

PRESIDENT'S KUDOS REPORT

JUNE 2018



York Regional Council authorized a \$25-million contribution to York University's new [Markham Centre Campus](#), supporting the University's goal of ensuring students have increased access to high-quality, research-intensive education. The University has approved the campus design and build budget, and construction is set to begin this fall, with an expected opening date in fall 2021.



The [2018 President's University-Wide Teaching Award](#) recipients were announced and recognized for their innovative teaching practices, creativity and the commitment they bring to providing the best possible learning experiences for our students:

- Dan Palermo, Lassonde School of Engineering - Full-Time Senior Faculty category
- Ruth Koleszar-Green, Faculty of LA&PS - Full-Time Faculty category
- Bridget Cauthery, AMPD - Contract and Adjunct Faculty category
- Minha Ha, Lassonde School of Engineering - Teaching Assistant category
- Reena Shadaan, Faculty of Environmental Studies - Teaching Assistant category



York has been ranked #388 worldwide and #18 in Canada in the [2018 CWUR World University Rankings](#), the largest academic ranking of global universities, based on research output, alumni employment and other factors.



The School of Continuing Studies has launched a part-time [Certificate in Machine Learning](#) to address the increasing demand for machine learning specialists with the requisite technical skills, as well as an in-depth, real-world understanding of the ethical, social and business implications of their work. Created in collaboration with industry leaders in AI and machine learning, the certificate program will be the first of its kind offered in Canada.



Schulich professor James L. Darroch and co-author Patricia Meredith were awarded the prestigious [Donner Prize](#) for their book *Stumbling Giants: Transforming Canada's Banks for the Information Age*. The award is valued at \$50,000 and is given annually to the best public policy book in Canada.



York's Athletics & Recreation announced an agreement with York Sports & Entertainment to be the home of the new [YORK 9 Football Club](#), which will be the first-ever professional sports team to be based in the York Region.



Faculty of Environmental Studies faculty member [Lisa Myers'](#) artwork has been selected for the national billboard exhibit "Resilience," which will showcase artwork by fifty female First Nations, Inuit and Métis artists from across Canada.



Glendon student [Keesha Nurse](#) received the "Youth" award from Fondation franco-ontarienne in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the development of La Francophonie at Glendon Campus.

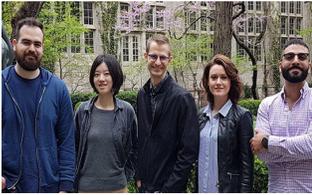


Lassonde professor [Michael Daly](#) has been awarded the 2018 CASI McCurdy Award from the Canadian Aeronautics and Space Institute. The award is presented to a pioneer and leader who has had key impacts on Canada's space robotics and planetary science programs, as well as the field of aeronautics and space research.



The Schulich community celebrated the achievements of four distinguished Schulich graduates at the annual Alumni Recognition Awards:

- Jasper Cheung (MBA '90) received the Outstanding Executive Leadership Award in recognition of his extraordinary achievement, leadership and innovation in a global operation;
- S. Jane Rowe (MBA '82) received the Outstanding Progress and Achievement Award for demonstrating outstanding career potential and achieving early success and recognition in her field;
- M. Marianne Harris (MBA/JD '83) was the recipient of the Outstanding Public Contribution Award in recognition of her dedication to public service as Chair of the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada;
- Dominic Barton (Hon LLD '12) received the Outstanding Contribution to Schulich Award for promoting the interests of Schulich through partnership, impact and thought leadership.

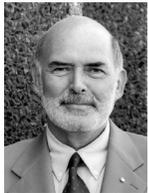


Five [Osgoode students](#) have been selected to participate in an innovative training boot camp in Chicago this month, followed by paid internships this summer, as part of the Institute for the Future of Law Practice. The boot camp is designed to provide the knowledge and skills necessary for 21st-century law practice, which the students will then utilize in paid internships for employers as follows:

- JD/MBA student Omar Alsayyed - Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP
- Professional LLM student Yonida Koukio - Bennett Jones LLP
- JD student Cameron McMaster - Kira Systems Inc.
- JD/MBA student Raffaele Virdo - Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP
- JD student Fanqi Wang - McCarthy Tétrault LLP



Clinical psychology PhD candidate [Brittany Rosenbloom](#) placed first in a national poster competition held during the 39th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Canadian Pain Society for her research involving chronic pain and opioid use after major pediatric surgery.



