

Dear Faculty and Staff,

Here is a recap of recent DEI stories, initiatives and events in our organization and the wider community to keep you up to date!

**FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS:**

- YU [Perspectives on Anti-Black Racism and the Role of Educators](#) panel discussion on naming, identifying and addressing anti-Black racism in the classroom and beyond, anti-racism resources were also shared by Dr. Alice Crawford:
  - [Antiracist Allyship Starter Pack](#)
  - [Scaffolded Anti-Racist Resources](#)
  - [Anti-racism resources](#)
- MACP Professor Dr. Kimber Shelton Publishes Handbook on [Counselling Black Women](#)
- MACP Professor Dr. Thomasina Odom Lawson featured in Black History Month media interview on [mental health and vaccine hesitancy in African American community](#)
- YU [‘What If’ Scholarship](#) Supports Young Women Pursuing Dream Careers
- TFS Acting for Film, TV & the Theatre ’16 alumnus and Indigenous filmmaker Tim Myles’ [Lulu Lemon/Team Canada commercial](#) celebrating diversity aired during the 2022 Winter Olympics
- From Lawyer to Film & TV Producer: [Bruno S. Lyra’s Cool Career](#)
- Evolution of a Leader: [Paula Shneer’s](#) Toronto Film School Journey
- TFS’ Director of Curriculum Design Mercedes Cardella Celebrates Release of 11-Time Canadian Screen Award-Nominated Film, [‘Scarborough’](#). Check out the link for tickets and screening times!
- TFS/YU partnership with Indigenous artist [Chantelle Trainor-Matties](#) for Pink Shirt Day (Anti-bullying Day) was a success and we contributed to distribution partner Leading Edge Promo’s grand total of \$44,481.76 supporting the [Urban Native Youth Association](#) and [Urban Society for Aboriginal Youth](#). Thank you to all that purchased and wore a pink shirt on Feb. 23!
- TFS Acting Program Instructors Kearsten Johansson and Chad Tailor Aim to Raise Eating Disorder Awareness with New Film [‘Straw Man’](#)
- YU Quality Assurance/eLearning Manager and M.Ed. student Nina Savoie-Colwell and partner Stephen Colwell (MACP student)’s participation in the Community-Based Research Centre’s [national summit on LGBTQI2SA+ health](#)

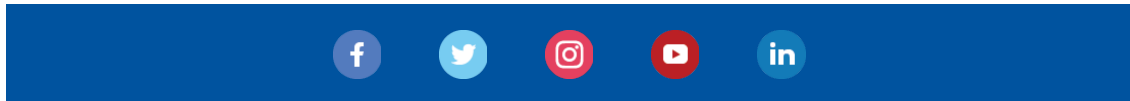
#### COMMUNITY EVENTS/INITIATIVES:

- Stay tuned for interesting organizational initiatives around International Women's Day (March 8) including a YU B.C. campus event for students titled ['Sweet Success with Special Guest Raveena Oberoi'](#). Visit the Government of Canada's 2022 theme of "[Women Inspiring Women](#)" for more on International Women's Day.
- In celebration of International Women's Month, CineFAM launches [The Women of Colour Content Creators Database](#)
- Throwback to TFS and YU Student Diversity Advisory Council members commemorating [International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#) (March 21)
- Canadian Film Fest – Opening Night Film '[Tehranto](#)' directed by Faran Moradi (March 22) coinciding with Naw-Ruz celebration
- [Being Seen Core Themes Report](#): Directives for creating authentic and inclusive content
- [Beyond Activism: Anti-racism Facilitation Guide Created by B.C. Educator](#)

For information on diversity days, holidays and days of significance coming up in February please take a look at the **2022 YU/TFS Diversity Calendar**.

We appreciate your continued support and contributions to promote DEI at YU and TFS! If you are interested in taking a role in advancing a specific initiative (particularly any diversity/heritage month events) or you would like us to include DEI related news that you are involved in please connect with Thamina Jaferi, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at [tjaferi@yorkvilleu.ca](mailto:tjaferi@yorkvilleu.ca) or your respective Faculty and Staff Diversity Advisory Council for [YU/TFS](#).

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