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"The UWI Toronto Benefit Gala Scholarship lifted a burden from my shoulders and helped me both mentally and emotionally to complete a major step in my life during these trying times and has inculcated in me the desire to become an agent of change to make the world a better place for generations to come."

Zoria Barker, Social Welfare Major in the Faculty of Social Sciences, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados

Investing in your future.

Congratulations to all scholarship recipients!

When we invest in students across the Caribbean, we do so hoping to unlock your potential and the potential of those who will follow. We are optimistic that you will continue to rise to the challenges you face, deliver excellence and contribute to the Caribbean's overall success.

We also salute the honourees at the 12th annual University of the West Indies Toronto Benefit Awards for their continued dedication in helping our young people succeed.



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The G. Raymond Chang Family

Patrons, The UWI Toronto Benefit Awards 2021



Dear Friends, we hope you are doing well. It feels like a long time since we ‘broke bread’ together...when we gathered in the beautiful Ritz Carlton on a spectacular Spring Day to welcome the cherry blossoms, great aspirations and another outstanding UWI Toronto Benefit Gala. For 10 years we hugged and greeted each other but all has changed and this time we welcome you warmly to the UWI Toronto Benefit Awards. We gather again under the theme LIGHT, LEARNING, LIBERTY, and recognize our collective effort in Meeting the Moment with gratitude.

Your generosity and tremendous support have kept us going and has buoyed the hopes and the dreams of some 600 students in the Caribbean at the University of The West Indies. These times have been extra difficult and painful for them, and they need our help now, more than ever. On behalf of my co-patrons Andrew Chang, Brigitte Chang Addorisio and Wesley J. Hall, thank you for your kindness and generosity. Together with you, we are fully committed to this cause. It cannot be said enough how thankful we are that for this 12th consecutive year Scotiabank is on board as our Lead Sponsor and supporter, and in a bigger way.

Recently, your generosity has also provided welfare relief of financial assistance for internet services, laptops/tablets, rental accommodation, meals and the basic necessities for survival. The strong determination of these bright and talented young people to succeed, along with your financial assistance, kept many on track. Those who were in their final year were able to “cross the stage” in a delayed graduation, held in January, and collect their diplomas, many completing with honours. These young women and men continue to inspire us every day.

True to form, and because our students benefit greatly from mentors and leaders, we will again be honouring several outstanding individuals whose body of work inspires to make life better. If you have joined us for the first time...welcome aboard.

Remember, there is LIGHT guiding the way through mentors and role models; LEARNING through aspiring and seeking higher education that enables LIBERTY to be proud, independent leaders in their own communities. According to Dr. Wesley J. Hall, “failure is paralyzing” – and this is why we give a hand up to education.

Enjoy our virtual event, take in the stories and please donate to the University of the West Indies Scholarship Fund.

Our Warmest Regards

Donette Chin-Loy Chang
Andrew Chang
Brigitte Chang Addorisio



Dr. Wesley J. Hall

Honourary Patron, The UWI Toronto Benefit Awards 2021

Thank you all for attending the 12th annual The University of the West Indies Toronto Benefit Awards and for your support in empowering Caribbean students with education.

Education helped to lift me out of poverty, and I am pleased to be supporting the UWI in its efforts to create positive change for future generations of the island nations. Over the past 12 years, the galas have raised over \$2.3 million CAD and awarded 600 scholarships to outstanding academic achievers, who are in dire financial need, giving them access to quality education to hone their skills and make impactful contributions in their communities and beyond.

I also want to congratulate this year's list of honourees. Mr. Denham Jolly, Dr. Graça Machel, Ms. Naomi Campbell, CAMH, Mrs. Wendy Beckles, Ms. Pamela Coke-Hamilton and Professor Kevin Fenton. The honourees have each made significant contributions to their communities and are an inspiration to students around the world.

Again, I would like to thank you for attending, extend a warm congratulations to the honourees and the UWI, and cheers to a wonderful evening!

