

PRESIDENT'S KUDOS REPORT

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The [Bryden Alumni Awards](#) celebrate outstanding York University alumni who have made extraordinary contributions to their fields, communities and the University. The 2019 winners are:

- Outstanding Achievement: Eva Marszewski (OOnt, LSM, BA '70, LLB '73), founder and director, Peacebuilders International (Canada);
- Outstanding Contribution: Robert Krembil (CM, MBA '71, LLD '00), president and CEO, Chiefswood Holdings Ltd. and its subsidiaries;
- Tentanda Via: Suzanne Katsi'tsiarihshion Brant (MES '05), president, First Nations Technical Institute; and
- One to Watch: Kimberly Badal (BSc '12) co-founder, Caribbean Cancer Research Initiative.



[Forbes magazine](#) has ranked the Schulich School of Business at York University 1st in Canada and 9th in the world among two-year MBA programs outside of the United States. Schulich was also ranked second in the world among all non-U.S. two-year MBA programs in terms of "Years to Payback" - the length of time it takes a business school's graduates to recoup their investment in an MBA degree.



In honour of Helen Carswell and World Alzheimer's Month, York University and the Alzheimer Society of York Region announced [a joint \\$2.26-million partnership](#) to research Alzheimer's and dementia care programs. Funded by the Carswell Family Foundation, this gift will be used to advance research into the efficacy of dementia day programs, respite services and various models of care as well as the benefits of integrating support for caregivers into programming.



The Faculty of Science welcomed [two new science communicators in residence](#) this academic year - B.D. Colen, and Patchen Bars. This is the third year of the highly successful program, which aims to help promote excellence in science-related communications.



The [York University Football Alumni Association](#) hosted the inaugural Murton-Midea Memorial Tournament, and raised more than \$40,000 for a new scholarship in memory of two former Lions football players, Jesse Murton and Alex Midea, who were both diagnosed with leukemia and lost their lives to the disease.



Two early career researchers in the Faculty of Health, [Joey Cheng](#) and [Amy Muise](#), have been recognized for their outstanding achievements with SAGE Young Scholar Awards, presented by SAGE Publications and the Foundation for Personality & Social Psychology.



A [memorandum of understanding \(MOU\)](#) was signed between the City of Vaughan, York University, Mackenzie Health and ventureLAB to identify transformational opportunities to maximize the best use of lands surrounding the site of the Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital through a feasibility study.



[Professor H el ene Mialet](#) in the Department of Science & Technology Studies, Faculty of Science, is currently in Oslo, Norway, where she received a residential fellowship at the [Centre for Advanced Study](#) at the Norwegian Academy of Science & Letters.



The [School of Arts, Media, Performance & Design \(AMPD\)](#) eLearning Award was presented to Professor Teresa Przybylski, and the AMPD Teaching Award was given to Sessional Assistant Professor Monique Johnson.



[Zheng Hong \(George\) Zhu](#), professor and chair in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and the inaugural academic director of the York University Research Commons, has been awarded the 2019 Engineering Medal in Research and Development from Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO). The medal recognizes professional engineers who have improved quality of life through the ingenious application of their engineering skills.



York University and IBM celebrated the opening of [a new academic space at the IBM Headquarters](#) in Markham, which will offer a series of courses - and experiential learning opportunities - to students from our School of Administrative Studies in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies..



Andrei Semenov, an associate professor in the Department of Economics, and Oriana Rahman, an economics PhD student in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, received the [Ben Graham Center for Value Investing Award](#) from the Ivey Business School at Western University. The award recognizes the best paper published in areas related to asset pricing, market anomalies and behavioral finance and was presented at the 26th Annual Conference of the Multinational Finance Society in Jerusalem.



The Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (LA&PS) held its [annual awards ceremony](#), which celebrates excellence in teaching and research in the Faculty. This year's award recipients are:

Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching

- Teaching Assistant Category - Ameera Ali
- Contract Faculty Category (Honourable Mention) - Natalie Neill
- Contract Faculty Category - Patrick Phillips
- Tenured/Tenure Stream Category - Chris Robinson

LA&PS Award for Distinction in Research

- Emerging Research Category - Chris Chapman
- Established Researcher Category - Shobna Nijhawan
- Established Researcher Category - Nirupama Agrawal
- Distinction in Social Justice Research - Carmela Murdocca

Ann Shteir Prize

- Andrea Davis

APPOINTMENTS



[Jenifer Papararo](#) was appointed director/curator of the Art Gallery of York University (AGYU), and will begin her term in January.



[Joy Kirchner](#) was reappointed Dean of Libraries at York University for a second five-year term, which begins in January.



[Professor Luann Good Gingrich](#) of the School of Social Work was named director of York University's Global Labour Research Centre (GLRC), a hub for pan-University research collaboration based in LA&PS. Professor Gingrich began her directorship on July 1.