

PRESIDENT'S KUDOS REPORT

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York alumnus and honorary doctorate recipient [Matt Galloway](#) (BA '94, LLD '17), who hosts CBC's Metro Morning, will receive the prestigious Harry Jerome Award from the Black Business and Professional Association for his outstanding contributions to the media industry.



York University was awarded two [Smart Commute Workplace Designations](#) in recognition of its contributions to sustainable transportation in the Greater Toronto Area. Our Keele and Glendon campuses earned platinum and gold designations, respectively.



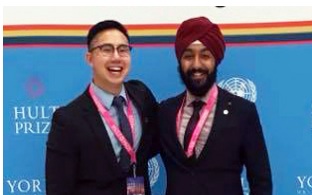
Annalise D'Souza, Victoria Larocca, and Mikhaela Gray took first, second and third place, respectively, in the annual [York University Three Minute Thesis competition](#). D'Souza advances to the provincial 3MT competition where she will represent York University.



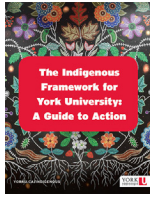
York University's [Kinesiology and Health Science](#) program in the Faculty of Health was ranked number one in Canada by ShanghaiRanking's 2017 Global Ranking of Sport Science Schools and Departments.



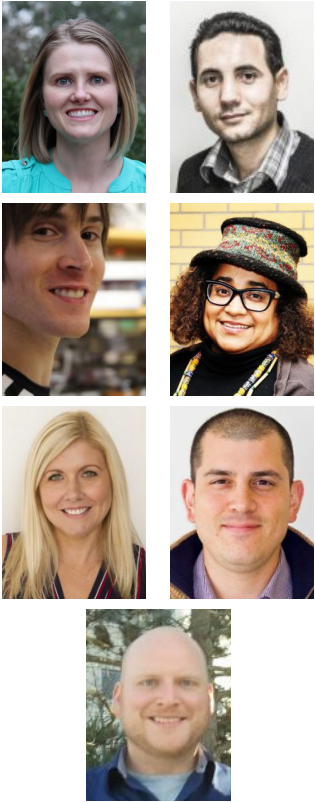
Professor [Pat Armstrong](#) has been named recipient of the YWCA Toronto's 2018 Women of Distinction Award in the category of Health & Education for her work on pay equity, women's studies, and gender in health care reform.



Two Schulich alumni, Akash Sidhu (BBA '17) and Joseph Truong (BBA '17), cohosted the 2018 [Hult Prize Regional Finals](#) held at York University. Two teams from York also competed in the Toronto regionals this year, with one, Team Lyofresh, placing in the top six.



Osgoode Hall Law School has announced that it will introduce an [Indigenous & Aboriginal Law Requirement](#) in its Juris Doctor degree program starting this fall. The new requirement is part of York University's commitment to Reconciliation and to expanding Indigenous curricular offerings in keeping with the principles set out in the Indigenous Framework.



Seven York University researchers were named recipients of the Ontario Ministry of Research, Innovation and Science's [2018 Early Researcher Awards](#), which will contribute to the establishment of new research teams on York campuses. The recipients are:

- Rebecca Bassett-Gunter, School of Kinesiology and Health Science
- Hany Farag, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
- Ryan Hili, Department of Chemistry
- Caroline Shenaz Hossein, Department of Social Science
- Amy Muise, Department of Psychology
- Jean-Paul Paluzzi, Department of Biology
- Christopher Perry, Department of Kinesiology and Health Science



Environmental Studies student and City Institute research assistant [Jamilla Mohamud](#) was a member of the team that won First Place in the 2018 CivicSpark Competition.



At the ninth biannual [Schulich Startup Night](#), alumna Jenise Lee (MBA '12) won first place in the "In Flight" category for her startup PurPicks, while undergraduate students Ali El-Shayeb and Mariam Walaa took home the top prize in the "Taking Off" category for their company Nugget AI.



York University students competing at the [36th Annual Ontario Japanese Speech Contest](#) were recognized for excellence in Japanese language speech delivery:

- Andrew Christensen - First Place, Beginner Category
- Gabby Ricker - First Place, Advanced Category
- Samsan Hassan - Special Effort Prize, Beginner Category
- Fernanda Cherini - Special Effort Prize, Advanced Category
- Hanisi Samuel - Special Effort Prize, Advanced Category



Film student [J. Connor Bjornson](#) has been named a finalist for the Canadian Society of Cinematographers' 2018 Student Cinematography award. His nominated short film, *The Fruit Machine*, features writing and acting from several other School of Arts, Media, Performance and Design students.



