

YORK U ALUMNI NEWS



York University posts top scores in Times Higher Education Global Impact Ranking

This year, York has placed 11th in Canada and 67th overall against 1,115 post-secondary institutions from 94 different countries. The THE Impact Rankings are the only global performance tables that assess universities against the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. The ranking compares universities on research, stewardship, outreach and teaching across 17 categories. [Learn more about the initiatives at York that are creating positive change.](#)



CAMPUS NEWS

Asian Heritage Month

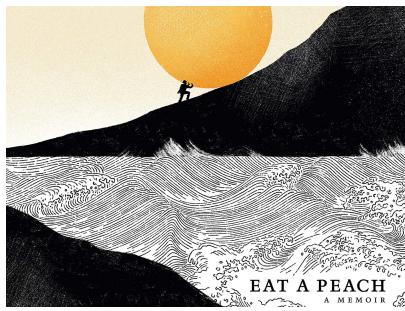
May is Asian Heritage Month in Canada. It's a time to learn more about the many achievements and tremendous impact that Canadians of Asian descent have made, and continue to make, in the York community and beyond. [Learn about the research being conducted through the York Centre for Asian Research.](#)



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Rowena Tam (BA '17)

Rowena was recently named as one of York's Top 30 Changemakers Under 30 for her anti-racism work. Through her work as a creative arts therapist she hopes to help deconstruct and dismantle many of the systems and structures that continue to harm and silence minoritized communities. [Learn more about Rowena and her career.](#)



ALUMNI PROGRAMS

Read with the book club

Celebrate the many cultures and stories within the Asian community with books written by authors of Asian and Asian-Canadian heritage. Our next alumni book club read is the memoir *Eat a Peach* by David Chang, the chef behind Momofuku and star of Netflix's "Ugly Delicious." Join us as we follow Chang's switchback journey in search of belonging.



CAMPUS NEWS

President Rhonda Lenton re-appointed for a second five-year term

On May 4, the University's Board of Governors announced the re-appointment of President Lenton for an additional five-year term, effective July 1, 2022. [Learn more about how her vision for positive change has guided the University's success.](#)



CAMPUS NEWS

Earth Week at York

During the week of April 19 York University celebrated Earth Week – sharing stories, profiles and highlights of the impactful sustainability initiatives being undertaken by members of the York community. [Catch up on the Earth Week stories.](#)

YORK U RESEARCH AWARDS CELEBRATION

Tuesday, May 11, 2021
1:30 - 3pm ET

RESEARCH

York University Research Awards Celebration

Please join President & Vice-Chancellor Rhonda Lenton and Vice-President Research & Innovation Amir Asif in celebrating the York University Research Awards, for 2019 and 2020. [Watch the livestream and help us congratulate the award winners.](#)



CAMPUS NEWS

Markham Centre Campus community update

With construction of the new Markham Centre Campus (MCC) now well underway, the University is launching the first 'MCC Community Update,' a newsletter about the construction, events and developments relating to the new campus. [Register for the newsletter to stay up-to-date.](#)



ALUMNI EVENTS

York U of the Future

Weren't able to attend the event? [You can still watch the recording!](#) A panel of guests joined President Lenton and York U Alumni Board Chair Francesca Accinelli (BFA '92) for a conversation about the opportunities, challenges and priorities for the University in 2021 and beyond. The event included a spoken word performance by alumnus Luke Reece (BA '15).



ALUMNI NEWS

York alumni shortlisted for Griffin Poetry Prize

York alumni Canisia Lubrin and Yusuf Saadi, both graduates of York's creative writing program have been shortlisted for the Griffin Poetry Prize, widely considered the most prestigious poetry award in Canada. [Learn more about Canisia and Yusuf.](#)



FACULTY PROGRAMS

Interested in pursuing a Master of Education degree?

Expand your knowledge, skills and experience in the field of language, culture and teaching with a full-time Master of Education degree from York University. [Apply by July 15, 2021.](#)

ALUMNI BENEFITS



Car and home insurance
York alumni get a group discount with TD Insurance Meloche Monnex. To get a free, no-obligation quote, simply [complete the quick, three-step application](#).



Highlight your success
Show off your hard-earned diploma, grad portrait and class portrait in official, York University frames, [available online through Tempo Framing](#).



Financial benefits
Spring has sprung! Get a head start with a welcome offer of up to 15,000 bonus points†† with the MBNA Rewards® Mastercard®. [Learn more.](#)

ALUMNI EVENTS



May 14 | 7:30pm EST | Master of Financial Accountability panel discussion and speed mentoring

The MFAC Internship Advisory Board invites alumni to participate in a virtual speed-mentoring opportunity where you can connect with alumni panelists in the field in various industries to guide your future career planning.



May 19 | 12pm EST | Alumni Book Club discussion

Join Alumni Engagement and York Libraries for a live discussion on *The Pull of the Stars* by Emma Donoghue.



May 20 | 12pm EST | Scholars' Hub @ Home

Join the executive research team from the Centre for Bee Ecology, Evolution and Conservation on World Bee Day for *Biodiversity: A tale of four bees* as they discuss the most important pollinators on the planet.



May 25 | 12pm EST | GRADitude Speaker Series

Wondering how using LinkedIn effectively can enhance your job search? Curious about how to leverage LinkedIn's features to build your professional network? Attend this webinar on [how to effectively use LinkedIn](#) and find out!



May 28 | 5:30pm EST | Las Nubes Alumni Network and Las Nubes Student Association Virtual Silent Auction

You're invited to participate in the annual silent auction followed by a networking mixer. Donate artwork and/or bid on exciting auction items to support La Casita Azul in Costa Rica!