

YORK U ALUMNI NEWS



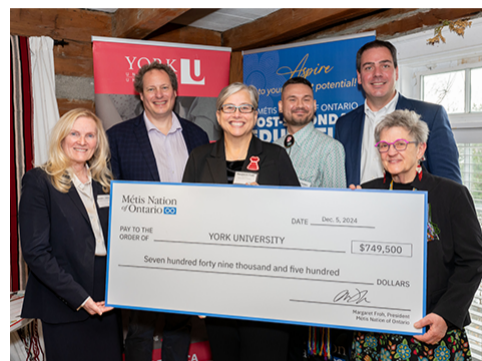
**York U unveils Joan and Martin Goldfarb Gallery, a new beacon for the arts**

The striking new art space on Keele campus was designed by internationally acclaimed architect Siamak Haniri. The project, made possible through a \$6-million gift from Joan and Martin Goldfarb, reflects the couple's long-standing support for the arts at York. [Read more.](#)



**Small-town American chooses York for spirit and program offerings**

York's rising in world rankings in his favourite subjects and the campus's positive vibe got Heath Leone to pack up and move to the Great North. [Read more.](#)



**Gift from Métis Nation of Ontario to establish fellowship in Métis Studies**

The fellowship will serve as a pathway for Métis scholars to pursue new research and will encourage the expansion of academic literature on Métis history, culture, and way of life. [Read more.](#)



**2024 Alumni Network of the Year**

We're thrilled to recognize the York University Black Alumni Network's (YUBAN) unwavering commitment to creating a supportive community for York University's Black alumni and students. [Read more.](#)



**In pictures: Markham Campus grand opening**

Last month, President and Vice-Chancellor Rhonda Lenton, Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti, as well as other notable guests and partners celebrated the official grand opening of the new Markham Campus. [Check out photos from the event.](#)



**New sustainability strategy outlines institutional plan for a greener future**

The renewed strategy, Positive Change: Connecting People, Planet and Purpose, builds on the University's proven track record as an international leader in sustainability-related research, teaching, partnerships and campus practices. [Read more.](#)



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Sign up today for York University's exclusive online networking and mentoring platform for alumni and students. Find mentors, mentees, and networking and interest groups based on what matters most to you. [Learn more.](#)



**York University Black Staff Network (YUBSN) builds community with new programming**

Last month, YUBSN held its inaugural Membership Brunch, bringing together non-academic Black staff from across the University's various departments, Faculties, divisions and campuses. [Read more.](#)

ALUMNI BENEFITS



**Get travel insurance with Manulife**  
Enjoy your holiday vacation, knowing you're prepared for health-related emergencies or out of pocket medical expenses. [Get a quote.](#)



**Save on Cirque du Soleil**  
Save up to 20% on tickets to the 'Twas The Night Before show from Dec. 12 to Jan. 3. [Get tickets.](#)



**Opimian Wine Club**  
Take advantage of a special holiday offer to get 25% off your first-year membership fee and first order. [Access this exclusive offer.](#)



**Dec. 8-15, 2025 | Christkindlmärkte along the Danube River, The Holidays in Austria and Germany**

Take this exclusive alumni journey from Vienna to Nuremberg through the picturesque Wachau Valley. Experience the enchanting Danube River cruise to visit Europe's oldest and most iconic Christmas Markets.

ALUMNI EVENTS



**Jan. 22 | 1 p.m. ET | Introduction to Business Insurance: A Financial Education Webchat**

Join us for a virtual webchat on small business insurance. Learn about commercial insurance, insurance myths and risk mitigation.



**Jan. 28 | 12 p.m. ET | Level Up | How to Build Your Personal Brand on LinkedIn**

Featuring alumni speaker Jasrin Kaur (BCom '23).



**Jan. 29 | 12 p.m. ET | Scholars' Hub @ Home | Drinking water management in Nunavut**

Featuring Stephanie Gora, Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering, Lassonde School of Engineering.



**Jan. 30 | 12 p.m. ET | Mid-Career Conversations | Mastering the Art of Networking: Strategies and Insights**

Featuring alumni storyteller Dolly Shao (MBA '11).