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## ***The York University Brief - December 2024***

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### **Government Relations and Institutional Highlights**



#### **Queen's Park Advocacy Day**

At the beginning of December, York was at Queen's Park for meetings with MPPs followed by an evening reception at the Pink Palace. It was a great opportunity to highlight university priorities with elected officials and showcase leading York researchers and YSpace-supported businesses practicing within the areas of health and healthcare. Thanks to all those who met with us and attended our evening festivities.



### **National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women**

On December 6, Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity and Member of Provincial Parliament for Brampton Centre attended York's annual ceremony to commemorate the 1989 École Polytechnique massacre and mark the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Minister Williams gave a thoughtful speech in remembrance of the 14 women lost that day. We thank her for joining us to honour their memory.



### **York's Float Wows at the Markham Santa Claus Parade**

At the end of November, York University was pleased to participate in the 50th annual Markham Santa Claus Parade. It was great to see so many people brave the cold and line the city's historic Main Street for some festive cheer. As ever, we were pleased to have the opportunity for Yeo the Lion make an appearance.

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### **Research and Institutional Impact**



### Gift from MNO to establish York University fellowship in Métis Studies

A gift of \$749,500 from the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) will enable the establishment of a new doctoral fellowship in Métis Studies at York University. The Métis Nation of Ontario Doctoral Fellowship, located within York's Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, will be the only graduate fellowship in Métis studies in Ontario. [Learn more here.](#)



### Global Strategy Lab marks decade of impact at York University

York University's Global Strategy Lab (GSL) is celebrating a remarkable decade of groundbreaking global health research and policy advisory services, marking the milestone with the appointment of **Mathieu Poirier** as its new director. [Learn more here.](#)



### **Embracing AI in education: transforming learning at Lassonde**

At the Lassonde School of Engineering's Educational Innovation Studio, there is an enthusiasm for the transformative potential of artificial intelligence (AI) in education. Led by director Salvatore Paneduro, the studio collaborates with faculty across York University and with partners throughout the educational ecosystem to explore how AI can redefine learning. [Learn more here.](#)



### **Accelerating success: Lassonde alumnus steers his way to Tesla**

Brandon Loy, a York University alumnus who graduated in 2021 from the Lassonde School of Engineering's Electrical Engineering program, successfully leveraged his education to secure a position in the competitive tech landscape. Currently, he is a technical lead at Tesla's headquarters in Austin, Texas, placing him at the centre of cutting-edge automotive innovation. [Learn more here.](#)

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