Several community members have been named to the Order of Canada including:

- Alumni Paul Weiler (LLB ’64, LLD ‘09); and Liz Ingram (BA ‘72);
- Honorary alumni Howard Shore (LLD ’07); David Onley (LLD ’09); and Ignat Kaneff (LLD ’10);
- Former faculty member Michael Ondaatje;
- Professor emeritus Howard Adelman;
- Dean’s Advisory Council member H. Anthony Arrell.

Shanghai Ranking placed the Faculty of Health’s School of Kinesiology and Health Sciences third in Canada and 21st in the world on its 2016 Sport Science Schools and Departments list.

At a special meeting in December, York’s Board of Governors approved a new Sexual Violence Policy for the University. Through this new policy, which reflects the University’s commitment to addressing sexual violence and strengthening supports and procedures for survivors, the University will work with the community to provide effective training and education programs.

The Art Gallery of York University (AGYU) won four awards of excellence from the Ontario Association of Art Galleries for exhibitions, publication design and writing.

A team of Schulich students won silver at the 2017 MBA Games, an annual competition among more than 20 MBA programs in Canada.
Glendon professors Audrey Pyee and Jennifer Sipos-Smith received the 2016 Principal’s Teaching Excellence Awards.

Osgoode Hall Law Journal Coordinator Stefania Piacente-Battisti, an Administrative Coordinator in Osgoode’s Office of the Associate Dean (Students), received the School’s 2016 Wendy Rambo Outstanding Service Award.

Lions men’s wrestling team placed in national rankings for the first time, at No. 10 in the U Sports rankings.

Faculty of Graduate Studies Dean Barbara Crow served as an Expert Panel member in the search for Canada’s Bank NOTE-able woman. Finance Minister Bill Morneau selected activist & businesswoman Viola Desmond from a shortlist compiled by the Expert Panel.

Lassonde student Salma Ibrahim was chosen to participate in the BMO Millennial Leaders Advisory Council.

Health professor Shayna Rosenbaum received the International Neuropsychological Society Award for Early Career Research for her contributions to brain-behaviour relationship research.
Marisa Sterling, Assistant Dean of Inclusivity & Diversity at Lassonde School of Engineering, has been named a Fellow of Engineers Canada for her noteworthy service to the engineering profession.

The federal government has renewed a $1.4 million Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Health Psychology at York, a position held by Faculty of Health professor Joel Katz.

Osgoode professor Carys Craig was awarded the prestigious MacCormick Fellowship at Edinburgh Law School.

Faculty of Science professor Scott Menary and scientists from the international ALPHA Collaboration shone a laser on antimatter atoms to come up with the first successful spectroscopic measurement.

York was selected as the winner of four 2017 Accolade Awards by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE):

- Gold Award in Best Practices in Communications & Marketing for the Open Your Mind brand campaign;
- Gold Award in Institutional Marketing & Identity/Brand for the Open Your Mind brand campaign;
- Bronze Award in Excellence in News Writing for the YFile story “Students in Dadaab refugee camps first to graduate with York U certificate”;
- Bronze Award in Communication Relations Programs, Projects & Special Events for the Faculty of Science’s event Dark Matter and the Dinosaurs.
Lions men’s volleyball team won bronze at the 38th Excalibur Classic.

A Supreme Court of Canada analysis blog produced by faculty and students at Osgoode entitled The Court won The Fodden Award for Best Canadian Law Blog.

York’s industry and entrepreneurship liaison Innovation York celebrates its five-year anniversary this year.

LAPS professor emeritus Robert W. Cox was formally invested into the Order of Canada as a Member.

Lassonde professor Christian Haas and his team were awarded the Arctic Inspiration Prize for their work on SmartICE, a system that integrates traditional Inuit knowledge with contemporary ice tracking technology.

AMPD grad Hugh Gibson (BFA ’04) won the Toronto Film Critics Association’s 2016 Rogers Best Canadian Film Award for his documentary The Stairs.
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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has appointed York alumnus Ahmed Hussen (BA ’02) as Minister of Immigration, Citizenship and Refugees.

York has appointed seven new York Research Chairs who embody the University’s commitment to research intensification, scholarly excellence and policy-relevant findings, and whose work is having local, national and international impact:

- Nantel Bergeron: Tier 1 York Research Chair in Applied Algebra
- Ellen Bialystok: Tier 1 Walter Gordon York Research Chair in Lifespan Cognitive Development
- Chun Peng: Tier 1 York Research Chair in Women’s Reproductive Health
- Stepan Wood: Tier 1 Chair in Environmental Justice and Sustainability
- Jimmy Huang: Tier 2 York Research Chair in Big Data Analytics
- Shayna Rosenbaum: Tier 2 York Research Chair in Cognitive Neuroscience of Memory
- Amro Zayed: Tier 2 York Research Chair in Genomics

Health professor Christopher Perry was nominated to serve as Director Academic for the Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology (CSEP).

Faculty of Health professor Joel Katz was named inaugural editor-in-chief of the Canadian Journal of Pain, a new open access journal about new developments in pain research and treatment.