

PRESIDENT'S KUDOS REPORT

JULY-SEPTEMBER 2017



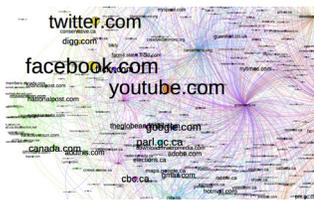
York University was ranked among 227 schools on Sierra Club's [Cool Schools list](#), which grades post-secondary institutions on their sustainability practices.



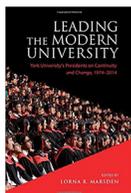
A study by [York biologists](#) on the effects of pesticides on honeybees was published in the journal *Science*.



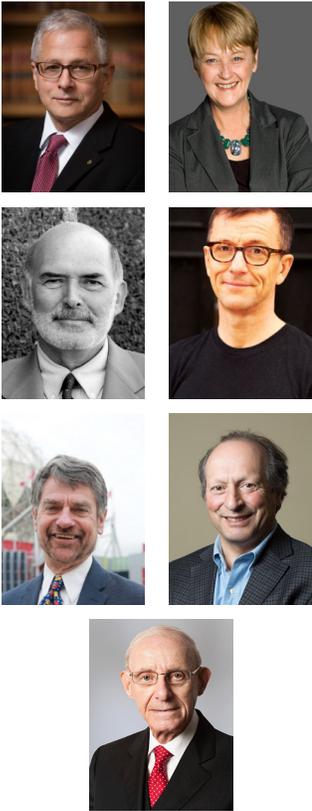
Empower, a team of Schulich student entrepreneurs, was one of six finalists to compete for the prestigious [Hult Prize](#). Their project is aimed at bringing low-cost connectivity to refugee camps and other populations in need.



The Archives Unleashed project by York University and the University of Waterloo was awarded a grant from the [Andrew W. Mellon Foundation](#) to develop tools to make internet archives accessible for researchers.



[Leading the Modern University](#), a book written by York University's past Presidents, was nominated for a Heritage Toronto Historical Writing Award.



Seven York community members were appointed to the [Order of Canada](#):

- Joseph Arvay, honorary degree recipient (LLD '16)
- Cathy Crowe, honorary degree recipient (LLD '10)
- Peter Herrndorf, honorary degree recipient (LLD '89)
- Christopher House, alumnus (BFA '79)
- Bryan Tisdall, alumnus (MBA '77)
- Lorne Waldman, former faculty member and alumnus (LLB '77)
- The Honourable Marshall Rothstein, former faculty member



[YU START](#), York's New Student Transition Program, was awarded the Canadian Association of College and University Student Services (CACUSS) Innovation Award and the Canadian Association of University Business Officers (CAUBO) Quality and Productivity Award.



Professors [Joel Katz](#) and [Jonathan Edmondson](#) were recognized as the 2017 recipients of the Distinguished Research Professorship at Spring Convocation.



Biology Professor [Dawn Bazely](#) received the title of University Professor at Spring Convocation.



York alumnus [Scott McLean](#) joined CNN's Denver bureau as a correspondent.



Professors [Roger Keil](#), [Carolyn Podruchny](#), and [Poonam Puri](#) were awarded Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Connection Grants.



President Emeritus Mamdouh Shoukri received a Distinguished Service Award from Tennis Canada.

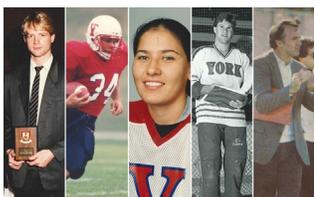


Five PhD students received [Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships](#) for their leadership and scholarly achievements:

- Tyrone Hall, Communication & Culture
- Elan Marchinko, Theatre & Performance Studies
- Kam Phung, Administration
- Claudia Sicondolfo, Cinema & Media Studies
- Erica Tatham, Psychology



Social Science Professor Dr. Carla Lipsig-Mummé named one of three finalists for the 2017 [SSHRC Impact Awards](#) Partnership Award.

