

PRESIDENT'S KUDOS REPORT

MARCH 2018



York University will participate in the [Advanced Manufacturing Supercluster](#) and is the academic lead for the microelectronics component of the overall project, a business-led initiative which seeks to position Canadian manufacturers as global leaders in technology and innovation. The Government of Canada has announced an investment of \$950-million in the project, which the private sector will match.



York's Board of Governors approved the project budget for [the design and construction of a new School of Continuing Studies building](#), which will accommodate significant growth and support the creation of even more innovative programs for recent graduates, working professionals, international students and new Canadians in the future. The School plans to break ground on the project in 2019.



The Indigenous Students Association of Glendon, in partnership with a number of campus partners, organized the hosting of [The REDress Project](#) on York's Keele and Glendon campuses, an art installation that uses donated red dresses to draw attention to the more than 1,000 unresolved cases of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and two-spirited persons in Canada.



The most recent graduates of the [Internationally Educated Professionals \(IEP\) Bridging Program](#) were honoured at a certificate presentation ceremony and reception. Funded by the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, the bridging programs in HR, Information Technology and Business offered by the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies provide IEPs from 73 countries an understanding of Canadian work culture and education in the context of their respective professions.



On International Women's Day, [alumna and staff member Talisha Ramsaroop](#) was recognized with an inaugural Pam McConnell Young Women in Leadership Award for her dedication to causes the late Toronto Councillor also championed.



[PhD candidate Lauren Gabrielle Fournier](#) has been awarded the 6th Annual Middlebrook Prize for Young Canadian Curators for her project *epistemologies of the moon*, which engages with the symbolism and imagery of the moon as an historically feminine and, more recently, feminist symbol. The project will be presented at the Art Gallery of Guelph from September to December 2018.



Cross-appointed Canada Research Chair [Deborah McGregor](#) was highlighted as one of Canada's 'Women Leaders in STEM' in the 2018 Federal Budget. Professor McGregor was recognized for her work in advancing our understanding of environmental justice that integrates the law, environmental studies and traditional Indigenous knowledge systems to investigate sustainability, water governance and security, as well as First Nations land management.



The [York Entrepreneurship Development Institute](#), which partners with the Schulich Executive Education Centre and with government and community organizations, was named the number one university-linked accelerator in the world for 2017-18 by UBI Global.



Student [Philip Balke](#) has been named the Toronto Football Club's first-ever esports athlete.



[Generation Chosen](#), a youth program created and coordinated by York PhD candidate Joseph Smith and alumnus Dwayne Brown, was profiled by the CBC after winning a contest organized by Toronto's Black Business and Professional Association (BPPA). The program won tickets for youth to watch a private screening of Black Panther held by the BPPA to celebrate positive representations of people of color in mainstream media.



A [team of Schulich delegates](#) won first place in HEC Montreal's Corporate Responsibility Challenge, a rigorous annual case competition that challenges MBA candidates to explore the fields of social and environmental responsibility. Team members included:

- Catherine Sim
- Grishma Saheba
- Suran Ravi
- Abhilash Shashidharan



Three York professors received project grants from the [Canadian Institutes of Health Research](#) (CIHR), totaling over \$1.9 million in funding, which will advance their research in areas such as cell health, diabetes treatment and heart health:

- Professor David Hood, Faculty of Health.
- Professor Arturo Orellana, Faculty of Science.
- Professor Gary Sweeney, Faculty of Science.



[Sandy Hudson](#) received the 2018 Lincoln Alexander Award from the Black Law Students Association of Osgoode Hall Law School for her contributions to the Black community and her advocacy against racial discrimination.



Professor Carla Lipsig-Mummé has been named the 2018 winner of the [Sefton-Williams Award for Contributions to Labour Relations](#), which honours her significant contribution to the field of labour relations and human rights.



Faculty of Education [staff members](#) were recognized for their years of service and positive impact they have had at the Faculty and to the York community:

- Mary Clabassi, practicum assistant, Office of Academic Programs (Recipient of the Emily Tjimos Award for Service Excellence).
- Judith Davidson, student programs assistant.
- Brenda Fernandes, financial officer.
- Yolanda Reid, administrative secretary.
- Kate Singh, manager, Office of the Dean.
- Adam Trent, director, Information Technology Services.



