Stong College

Parent & Family Orientation 2016

Saturday, September 3, 2016
Welcome to York University

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Who are we?

Stong College

English, Professional Writing, Creative Writing
Kinesiology and Health Science
Nursing

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Transition can be difficult

Average High School grades are > 80%

Average 1st-year university grades ~65%

...how can you avoid this or make it more manageable?
Success at University

Interview of 2000 Harvard students showed:

• **Making connections** is very important for university career – with students, faculty, university

• **Study groups** are rewarding

• Students with the best grades are usually involved in one or two extracurricular events
ACADEMIC RESOURCES

stong.yorku.ca/programs/
Course-specific Resources

- Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS)
- Peer Tutoring
- The Health Aid Network

stong.yorku.ca/programs/
stong.yorku.ca/pass/
stong.yorku.ca/peer-tutoring/
www.facebook.com/kahsso
stong.yorku.ca/health-aid-about-us/
 Peer Assisted Study Sessions

- Facilitated by PASS Leaders; peer leaders who have done well (≥A) in the same course and are well trained
- 2 x 90-minute review sessions of important concepts
- Location: SC 201
  - KINE 2011, 2031, 2050, 3012 & 3030
  - PSYC 2021

stong.yorku.ca/pass/
Peer Tutoring

KAHSSO

- Free tutoring in core KINE courses
- Peer Tutors: peer leaders who have done well (≥A) in the same course and are well trained
- Location: SC JCR (SC 111)

stong.yorku.ca/peer-tutoring/
kahsso.club.yorku.ca/
https://www.facebook.com/kahsso
HealthAid Network

• Class Representatives
• Get mentored by upper-level students
• Develop leadership and academic skills
• Make announcements in class on how to succeed in 1st year, host study groups and manage a Facebook group

• 1000 level courses
  • KINE 1000
  • NURS 1900, 2522, 3515 (section B only)
  • PSYC 1010
  • HLST 1010, 1011

http://stong.yorku.ca/health-aid-about-us/
Transitioning & Networking

• York Orientation Day

• Frosh Week (College Council/Government)

http://orientation.yorku.ca/
http://yustart.yorku.ca/
stongcollegesg.com/
York Orientation Day

• Wed Sept 7th, 2016

• Incoming, new students meet peers, Peer Leaders, graduate students, staff, professors and alumni

• Familiarize themselves with campus resources and the campus

http://orientation.yorku.ca/
stongcollegesg.com/
Frosh Week

- Sat Sept 3rd – Sun Sept 11th, 2016
- Incoming, 1st-year students bond with upper-level students/peers
- Establishes a strong bond with college/York
- Builds long-lasting friendships
- Helps students transition socially

www.stongcollegesg.com/
stongcollegesg.com/#!frosh/cjg9
facebook.com/StongSpartans
Career, Personal Development, and Health & Wellness

• Create Your Future (Workshops)
• Agents of Change
• Workshops
• Health and Wellness

stong.yorku.ca/create-your-future/
stong.yorku.ca/agents-of-change/
stong.yorku.ca/events/
Create Your Future

Workshops:

• Career focused
• Graduate student panels
• Alumni
• Profs

stong.yorku.ca/create-your-future/
Agents of Change

- Students create their own health initiative project
- Funded by Faculty of Health
- Categories: physical, mental and sexual health, or any of the social determinants of health
- Students receive training

[link: stong.yorku.ca/agents-of-change/]
Workshops

- Personal Counselling Services (Transition to University, Coping & Resilience, Test Anxiety, etc.)
- Fellows Corner (My Path to Research/Academia, etc.)
- Career Centre
- Library (How to Write a Scientific Abstract, Power Searching in Medicine, etc.)
- Other

stong.yorku.ca/events/
September Workshops & Events

• Tue Sept 13: Breakfast with the Master & Fellows
• Tues Nov 1: Challenging Negative Thinking
• Wed Nov 2: Math & Science Problem Solving Skills
• Tues Nov 8: Building Resilience
• Tues Nov 15: Mindful Ways To Manage Emotions
• Tues Nov 22: Managing End of Term Stress

