

YORK U ALUMNI NEWS



From AMPD to Sundance, two alumni tie the knot at film premiere

Gabriela Osio Vanden (BFA '16) and Jack Weisman (BFA '15) arrived at the 2026 Sundance Film Festival as fellow alumni and longtime collaborators, ready to premiere their feature documentary *Nussance Bear*. They left not only with the Grand Jury Prize but also as newlyweds. [Read more.](#)



Order of Ontario honours York U-affiliated community members

Appointments recognize innovators and leaders from diverse fields whose work has played a role in building a stronger province, country and world. [Read more.](#)



Study warns gaps in antibiotic access pose global health threat

Migrants and refugees face an increased risk of unsafe antibiotic use and resistance which poses a significant global health threat, according to new research led by York University. [Read more.](#)



AMPD Music alumnus wins Grammy Award

Justin Gray (MA '14) has won the award for Best Immersive Audio Album at the 2026 Grammy Awards for his album *IMMERSED*. [Read more.](#)



York earns Canada's Best Diversity Employers recognition for third year

The annual Canada's Best Diversity Employers list is part of the Canada's Top 100 Employers project and evaluates workplace diversity and inclusiveness programs. [Read more.](#)



New YSpace hub turns ideas into impact

YSpace has expanded its pan-University network with the launch of YSpace Lassonde, a new initiative designed to amplify innovation and entrepreneurship and help innovators at the Lassonde School of Engineering turn ideas into real-world solutions. [Read more.](#)



What Black History Means to Us

Be part of a moderated panel discussion on April 1 with Black leaders and changemakers highlighting Black experiences, leadership, and excellence. [Read more.](#)



York Circle Lecture Series, March 28

In the GTA? Join us on Keele Campus to connect with other alumni, gain valuable insights from our featured professors, and take the opportunity to ask your own questions on important topics ranging from investment fraud to the power of solar energy. [Learn more.](#)



York engineer inventing ways to use the ground as climate solution

What if the ground beneath our feet could be engineered to do more than support buildings and roads, such as help fight climate change and make communities safer? [Read more.](#)



Have We Lost Confidence in Liberal Democracy? Glendon Global Dialogue

Join us on March 19 for this in-person discussion moderated by Steve Paskin, featuring Philippe Couillard, former Premier of Quebec; Kathleen Wynne, former Premier of Ontario; and Victoria Kuletski, Public Policy Advisor and Obama Foundation Scholar. [Learn more.](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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



[Scholars' Hub @ Home | Buried Histories: Racial geographies of memory from New York to Toronto](#)



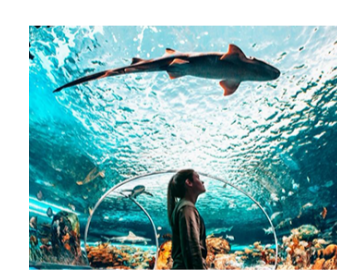
[Level Up | Landing the Job: Insider tips from recruiters](#)

ALUMNI BENEFITS



Choice Hotels

Planning a getaway or traveling for work? Save 15-20% on preferred alumni rates at over than 330 locations across Canada and 7,000+ worldwide. [Learn more.](#)



Ripley's Aquarium

Stroll through the underwater tunnel, watch sea turtles glide overhead, and take in vibrant jellyfish displays – alumni save 15-20%. [Register today.](#)



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ALUMNI EVENTS



March 11 | 12-1 p.m. | [Level Up | How to File your Taxes](#)

Join our upcoming webinar designed to help you confidently navigate the Canadian tax system and file your own tax return with ease.



March 12 | 6:30-7 p.m. | [Mentor Circles | Breaking into Finance & Banking Careers](#)

Connect with industry experts and learn how to enter and thrive in finance and banking careers.



March 18 | 12-1 p.m. | [Scholars' Hub @ Home | Human: Animal Attachments in the Workplace: The rise and future of pet-friendly workplaces](#)

Featuring Souha R. Ezzedeen, Undergraduate Program Director, Associate Professor, School of Human Resource Management, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies and Tina Sharifi, Doctoral Candidate, School of Human Resource Management, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies



March 26 | 6:30-8:30 p.m. | [Level Up: Young Alumni Mixer](#)

Join us March 26 for the Young Alumni Career Mixer in the heart of downtown Toronto. Meet alumni mentors who will share their experience and expertise across various industries.



March 26 | 4-6 p.m. | [Information Session for Graduate Psychology Programs at York University](#)

Information session for prospective students interested in non-clinical graduate programs, including the MA and PhD.



March 31 | 12-1 p.m. | [Mid-Career Conversations | Failure is Just a Badly Marketed Asset](#)

Natalia Kaplan (MACC '15) explores how the words we use to describe our careers shape how we experience challenges and how others see us.