Social Science Professor [Caroline Hossein](#) received a community leadership award for her research on Black social economies and community-based alternative markets. The award was presented at a Black History Month event organized by York alumnus Ahmed Hussen, Canada's Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship.



The Faculty of Science announced the launch of the bioanalytical core facility [YSciCore](#), which will provide bioanalytical support to scientists at the University and to external clients using state-of-the-art equipment.



An Osgoode Hall Law School team composed of undergraduate student Julia Cecchetto and J.D. candidate Nicholas Hay won the [2018 Arnup Cup](#). Teams from law schools across Ontario participate in this annual competition to win the right to represent the province in the prestigious Sopinka Cup, Canada's national trial advocacy competition.



The Lassonde School of Engineering launched the new [Specialization in Artificial Intelligence \(AI\)](#) program as part of its Master's of Science in Computer Science. The new program will allow students to conduct their own research projects under faculty supervision and in collaboration with partners in the private or public sector, training them to apply AI to practical problems.

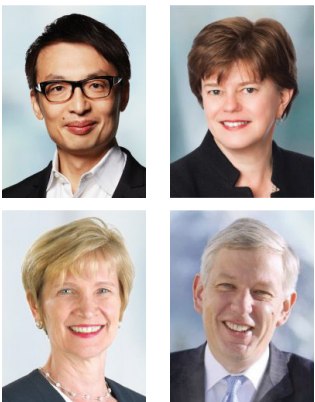


Professor Rebecca Pillai Riddell was awarded the [Faculty of Graduate Studies Teaching Award](#) for her achievements in graduate teaching and supervisory excellence.



Three members of the Lions women's volleyball team were named [Ontario University Athletics \(OUA\) East Division second-team all-stars](#):

- Celeste Witzell
- Sarah Williams
- Heather Setka



The [Schulich Alumni Recognition Awards](#) celebrated the outstanding achievements of four distinguished Schulich graduates:

- Jasper Cheung (MBA '90) for Outstanding Executive Leadership.
- Jane Rowe (MBA '82) for Outstanding Progress & Achievement.
- M. Marianne Harris (MBA/JD '83) for Outstanding Public Contribution.
- Dominic Barton (Hon LLD '12) for Outstanding Contribution to the School.



A team from Osgoode Hall Law School will advance to the international round of the [2018 Price Media Law Moot Court Competition](#) after winning the Americas round in New York City. Team members include:

- Nirvana Misir (winner of the Best Oralist award)
- Vuk Simeunovic
- Brent Mendiola
- Amanda Byrd
- Aravind Pillai



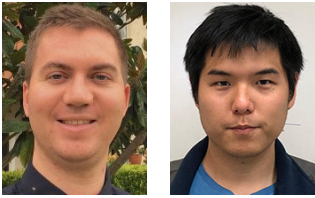
The Lions varsity program recognized the outstanding accomplishments of local high school students [Geraldo Ulerio Feliz](#) and [Julie Ly](#) from C.W. Jefferys Collegiate Institute with the presentation of the [York Lions Shooting Start Awards](#).



Lassonde School grad student [Matthew Tesfaldet](#) was named to the inaugural cohort of the Vector Institute's Postgraduate Affiliate Program, which seeks to build a collaborative community of experts on machine learning and artificial intelligence.

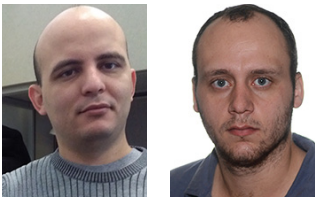


Osgoode Professor [Faisal Bhabha](#) delivered the keynote speech, entitled “Building a Society Free from Discrimination: The Canadian Perspective,” at Iceland’s Gender Equality Forum in Reykjavik.



The Faculty of Science has recruited seven emerging researchers from around the world to its [York Science Fellows](#) program:

- Colin Bridges
- Willam Chen
- Dagoberto Contreras
- John Machacek
- Ramon Miranda-Quintana
- Christopher Schafhauser
- Jacob Lucero



Osgoode PhD candidate Sara Ross was awarded a prestigious [Killam Postdoctoral Research Fellowship](#) from the University of British Columbia.