New events are posted regularly: stong.yorku.ca/events/
Health and Wellness

- Holistic wellness = academic, emotional, environmental, financial, intellectual, nutritional, occupational, physical, social, and spiritual

- Peer Health Educators based in the college

- Wellness programming

- Health and wellness based activities incorporated into York Orientation Day

stong.yorku.ca/
Mentoring Support

• Peer Mentors
• Graduate Peer Mentors (GPMs)
• Fellows
• Alumni

stong.yorku.ca/grad-peer-mentors/
tinyurl.com/gpmrequest
stong.yorku.ca/fellows/
Peer Mentors (PMs)

- Upper-level undergraduate students
- Trained
- Mentor lower-level incoming 1st-year students to help them transition into York
- Available to Stong College students
  - KINE (KAHSSO): kahsso.club.yorku.ca/
  - NURS (NSAY): nsay.student-org.yorku.ca/
  - EN, PRWR, CRWR: contact your depart
Graduate Peer Mentors (GPMs)

- Graduate Students or Graduates
- Mentor upper-level students on post-graduation career options
- Available to Stong College students
  - KINE
  - NURS
  - EN, PRWR, CRWR: please contact your department

stong.yorku.ca/grad-peer-mentors/
tinyurl.com/gpmrequest
Fellows

• Profs, staff and alumni
• Contribute to intellectual/co-curricular life
• Mentor undergraduate students on developing academic & leadership skills
• Available to Strong College students
  • KINE, NURS
  • EN, PRWR, CRWR

strong.yorku.ca/fellows/
Alumni

• Recent and past graduates
• Mentor students on post-graduation career options
• Available to Stong College students
  • KINE
  • NURS
  • EN, PRWR, CRWR
SOCIAL NETWORK

stong.yorku.ca/programs/
Student Societies & Clubs

York University has over 300 recognized clubs

- FHSC: facebook.com/fhscyork
- KAHSSO: facebook.com/kahasso
- NSAY: yorku.collegiatelink.net/organization/NSAY
- The Ascend Network: facebook.com/TheAscendNetwork
- Exercise is Medicine
- I for Awareness
- Students for Partners in Health
- Friends of MSF York

yuconnect.yorku.ca/
stong.yorku.ca/student-clubs/
Student Government

Is the voice of students in each college

- SCSG: stongcollegesg.com/
- Social events
- Discounted tickets:
  - Sports events
  - Montreal Trip
  - Blue Mountain Ski Trip
  - Blue Jays game
Intramurals

• Many intramural sports at York
• Get involved: either recreationally or competitively
• The Torch: Stong College has won the Torch 30 times!

#WEARESTONG

stongcollegesg.com/#!intramurals/c12jy
College Facilities

- Study Hall (SC 111)
  - peer tutoring for KINE, PSYC

- PASS
  - SC 101, 201

- Group Study Space
  - SC Dining Hall

- Meeting Space
  - SC 101, 201, 329
  - CC 214
Andrew Lawlor
President
Stong College Student Government
Stay Connected

Stong College

Facebook: facebook.com/yorkustongcollege

Twitter: twitter.com/YorkUStong

Website: stong.yorku.ca/

Email: scchelp@yorku.ca

Phone: 416-736-5132
York Academic Services
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KINE Student Academic Advising offices

- First-year course selection, program requirements, changing majors, university regulations, petitions.
- Bethune College 341
- Contact Mary Saad at saadmary@yorku.ca

http://kine.info.yorku.ca/
York Academic Services

Faculty Student Academic Advising offices

• Office Student & Academic Services (OSAS)
  • 235 Calumet
  • For KINE and PSYC students

http://stong.yorku.ca/advising/
Program-specific undergraduate departments

- Enrolling into a specific course
- Course performance summary for academic petitions
- Final Exam Deferred Standing Agreement forms
- Science departments and locations: http://kine.info.yorku.ca/
York Academic Services

