



REPORT ON YOUR GIVING 2025

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A message from Dean J.J. McMurtry

Dear Friends at the CIBPA,

York University takes bold steps to right the future. We are preparing the next generation of leaders to create positive change in our communities and around the world, and your support has been crucial in the development of these bright minds.

For over 20 years, your ongoing generosity has been instrumental to our mission. You have facilitated the creation of 25 unique awards at York, through over \$330,000 in donations that went directly to helping our students.

Our decades-long partnership has advanced our mutual goals of enriching students and strengthening our research in teaching on many aspects of Italian and Italian-Canadian life. Awards such as yours recognize achievement and enable student recipients to focus on school so they can excel in their studies and

participate around the community without the burden of financial hardships. These awards help empower our students and sends them an important message – that we believe in their hard work.

On the following pages it is our pleasure to introduce you to the exceptional students who have benefitted from your support. Their stories of impact are heartfelt and heartening, and I believe you can agree that in their hands, our future is very promising.

On behalf of York University and the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, I thank you for your continuing support and commitment to our students. Should you have any questions about this report, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at deanlaps@yorku.ca.

Yours truly,



J.J. McMurtry
Dean, Faculty of Liberal Arts &
Professional Studies





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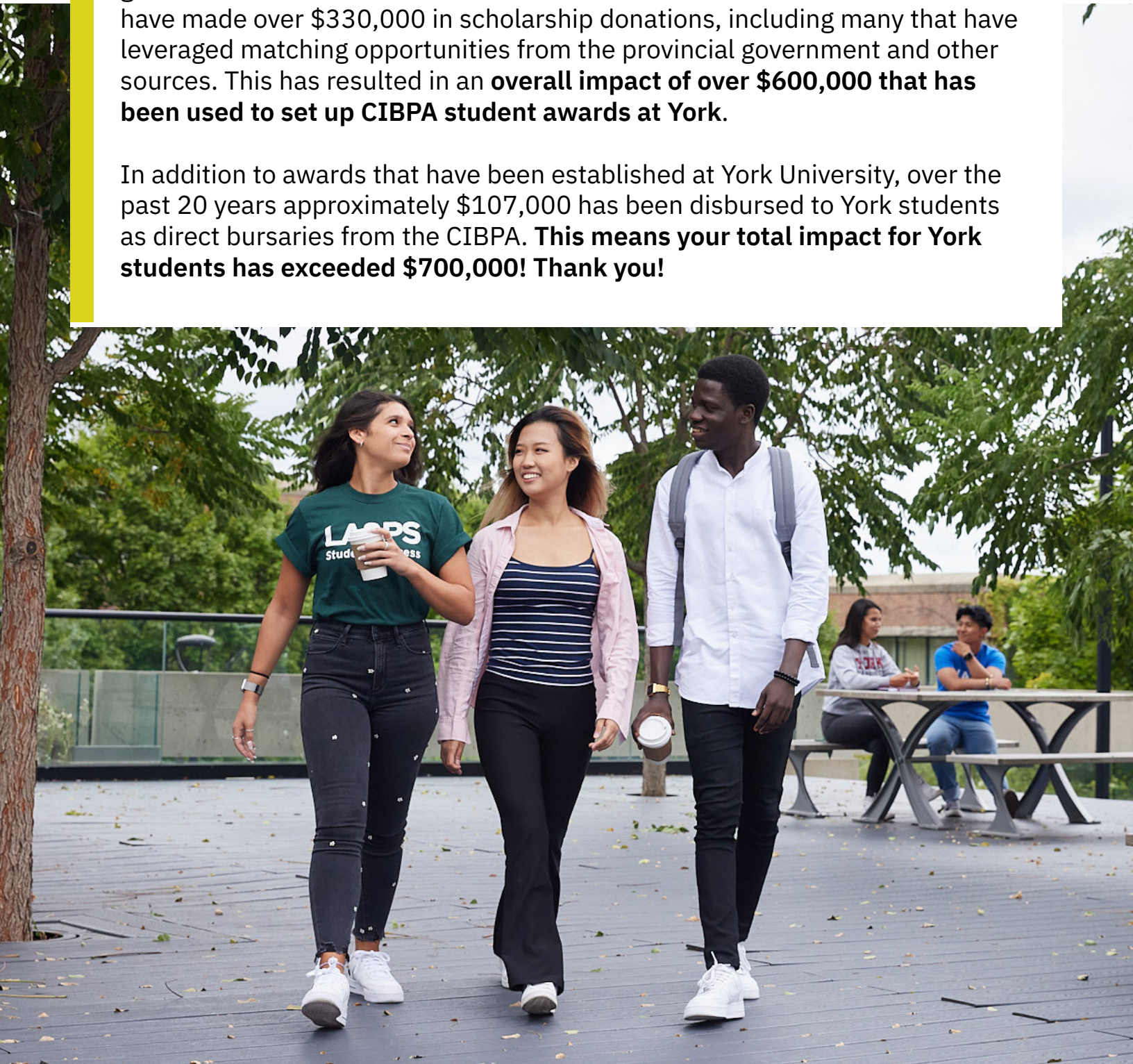
CIBPA and York

Your total impact for York students: over \$700,000!