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**Scotiabank.****Ms. Anya M. Schnoor**

Executive Vice President, Caribbean, Central America & Uruguay,
International Banking, Scotiabank

As the leading bank in the Americas, Scotiabank has served the rich and vibrant Caribbean region for the past 132 years and has supported the The University of the West Indies Toronto Gala for the past 12 years as its lead sponsor.

Throughout this time, we have collectively raised over \$2.3 million CAD and over 600 scholarships have been awarded to our inspiring students. As an organization, we believe our success is inherently tied to the success of the communities in which we operate. I could not be prouder of our commitment to break down barriers and provide equal access to education for students in dire financial need.

Congratulations to all the recipients of this prestigious scholarship as well as the Honourees who will be recognized at the event. We are honoured to have the opportunity to support Caribbean students as they go on to achieve their dreams and aspirations.

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Mr. Robert Bermudez

Chancellor, The University of the West Indies



In 2020, at the first virtual staging of the Toronto Gala for The UWI, we did not anticipate that in 2021, we would also be gathering again in cyberspace to recognise the stellar achievements of people of Caribbean heritage, corporate entities that operate in or have links with the Caribbean and distinguished world citizens who have made a significant impact on the lives of the people and communities around them. But for the moment, that is our reality, and I thank each of you for the sterling support that you continue to provide to The UWI and to our students.

Over the past year, the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed many inequities across and within societies. The education sector globally was especially impacted and the effect will probably be seen for a few years to come. I am proud of the leadership of The UWI, ably supported by the academic and administrative teams, as they transitioned the institution to remote online teaching to ensure that students were not disenfranchised. The staging of virtual graduation ceremonies at the beginning of 2021 was an indication that many students were able to complete their programmes despite the challenges. However, there remain a small number who, for various reasons were unable to complete. Some of those reasons include loss of income impacting their ability to pay fees, lack of access to appropriate devices or internet. Your support of the Toronto Gala provided scholarships and devices that were made available to students at the Mona Campus during 2020 and I, and they, are deeply grateful. We must continue our work to ensure that these challenges are overcome and our students are provided with the opportunities to complete their programmes of study and go on to help to build their communities and countries.

Our honorees exemplify the theme of the Gala: Light, Learning and Liberty. Collectively, Graça Machel, Naomi Campbell, Pamela Coke-Hamilton, Kevin Fenton, Wendy Beckles, the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, and Denham Jolly, represent a global force for good and service to humanity. I thank them for accepting our invitation to be our 2021 honorees. We embrace and congratulate them heartily as they join the distinguished cadre of persons and organisations who precede them. They represent distinction, dedication and commitment in social, community and political activism; regional and international trade relations; advocacy for mental health and wellness education, entrepreneurship and philanthropy.

The students are the *raison d'être* for the Galas, it is in their interest that we do all that we do. This year's scholarship recipients are a remarkable group of young people whose brilliance is to be admired and encouraged. I believe that each of them has the capacity to make similarly great contributions to our future as our honorees have and continue to do. I have great confidence in them, as do our Patrons the Chang family and Wes Hall, the trans-Atlantic team that makes this event happen, and you. I reiterate my thanks to each of you for helping them to continue to shine!

Thank you all.

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Professor Sir Hilary Beckles

Vice-Chancellor, The University of the West Indies



Over the past year, the world changed. As the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded, we as a human race experienced not only dark days, but also the triumph of humanity over the challenge of a difficult-to-see enemy, one that still persists, reminding us of the need to continue the good fight to save our world. Our honorees are all warriors for the good of the causes they serve, causes to which they have dedicated their energy and passion. I salute each of them for the work that they have done and continue to do to uphold human rights, human dignity and the preservation of societies built on the premise of equity.

I greet our supporters with a sense of gratitude for all that you have done and continue to do for our students and our University of the West Indies. The pandemic has hit our economies and each of us adversely in some measure, and your ongoing support in light of these challenges is deeply appreciated. The Galas are a reaffirmation of confidence in and hope for our collective Caribbean nationhood and I thank the team who continue to make this possible. The work of our Patrons, the Chang family and Wes Hall, supported by a multi-disciplinary team in the Caribbean and in Canada, ensures that deserving students who are financially challenged can complete their studies and go on to serve their disciplines, their communities and countries, and be lights rising from the West.

