

GPP NEWSLETTER

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Monthly Global Peer
Program Highlights



Welcome to Global Peer Program!

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Welcome to York and GPP!

You made it! You're at York, whether virtually, in-person or a bit of both. All that hard work has paid off and you're finally "here"! At the start of anything new (like starting university in a new country!), it's natural to feel so many things. You might feel excited, scared, nervous, anxious, or just can't wait to get started! No matter what's ahead, you've got support from the Global Peer Program Mentors who are knowledgeable, friendly and eager to share everything they know with you. You'll get to meet some of them in this month's newsletter and their goal is to help you as you get settled at York U and build a strong community based on lasting and meaningful connections. We've got lots of fun and informative events and activities this year, so stay tuned!

We hope that this and the upcoming GPP Newsletters can serve as a resource for all the milestones ahead!

~ GPP Peer Mentors ~

Timely Reminders:

Last date to add courses without Permission – Sept 21st, 2021 (Fall/Year term)

Last date to add courses with Permission – Oct 5th, 2021 (Fall Term)

Last date to drop course without receiving grades – Nov 12th, 2021 (Fall term) – Feb 11th, 2022 (Year term)

Course Withdrawal Period (receive "W" on Transcript) – Nov 13th to Dec 7th, 2021 (Fall Term) – Feb 12th to April 10th (Year Term)

For more information, check out: <https://registrar.yorku.ca/enrol/dates/fw21>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Click the event name to register

Int student In-person picnic

Sept 2nd/6th/10th | 10:30am

Virtual Coffee Break: Tips to prepare for a new semester

Sept 15th | 2pm

UHIP Q&A

Sept 15th/29th | 2pm/11am

Globally Networked Learning: Faculty Drop-in Consultation

Sept 10th/13th/24th/27th | 10am

Travel to Canada/Quarantine Webinar

Sept 10th/17th/24th | 9am

In person Coffee Break: Let's Talk YU!

Sept 17th | 11:30am

Meet your GPP Peer Mentors!



Naquee Blake is a third-year undergraduate student pursuing an honours degree in Law and Society. She is passionate about advocacy, mentorship, and team building. Ms. Blake aims to be very involved in activities that will develop her as a leader, and she never backs down from a challenge.

Naquee Blake

Anirudh Krishnadas was born in Kerala and raised in New Delhi, India. He is a Ph.D. student at the Department of Physics and Astronomy. He is a soccer player, a traveller, and can teleport to places to try different cuisines. Talk to Anirudh about sports, food and science.



Anirudh Krishnadas



Aarushi Pradhan (She/Her) is an international student from India and will be going into her third year this fall! She is enrolled in the specialized honours psychology program at York! She also has a 2-year old Labrador who she absolutely loves, she's the best!

Aarushi Pradhan

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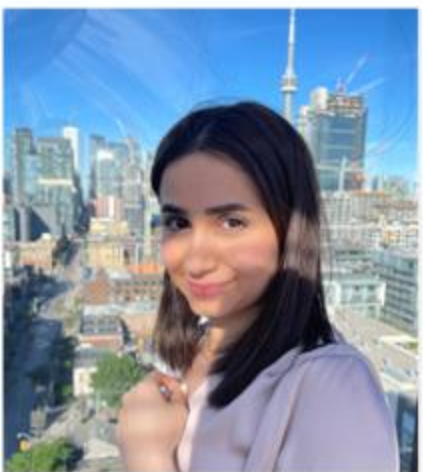
Raisa Jahan is in her 3rd year studying Information technology. Raisa is from Bangladesh. In her leisure time, she loves to read or paint. She also loves hiking and exploring new places.

Raisa Jahan

Sonam Singh is currently in 2nd year doing MBA and planning to specialize in Marketing. She aspires to secure a marketing role in Technology industry. She would like to welcome you to the York community and is looking forward to meeting you soon! Feel free to reach out to her for any queries.



Sonam Singh



Saba Hajibandeh is majoring in biology. She is born and raised in Iran. Baking and reading books are her favourite hobbies. She is an animal lover and likes to explore nature. Saba is very excited to work with you all and hopes to have an amazing academic year at York.

