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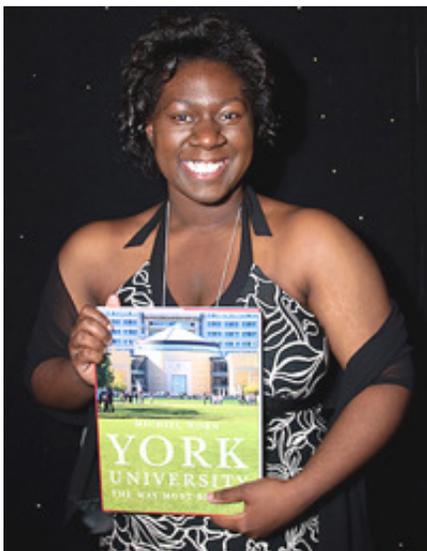
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## [The next generation of York alumni](#)

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June is a month of celebration and convocation at York University. As thousands of undergraduate and graduate students are bestowed their degrees, it is a fitting time to acknowledge the achievements of the new generation of leaders. The 2010 graduating class made their mark with numerous contributions to the York community, and we can look to a number of the new graduates as examples of what is possible as a York student.



Simone Samuels

GRADitude is an annual event that recognizes the exceptional leaders, athletes and scholars of the current graduating class and welcomes them into the alumni community. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of two major awards: the Silver Jubilee Scholarship and the new Alumni Golden GRADitude award. Each award marks York's 25<sup>th</sup> and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries respectively.

Simone Samuels, a philosophy and political science major, was this year's recipient of the Silver Jubilee Scholarship. As the founding president of the Golden Key International Honour Society at York, a multiple award winner and a member of the College Faculty Council at Glendon, Samuels demonstrated excellence in student leadership and an outstanding contribution to York's Community.

Rob Coutts and Daniella Sieukaran were the first to be presented with the Alumni Golden GRADitude award. Rob Coutts adds a BEd this year to his BA Spec. Hons. degree which he received in 2009. As a student in the Faculty of Education, he continued his involvement in *york is U*, and was also a member of the Faculty's Student Association, the Atkinson Students' Association and is a founding member of Urban Non-Violent Initiatives through Youth (UNITY @ York).



Robert Coutts

Sieukaran, who was unable to attend the event as she was presenting research at a conference at the University of Windsor, will graduate with a Specialized Honours in Psychology and has been active in the York community throughout her university career. She is the founder and director of York Lions in Training (Y-LIT), a program that matches high-school students with current York students to allow them to experience life at a York student for a day. She has been active in committee work and campus organizations, and has received numerous awards, including the 2006 Avie Bennett Visionary Leadership Award.

These distinguished students, soon-to-be alumni, are stellar examples of the possibility that exists to every York student to grow your leadership skill, involvement and potential. If you're beginning your studies at York this fall, consider how you will "Redefine the Possible" and contribute as a new York Lion.

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