The CIBPA's priority of bringing together professionals around the nation to collaborate and build a community is one that we at York strongly value. Your dedication to supporting those in need is reflected in your generosity to York.

Since 2002, your funding has been dedicated to helping undergraduate and graduate students with their studies. The CIBPA and its affiliated entities have made over \$330,000 in scholarship donations, including many that have leveraged matching opportunities from the provincial government and other sources. This has resulted in an **overall impact of over \$600,000 that has been used to set up CIBPA student awards at York.**

In addition to awards that have been established at York University, over the past 20 years approximately \$107,000 has been disbursed to York students as direct bursaries from the CIBPA. **This means your total impact for York students has exceeded \$700,000! Thank you!**



Your support

The following awards have been provided by the CIBPA, the CIBPA Education Foundation and your many affiliated entities and partners, to focus on learning and research connected to Italy, Italian-Canadians, the Italian language, and other important areas of scholarship:

- Elio and Jackie Rosati Award
- Ladies Auxiliary of CIBPA Award(s)
- CIBPA Lucy Iacovelli Student Award
- Joe Gagliano Award
- Ralph and Rose Chiodo, Active Green and Ross Award
- Paul Pellegrini Award
- OGS Awards (12)
- Advancing Women Fellowship
- Martinrea International Award
- CIBPA Sergio Marchionne Memorial Award
- CIBPA Education Foundation & Frank Ciccolini Sr. Fellowship
- The Frank D'Andrea and John Capo award
- York International Internship Program
- Jackie Rosati Award

Testimonials

These are just a few of the many students who have been supported by student awards, scholarships and fellowships provided by the CIBPA and CIBPA Education Foundation:

MICHAELA CATANIA, RECIPIENT OF THE RALPH AND ROSE CHIODO, ACTIVE GREEN AND ROSS AWARD



In addition to her schooling in French Studies, Psychology, and pursuing a Certificate of Proficiency in Italian Language, Michaela dedicates her time to volunteering with Peace by PEACE and hopes to pursue a career in teaching.

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Thanks to this award, I will be able to reduce my work schedule and focus more on my studies. I'm looking forward to completing my studies, so that I can pursue the career I'm passionate about, teaching.



ALESSIA LATINA, RECIPIENT OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF CIBPA BURSARY

Alessia Latina, a 5th year student in Italian Studies, is passionate about Italian history and language. A dedicated and hardworking student and supply teacher, she hopes to apply to teacher's college and inspire the next generation with her current experience teaching Italian in elementary schools.



I am of Italian culture, and it is a pleasure to learn new and exciting material about my cultural background. The CIBPA bursary is a wonderful award and can certainly help many students, myself included!

CAN SERDAR POLAT, RECIPIENT OF THE PAUL PELLEGRINI AWARD



Majoring in political science, Can Serdar Polat is a hard-working student who is vigilant in his studies and is on route to achieving his academic goals. He is also one of the students awarded in the Dean's Circle of Student Scholars, with an 8.6 GPA out of 9.



I am grateful that you provided this award to me. It was a financially supporting award which helped me; however, it was emotionally much more than that, as it made me feel the community support when we are in need.



MARIA GRISOLIA, RECIPIENT OF THE MARTINREA INTERNATIONAL AWARD DONOR

Completing a double major in French and Italian studies, Maria hopes to obtain a Bachelor's degree in Education to become a high school French and Italian teacher, reflecting her passion in her Italian roots.



Your award and support of Italian studies allows students like myself the opportunity to study the Italian language and culture, which may otherwise not be possible. Thank you for all of your support!



JULIA RUBINO, RECIPIENT OF THE JACKIE ROSATI AWARD



Proud of her heritage, Julia's interest in her Italian background translates in her studies by taking Italian-oriented courses to achieve her goal of completing a Language Proficiency Certificate in Italian. She is encouraged to consistently seek opportunities to protect and embrace Italian culture in Toronto.

