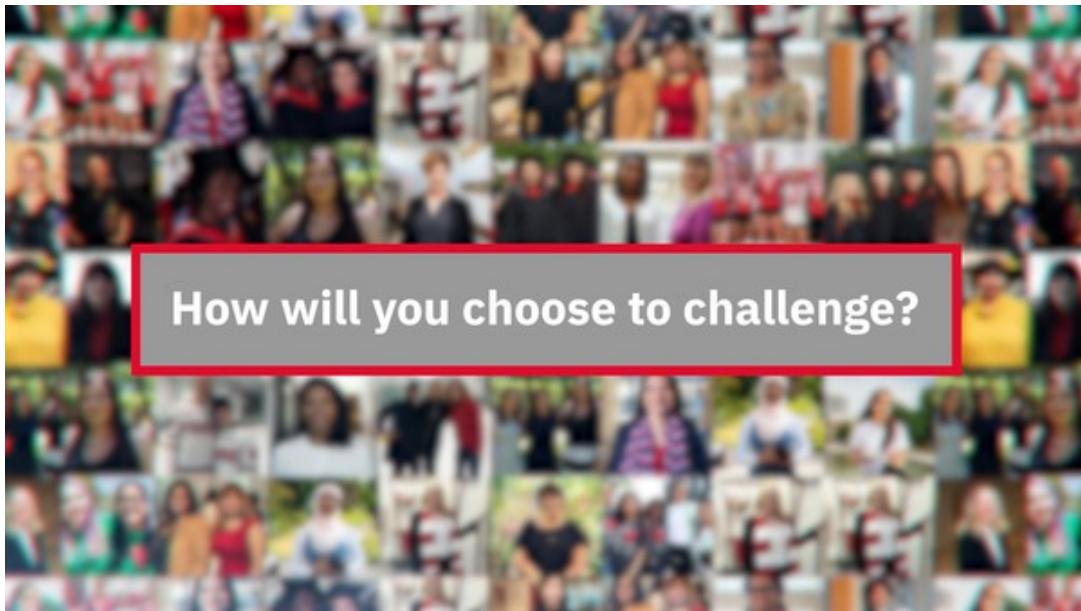


YORK U ALUMNI NEWS



How will you choose to challenge?

York University is delighted to join communities around the world in celebrating International Women's Day, a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. On this day we celebrate the efforts of York alumnae, students, faculty and staff in shaping a more equal future, inspiring other women, and highlighting the gaps that remain. [Watch a short video message from women in the York community, including alumna Racheal Awe \(BA '03, MBA '17\).](#)



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Racheal Awe (BA '03, MBA '17)

York alumna Racheal Awe balances life with two young children at home and a high powered career as chief of staff to the CEO at Canadian Tire Corporation, one of Canada's largest retailers. She's a high-achieving, high-performing leader, mother and mentor with a "failure is not an option" attitude. [Read Racheal's story.](#)



Building resiliency skills

Resiliency is an essential quality for each of us to have in order to maintain good physical and emotional health. On March 10, Dr. Hartley will discuss three building blocks of resiliency: emotional intelligence, optimism, and coping skills, and touch on the impact of stress on women. [Register to learn about building resiliency.](#)



CAMPUS NEWS

York launches new anti-Black racism framework and draft action plan

Both documents will guide the University's approach to combatting anti-Black racism, both on and off York's campuses. Alumni are invited to [read both documents](#) and [share feedback](#) on the draft action plan.



ALUMNI NEWS

ICYMI: Black History Month

This February marked the 25th anniversary of Black History Month in Canada. Throughout the month we shared the stories of Black York alumni and opportunities to participate in events across the university celebrating the contributions made by the Black community at York. [Catch up on the stories you missed.](#)



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Exploring the future of Blackness

When York alumna Mumbi Tindyebewa Otu (BA '10) was hired as artistic director of Toronto's Obsidian Theatre she had no idea she'd be telling the stories of 21 *Black Futures* amidst anti-Black racism protests and a global pandemic. [Read Mumbi's story.](#)

CONNECT

Join the alumni book club

Stay connected with other York alumni through our virtual book club. From March to May, we'll be reading *The Pull*



of the Stars by Emma Donoghue, set in 1918 Dublin at the height of the Great Flu. The #1 best seller is Donoghue's thirteenth novel. [Learn more about the book club.](#)



RESEARCH

The future of cities in the wake of the pandemic

COVID-19 is triggering a massive rethink on urban living. Three York experts consider the ways in which the pandemic is changing how we live together. All three underscore one thing: (in)equity must be at the heart of the analysis. [Read more about the future of cities.](#)



PHILANTHROPY

The Jean Augustine Chair in Education, Community & Diaspora

The '25K in 25 Days' fundraising campaign that supports the York Faculty of Education Jean Augustine Chair in Education, Community & Diaspora has far exceeded its goal, and the endowment fund will benefit from donations of more than \$200,000.

[Learn more about the campaign.](#)



SCHOLARS' HUB @ HOME

Can AI and disease modelling improve public health interventions?

Dr. James Orbinski will describe how researchers at the Dahdaleh Institute and York University have partnered with researchers in eight African countries to support COVID-19 vaccination programs. He'll be joined by Dr. Simon Frost to talk about the science behind next-generation artificial intelligence. [Register for this special edition of Scholars' Hub, in partnership with Canada-UK Foundation.](#)

ALUMNI BENEFITS



Manulife health and dental
Alumni health and dental insurance can help you save on expensive out-of-pocket health care costs not covered by your government health plan. Apply by March 31, 2021, and you can pay last year's lower rates! [Learn more.](#)

Alumni armchair travel
Monarch butterflies are famed for their annual migration. Join us on March 31 to hear from butterfly expert, Jessica Linton, who will tell us more about the amazing lifestyle and migration patterns of the Monarch butterfly. [Register today.](#)

Ripley's Aquarium
Take a break from winter! Swim with the sharks on a live guided virtual tour of the Toronto Ripley's Aquarium. Alumni save 10% on tickets, with four great options to choose from. [Learn more and buy tickets.](#)

ALUMNI EVENTS



Mar. 23 | 12pm EST | **Entrepreneurial Alumni Speakers Series**

Learn how Thought Café founder Jonathon Corbiere started his business during a recession, navigated through ups and downs and made a name for himself in the digital industry.



Mar. 25 | 12pm EST | **Moving Forward Speaker Series**

Join alumna Melissa Grelo, co-host of CTV's THE SOCIAL for a discussion about her career journey as a prominent media professional.

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