It has been tremendously satisfying and humbling to meet our honorees over the years, and each year I am impressed by their stature and stellar contributions. This year's Luminary Honourees Graça Machel and Naomi Campbell are lights themselves. Their advocacy for human rights and justice is legendary. The recipients of the Vice-Chancellor's Award – Pamela Coke-Hamilton (UWI alumna), Kevin Fenton (UWI, Alumnus), Wendy Beckles, exemplify excellence and service to humanity in their spheres of operation: public health, international trade, planning, and community activism. Their commitment to service, to improving how the people they serve live and conduct business, is exemplary. Denham Jolly epitomises the spirit of the G. Raymond Chang Award – humility and the betterment of communities across Canada and beyond. Mr. Jolly has led by example in his efforts to improve the lives of many and we applaud his accomplishments and look to him for continuing inspiration. This year's Chancellor's Award recipient The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, does sterling work in Canada and has reached out to the Caribbean to provide training for health care workers in areas that are not always considered mainstream but are so very badly needed, particularly in the context of damage wrought by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our brilliant students, the beneficiaries of the Galas, are a wonderful source of pride. Many are first generation university students in their families attesting to the democratising roles played by higher education in general and The UWI in particular. With your support, they will go on to be torchbearers of Light, Learning and Liberty!

Blessings!

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PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

The Right Honourable Justin P.J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.

Prime Minister of Canada

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2021 Virtual The University of the West Indies (UWI) Benefit Awards Ceremony.

For over a decade, this event has provided essential scholarships for Caribbean students, which have helped them to achieve their full potential and chart a path to success. Now more than ever, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen the importance of providing funding for students to mitigate the immense toll the pandemic has taken on education systems everywhere. These scholarships have a ripple effect of not only transforming the lives of the students, but also helping their families and communities.

Let us also take the opportunity to celebrate the important people-to-people ties between Canada and the Caribbean. Caribbean communities in Canada have made and continue to make countless contributions to our nation. They have been a crucial part of our collective identity.

Thank you to everyone for their generosity in supporting UWI. I would also like to thank all the dedicated organizers for their hard work in making this event possible.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful and memorable ceremony.

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THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO
LA LIEUTENANTE-GOUVERNEUR DE L'ONTARIO

Her Honour the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, OC, OOnt

The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

Education is a cornerstone of our society, particularly as the next generation will play a crucial role in addressing the evolving social, economic, environmental, and technological realities of our complex and interdependent world. Since its founding more than seven decades ago, the University of the West Indies has provided a positive learning environment and space for personal development to tens of thousands of students, shaping the world around us for the better. I am certain this effort will continue once the current COVID-19 pandemic is behind us, and that members of the school community will find strength and support in each other throughout these trying times.

The impact of such endeavours is greatly strengthened by the generous contributions of the university's many patrons and supporters, whose altruism has enabled generations of young people to change their lives through the liberating power of education.

As Her Majesty The Queen's representative in Ontario, I happily congratulate the deserving honourees at tonight's special virtual awards ceremony, in whose example all may find inspiration, and further commend everyone who over the years has played a role in supporting this institution's noble mission.

This comes with my best wishes for a most enjoyable evening.

E. Dowdeswell



Premier of Ontario - Premier ministre de l'Ontario

The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P.

Premier of Ontario

I am pleased to extend warm greetings to everyone taking part in The University of West Indies Toronto Benefit Awards Ceremony 2021.

Our province is proud to be home to a strong and vibrant Caribbean community that has contributed greatly to our prosperity and cultural strength. Members of the community have made their mark in all sectors and continue to play an important role in making Ontario a better place.