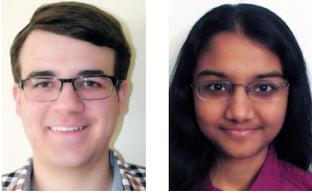


[Six new members](#) were inducted into York University's Sport Hall of Fame:

- Peter Bedard, tennis
- Jeff Johnson, football
- Melanie Roach, hockey
- Greg Rolston, hockey
- Frank Cosentino, former football coach
- Patricia Murray, administrator



Science Professor [Paul Delaney](#) received the Klumpke-Roberts Award from the Astronomical Society of the Pacific for his outstanding contributions to the public understanding and appreciation of astronomy.



Incoming students [Nathan Stachow](#) and [Kezia Johnson](#) were awarded Schulich Leader Scholarships to pursue studies in STEM.



[Five York PhDs](#) received funded, one-year postdoctoral research positions through the York Postdoctoral Fellowship program:

- Leah Keating, Department of Psychology
- Melanie McBride, Faculty of Education
- Emily McGiffin, Faculty of Environmental Studies
- Rehan Siddiqui, Department of Earth & Space Science & Engineering
- Hyekyoung Sung, Department of Biology



Former Lions athlete [Brittany Crew](#) finished in sixth place in the shot put at the world championships in London, becoming the first Canadian woman to finish among the top eight.



Distinguished Research Professor and Order of Canada Officer [Ellen Bialystok](#) received an honorary degree from the University of Oslo.



Graduate student [Joannes Paulus Yimbessalu](#) (fourth from right) and team won first place at UNLEASH Innovation Lab 2017 in the Education & ICT category for proposing an initiative that would improve access to interpreters for the deaf in Kenya.



Schulich School alumnus [Karl Moore](#) (PhD '95) was nominated for the Thinkers50 Distinguished Achievement Award for his contributions to the study of leadership.



Professor Emerita [Margarita Feliciano](#) was named Officer of the Order of May, one of Argentina's highest civilian honours.



[Schulich Professor Emeritus Ron Burke](#) received the 2017 Career Achievement Award for distinguished Scholar-Practitioner, presented by the Academy of Management.



[Lassonde students](#) Benjamin Brunson, Justine Abdelshahid and Stephen Kosmachuk were presented with certificates acknowledging their success in the ECCE App Challenge at the Esri User Conference Award Ceremony in San Diego.



[PhD student Natasha Henry](#) received the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario's 2017 Curriculum Development Award for her classroom resources for Black History Month.



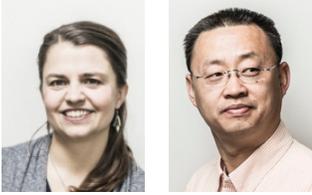
[Professors Peter Backx, Yvonne Bohr and Chun Peng](#) were awarded a combined \$2,723,399 in funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) to advance health-related investigations in areas of social/cultural health and biomedical health.



Lassonde Professor [James Elder](#) was awarded a \$4-million Ontario Research Fund (ORF) grant to support sustainable urban mobility.



Professor Emeritus [David L. Wiesenthal](#) earned a Canadian Association of Road Safety Professionals (CARSP) Lifetime Achievement Award for his traffic psychology research and dedicated service.



[Five York University professors](#) received a total of \$698,063 in funding through the Canadian Foundation for Innovation's (CFI) John R. Evans Leaders Fund to pursue groundbreaking research:

- Magdalena Krol (Lassonde)
- Jinjun Shan (Lassonde)
- Jennifer Korosi (LA&PS)
- Amy Muise (Health)
- Leah Vosko (LA&PS)



Associate Professor [Elisabeth Jensen](#) was selected by the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) for inclusion in its "150 Nurses for Canada" campaign for her work pioneering health innovation in Canada.

APPOINTMENTS



Schulich alumna [Janice Fukakusa](#) (MBA '79) was appointed the first Chair of the Board of the Canada Infrastructure Bank.



Former astronaut and York University honorary doctorate recipient [Julie Payette](#) (Hon. DSc '10) was appointed the 29th Governor General of Canada. She will be the fourth woman to hold the title.



[Dr. Carl James](#), Jean Augustine Chair in Education, was appointed expert advisor on equity in education to Ontario's Premier, Minister of Education, Minister Responsible for Early Years and Child Care, and Ministry of Education.