York partnered with Immigration, Refugees & Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and the Institute for Canadian Citizenship (ICC) to host a special Canada 150 Community Citizenship Ceremony for thirty-five new Canadians. (Photo: ICC/Alyssa K. Faoro)

The York University-TD Community Engagement Centre awarded Catalyst Grants to five projects led by partnerships between York University and the Jane-Finch community.

Glendon professors Valérie Schoof and Swann Paradis received the 2016-17 Principal’s Research Excellence Awards.

Lassonde professor Nima Tabatabaei received more than $700,000 in funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) for research on oral health.

Graduate students David Outevsky and Regina Bautista won the International University Global Theatre Experience (IUGTE) Best Idea Award for their short dance film Fleeting Encounters, Shifting Pathways.
MA student Hawa Sabriye was awarded an Aga Khan Foundation of Canada Fellowship in Mozambique.

Osgoode LLM student Dustin Klaudt received the Colin B. Picker Prize in Comparative Law from the Younger Comparativists Committee of the American Society of Comparative Law.

The Glendon School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA) received a $2M gift from BMO Financial Group to create academic leadership opportunities.

Sociology professor Eric Mykhalovskiy was awarded the 2017 Canadian Association for HIV Research-Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research (CAHR-CANFAR) Excellence in Research Award in the Social Sciences.

Anthropology Professor Emerita Margaret Critchlow was awarded the Weaver-Tremblay Award by the Canadian Anthropological Association for her research in Vanuatu.

History professor Craig Heron was honoured with the 2017 Lee Lorch Award presented by the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT).
York Lions men’s soccer player Jonathan Lao was named the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) male athlete of the year.

Professors Ian Garrett, Theodore Noseworthy, Sapna Sharma and Graham Wakefield received $140,000 in funding through the Ontario government’s Early Researcher Awards program.

The Faculty of Science received $100,000 from Berna and Earle Nestmann for the Dean’s Undergraduate Research Awards, which fund summer research positions for science students.

The 2017 recipients of the President’s University-Wide Teaching Awards will be celebrated at Spring Convocation:

- Teaching Assistant – Sabina Mirza, Faculty of Education
- Contract/Adjunct Faculty Member – Véronique Tomaszewski, Glendon College
- Full-Time Faculty Member – Alex Czekanski, Lassonde School
- Senior Full-Time Faculty Member – Andrea Davis, Faculty of LA&PS

Osgoode JD students Yadesha Satheaswaran, Shani Ocquaye and Emily Finnie received awards from the Women’s Law Association of Ontario (WL AO).
Come From Away, a musical created by York alumni David Hein (BFA ’97) and Irene Sankoff (BA ‘99), won three Toronto Theatre Critics Awards, including best new Canadian musical and best overall production of a musical in 2016-17.

AMPD alumna Joanna Yu won the 2017 Pauline McGibbon Award for her contributions to Ontario’s theatre community.

PhD student Chris Chen received a national volunteer award from CurioCity for his work to promote science literacy to high school students with the York chapter of Let’s Talk Science.

York Lions athletes Mohab El-Nahas and Shady El-Nahas each won the gold medal in their respective weight classes at the Canadian Open Judo Championships.

York Postdoctoral Fellow Heather Fitzsimmons Frey was awarded a Banting Fellowship for her project with York’s Department of Theatre.
Twelve remarkable Canadians will be recognized with honorary degrees at Spring Convocation to mark Canada 150:

- Karen Weiler - Eminent jurist
- William Fisch - Community advocate and public service leader
- Matt Galloway - Canadian radio personality, community leader
- Wanda MacNevin - Social worker, activist, author
- Michael Dan - Medical doctor, social entrepreneur and philanthropist
- Haley Wickenheiser - Olympic athlete, author and motivational speaker
- Steve Paikin - Public affairs journalist, author, filmmaker
- William MacDonald Evans - Public servant, former Canadian Space Agency President
- His Excellency the Right Hon. David Johnston - Governor General of Canada, legal scholar, university administrator
- Bharat Masrani - Bank executive, champion of York University
- Cindy Blackstock - Community leader, child advocate, social worker
- Hon. Marion Boyd - Social justice advocate and political pioneer
APPointments:

York University Chancellor Gregory Sorbara was reappointed for an additional three-year term, effective June 14, 2017.

York University appointed Dr. James Orbinski as the inaugural Director of the Dahdaleh Global Health Research Institute (DGHRI).

Professor Norma Sue Fisher-Stitt was appointed Interim Dean of the School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design.

Former Osgoode Dean, Provost and Vice-President Academic of York University and Ontario Deputy Attorney General Patrick J. Monahan (LLB ’80) was appointed to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

Glendon Principal Donald Ipperciel was appointed Knight of the Order of the Academic Palms by the Government of the French Republic.

Psychology professor Ellen Bialystok was invested as an Officer of the Order of Canada for her research on the benefits of bilingualism.
Osgoode appointed award-winning journalists Gail J. Cohen and Roxana Olivera to its inaugural Journalist in Residence program.

Leading legal education scholar Paul Maharg was appointed as distinguished professor of practice at Osgoode.

IP Osgoode Professor David Vaver was invested as a Member of the Order of Canada for his work on intellectual property law.