

YORK U ALUMNI NEWS



Top alumni and donor stories of 2025

From celebrating our exceptional alumni community to strengthening alumni and donor engagement through programs and events, here are our top stories and highlights of 2025. [Read more.](#)



York ranked a top sustainable global university

The University ranked in the top six per cent internationally and in the top three per cent across Canada in the latest QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2026. [Read more.](#)



New entrance award to support future tech leaders

Established in honour of dedicated York alumnus and former Chair of the Board of Governors Paul Tsagaris (MBA '84), the award will enable deserving students to pursue leadership opportunities in the technology sector. [Learn more.](#)



Alumni Spotlight: Valerie Azinge (BA '12)

Learn how chef, cookbook author, filmmaker and television personality Valerie Azinge transformed her food blog into a dynamic digital culinary company that landed her offers to be on *Chopped*, *The Social*, and *Top Chef*. [Read more.](#)



Glendon green space named in honour of former chancellor

The area commonly referred to as the quad, directly across from Glendon Manor, will now be known as Place Greg Sorbara/Greg Sorbara Green in honour of Gregory Sorbara (LLD '13, LLB '81, BA '76), who served as York chancellor from 2014-2023. [Learn more.](#)



Last chance to map York's path toward equity: Submit a milestone by Dec. 12

York alumni are invited to share pivotal events and experiences that have marked York's progress toward equity to help create the York Equity Timeline (YET), a digital timeline charting York's path toward greater equity. [Read more.](#)



You're invited to Experience Grad York from Feb. 17 - Feb. 29

Are you looking to set a career change in motion or pursue a new passion? Join [The Faculty of Graduate Studies \(FGS\)](#) for a free, virtual, multi-day event taking place with online sessions spanning four days. [Registration is required.](#)



Celebrating 100 years of Glendon Hall

On Dec. 3 the Ontario Heritage Trust unveiled a plaque honouring the building's past – from its origins on Indigenous lands to an affluent Toronto family's home, to its present role as a vibrant hub for York University's bilingual, globally minded campus. [Read more.](#)



Lions reclaim U SPORTS men's soccer championship for first time in 10 years

The Lions defeated the Mount Royal University Cougars with a 1-0 victory in the championship match. [Read more.](#)



Nominations are open for the 2026 York U Alumni Awards

Each year, we recognize outstanding alumni who have achieved the extraordinary and are creating positive change in their fields. Does this sound like someone you know? Nominate them for a 2026 York U Alumni Award by Jan. 12, 2026. [Learn more.](#)



York University Education Alumni Network (YUEAN) named 2025 Network of the Year

The York University Alumni Board has named YUEAN this year's Network of the Year for their mentorship, innovation and community impact across the Faculty of Education. [Read more.](#)



Read the latest feature in the York University Magazine

Discover how Angela Nickle (BA '94) went from human resources, marketing and business to sustainable farming noted in purpose and family legacy. [Read more.](#)

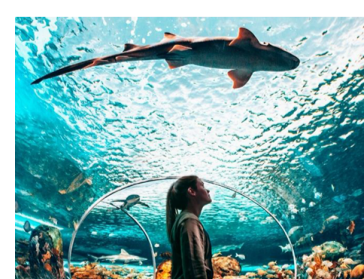
CAREER CORNER



Reflect, refocus, and reset for 2026

As the year winds down, December offers a natural pause point and a chance to reflect on your career wins, reassess your strengths, and set intentional goals for the year ahead. Before the rush of January begins, take a moment to look back at what went well in 2025 and what you want to build toward in 2026. [Read this blog post](#) from our career coach, Sonia Sheechoria (BHRM '15, MLCE '19) to learn how you can prepare for the next step in your career.

ALUMNI BENEFITS



Ripley's Aquarium of Canada

Save 40% on flex and timed tickets from Dec. 1 - Dec. 21 at Ripley's Aquarium of Canada. Tickets are valid during and after the promotional period. [Purchase tickets.](#)



Champions of Magic

Save 25% on tickets to Champions of Magic at the Bluma Appel Theatre, starting Dec. 27. Experience mind-blowing illusions, daring escapes, and unforgettable special effects. [Learn more.](#)



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ALUMNI EVENTS



Dec. 12 | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Family Ornament Painting Night hosted by the York U Vancouver Alumni Network

Celebrate the season with a hands-on creative experience where you'll design and decorate your own resin-pour Christmas ornaments.



Jan. 19 | 12-1 p.m. | [Mid-Career Conversations | Let's Talk Numbers: Salary negotiation with confidence and clarity](#)

Join Sonia Sheehorah (BHRM '15, MLCE '19), York U Alumni Career Coach, on Jan. 19 to learn how to assess your worth and approach salary conversations with confidence.

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