York University placed 25th in the Corporate Knights’ Future 40 Responsible Corporate Leaders in Canada ranking.

The York Research Leaders’ Gala celebrated the achievements of researchers throughout the University, including this year’s recipients of the President’s Research Leaders’ Awards:

- Faculty of Science professor Amro Zayed received the President’s Emerging Research Leadership Award.
- Glendon professor Anne Russon received the President’s Research Excellence Award.

The Bergeron Centre for Engineering Excellence is the first building at York to achieve LEED Gold certification (pictured is Irina Arsene, Construction Project Manager, Campus Services and Business Operations, and Richard Francki, Assistant Vice-President, CSBO).

A team of York students volunteered a total of 200 hours to win the Habitat for Humanity (GTA) Student Build Challenge.

Four distinguished alumni were honoured at the Schulich Alumni Recognition Awards:

- Stephen J. Sadler (MBA ’79) won the Outstanding Executive Leadership Award.
- Stacey A. Mowbray (MBA ’88) won the Outstanding Progress and Achievement Award.
- Philip A. Taylor (MBA ’79) won the Outstanding Public Contribution Award.
- Jonathan Cheung (MBA ’73) won the Outstanding Contribution to the Schulich School of Business Award.
York professor Ellie Perkins will receive funding through the Canadian Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Advanced Scholars Program for her project on how climate change affects those living in poverty.

Nine York students were among the 338 young women to attend Equal Voice Canada’s historic Daughters of the Vote initiative in the House of Commons on International Women’s Day.

Graduate students Catherine Kenny and Zalma Sahar each won a CHRNet Larry Pearce Education Award at the annual Canadian Risk and Hazards Network symposium.

Schulich EMBA student Narendra Singh was awarded the prestigious Meritorious Service Medal by His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada.

Humber River-Black Creek MP Judy Sgro recognized York students Sherika Alexis-Brown (pictured at left), Allison Nephew and Kayathiri Ambalavnar (pictured at right) with a Community Award for their work in the Jane-Finch community.

Four out of eight ventureLAB’s BOOST Awards were given to graduate ventures of Innovation York’s LaunchYU AccelerateUP.
Three Faculties and four undergraduate students were recognized for their participation in the 2017 National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) Championship:

- Schulich had the highest participation rate and won the NSSE Championship Cup.
- The Faculty of Health won the Most Improved Faculty Award.
- AMPD received the Most Creative Campaign Award.
- Four undergraduate students received $500 tuition waivers: Neekens Marcelin, Federico Jara, Carol Singh, and Manal Rahim.

A team from Glendon’s School of Translation placed third in the 12th annual Translation Games in Montreal.

AMPD student Robert Murdoch received the Student Cinematography Award at the 60th annual Canadian Society of Cinematographers Awards Gala.

PhD candidate Estee Klar’s documentary Adam’s Bar Mitzvah will be showcased at ReelAbilities Film Festival in May.

The Schulich School of Business’ planned expansion will be one of the most environmentally sustainable academic buildings in Canada, targeted for LEED Gold certification.

A team of four York students earned second place at the 2nd annual CivicSpark Undergraduate Public Policy Competition.
Health professor Adrienne Perry served as expert analyst for the Ministry of Children & Youth Services’ new Ontario Autism Program.

Glendon professor Andrew Dawson was awarded the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Grant for his research on patterns of violence in different societies.

York Lions athletes Jonathan Lao and Holly Pitters were named athletes of the year at the 49th annual Varsity Athletics Banquet.

York alumna Dr. Helena Jaczek, Ontario’s Minister of Community and Social Services, is the recipient of the 2017 Canadian Helen Keller Centre Award.

MA student Shira Yufe won first place at York’s Three-Minute Thesis (3MT) competition and will represent the University at the provincial 3MT finals. Tehmeena Chaudhry and Elisea De Somma came in second and third place, respectively, at York’s competition.

Faculty of Science PhD student George Conidis was selected to be a part of the MITACS 150 program.
Faculty of Science MSc student Dmitri Perlov was runner-up for Best Student Presentation at the 2017 meeting of the Ontario chapter of the American Fisheries Society.

A team of Schulich students won third place out of 21 teams from North America's top schools at the Developers’ Den VII challenge.

Faculty of Science student Askhan Moatamed was accepted into the 2017 Fields Undergraduate Summer Research Program.

The winners of the Red & White Day Photo Contest and the Faculty & Staff Spirit Challenge were announced on April 5:
- #YUSpirit Student photo contest winner was Gurnish Hothi.
- #YUSpirit Faculty & Staff photo contest winner was the team from Access Services at Scott Library.
- Faculty & Staff Spirit Challenge winner was the Office of the Vice-President Academic & Provost.

A team of York students won third place in the 8th annual Fast Pace to the Case (FPC) Competition.

The Center World University Rankings (CWUR) positioned York University third out of more than 26,000 degree-ranking institutions in the world in Ethics in its inaugural subjects ranking.
On Earth Day 2017, the following York community members received President’s Sustainability Leadership Awards:

- Michael Kenny (student)
- Las Nubes Students Association (student group)
- Joseph Sanguedolce (staff)
- Professor Dawn Bazely (faculty)

APPOINTMENTS:

Computer Engineering Professor Richard Hornsey was appointed the Interim Dean of the Lassonde School of Engineering.

Professor Fahim Quadir was appointed the Interim Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Interim Associate Vice-President Graduate.

Trudy Pound-Curtis, currently Assistant Vice-President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer, was appointed Interim Vice-President Finance and Administration.

Osgoode Professor Lisa Philipps was appointed Interim Vice-President Academic and Provost.
The Faculty of Science appointed six emerging researchers from around the world as the inaugural recipients of York Science Fellowships:

- Amy Botta, University of British Columbia
- Bruno de Mendonça Braga, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Zehra Cemile Marsan, Tufts University
- Alba María Jorge Palacios, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
- Wen Xu, Jilin University
- Yue Zhao, Purdue University

Professor Ravi de Costa, Associate Dean, Research & Associate Professor in the Faculty of Environmental Studies, was appointed Interim Dean of FES.