

YORK U ALUMNI NEWS



**Embark Student Corp. invests \$500K to boost career readiness for York students with disabilities**  
 Embark Student Corp. ("Embark") has awarded York University with \$500,000 to support workforce transition and career readiness for students with disabilities. [Read more.](#)



**Research at York pushes boundaries of drone technology**  
 A team at the Lassonde School of Engineering is working to develop drones that can navigate storms, tight spaces and unpredictable environments. [Read more.](#)



**Lyndsey McKeown (BSW '06, MSW '10) harnesses healing power of equine therapy**  
 York alumna offers a therapeutic experience that is deeply personal and grounded in nature. [Read more.](#)



**Senate approves in principle creation of York U School of Medicine**  
 Senate has voted in favour of approving in principle the creation of a School of Medicine within the Faculty of Health, a preliminary motion that sets the stage for further consultation and planning. [Read more.](#)



**Alumni Spotlight: Dr. Dionne Stephens (BA '96)**  
 York alumna discusses opportunities, representation and learning in the University's dynamic, metropolitan and multicultural stage. [Read this and other Black History Month profiles here.](#)



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**Flashback**  
 Have a great photo from your days at York? Share your memories with us. Email us at [mas@alumni@yorku.ca](mailto:mas@alumni@yorku.ca) with your photos as well as a brief description.

ALUMNI BENEFITS



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ALUMNI EVENTS



**March 10-24 | 5:30 p.m. ET | Mentor Circles**  
 Explore a wide range of career fields and industries through these engaging in-person discussions with experienced alumni.



**March 12 | 12 p.m. ET | Scholars' Hub @ Home | Empowering Communities Through Inclusive Design**  
 Featuring Shilal Desai, Associate Professor, School of Arts Media Performance and Design and Director, Social and Technological Systems (SaTS) Lab.



**March 12 | 7 p.m. ET | Glendon Global Dialogues: Our Elections — What Could Go Wrong?**  
 Join experts in political science, law, and communications as they explore the impact of foreign interference, disinformation, and election meddling on democracies worldwide.



**March 18 | 12 p.m. ET | Virtual 'Ask a Career Coach' Drop-In Session**  
 Connect with York's Alumni Career Coach to navigate the current job market and explore how career coaching can support your professional growth.



**March 19 | 12 p.m. ET | Mid-Career Conversations | Building Your Legacy: The power of community, passion and purpose**  
 Featuring alumni storyteller, Klaudia Zinaty (BA '95, BEd '95).



**March 20 | 6 p.m. ET | Level Up | Young Alumni Career Mixer**  
 Join us in the heart of downtown Toronto at the Manulife Centre.



**March 22 | 9 a.m. ET | York Circle Lecture Series**  
 Topics include navigating wildfires, homelessness and more.



**March 25 | 12 p.m. ET | York U Alumni & Friends Career Webinar: Navigating The Turbulent Job Market**  
 Delve into the intricacies of the 2025 job market.



**March 26 | 7 p.m. ET | Scholars' Hub | Caring Under Constraints: Social workers' identity at the crossroads of compliance and rebellion**  
 Featuring Farshid Shams, Associate Professor of Strategy and Organization Studies, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies.



**April 2 | 10 a.m. ET | Green Career Fair 2025**  
 Let's shape a greener, healthier future — together!



**April 4 | 5 p.m. ET | Let's Talk About It: York University Libraries Authors Series**  
 Featuring Canadian author, Robin Stevenson.