

YORK U ALUMNI NEWS



2026 HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

York to confer honorary degrees on exceptional changemakers at Spring Convocation  
This year's honorees include a distinguished group of innovators, business leaders and philanthropists, whose contributions and leadership has strengthened communities, fostered innovation and advanced social justice. [Learn more.](#)



**Alumnus breaks barriers through the power of sport**  
Erik Robeznieks (BSc '19), associate director of Adaptive Sports and Fitness at the University of Michigan, is championing sport equity and providing those with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in sports. [Read more.](#)



**York U among Canada's Greenest Employers for 14th consecutive year**  
The University has once again been recognized for its long-standing commitment to environmental sustainability, marking more than a decade of inclusion among Canada's leading environmentally focused institutions. [Read more.](#)



**Alumni earn nominations at 2026 Canadian Screen Awards**  
York's School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design (SAMPD) is well represented with over 25 people recognized across multiple categories. [Read more.](#)



**Students track NASA's Artemis II mission**  
On April 8, York students captured early-morning images of NASA's Artemis II Orion capsule from the Allan I. Carswell Observatory (AICO), contributing tracking data and a moving image as the spacecraft carried Canada's first astronaut to fly around the moon. [Read more.](#)



**Join the York University Alumni Board**  
The York University Alumni Board (YUAB) is looking for dedicated alumni to join our dynamic group of volunteers. Learn more about the qualifications and expectations [here](#). The application deadline is **Wednesday, May 27**. [Apply now.](#)



**Register for our alumni travel webinar on May 14**  
Hosted by our travel partner GLP Worldwide, this session will focus on the Ecuador and Galapagos journey. Attendees will get a closer look at the itinerary, including wildlife encounters, coastal exploration, and optional extensions into Peru. [Learn more.](#)



**Study investigates daily habits that could increase dementia risk**  
New research from York University examines how patterns of movement, sitting and sleep are related to the onset of dementia. The study suggests that how people move and rest across the day may be one important piece of protecting brain health as populations age. [Learn more.](#)



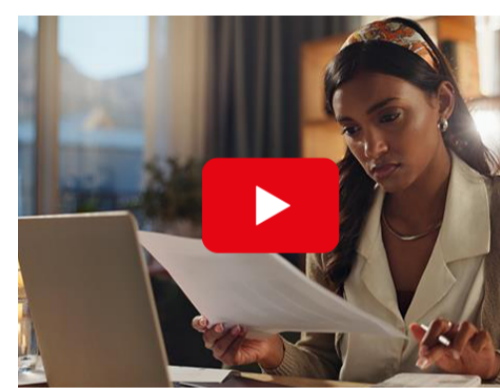
**Explore York University's summer camps**  
York hosts a wide range of summer camps for all ages in Toronto and York Region that blend hands-on activities with academic exploration. From arts and athletics to STEM and leadership, there's something for everyone to learn, grow, and have fun. [Learn more.](#)

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: Media and the Democratic Crisis in North America



Level Up | How to File Your Taxes

ALUMNI BENEFITS



**Toronto FC**  
Save up to 15% on select Toronto FC home matches this season. [Buy tickets.](#)



**Stratford Festival**  
Take advantage of special pricing on select May and June performances. Offer available until May 31. [Learn more.](#)



**VIA Rail Canada**  
Enjoy 10% off VIA Rail fares for you and up to three companions on the same booking. [Book your trip.](#)

ALUMNI EVENTS



**May 12 | 6:30-8:30 p.m. | York U Alumni Mixer in Hong Kong**  
Join us for an opportunity to connect with other alumni, expand your professional network, and hear the latest updates from York U.



**May 13 | 12-1 p.m. | Scholars' Hub @ Home | Sinful, Satirical and Salacious: A Recent History of Toronto's Identity Crisis**  
Featuring Evania Pietrangelo-Porro, PhD Candidate, History, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies.



**May 13 | 6:30-8:30 p.m. | President's Reception in London**  
Join us for an opportunity to meet York's President and Vice-Chancellor Lisa Phillips at her first President's Reception in London.



**May 18 | 6:30-8:30 p.m. | York U Alumni Mixer in Singapore**  
Join us for an opportunity to connect with other alumni, expand your professional network, and hear the latest updates from York U.



**May 20 | 6:30-8:30 p.m. | Level Up | Young Alumni Spring Mixer**  
Enjoy a fun night at the arcade and socialize with other York alumni while enjoying light snacks and beverages.



**May 20 | 8:30-8:30 p.m. | York U Alumni Mixer in Kuala Lumpur**  
Join us for an opportunity to connect with other alumni, expand your professional network, and hear the latest updates from York U.



**May 20 | 12-1 p.m. | Scholars' Hub | Fostering Early Health Literacy with Children's Literature**  
Join us in-person at the Aurora Public Library. Featuring Aliona Nowak, Professor and Course Director, School of Nursing. Explore how children's literature can promote early health literacy, spark curiosity about nursing as a profession, and empower young readers to make healthy choices.