This virtual gala is a great opportunity to honour outstanding Caribbean Canadians, global icons of Caribbean descent and organizations that have brought light to important issues affecting the global Caribbean community. I want to congratulate the 2021 honourees on their achievements and thank them for their invaluable contributions.

I also want to thank everyone for supporting such a great cause. It's great to see established Caribbean Canadians giving back to their community and providing hope for the next generation of future leaders.

Best wishes for a memorable awards ceremony.

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His Worship John Tory

Mayor of Toronto

It is my pleasure to extend greetings and a warm welcome to everyone participating in the 12th annual University of the West Indies Toronto Benefit Virtual Awards Ceremony 2021 themed “Meeting the Moment”.

Congratulations to this year’s honorees: Dr. Kevin Fenton, Dr. Graça Machel, Naomi Campbell, Wendy Beckles, Pamela Coke-Hamilton, Denham Jolly and the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) who are being recognized for their outstanding contributions in bringing global issues that affect us all, to the forefront. I commend these individuals and CAMH for their positive impacts in our city and beyond.

Thank you to the organizers and participants of this event for helping provide 600 scholarships to students of Caribbean descent, since the inception of the University’s scholarship fund programme.

The City of Toronto is proud of organizations and individuals that are committed to making a difference and recognizes their contributions to the economic and social well-being of our communities. Your tremendous efforts and talents impact the lives of many and make our city better.

On behalf of Toronto City Council, I thank the organizers and wish everyone an informative and enjoyable event.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "John Tory". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a large loop at the end.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Buchanan-Hind**

Chairperson, UWI Toronto Benefit Awards 2021

Welcome to the 12th Annual UWI Toronto Virtual Benefit Awards 2021. As the event is virtual this year, it allows us the opportunity for you, our friends and family, to join us from wherever you are in the world to make the UWI Toronto Benefit Awards 2021 a truly global occasion.

We wish to thank Scotiabank, our Lead Sponsor for the 12th consecutive year, for their unwavering support of the event and The University of the West Indies' Scholarship Fund, which provides lifetime opportunities for academically outstanding and gifted students who are in dire financial need.

The theme of the event is "Meeting The Moment" and so we will celebrate the achievements of our distinguished honourees who are serving humanity during these tumultuous times. Through their work, during the pandemic, they continue to rally for social justice, equity and inclusion while dealing with a number of key issues, including: public health, mental health, long term care, and the human rights of women and children.

None of this would have been possible without the support of our Co-Patrons, Dr. Donette Chin-Loy Chang, Mr. Andrew Chang, Mrs. Brigitte Chang-Addorisio and Dr. Wesley J. Hall. And, there is of course, the incomparable UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Committee members who work tirelessly every year to guarantee its success.

Ladies and gentlemen, thanks for joining us for this magnificent occasion. Tonight you are in for a treat! I invite you to sit back, get comfortable and enjoy an evening of excellence.

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**Dr. Ho Ping Kong**

Co-chair, UWI Toronto Benefit Awards 2021

I acknowledge the privilege of being the honorary chair of the annual UWI Toronto Gala 2021. This especially, as the COVID-19 pandemic magnifies the need for support of students. How we respond to the crisis will determine if we can further strengthen the Canadian/Caribbean relationship. The University of the West Indies is playing an important role in the crisis helping to provide leadership, clinical care and perspective. This gala in support of UWI is not only going to directly support needy UWI students now but will also provide indirect help to the university and its constituents as they recover from the pandemic.

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Mr. Ferdinand Fortune

UWI Toronto Alumni Chapter President

The inaugural UWI Toronto Benefit Gala was held at the Four Seasons Hotel on February 27, 2010. The event is held for the benefit of the University's Scholarship Fund, which is used to award scholarships to deserving students on the campuses of The UWI. To date, the Gala has awarded 600 scholarships.

One of the honourees celebrated with a Vice Chancellor Award at the inaugural event was the late Maud Fuller. She was the one who founded The UWI Alumni Association (UWIAA) Chapter in Toronto in 1987 and headed it for about 20 years. She was also the one who passed on the baton to me to carry on as President of the UWIAA Toronto Chapter.

