quality bedding and home decor. Enjoy \$15 off orders of \$200 or more when you shop online with your alumni code. [Learn more.](#)

ALUMNI EVENTS



April 16 | 6-8 p.m. | York U Alumni Mixer in Pickering

Join us tonight! Connect with other alumni in the east end and expand your professional network and learn about the latest developments from your alma mater.



April 20 | 7-8:30 p.m. | President's Reception in Vancouver

Meet President and Vice-Chancellor Lisa Philipps and connect with other York alumni in Vancouver.



April 22 | 12-4 p.m. | Scholars' Hub @ Home | Dance Offers New Hope for Understanding Parkinson's Disease

Featuring Joseph DeSouza, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Health.



April 22 | 6:30-8:30 p.m. | Level Up: Social Circle Dinner

Join us for an evening of great food, lively conversation, and meaningful connections.



April 22-June 24 | 12-4 p.m. | Career Unlocked: Free Alumni Workshop Series

Alumni Perks App users have exclusive access to Career Unlocked, a three-part virtual workshop series designed to help you move forward with clarity and confidence. Join one session or attend all three. *Note: you must have a Perks App login to register.*



April 23 | 12-4 p.m. | National Volunteer Week Webinar: The surprising benefits of volunteering

Learn about the benefits of volunteerism with Dr. Femida Handy (PhD '95).

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