Dept.-based Student Societies & Clubs

• A full list of clubs and societies at York for students to explore their academic interests and network with others is in the link the below

http://yuconnect.yorku.ca/
http://stong.yorku.ca/student-clubs/
http://bethune.yorku.ca/clubs
http://kahsso.club.yorku.ca/
York Academic Services

Steacie Library reference desk

• Help with: finding online articles, using science databases, Mendeley, citation styles
• Librarians from the Steacie Library also conduct workshops at Stong College:
  - Get Organized with Mendeley
  - Power Searching in Web of Science
  - Power Searching in Medicine

http://www.library.yorku.ca/cms/steacie
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Learning Commons @ Scott Library (2nd floor)

• Research Desk
  - How to find, evaluate and use scholarly books, journal articles and e-resources

• Writing Desk:
  Writing analytically, structuring written work

• Learning Skills Desk:
  - Improving reading and note-taking skills, building critical thinking skills

http://www.library.yorku.ca/cms/learning-commons/assist/
York Academic Services

SPARK
(Student Papers & Academic Research Kits)

• Online guide to academic/research papers

• Home to 13 modules that will guide and teach users how to build a research paper

• Within these modules there are links and reference to several resources such as the Learning Commons, Scott Writing Center and Mendeley

http://www.yorku.ca/spark/
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Career Centre  [http://www.yorku.ca/careers](http://www.yorku.ca/careers)

- Workshops
  - Career exploration, Job search, Professional etiquette, Further education
    [http://www.yorku.ca/careers/services/workshops.htm](http://www.yorku.ca/careers/services/workshops.htm)

- Individual appointments
  - Interview Practice Session, Résumé or Cover Letter Feedback Session
    [http://www.yorku.ca/careers/students/individual_appointments.html](http://www.yorku.ca/careers/students/individual_appointments.html)
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- Online Job Posting system
  - Search for and apply to on campus and off campus jobs
  - [http://www.yorku.ca/careers/onlinesystem/](http://www.yorku.ca/careers/onlinesystem/)

- Job advising sessions at Bethune College
  - BC 206, Wednesdays 1-4 pm
  - [http://bethune.yorku.ca/services/](http://bethune.yorku.ca/services/)
York Non-academic Services
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Student Success Centre

- Office: S172 Ross
- Health education and promotion
  - Health Ed Peer Team plans programs on and around campus focusing on health topics
  - Mental Health conference, SafeTalk
- Leadership development
  - Lectures, events, conferences and retreats
  - Leadership certificate program

http://www.yorku.ca/scld
York Non-academic Services

YU Connect

- Provides campus involvement opportunities
- Co-curricular record – documents participation in clubs, events and programs

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Counseling & Disability Services (CDS)

- Room N 110, Bennett Centre for Student Services
- Counselors available to respond to students
  - Group counseling
  - Individual counseling sessions
- Workshops:
  - Stress Management
  - Mental Health tune up
  - Reducing anxiety

http://www.yorku.ca/cds/pcs
York Non-academic Services

Mental Health Disability Services (MHDS)

- Provides academic support to students with mental health disabilities
- Does not include treatment
- Provides students with appropriate referrals
- Not meant to replace mental health support available in the community
- Registration at http://mhds.info.yorku.ca/registration/

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York Non-academic Services

York Atlas

- Phone and email directory for York staff
- Quick way to find location of different program departments and professors’ offices

http://mocha.yorku.ca/atlas/servlet/atlas
York Non-academic Services

Security Services

• Phone extension x33333
• In case of emergency
  - Call York Security
  - Call 911

http://gosafe.info.yorku.ca/
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Security Services

• goSAFE service
  - Safe escort on foot from any on-campus location
  - 416-736-5454 or ext. 55454
  - Download the goSafe app on your phone
  - GoSAFE yellow poles

http://gosafe.info.yorku.ca/
York Non-academic Services

Security Services

• Off-campus Shuttle Bus
  - Provides transportation to off-campus housing in the Village
  - Runs from Monday to Friday (6pm to 2am)
  - Operating schedule:

  www.yorku.ca/gosafe/newcampusshuttle.html
Thank You!