Tonight, on behalf of the UWIAA Toronto Chapter and with a great sense of humility, I congratulate the honourees and warmly welcome everyone who is joining us virtually to celebrate The UWI Toronto Benefit Awards 2021. This Benefit Gala has continued as a live event now for the past ten years. Unfortunately for last year and this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Gala is being held virtually.

Notwithstanding the pandemic the Gala continues to be one of the most talked about social events on the Toronto horizon. It showcases the success of a wide range of individuals with a Caribbean and international flavour all in the name of raising funds for needy students to pursue tertiary level education at The UWI.

Let us as UWIAA continue to support our Alma Mater. Let us not forget the family that nurtured us to achieve whatever positions we hold today. Let us be proud and continue to seize the moment to keep the legacy of "The Light Rising From The West" shining as we attempt to give back and help our communities as needed.

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THE UWI BENEFIT AWARDS IN TORONTO HONOURS OUTSTANDING LEADERS OF CARIBBEAN AND CANADIAN HERITAGE

Luminary Award

Presented to people of Caribbean heritage who have made significant outstanding contributions on an international scale in their respective fields, or people who have brought to prominence issues which affect the Caribbean (West Indian) region.

G. Raymond Chang Award

Presented to individuals who exemplify the leadership and ideals for which G. Raymond Chang stood. Mr. Chang was recognized as an outstanding business leader and philanthropist who embodied great humility and commitment to the betterment of communities in Canada and beyond. G. Raymond Chang, O.C., O.J. (1948-2014).

Chancellor's Award

Presented to Caribbean organizations / institutions that have achieved outstanding success, or Canadian organizations/ institutions that have contributed significantly to the Caribbean (West Indies) or brought to prominence issues which affect the region.

Vice-Chancellor's Award

Presented to individuals of Caribbean-Canadian heritage who have attained success in their field of endeavours.

PROCESS OF NOMINATION AND AWARDS

1. Nominations are made to the Office of the Vice-Chancellor and The University of the West Indies Toronto Benefit Awards Committee. A database of all nominated individuals along with their bios are maintained in the Vice-Chancellor's Office.
2. Each year The UWI Toronto Benefit Awards shortlists nominees in each category.
3. The names are forwarded to the Vice-Chancellor's Office and the Patron of the event.
4. Awardees are selected for each category.
5. Awardees are notified.
6. Awardees are announced.
7. Presentations of awards are made at The UWI Toronto Benefit Awards.

Luminary Award

DR. GRAÇA MACHEL, DBE HonFBA



Photo: FORBES AFRICA –
Motlabana Monnagotla

Graça Machel is an African stateswoman whose decades long professional and public life is rooted in Mozambique's struggle for self-rule and international advocacy for women and children's rights. She is a former freedom fighter in Mozambique's FRELIMO movement and that country's first Minister of Education.

In the years following her tenure in government, Machel produced a ground-breaking UNICEF report "The Impact of Armed Conflict on Children" that changed the way the United Nations and member states respond in conflict zones. Since then, she has worked tirelessly in support of global health, child welfare, and women's rights and empowerment.

Machel works through several regional and international development bodies to accelerate social transformation. Machel is a founding member and Deputy Chair of The Elders, and played a key role in establishing Girls Not Brides. She is a member of the UN Secretary-General's Sustainable Development Goals Advocacy Group.

Machel lends her expertise to a number of organisations in a governance role. She serves as Board Chair of the Africa Child Policy Forum, Board Chair of the African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes, Board Chair of United People Global as well as Executive Chair of the Mandela Institute for Development Studies. Machel is a Board Member of the South African Future Trust (SAFT), Mo Ibrahim Foundation, the Kofi Annan Foundation, and Education Above All. She is Board Chair Emeritus for the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH) and is a UNICEF Young People's Agenda Global Advisory Board Member. She is Chairperson of Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital Trust and a Trustee of the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund. She also sits on the Jack Ma Netpreneur Advisory Board. Additionally, she is the Chancellor of the African Leadership University.