Professor Emeritus Brian Slattery is a finalist in the [Canadian Society of Children's Authors, Illustrators and Performers](#) (CANSCAIP) 2017 Writing for Children Competition for his book *I Am the Notorious Ninja Thief*.



Lions track and field student-athlete [Nicholas Fyffe](#) was named the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) field events most valuable performer.



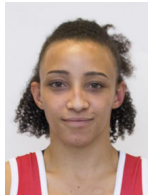
Lions women's basketball player [Lindsay Shotbolt](#) was named the recipient of the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) Tracy MacLeod Award and earned first-team all-star honours.



York's entrepreneurship unit, LaunchYU, awarded one of its top ventures, [Senior Care Connect](#), with the first \$25,000 [Aird & Berlis StartupSouce Market Entry Award](#).



Osgoode mooters [Oyeyinka Oyelowo](#) and [Justin P'ng](#) won Best Team at the [2018 Julius Alexander Isaac Diversity Moot](#), which was held at the Ontario Court of Appeal. [Oyeyinka Oyelowo](#) also won Best Oralist.



Lions wrestler [Alexandria Town](#) won silver at the U SPORTS championships, the best ever result for a York women's wrestler in program history.



A team made up of Osgoode students [Karen Mann](#) and [Adam Voorberg](#) won first place at the 2018 Canadian National Negotiation Competition. They will compete at the international competition in Cardiff, Wales this summer.



The Lions men's and women's track and field teams finished in fourth and fifth place, respectively, at the [2018 OUA championships](#).



An Osgoode team composed of two first-year students, [Anna Morrish](#) and [Andrea McPhedran](#), placed third overall in the 2018 Canadian Client Consultation Competition.



York's Athletics & Recreation recognized its [10 graduating student-athletes](#) from the men's and women's track and field teams prior to the squad's final regular-season home meet.



Four members of the Lions men's volleyball team were honoured with [Ontario University Athletics \(OUA\) East Division awards](#):

- Spencer Dakin Kuiper, recipient of the Dale Iwanoczko Sportsman Award.
- Logan Mend, named to the OUA East first all-star team.
- Andrew Shotbolt, named to the OUA East first all-star team.
- Andrew Tauhid, named to the OUA East all-rookie team.



[JD students](#) Shakir Rahim and Maya Bretgoltz were named Third Place Team in 2018 Gale Cup Moot, Canada's premier bilingual law school mooting competition. Shakir Rahim also received the Dickson Medal for Exceptional Oralist Performance.

APPOINTMENTS



Osgoode alumnae, Justice Meghan McCreary and Justice Barbara J. Norell, were appointed to [Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench](#) for Saskatchewan in Regina and to the [Supreme Court of British Columbia in New Westminster](#), respectively.



Alumna [Helena Jaczek](#), previously the Minister of Community and Social Services, was appointed Ontario's Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, as well as Chair of Cabinet.



Previously a researcher at Osgoode and a member of the adjunct faculty at Schulich, Ena Chadha has been appointed the new [Chair of the Human Rights Legal Support Centre in Ontario](#).



Alumna [Britt McKee](#) has been announced as the new Executive Director of EcoSource.



Osgoode Professor Mary Condon was appointed as an initial director of the proposed Capital Markets Regulatory Authority. Pending its establishment, Professor Condon has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the [Capital Markets Authority Implementation Organization \(CMAIO\)](#).



Angelina Mehta, who is currently pursuing a Master of Laws, was appointed director by [Azimut Exploration Inc.](#), a publicly traded Canadian mineral exploration company specializing in project generation supported by substantial exploration expertise.



Alumna [Lindsay Bunce](#) has been announced as the new Executive Director of Ontario EcoSchools.



[Accenture](#), a global management consulting and professional services firm, appointed Schulich alumnus Ahmed Etman as managing director for its security practice in Canada.



The electric utility holding company [Fortis Inc.](#) announced the appointment of Osgoode adjunct professor James R. Reid as Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary.



Osgoode Professor [Jamie Cameron](#) was appointed to the Nunavut Review Board, and reappointed to the Ontario Review Board.



Alumna [Marlene Yakabuski](#) was appointed the new President of the Ontario Road Builders' Association, the first woman to hold this role in the organization's history.