Social Science Professor [Caroline Shenaz Hossein](#) was awarded the W.E.B. DuBois Distinguished Book Award for her book *Politicized Microfinance: Money, Power and Violence in the Black Americas*.



Chief of Government and Community Relations Ijade Maxwell Rodrigues was recently awarded the [National Association of Presidential Assistants in Higher Education](#) (NAPAHE) Distinguished Service Award.



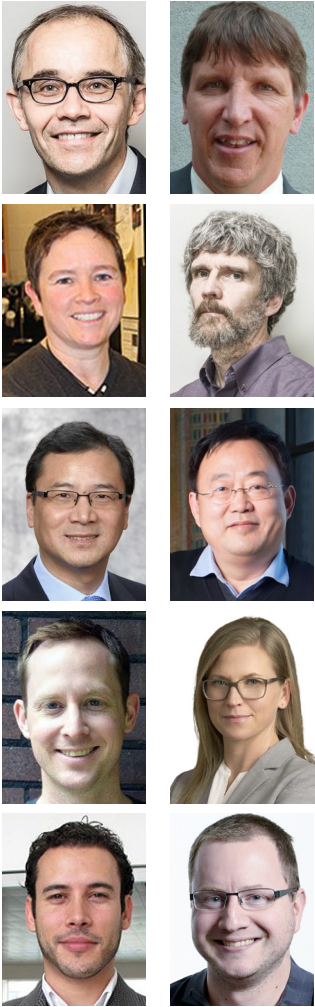
Schulich Professor [Markus Giesler](#) was the only Canadian faculty member named as an inaugural Marketing Science Institute Scholar. The aim of the program is to strengthen connections across marketing disciplines and cultivate rigorous research practices.



School of Administrative Studies students [Tiana Noce](#) and [Selina Cozzupoli](#) won third place in the Canada's Next Top Ad Executive competition, which works to bridge the gap between the marketing industry and universities. A second team of students Jenisha Pudaisini, Marta Michalek and Philip Gingras also qualified as [finalists](#).



A team of Schulich students enrolled in the Master of Real Estate and Infrastructure (MREI) program won first place in the eighth annual [Developers' Den](#) international case competition. Team members included Alannah Bird, Derek Wei, Jordan Trinder and Bao Nguyen.



Ten emerging and established researchers across the University will join the [York Research Chairs program](#), York University's internal counterpart to the national Canada Research Chairs program, which recognizes outstanding researchers. Researchers include:

- James Elder, Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; Professor, Psychology
- Lesley Jacobs, Professor, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies; Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School; Director, Institute for Social Research at York University
- Lauren Sergio, Professor, School of Kinesiology and Health Science
- Richard Wildes, Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; Associate Director, Vista: Science to Applications (VISTA)
- Dan Zhang, Professor and Kaneff Research Chair in Advanced Robotics and Mechatronics, Department of Mechanical Engineering
- Huaiping Zhu, Professor, Department of Mathematics
- Jacob Beck, Professor, Department of Philosophy
- Dayna Nadine Scott, Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School; co-director, Osgoode Environmental Justice and Sustainability Clinic
- Jonathan Weiss, Professor, Department of Psychology
- Derek Wilson, Professor, Department of Chemistry



York University recognized the achievements of student-athletes and coaches at the York Lions' [50th Annual Varsity Banquet](#), where award recipients were celebrated for their dedication & excellence, including:

- Kayden Johnson - Male Athlete of the Year
- Holly Pitters - Female Athlete of the Year
- Tim Jensen - Lions Legacy Award; Outstanding Male Graduate Award
- Tamara Orlando - Lions Legacy Award
- Shayne Rover - Lions Legacy Award
- Rebecca Titus - Lions Legacy Award; Bruce M. Taylor Award
- Alexandria Town - Lions Legacy Award
- Joey Cicchillo - Charles Saundercook Memorial Trophy
- Zeeshan Minhas - Coach of the Year
- Andrew Tauhid - Male Rookie of the Year
- Jaslan Stirling - Female Rookie of the Year



Longtime York University head football coach [Frank Cosentino](#) will be inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in the builder category. He was inducted into the York Sport Hall of Fame this past fall.



Three faculty members from York University's [School of Nursing](#) have earned recognition for achievements in teaching from the Council of Ontario University Programs in Nursing:

- Claire Mallette, along with Don Rose of Ryerson University, has jointly won the COUPN-AMS Quality Compassionate Caring Award
- Shelley Walkerley has won the 2018 COUPN Excellence in Teaching Award
- Gemma Percival has won the 2018 COUPN Clinical Instructor Award.