Machel has created three non-governmental organizations in her own right. She founded and serves as President of the Foundation for Community Development and the Zizile Institute for Child Development. She founded the Graça Machel Trust in 2010 where she focuses on advocating for women's economic and social empowerment, food security and nutrition, education for all, as well as good governance.

Among numerous awards, Machel has received the United Nations' Nansen Refugee Award in recognition of her long-standing humanitarian work. In 1997, she was made an honorary Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire. She is a member of the Ambassador David M. Walters International Paediatric Hall of Fame. In 2018, she was awarded the World Health Organization's highest honour, the WHO Gold Medal, for her enormous contributions to the health and wellbeing of women, children and adolescents. She was also acknowledged by Women Deliver with their 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award and she was named one of Africa's 50 Most Powerful Women by Forbes in 2020. Leiden University bestowed upon her an Honorary Doctoral Degree for her extensive work to advance children's rights in 2021.

Graça Machel has dedicated her life to improving the fate of women and children, inspiring hope, and building a more just and equitable world for us all.

Luminary Award

MS. NAOMI CAMPBELL



Naomi Campbell was born in London, England and discovered as a fashion model at age 15. Throughout her career, she's fronted the covers of over 1000 magazines, been featured in campaigns for celebrated houses including Burberry, Prada, Dolce & Gabbana, Marc Jacobs, and Louis Vuitton, and walked iconic shows for Chanel, Azzedine Alaia, Christian Dior, and Versace. Beyond her work in the fashion and entertainment industries, Campbell has used her celebrity for an array of fundraising and non-profit initiatives across the globe. Environmentalism, as well as Human Rights and Global Health, as it specifically pertains to women and children, have been critical sectors of Campbell's work. She has also formed her own non-profit, Fashion For Relief, a charitable organization founded in 2005 that has raised funds for various environmental and humanitarian causes. It holds events in association with the London-based non-profit organization CARE. Today, Campbell is undoubtedly solidifying her place as a cultural innovator- using her incredible platform and success for positive change across industries around the world.

G. Raymond Chang Award

MR. B. DENHAM JOLLY, C.M.



MR. B. DENHAM JOLLY is an award-winning businessman, philanthropist, entrepreneur, publisher/author and a human rights activist who is highly respected for his business acumen and community affairs.

Jolly was born in Green Island, Jamaica and attended Cornwall College. In Canada studied at the University of Guelph, Dalhousie and graduated from McGill in science, 1960. Jolly returned to Jamaica and did Nutrition Research for the Government. He returned to Canada in 1962 and worked as an Air Pollution Researcher for Metro Toronto and subsequently transferred to teaching science.

Jolly founded a senior care business and successfully operated his business, Tyndall Nursing Homes, in Ontario and Texas, as President & CEO for over 40 years.

In 1982, Jolly founded the Black Business Professional Association (BBPA) and the Harry Jerome Awards and bought/published the community newspaper, Contrast. 2001, Jolly was the Founder and President & CEO of Canada's first Black-owned radio station, FLOW 93.5, Toronto.

Jolly is named in the Who's Who of Ontario, Canada's Who's Who and the International Who's Who of Professionals and is acknowledged as a prominent African Canadian in How the Blacks Created Canada.

Jolly has also served as a Director of the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) among his many credits. He has been recognized with an astounding list of distinguished awards including the: Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal; Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal; Canada's 125th Confederation Medal.

Mr. Jolly's community affairs include: Jamaican Canadian Association (JCA), Black Action Defense Committee (BADC), Committee for Due Process, Daphne Dacosta Cancer Association, Jane and Finch Concerned Citizens, Harriett Tubman Games, the YMCA and Caribana.

Jolly won the highly-esteemed 2017 Toronto Book Award for his memoir "In the Black: My Life" tracing his personal and professional struggle for a place in a country where Black Canadians face systemic discrimination.

