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York University is turning the modern classroom on its head – and bringing it out into the world. The university is committed to providing learning that is applicable outside the classroom in unique experiential opportunities and innovative classroom settings. Blended learning is one example of how York is bringing new ways of learning to the classroom. It's a reversal of the norm. Face-to-face instruction is replaced with online learning and enhanced student engagement is achieved by focusing on in-class activities to integrate and apply learning.

"We want to use the whole gambit of experiential education opportunities," says Rhonda Lenton, Vice-President Academic and Provost of York University, "so students are much better prepared for success when they leave York."

Part of that preparation involves offering a multitude of on-campus and off-campus experiential learning opportunities. Community-based and workplace learning helps students establish connections and gain valuable real-world experience, Lenton



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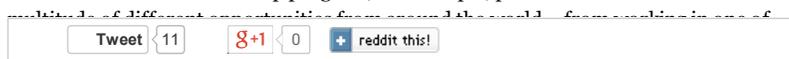
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York's international internship program, for example, provides students with a



Costa Rica. Meanwhile, York's student exchange program allows students to earn a portion of their credits in countries like Australia, Brazil, China, France, Germany and India and more.

"I gained experiences unparalleled to those of what occur in a traditional classroom setting, such as hands-on archaeological experiences, visiting museums on group field-trips, learning about the country's culture, and making strong friendships, which in turn revitalized my passion in academia and created a plethora of memories that I will fondly remember," says Liberal Arts & Professional Studies history student Nadine Wyczolkowski.

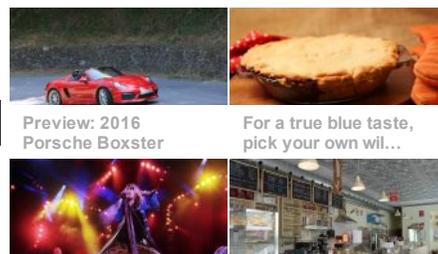
"Every one of those students comes back here fundamentally changed," Lenton says. Of course, experiential learning isn't only to the benefit of students. It's also about York giving back to the community.

That spirit is embodied in York's Kin Kids program, in which undergraduate kinesiology students lead local school children in games designed to boost physical activity and improve physical health.

"It goes beyond the theory we teach in our courses, and allows students to actually put in practice some of the things they're reading and learning about in class," says kinesiology professor Angelo Belcastro, who runs Kin Kids. "Whether it's measurement of children, assessment of various health and fitness parameters, they become expert in that. And I think these will be good lifelong career skills for a number of our students."

"I started as a volunteer, and then decided to take on more responsibilities and get more involved in the research aspect of kin kids," says undergrad student Asal Moghaddaszadeh. "I continued my research work by doing an independent study my final year. Through this experience I realized how much I love doing research, so I decided to apply to do a masters in this field."

York is proud of its reputation as a progressive university deeply connected to both the local and international community, says President and Vice-Chancellor Mamdouh Shoukri. The school develops graduates who are experts in their respective fields, but it also wants to cultivate citizens of the world, he adds. "York is Canada's engaged university."



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