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## YORK U **ALUMNI NEWS**



### York U becomes a living lab for next-gen electric vehicles

Auto magnate Frank Stronach is working with the Lassonde School of Engineering to transform York's Keele campus into a living lab for the next generation of electric vehicles known as the SARIT (Safe, Affordable, Reliable, Innovative, Transport). [Learn more about this partnership.](#)

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### Alumni Spotlight: Alison Duke (MFA '20)

A visionary, pioneer, and mentor, Alison Duke (MFA '20) is an award-winning Canadian filmmaker and a Black queer-woman who uses her craft to work on groundbreaking documentaries, feature films, and short films – all to give a voice to underrepresented communities.

[Learn about her career and inspirations for her films.](#)



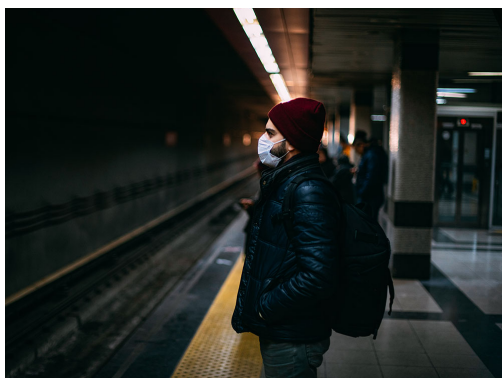
## AMPD launches graduation preparation podcast

AMPD recently launched a graduation preparation podcast series, the Final Mile Club (FMC). Hosted by Dean Sarah Bay-Cheng, the podcast features industry guests and provides helpful advice for creatives at any stage of their artistic journey. [Start tuning in to the Final Mile Club.](#)



## YUBAN wants your input

The volunteer-led York University Black Alumni Network (YUBAN) is looking to hear from our Black alumni community in an effort to create meaningful initiatives aligned with Black Excellence at York. [Please answer this short survey](#) to help YUBAN further understand the types of programs and opportunities you would like to see.



## Most Canadians more trusting during pandemic, but socioeconomic trust gap widened

York research shows that the pandemic has created greater divisions between people who are trusting and those who are distrustful, and those divisions fall along socioeconomic lines, exacerbating social inequalities. [Read more about these results co-led by LA&PS Assistant Professor Cary Wu.](#)



## Join the York U Alumni book club

Join fellow alumni to enjoy books related to lifelong learning, social issues, literature, psychology, and other user-submitted ideas. There is no cost to participate – you just have to get a copy of the book to enjoy. [Join and start reading the next book, \*Talking to Canadians\* by Rick Mercer.](#)

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## ALUMNI BENEFITS



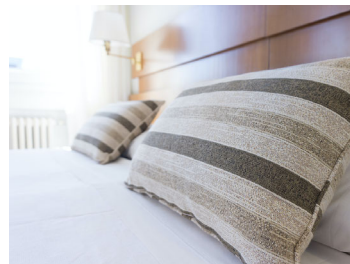
### Wet 'n' Wild

The waterpark is welcoming you back this summer! Save on daily admission and season's passes. [Get your discount code.](#)



### Elmspa

Plan your Toronto escape! Save up to 15% on spa services. [Register with Alumni Perks for more details.](#)



### Choice Hotels

Stay and save 15-20% at participating Choice Hotels, with over 330 across Canada and 7,000 worldwide. [Book your stay.](#)

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## ALUMNI EVENTS



**July 20 | 1pm | [Scholar's Hub @ Home | The Blockchain Story in 2022: Cryptos, NFTs, Web3 and more](#)**

Presented by Henry K. Kim, Associate Professor at the Schulich School of Business, and Director at blockchain.lab.



**July 21 | 2pm | [York University Alumni Book Club](#)**

A talk with Cheryl Diamond, author of *Nowhere Girl: A Memoir of a Fugitive*.

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