

YORK U

ALUMNI NEWS



Transformational gift from Mirkopoulos family supports film education at York
The Mirkopoulos family's unwavering support for Canadian film education continues to inspire future generations and emerging creators, to dream big. [Read more.](#)



York community members receive King Charles III medal
Recipients of the award are recognized for their meaningful impact across various sectors, including education, research, public policy and social advocacy in recognition of their outstanding contributions to public service and society. [Read more.](#)



Psychologist Andrew Miki (MA '04, PhD '09) develops mental health platform
Staring Minds is a digital mental health platform used by over 4 million people, that provides affordable and accessible mental health support and psychoeducation to individuals. [Learn more.](#)



A double vision for the GTA's dance scene
Marmie and Rena Schwartz are a force to be reckoned with. The identical twins, who both earned double degrees (BA '01, BEd '01) from York, spent over two decades reshaping the dance scene through their Dance and Fitness Studio. [Read more.](#)



Five alumnae honoured with this year's Top 25 Women of Influence award
This year's recipients are redefining what influence means and driving change in their communities. [Read more.](#)



AMPD faculty and alumni recognized among 2025 Juno Award nominees
Jeremy Ledbetter (BFA '02) and his group the Jeremy Ledbetter Trio recently won Jazz Album of the Year for their album "Gravity." Nominations included several outstanding AMPD faculty and alumni across multiple genres, including Professor Karen Burke and the The Toronto Mass Choir (TMC). [Read more about all of York's nominees.](#)



Gira Chawda, Dev Degree Shopify intern, finds depth of learning in program
Gira, a student at York's Markham campus, is known for her commitment to collaboration and community impact. Her outstanding achievements in integrated learning (WIL) initiatives, earned her the 2024 WIL Student of the Year Award. [Read more.](#)

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ALUMNI EVENTS



April 9 | 12-1 p.m. ET | Scholars' Hub @ Home | Is Race a Social Determinant of Health?
Featuring Sachil Singh, Assistant Professor, School of Kinesiology and Health Science, Faculty of Health.



April 9 | 6-8 p.m. ET | York U Alumni Mixer in Mississauga
You are invited to our upcoming alumni mixer at Reds Square One.



April 13 | 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. ET | WVB Pickleball for the Future
Presented by York U Women's Volleyball and the Women's Volleyball alumni network.



April 17 | 12-1 p.m. ET | Scholars' Hub @ Home | Trump and the Troubled Future of Canada
Featuring Daniel Drache, Professor Emeritus and Senior Scholar, Department of Politics Research Fellow, Roberts Centre for Canadian Studies, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies.



April 23 | 12-1 p.m. ET | Scholars' Hub @ Home | Why Digital Platforms are 400 Years Old: From the East of India Company to Amazon
Featuring Elisha Lim, Assistant Professor of The Technological Humanities, Department of Humanities, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies.



April 24 | 12-1 p.m. ET | How to Manage Your Finances in Today's Economy
Featuring Prakash Amarasooriya (BSc '15), the CEO and lead producer for Kashamara Productions.

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