

YORK U ALUMNI NEWS



York U recognizes Black History Month

Black History Month provides an opportunity to focus attention and recommit to acting against systemic discrimination and anti-Black racism that marginalizes the experiences, efforts and rights of Black community members. [Read more.](#)



Award-winning alumna challenges systemic barriers

Like many alumni, Desarae Dee's (BFA '12) career path was not a straightforward one. She credits York as a key influence in becoming the successful, award-winning instrumentalist she is today. [Read more.](#)



Interim president shares vision and priorities with Senate

Interim President and Vice-Chancellor Lisa Philippe outlined a set of near-term imperatives for the University during a recent presentation to Senate and emphasized the value of returning to our roots to guide the way forward. [Read more.](#)



Theatre alumna Rachel McAdams (BFA '01) honoured with star on Hollywood Walk of Fame

The ceremony took place on Jan. 20 in Hollywood, where McAdams received a star in the Motion Pictures category. The event was hosted by Emmy-winning writer and producer Jenelle Reilly, with remarks from filmmakers Sam Rami and Dominail Gleeson. [Read more.](#)



York U research warns social media, populism fuel threats to democracy

A new study, published in the *Journal of Canadian Studies*, explores how populism, conspiracy theories and social media work together to weaken democratic systems in Canada and the United States. [Read more.](#)



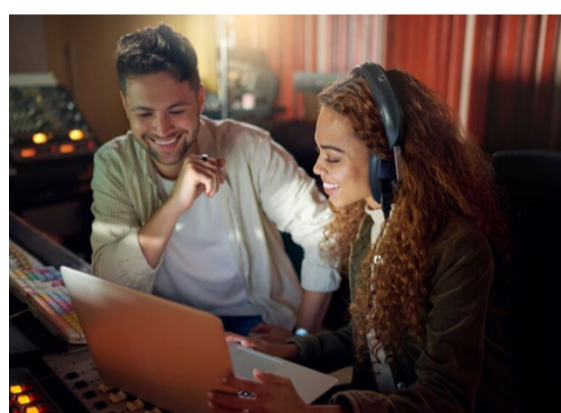
Revitalized alumni network leads to new mentorship program

The York University Education Alumni Network (YUEAN) recently launched a pilot mentorship program pairing Education alumni and students to build professional relationships and provide career insights. [Read more.](#)



TIFF positions York U filmmakers among Canada's best

Each year, the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) selects Canada's Top Ten, a list celebrating the best in recent Canadian cinema. This year, three York alumni were recognized for their films. [Read more.](#)



York professor explores AI as creative partner in music making

When Associate Professor Doug Van Nort steps onto a stage, he isn't just surrounded by musicians – he's surrounded by collaborators – both human and non-human. [Read more.](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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



Scholars' Hub @ Home | Genomics, Artificial Intelligence and Personalized Healthcare: The Canadian story



Mid-Career Conversations | Let's Talk Numbers: Salary negotiation with confidence and clarity

ALUMNI BENEFITS



Worldwide Quest

Join a free alumni webinar exploring small-group journeys – from Canadian and European itineraries to expedition travel in Antarctica, the Amazon with York alumnus Dan Riskin (MSc '00), and cultural experiences in Mexico City. [Learn more.](#)



TD Insurance Fraud Awareness Webinar

Join us Feb. 10 for this free alumni webinar for preferred alumni rates on home and auto insurance. [Register today.](#)



March Break deals

Planning a getaway or a staycation? Alumni can access exclusive perks on rail, bus, hotels, flights, and close-to-home experiences. [Learn more.](#)

ALUMNI EVENTS



Feb. 10 | 5:30-7 p.m. | [Mentor Circles | Landing a Job in the Government and Public Sectors](#)

Join us on Keele Campus for insights on landing your first job in the government and public sectors.



Feb. 11 | 12-1 p.m. | [Level Up | Landing the Job: Insider tips from recruiters](#)

Recruitment specialists and hiring managers share insights on how to succeed in your job hunt.



Feb. 12 | 6 - 8 p.m. | [York University's Black Health Connect](#)

Panel featuring four Black health professionals sharing their experiences and career journeys.



Feb. 18 | 12 - 1 p.m. | [Scholars' Hub @ Home | Buried Histories: Racial geographies of memory from New York to Toronto](#)

Featuring Safiyah Rochelle, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Science, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies.



Feb. 20 | 6 - 9 p.m. | [York U Community Skate Day](#)

Join us at Riverwalk Commons in Newmarket for a fun-filled evening of skating, warm treats, and community connection.



Feb. 24 | 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. | [What Black History Means to Us](#)

Join us for an evening of conversation, connection, and community in recognition of Black History Month.