August 2019, Jolly paid off the JCA Centre's mortgage with a \$312,000 donation. November 2019, the City of Toronto named a street in his honour, "Jolly Way".

November 2020, the Governor General of Canada appointed Mr. Jolly to The Order of Canada, for his outstanding service to the nation.

Today Jolly continues his work as a Philanthropist and Activist. Most recently Jolly started a Breakfast Program at Cornwall College, his Alma mater in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Jolly currently sponsors a Boys Under 12 Soccer Team from Regent Park in Toronto, Canada. He currently sponsors Industry Cove Basic School, Hanover a school founded by his Mother.

Chancellor's Award

THE CENTRE FOR ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH (CAMH)



CAMH is Canada's largest mental health teaching hospital and a global leader in mental health research. We set the standards for care, research, education and driving social change. We leverage these strengths to amplify impact and improve outcomes for people living with mental illness in our community, across Canada and around the world. Now more than ever, the world needs CAMH to lead the way for mental health.

Even before the onset of COVID-19, we were in the midst of a global mental health crisis. According to the World Health Organization, around 450 million people currently struggle with mental illness, making it the leading cause of disability worldwide. Research shows the pandemic has made mental health even more precarious—and that COVID-19 continues to have disproportionate impact on vulnerable populations, including BIPOC communities. CAMH and other organizations must bring an intersectional lens to our work, with every strategy grounded in the principles of equity, diversity and inclusion.

We are committed to increasing race-based data collection, studying the impact of racism—specifically anti-Black racism—on health, working toward health equity at CAMH, and advocating for barrier-free mental health supports. In fall 2019, we launched Fair & Just CAMH Steering Committee, under the guidance and support from the Office of Health Equity. Through rigorous consultation with key community leaders working with Black populations across the city, they are developing a Fair and Just strategy: Dismantling Anti-Black Racism, the first of its kind at CAMH. The work of the CAMH Horizontal Violence, Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression Working Group, including the Anti-Racism Sub-Committee, will help shape this work.

CAMH has led work in the Caribbean for a number of years. Past projects include: a collaboration with the Inter-American Drug Control Commission focused on building capacity of national authorities to monitor and analyze the impact of illicit drugs in the Americas; a partnership with the Pan American Health Organization, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Nicaragua (UNAN-León), and National Institute of Mental Health in Panama to enable leaders transition to integrate mental health into primary care in their countries. While these projects ended in 2016; and a project with the University of the West Indies, providing basic and advanced addiction training to 55 health professionals from four Caribbean countries. Our ongoing work includes a youth mental health program that has already been implemented in several countries in Central America, with an eye toward expansion in English-speaking Caribbean countries (Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica). CAMH has reached out to collaborators at the University of the West Indies to explore the possibility of expansion and implementation in these countries, as well as seeking possible funding opportunities.

Vice-Chancellor's Award

MRS. WENDY BECKLES, CPA, CGA

Wendy attended Queen's College in Barbados and is a graduate of Harvard University and the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto. She holds the Certified General Accounting designation (CGA), Chartered Professional Accounting designation (CPA) and Certified Healthcare Administrator designation.

With a professional career which spans North America, Europe and the Caribbean, Wendy has held executive roles in healthcare, oil and gas, audit, financial services and international business.

As President and CEO of Shepherd Village, one of the largest Seniors' communities in Southern Ontario, Wendy provides innovative executive leadership to her team of 500 as they serve 900 seniors across an integrated healthcare campus.

Wendy's early implementation of COVID-19 pandemic preparedness protocols, successfully positioned Shepherd Village to avoid active outbreaks during wave one. She was recognized in June 2020 by the Scarborough-Agincourt community for her exemplary leadership of frontline workers and the most vulnerable in the community during the pandemic. Wendy was subsequently invited to serve on Ontario's Provincial Recovery and Planning Table to advise the Ministry of Health on implementation and oversight of COVID protocols throughout the pandemic.

