Department of History PhD student Douglas Hunter received Canada’s Distinguished Dissertation Award for “Stone of Power,” a study of the portrayal of North America’s Indigenous people and their cultural history.

On September 9, Canada’s Minister of Science Kirsty Duncan announced that 44 York research projects will receive $7M in Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) funding, including $2.5M for LA&PS professor Valerie Preston’s project on migration resiliency in urban Canada.

7 alumni were among this year’s 2017 Clean50 honorees for their contributions to clean capitalism, fighting climate change and raising awareness of the importance of a low carbon economy:

- David Bell, Board Chair, Learning for a Sustainable Future (BA ’65)
- Cara Clairman, President and CEO, Plug’N Drive (LLB ’93)
- Philip Gillin, Senior Managing Director and Portfolio Manager, Canadian Property Investments, Sun Life Financial (MBA ’78)
- Jenise Lee, Founder & CEO, Certclean Inc. (MBA ’12)
- The Honourable Rachel Notley, Premier of Alberta (LLB ’90)
- Dianne Saxe, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario (LLB, LLM and PhD ’91)
- Serguei Tchertok, Manager, Sustainability, Grand & Toy (BSc ’03)

York’s world-class expertise in vision research was recognized by the government of Canada with the nation’s most prestigious research grant. York University’s Vision: Science to Applications (VISTA) program received a $33.3M Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF) grant to fund research across a wide range of applications from basic visual function to computer vision and object recognition, and more.
Biology professor Amro Zayed received the 2016 C. Gordon Hewitt Award from the Entomological Society of Canada for outstanding contributions to entomology in Canada by an emerging researcher.

A team of York researchers led by Lassonde professor Michael Daly built the OSIRIS-REx Laser Altimeter, the device that will conduct high-precision scans of the asteroid Bennu as part of NASA's OSIRIS-REx mission.

NASA named an asteroid after Lassonde professor Mike Daly to recognize his role as lead scientist for NASA's OSIRIS-REx Laser Altimeter.

Mathematics & Statistics professor Jörg Grigull and Biology professor John McDermott received a Mitacs Accelerate grant for their high-throughput sequencing project, in collaboration with Sanofi Pasteur.

Professors Poonam Puri and Catriona Sandilands were two of only five scholars across Canada to be awarded prestigious Trudeau research fellowships by The Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation this year.

English professor Michael Helm was nominated for the Rogers Writers’ Trust Fiction Prize for his novel After James.
Four Lassonde programs (Computer Engineering, Geomatics Engineering, Software Engineering, and Space Engineering) received the maximum possible accreditation grade from the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board.

Students Linar Ismagilov and Nikita Iliushkin were awarded top prize in the University of California, Berkeley Entrepreneurship Boot Camp for inventing a new kind of drone that will help to make parcel delivery using drones a reality.

Four former student-athletes and one coach were inducted into the York University Sport Hall of Fame:

- Field hockey player Karen Hewlett (BA ’93)
- Basketball player Mark Jones (BA ’85)
- Hockey player Bill Maguire (BA ’89)
- Water polo player Christine Walton (BSc ’99, MSc ’02)
- Men’s basketball head coach Bob Bain

Schulich professor and York alumna Ela Veresiu (BBA ’09) earned a place on the prestigious Marketing Magazine 30 Under 30 list for her Financial Times 45 ranked research on globalization and women’s empowerment.

Education professor Heather Lotherington was awarded a 2016 Gordon and Jean Southam Fellowship to participate in a research visit to Curtin University in Australia.
Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLAC) Director and Anthropology professor Carlota McAllister was awarded a Faculty Fellowship at the Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History at Harvard University.

PhD students Alison Humphrey, Zachary Lomo, Jesse Thistle, and Syrus Marcus Ware received Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships.

Distinguished Research Professor Emerita of philosophy Lorraine Code received the Royal Society of Canada’s Ursula Franklin Award in Gender Studies for groundbreaking contributions to gender studies.

York’s Project Connect refugee sponsorship team welcomed the University’s first sponsored family through its Syria Response and Refugee Initiative.

York University won the 2016 CanBIM Best in BIM Award as well as an Owner’s Award at the 2016 Canada BIM Council Awards for excellence in the application of leading-edge Building Information Modelling Technology in the design and construction of the Bergeron Centre for Engineering Excellence.
Faculty of Education alumna Dulce Moreira won the Toronto Star Teacher of the Year Award.

Schulich was ranked number one in the world in Responsible Business by Corporate Knights for the fourth consecutive year.

At the Red & White Day Spirit Rally on September 29, York recognized our Rio 2016 athletes Khamica Bingham and Arthur Biyarslanov for their contributions to Team Canada this summer.

The Spirit Rally also featured special guest York alumna and YouTube celebrity Lilly Singh (BA ’10), who recently partnered with ME to WE on #GirlLove, an initiative to advance access to education, which sold more than 14,000 rafiki bracelets to raise funds for education costs for girls in Kenya.

AMPD student Ashley Murphy was the recipient of ME to WE’s inaugural Prince Youth Service Award recognizing community leadership and activism.

Two recent Schulich graduates, Christopher Chan (BBA ’15) and Nina Mak (iBBA ’15, MAcc ’16), were among only 20 from across Canada to make the 2016 CPA National Honour Roll.
APPOINTMENTS:

Alumna Rabia Khedr (MA '13) was appointed a commissioner on the Ontario Human Rights Commission.

Science professor Ernie Hamm was appointed President of the Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science at their annual meeting.

Schulich alumna Eileen Mercier (MBA '77), a member of the Dean's Advisory Council, was appointed Chancellor of Wilfrid Laurier University.