Honorary degree recipient and arts advocate [Peter A. Herrndorf](#) (LLD '89) will receive a special Lifetime Artistic Achievement award at the 2018 Governor General's Performing Art Awards.



[Three faculty members](#) have been named 2018 Distinguished Research Professors, a title given to active members of the academy in recognition of their outstanding scholarly achievements in research:

- Professor Nantel Bergeron, Dept. of Mathematics and Statistics, Faculty of Science;
- Professor Bernard Lightman, Dept. of Humanities, Faculty of LA&PS;
- Professor Anne Russon, Dept. of Psychology, Glendon Campus



Three graduate students will be awarded [Governor General's Academic Gold Medals](#) at Spring Convocation, considered the most prestigious award that students in Canadian schools can receive:

- Miranda Di Lorenzo, Psychology
- Tamas Nagypal, Cinema & Media Studies
- Rebecca Hall, Political Science





Ten students received the annual [Robert J. Tiffin Leadership Award](#) in recognition for their achievements in leadership, dedication, integrity and enthusiasm. Their names will be added to the awards display wall in the Vari Hall Rotunda and are as follows:

- Ilia Azari, Faculty of Health
- Antonnia (Kiana) Blake, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- Cindy Ta, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- Pierre-André Thériault, Osgoode Hall Law School
- Ramona Satipi, Lassonde School of Engineering
- Sebastien Lalonde, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- Winnie Yu, Faculty of Health
- Larissa Crawford, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- Minha Ha, Lassonde School of Engineering
- Kristen Cote, Lassonde School of Engineering



Two former [York Lions](#) men's soccer players were both selected to Team of the Week in May. Mark-Anthony Kaye and Ryan Telfer, who have each become regular starters in Major League Soccer, were honoured as members of the Toronto and Los Angeles Football Clubs, respectively.



Lassonde's Bergeron Entrepreneurs in Science and Technology (BEST) Lab has received funding from the Ontario Government to develop an [Innovation-Enabled Workforce for Ontario](#). The project brings together an interdisciplinary team of experts in both workplace innovation and education program design, and will be led by Lassonde professor and BEST Lab Director Andrew Maxwell.



The Osgoode community celebrated the achievements of its graduates at the [2018 Dean's Alumni Reception](#). This year's honorees included:

- Alan Young '81
- Victoria Creighton '08
- Lisa Fineberg '10
- Marlon Hylton '09
- Paul J. J. Cavalluzzo '70
- Geoffrey Belsher '91
- Susan Lang '74.



Biology professor [Laurence Packer](#) was elected a fellow of the Royal Entomological Society for his scholarship on bee systematics and his efforts in increasing the taxonomic breadth of the bee collection at York.



Lions football receiver [Colton Hunchak](#) (pictured far left) was named the West Team's most valuable player at the 2018 U SPORTS Valero East-West Bowl, an all-star game which showcases the top U Sports football prospects in the country.



School of the Arts, Performance, Media & Design alumnus and producer [Noah Bingham](#), along with director Lena MacDonald, won the Corus-Hot Docs Forum Pitch Prize for their upcoming collaboration *Betrayal*. The award consists of a \$10,000 cash prize and is voted on by international buyers in attendance at the annual Hot Docs Forum.



Education professor [Mario DiPaolantonio](#) has been selected for a highly competitive visiting professorship at Soka University in Tokyo, Japan.



Lions wrestler [Alexandria Town](#) won the bronze medal in the 57kg weight class at the senior Pan American Championships in Lima, Peru. She is the most decorated women's wrestler in York program history and was also honoured with a Lions Legacy Award at the end of her final season.



School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design alumnus [Matthew Shoychet](#)'s documentary *The Accountant of Auschwitz* won 2nd Place in Audience Favourites at the Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Film Festival.



