

YORK U ALUMNI NEWS



International Women's Day: including all women in positive change
Every year, International Women's Day celebrates the contributions of women around the world, giving focus to issues such as gender equality, violence against women and reproductive rights. This year's theme, #InspireInclusion, reminds us that women's rights vary significantly by country and intersect with other factors such as age, race, ethnicity, religion, class, ability, gender identity and expression. [Read the University's IWD statement here.](#)



York entrepreneurs recognized by prime minister
Yemi Hegbaji (BA '10) and Zainab Williams (BA '07) are among the top three Black entrepreneurs named the winners of a startup pitch competition hosted by the Black Entrepreneurship Alliance (BEA) founded by the Black Creek Community Health Centre in partnership with York University's YSpace. [Read more.](#)



York community working together to achieve UN SDGs
In response to global challenges like climate change, pandemics, inequality and political polarization, the University continues to advance positive change through the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) with innovative thinking, groundbreaking projects and meaningful collaborations. [Read more.](#)



Read the latest issue of the award-winning The York University Magazine
Startup investor Eva Lau (MBA '05), one of only a handful of women to front a venture capital fund, has a well-honed instinct for what is happening next. [Read more.](#)



Alumni Spotlights: Black History Month edition
Last month, we recognized and celebrated the legacy, history and contributions of the Black community. Check out our featured alumni profiles to learn about their contributions and impact. [Read more.](#)



Visiting Keele Campus? The Alumni and Career Lounge is open!
Drop by Monday to Friday, across from the bookstore in York Lanes, for mentoring, career support, networking opportunities, alumni benefits and so much more. [Read more.](#)



Scholars' Hub @ Home | Daylight Saving Time: It's time to get rid of it
Recently, there has been public debate about making daylight saving time year-round. Dr. Patricia Lakin-Thomas will discuss the biology behind the debate, with answers to these questions: What happens to our internal biological rhythms when we change our clocks twice a year? [Register for tomorrow's event.](#)

ALUMNI BENEFITS



Stratford Festival
Special spring pricing until May 31. Get A, B and C seating zones for plays at \$45 and musicals at \$55! [Buy tickets online.](#)



Manulife Health and Dental Insurance
Lock in at low, member-only rates before March 31 with effective date of coverage on or before April 1. [Get a quote now.](#)



Canada's Wonderland
Alumni can save on admission to Canada's Wonderland starting at \$39.99 until July 1. Don't delay getting the best price. [Buy tickets online.](#)

ALUMNI EVENTS



Mar. 12 | 11:30 a.m. ET | Mentor Circles | Insider tips on successful medical school admission
Featuring current medical school student Areeba Chaudhry (BSc '23)



Mar. 20 | 12 p.m. ET | Scholars' Hub @ Home | Unpacking and understanding the Importance to a Land Acknowledgement: It is not just a script!
Featuring Dr. Ruth Green, Associate Professor and Special Advisor to the Dean's Office on Indigenous Issues, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies



Mar. 21 | 12 p.m. ET | Mid-Career Conversations | What the tech? Leading in a post-hype era of GenAI
Featuring Mélissa Romulus Lisanti (BA '08), National Director, Digital, Data and Innovation at PwC Canada



Mar. 22 | 12 p.m. ET | Black Excellence After York
Post-Black History Month dinner and networking



Mar. 23 | 9:30 a.m. ET | Solar viewing event at Allan I Carswell Observatory
Features solar observing and eclipse information for attendees



Mar. 26 | 12 p.m. ET | Level Up | How to accelerate your career with personal branding
Featuring Basim Salim (BCom '10), Director of Marketing, Riva International



Mar. 27 | 12 p.m. ET | Scholars' Hub @ Home | Populism and legality in Canada: Understanding provinces' increased use of the notwithstanding clause
Featuring Dr. Emily Laxer, Associate Professor, Sociology, Glendon Campus and York University Research Chair in Populism, Rights, and Legality