

# New College students prepare for promising futures

New College students build community and participate in an environment that grows local and global perspectives.

**New College's 2022-23 Impact Report** highlights achievements and the impact of donor support.

## Progress, Resilience and Celebration

A Message from Interim Principal Dickson Eyoh

Greetings from New College! I've had the privilege of serving New College as Acting, and now Interim Principal for the 2022/23 academic year. As former Principal Bonnie McElhinny focuses on her research and teaching endeavours, which include the UTSC-funded Water Pathways collaborative research cluster, the next Principal will be appointed in Spring 2024. Until then I will continue with the overarching task of investing in strengthening the foundation for a resilient New College community and recasting our academic profile.

**The past year, New College has achieved academic progress, recognized the resilience and excellence of our College community, and had occasions for celebration.** Two of New College's founding programs have advanced into distinct academic centres within the Faculty of Arts and Science – the Centre for Caribbean Studies (as of July 1, 2022) and the African Studies Centre (as of July 1, 2023). These changes reflect the importance and growth of each unit's academic priorities and areas of focus, however they will always be a part of the New College community as faculty members and colleagues from the centres continue participating in College life. We are proud of the accomplishments of these two centres and of the College's academic programs which include Critical Studies in Equity and Solidarity, Buddhism, Psychology and Mental Health, and the International Foundation Program.

New College students continue to persevere through uncertainty, reflected by their resilience and dedication to academic excellence. Over the last year, many students have won prestigious awards, including the University of Toronto Student Leadership Award (UTSLA), the D. Leslie Paul Nyman Award, Professor Mercedes T. Richards Award and the Arthur Hiller Award.

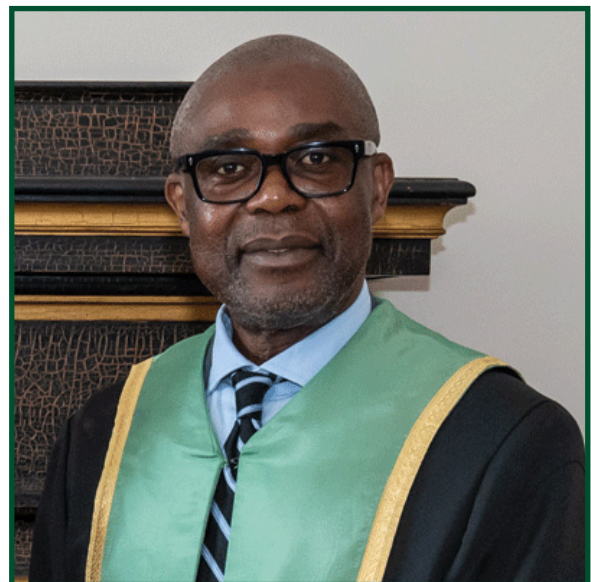


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We also recognized the shifting needs of our students for more academic supports and comprehensive services. New College's Registrar's Office is currently implementing a 3-year plan to increase access to one-on-one advising for students, accessible online tools that are available 24/7 and information sessions tailored to specific student populations, such as International Students. In addition, there has been increases in financial pressures burdening students and **for the 2022/23 year we provided \$788,750 in financial aid support through scholarships, awards and bursaries.** We want to ensure that students at New College can focus on their studies, participate in College life and have impactful opportunities to engage in their communities as future leaders.

Occasions to celebrate the achievements of students, alumni, faculty and staff were resounding for 2022/23.

This June, we celebrated over 1000 graduates at two [convocation ceremonies](#) as their loved ones and community cheered for their extraordinary achievements. All of the hard work and dedication paid off as they crossed the stage to receive their degrees – marking the end of their undergraduate journeys. In November 2022, five New College volunteers received the [2022 Arbor Award](#), which is U of T's highest honour in recognizing exceptional and longstanding volunteer service. They played a vital role in supporting students, alumni, faculty and community to shape New College and University life. New College can't forget our faculty and staff contributions over the last year, including our Alumni Development Officer, Brenda Registe who won the [2022 Dean's Distinguished Long Service Award](#) for her dedication and focus on creating opportunities for alumni to share their work with the community; and Loree Erickson for receiving the [Kathleen O'Connell Teaching Excellence Award](#) for her contribution to the Critical Studies in Equity and Solidarity program.

Support from donors to the College is pivotal as this helps us grow programs, such as the Career Mentorship Program, and allows us to recognize and support students through scholarships and awards such as Emily Yu, profiled below, who won the New College 2023 Gold Leader Scholarship.

New College continues to be thankful for the generosity of our donors, alumni and community. **With your support, we can build a thriving community that provides students with resources to succeed, so they can become the leaders of tomorrow.** We look forward to keeping you up to date on the work we continue to do, together.

Best wishes,  
**Dickson Eyoh, Interim Principal, New College**

## Students grow skills and confidence in the New College Career Mentorship Program

What is beyond graduation? What are the first steps to finding a career that fits? How can I build a professional network? These questions and many more resonate with students moving through their degrees and start to face the pressure of the inevitable question **what's next**. New College recognized this need and developed a way for undergrads to receive insider perspectives from working professionals in various fields and industries.

The [New College Career Mentorship Program](#), founded in 1991, has paired hundreds of third and fourth-year undergrads with alumni mentors in fields such as law, medicine, finance, education and more. Through an application and interview process, students are matched with mentors with similar career interests and future goals. Students are on-boarded through an orientation session to learn how to approach the one-on-one mentorship meetings so they can take full advantage of the opportunity.



From left to right:  
Chan Leung  
and  
Paul Lindblad

This past year, mentors went above and beyond for their students through coffee catch-ups, virtual meetings, building connections with mentor colleagues, and even job shadowing at their offices. Students had the opportunity to learn about potential careers, network and start building the blocks for a successful career.

The New College Career Mentorship Program resumed its highly anticipated in-person reception in 2022/23. In a University of Toronto Faculty Club ballroom, students were invited to meet with their mentors and other alumni to discuss career trajectories and gain industry insights to prepare them for the future. While networking with alumni, students also had the opportunity to make connections with their peers who had similar goals. The night was a wonderful success leaving a mark on both the mentors and students considering what is to come in the professional world.

We are working on the 2023-24 New College Mentorship program and can't wait to share the stories and connections made this upcoming year.



## New College's Gold 2023 Leader Scholarship

Award Recipient: **Emily Yu**



This year's winner, Emily Yu, perfectly embodies these qualities.

Throughout her undergraduate years, Yu balanced extensive community involvement with an outstanding academic performance. She contributed to the College community in leadership roles on her Residence House Committee and through key involvement in New College Orientation, exemplifying exceptional leadership and creativity growing community in a virtual space. Emily complimented her studies and leadership into the broader University and community as a passionate advocate for gender equity in STEM and bringing her experience in computer science to build software solutions for non-profit organizations. Yu graduated in 2023 with a double major in Political Science and Economics and a minor in Computer Science.

When New College students talk about their community, they consistently highlight how NEW provides opportunities to become leaders, and the support they receive with their endeavors, both inside and outside the classroom. NEW, in turn, is proud to celebrate and recognize the achievements of these hardworking students. It's why one of NEW's most notable student awards, the Gold Leader Scholarship, does not simply reflect academic excellence—it **highlights a New College student who also demonstrates leadership within the University.**

**6,093**  
undergraduate students for  
2022-23

**497**  
scholarships awarded  
with

**\$535,750**  
funding provided

**88**  
bursaries awarded  
with

**\$253,000**  
funding provided

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