Biology PhD candidate [Thomas Onuferko](#)'s discovery of fifteen new species of cuckoo bees has been featured in a high-profile article from the *BBC*.



[Three Osgoode alumni](#) have been named recipients of the 2018 Law Society Medals, one of the highest honours bestowed by the Ontario bar, in recognition of their commitment to serving society and the legal professions. The recipients are:

- Gilles LeVasseur - LLM '05
- Professor Carissima Mathen - LLB '92
- Walter Martin Traub - BA '68, LLM '71, JD '71



Three students have been named recipients of the 2018 [Outstanding Graduating Anthropology Student Awards](#) from the Canadian Anthropological Society. The recipients are:

- Ana Speranza (not pictured) - BA candidate
- Janita Van Dyk - MA candidate
- Wangui Kimari - PhD candidate



[Karen Bridget Murray](#), associate professor in the Department of Politics, has been nominated for the 2018 John McMenemy Prize from the Canadian Association of Political Science for her article "The Violence Within: Canadian Modern Statehood and the Pan-territorial Residential School System Ideal."



Environmental Studies alumnus and urban planner [Darnel Harris](#) (MES '15) designed an award-winning bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly green space that seeks to advance mobility and sustainability in Toronto. The proposal, called the Mobility Greenway, has already won a Green Talents award from the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research for its balance of urban living, sustainability and transportation needs.



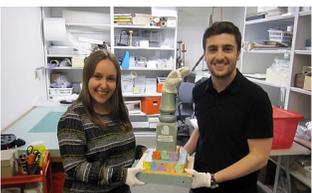
York's Campus Services & Business Operations (CSBO) [Grounds Crew](#) has launched a pilot initiative to replace equipment powered by gas and diesel fuel with electrically powered alternatives. The effort will improve air quality, reduce noise pollution, and benefit the health of York employees, as well as help the University reduce its greenhouse gas emissions at both the Keele and Glendon Campuses.



Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies professor [Caroline Hossein](#) (pictured far right) received an Honourable Mention for her book *Politicized Microfinance: Money, power and violence in the Black Americas* at the 2018 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences.



The Schulich School of Business's new [Rob and Cheryl McEwen Graduate Study & Research Building](#) was featured in *Awards Magazine* and cited as one of the "most environmentally sustainable and socially responsible academic buildings in Canada."



The Department of History has launched a new cross-disciplinary undergraduate [Certificate in Public History](#) in collaboration with Glendon History and the School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design.



Professors Roger Keil and Patricia Wood are part of a team, including 6 universities and 7 colleges, that will receive a new Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council grant for the [StudentMoveTO](#) initiative to look at transportation options for postsecondary students in the GTHA.



Schulich School of Business PhD candidate [Tony Jaehyun Choi](#) won the Best Student Paper on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Award at the Administrative Sciences Association of Canada 2018 Conference.



Post Doc [Larissa Vingilis-Jaremko](#) is a recipient of one of the American Society for Cell Biology's (ASCB) new Public Engagement Grants, which looks to support those engaging their local communities in the process of science and increasing public scientific literacy. Vingilis-Jaremko will direct her prize to the Canadian Association for Girls In Science (CAGIS), a volunteer-run science club for girls aged 7-16 that she founded.



Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies student [Michelle Cobblah](#) is the 2018 [Muldoon-Mosaic Bursary](#) winner. The Bursary is awarded annually to a first-year undergraduate social sciences student enrolled full-time in school.



Antonnia (Kiana) Blake is the recipient of the 2018 [Murray G. Ross Award](#), which is presented annually to a graduating student for scholarship and outstanding participation in undergraduate student life.



Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies alumnus [Taki Sarantakis](#) (BA '92, MA '93) has been named the next President of the Canada School of Public Service. Sarantakis currently serves as Associate Secretary of the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat and as Deputy Minister University Champion for York University, where he works to advance connectedness between public service, universities and communities.



Osgoode alumna [Tracey Nieckarz](#) (LLB '93) has been appointed a judge of the Superior Court of Justice in Thunder Bay.



York's Athletics & Recreation announced that [Raymond Rudder](#) has been selected as the full-time head coach of the Lions track and field and cross country programs after a national search.