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I am passionate about learning and embracing my Italian heritage, as my maternal and paternal grandparents were all Italian immigrants. I maintain and honour their many traditions and preserve the physical and oral history of their stories of Italian and Italian-Canadian life.

JOSEPH MIGNOGNA, RECIPIENT OF THE ELIO AND JACKIE ROSATI AWARD



One of Joseph's most meaningful experiences was working in a primary school in Milan, Italy. He aims to use his award to declare a second major in Italian studies and further explore his passions in creativity and self-improvement.

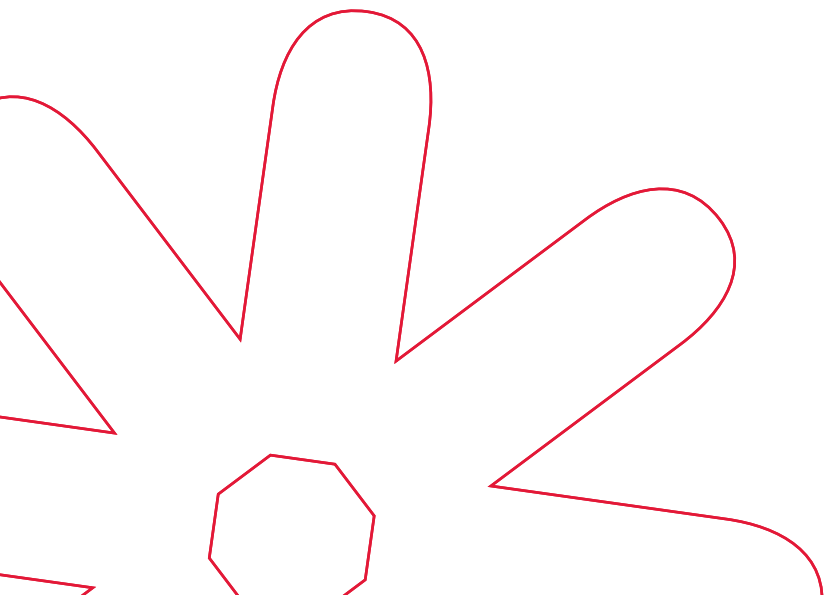
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...your generosity has also allowed me to better organize myself for the future with a peace of mind and the motivation to continue to succeed so that I may soon be able to attain all my academic goals and make my future dreams come true.

New Funding

Lucy Iacovelli invests in Women's Mentorship

CIBPA member Lucy Iacovelli has made multiple, wonderful investments in York University students over the past few years. In addition to establishing the CIBPA Lucy Iacovelli Student Award, Ms. Iacovelli also invested last year in York's Advancing Women program. This amazing alumni mentorship program links upper year students with successful York alumni, while also providing professional development opportunities and a scholarship for each student. Ms. Iacovelli's very generous contribution to the Advancing Women Scholarship Fund, along with those of other donors, helped ensure that every student in the program was able to receive a \$1,000 scholarship.





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CIBPA Financial Summary 2002 - 2025

Year established	Fund Name	Gift Amount	Matching Amount	Total Impact
2002-2020	CIBPA Ontario Graduate Scholarships (11)	\$60,000	\$120,000	\$180,000
2007	York International Internship Program	\$3,000	-	\$3,000
2007	The Paul Pellegrini Award	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$15,000
2008	Ralph/Rose Chiodo, Active Green & Ross Award	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$25,000
2008	Elio and Jackie Rosati Award	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$25,000
2008	Past Pres. - CIBPA & Ladies Auxiliary Award	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$90,000
2010	The Frank D'Andrea and John Capo Scholarship	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$15,000
2012	Ladies Auxiliary of CIBPA Bursary	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$25,000
2012	Martinrea International Award	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$30,000
2012	Joe Gagliano Award	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$25,000
2012	Jackie Rosati Award	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$25,000
2020-2021	CIBPA Lucy Iacovelli Student Award	\$50,500	\$27,000	\$77,500
2022	Iacovelli Advancing Women Fellowship	\$25,000	-	\$25,000
2022	CIBPA/Sergio Marchionne Memorial Award	\$25,000	-	\$25,000
2023	CIBPA Education Foundation Graduate Award in Italian-Canadian Studies	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
2024	CIBPA Education Foundation Graduate Award in Italian-Canadian Studies	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
2025	CIBPA Lucy Iacovelli Student Award	\$27,000	-	\$27,000
		\$338,000	\$294,500	\$632,500





Thank you

For over 20 years, the Canadian Italian Business and Professional Association has been a valued partner with York University and has helped us prepare our students to become a driving force for positive change.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the several awards you have established with us.

Together, we are righting the future.



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