York University Lions men's volleyball coaches [Michael Wahbi](#) and [David Ta](#) were named the head coaches of the Region 5 A and B teams, respectively, for the 2018 Ontario Summer Games.



York University Lions wrestler [Alexandria Town](#) won the gold medal in the 57kg weight class at the Canadian senior national championships and received the outstanding senior women's wrestler award in Montreal.



York University Faculty of Education teacher candidate [Kara Nagel](#) was awarded the Ontario College of Teachers Intermediate/Senior Scholarship for demonstrating a high level of preparedness for teacher education through community involvement and scholarly excellence.



York University student [You Jin "Jenny" Seo](#) was awarded third place at the 17th "Chinese Bridge" Chinese Proficiency Competition's Toronto final.



Two Osgoode Hall Law School Professors were awarded [SHHRC Connection Grants](#) valued at \$25k each to host law conferences:

- Professor Philip Girard and co-applicant Osgoode Visiting Professor David Sandomierki will host "Beyond Harvard: Transplanting Legal Education International Conference"
- Professor Jamie Cameron, co-applicant Professor Hilary Young of the University of New Brunswick, and community partner, the Law Commission of Ontario, will host "Defamation Law and the Internet: Where Do We Go From Here?".



A team of students from York University's Osgoode Hall Law School won the [2018 Cassels Brock Cup](#), a competitive moot exclusively for first-year students. In addition to taking home the Cassels Brock Cup, prize winners also included:

- Luiza Nazarenko - runner-up Top Oralist
- Emraan Dharsi and Awale Deria - runner-up Respondent Team
- Katherina Grubisic and Harris Khan - runner-up Appellate



MIT named the [Lassonde School of Engineering](#) as one of the top 10 emerging leaders in engineering education in its report, *Global state of the art in engineering education*, citing its blend of off-campus personalized learning and experiential learning opportunities.



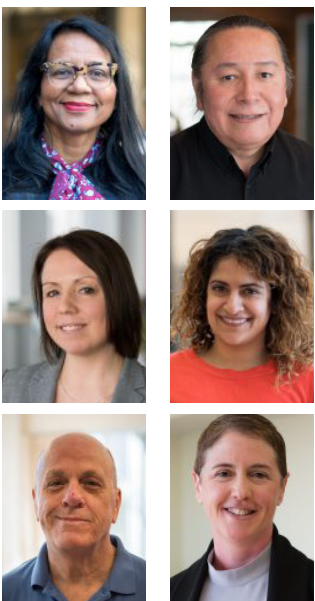
[Marette Abdelmaseh](#) won the Richard Goranson Memorial Psychology Honours Poster Award at the Psychology Honours Thesis Poster Day.



York University President Emeritus and former Chair of Hockey Canada [H. Ian Macdonald](#) dropped the puck at the opening ceremony for the 100th anniversary of the Oxford-Cambridge Ice Hockey Varsity Match, the first international hockey game played in Europe.



The [Investor Protection Clinic](#) at York University's Osgoode Hall Law School is the recipient of an \$80,000 cy-près award from a class action settlement, which will assist with the ongoing operation of the community clinic including the hiring of four Osgoode students to work part-time at the clinic over the summer as interns.



The recipients of the [2017 President's Staff Recognition Awards](#) were announced. The Awards recognize and celebrate the excellence that our dedicated staff members demonstrate and the meaningful impact they are making at the University and beyond. This 2017 winners are:

- Suzette Aleung, Senior Academic Advisor, Academic Advising, Faculty of LA&PS - The Ronald Kent Medal
- Randy Pitawanakwat, coordinator, Aboriginal Student Services - The Deborah Hobson York Citizenship Award
- Sarah Howe, Director, Innovation York - The President's Leadership Award
- Shaila Khan, Coordinator, Student Transition Programs, Student Engagement & First Year Experience - The President's Voice of York Award
- Tom Hammond, Custodian, York Apartments, Housing Services - The Phyllis Clark Campus Service Award
- Lisa Rumiel, Manager, Research Priorities & Strategic Partnerships, Office of the Associate Dean, Graduate Studies & Research - The Gary Brewer Emerging Leader Award



- Information Technology Services, Glendon Campus - The Harriet Lewis Team Award for Service Excellence
 - Aladin Alaily, Director; Duncan Appleton, Media Technologist
 - Kevin James Friedberg, Operations and Events Technician
 - Mireille Kasembe Nyindu, Administrative Coordinator
 - Luc Mallet, Systems Administrator
 - Johanna Parrales, Web Programmer
 - Patrick Thibaudeau, Manager, Information Systems & Technology Enhanced Learning