Saba Hajibandeh

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***Alona Zavhorodnia** is in her 3rd year of psychology program at Glendon. She would describe herself as friendly and kind. Also, she has many hobbies like reading books, watching movies and likes to have fun with friends. Throughout studying at York, she's had tons of experiences that may help you in your first year.*

Alona Zavhorodnia

***Parina Khosla** is an undergraduate student majoring in Psychology. She is from India and came to Canada in 2018 and would say from her own experience that it was not all easy to manage everything here all alone. Parina has come a long way and hopes to help others now. She loves to paint and draw and would love to connect with you all.*



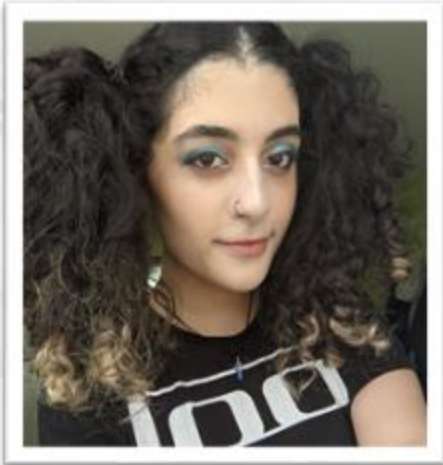
Parina Khosla



***Mohammad Fahimipour** is a third-year BCom (Management) student whose dream is to become an entrepreneur in the high-tech industry. He wants to learn more and more every day and feels alive when he learn new things or help people. Mohammad has good talents for leadership and creating new connections and networks.*

Mohammad Fahimipour

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Negin Hamesh is in her third-year doing sociology major with a passion for social justice and teaching! Negin watches way too much YouTube and Netflix in her free time, and she is looking forward to connecting with all of you lovely people!

Negin Hamesh

Chimdinma Ukabiala is a 3rd year international student from Nigeria, majoring in Kinesiology and Health Science. She started volunteering at York international this summer. She is also currently a Peer mentor with KAHSSO. Chimdinma is looking forward to connecting with you!



Chimdinma Ukabiala



Danial Nodeh Farahani is a Ph.D. student here at York University working in the area of atmospheric chemistry. He is really passionate about science, soccer, and cooking. In his free time, Danial enjoys watching sports games, playing video games, and watching movies and animations.

Danial Nodeh Farahani

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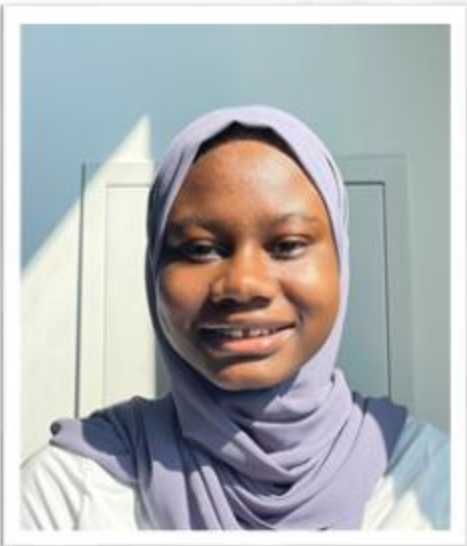
Ashley Tsang (she/her) is one of your incoming Peer Mentors in the Global Peer Program. Ashley is an international student going to her 4th (and hopefully last) year of BSc. Honours Psychology, this year is different but will still be lots of fun. She hopes to see you all soon!

Ashley Tsang

Kritika Gupta (she/her) Hi everyone! This is Kritika Gupta. She is a third-year computer science student at Lassonde. She is also an international student born and brought up in Punjab, India. She is a tech enthusiast with great interest in dance, music, acting and social media content. Along with YI team, she hopes to support you all.



Kritika Gupta



Kudiratulahi Asamu (she/her) Hello! We have Kudiratulahi Asamu here. She is an international student from Nigeria currently studying BA Mathematics. She is also a second-year student and a very easy-going person. She loves being positive about things and she is always here to help! Feel free to contact her at: adekiita@my.yorku.ca.

Kudiratulahi Asamu