In response to increased gun violence in Toronto, Wendy co-founded The Canadian Multicultural LEAD Organization for Mentoring & Training. And in 2011, Wendy was recognized by the Toronto Police Service for her positive contributions to the community and dedication to youth. Wendy was recognized by Planet Africa in 2012 for her contribution to the Crossover Mentorship Program and for impacting the lives of youth and others in leadership.

In 2019, Wendy was recognized with the Harry Jerome Award for Leadership by the Black Business & Professional Association. More recently, in March 2020, Wendy was selected as one of 100 Accomplished Black Canadian Women. This award recognizes Wendy's personal support and involvement in the advancement of black women and girls, in addition to her demonstrated leadership, role modelling and volunteer activities.

In December 2020, Wendy was recognized as a WXN Top100 "Canada's Most Powerful Women" for her excellence in leadership and inspiring the advancement of the next generation of female leaders.

Wendy recognizes that authentic leadership is consistently being your best self. That whether you are enjoying success or working through challenges, life is about creating value for others, not just for yourself.

Wendy and her husband Mark have three adult children William, Ashley and Warren. Wendy's family provides her unwavering encouragement to be her best self.

Vice-Chancellor's Award

MS. PAMELA COKE-HAMILTON

Pamela Coke-Hamilton has served as Executive Director, International Trade Centre, a joint organisation of the United Nations and the World Trade Organization (WTO), since 1 October 2020. She joined ITC from the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), where she was Director of the Division on International Trade and Commodities. Ms. Coke-Hamilton has a breadth of experience and expertise in trade-related capacity-building and sustainable development. She served with the Jamaican Government, the Caribbean Forum in trade negotiations, and multilateral institutions, including the Organization of American States and InterAmerican Development Bank. She previously served as Executive Director of the Caribbean Export Development Agency, strengthening the private sector and micro, small and medium enterprises through investment promotion.

She has a deep understanding of the challenges faced by vulnerable economies such as the small island developing States and least developed countries. Ms. Coke-Hamilton has worked extensively with the private sector across African, Caribbean and Pacific countries and academia to build trade-related institutional strength within member States. She also established the Women Empowered through Export (WeXport) platform to address the disadvantages that women-owned firms experience in accessing markets.

Ms. Coke-Hamilton holds a Juris Doctor in Law from the Georgetown University School of Law in Washington, DC, and a BSc in International Relations and Economics from the University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica.

Vice-Chancellor's Award

PROFESSOR KEVIN FENTON, MD, PHD, FFPH



Kevin has worked in a variety of public health roles across government and academia in the UK and internationally.

He became London's PHE Regional Director of Public Health and NHS in April 2020. He is the statutory public health advisor to the Mayor of London. He provides leadership across London for health, prevention of ill health, health protection and reduction of health inequalities.

In November 2020, Kevin was named by Powerlist as the second most influential black person in Britain for his work leading the fight against coronavirus and his public health leadership on tackling inequalities.

In Spring 2020, he oversaw the national PHE review of disparities in risks and outcomes of COVID-19 which included an epidemiological investigation, rapid review of the published literature, and an extensive stakeholder engagement with BAME communities, professionals, faith and system leaders. The review led to seven key recommendations which have shaped a more equitable COVID-19 pandemic response, nationally and locally.

Prior to starting as London's Regional Director he held a joint position as Strategic Director of Place and Wellbeing and Director of Public Health at London Borough of Southwark, and Senior Advisor, Public Health England. In this role he led the council's planning, regeneration, community engagement and public health portfolios driving inclusive regeneration, digital public health, asset-based community development and promoting health in all policies — working in partnership with NHS.

Professor Fenton was previously PHE's National Director for Health and Wellbeing leading national prevention programmes including screening for cancer, NHS Health Checks, obesity, mental health, e-cigarettes and tobacco harm reduction, HIV, sexual and reproductive health. He also established and led PHE's Health Equity programme focused on addressing the social determinants of health and promoting place-based approaches to health improvement.

Between 2005-2012, Professor Fenton was the Director of the National Centre for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP), Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). He also served as chief of CDC's National Syphilis Elimination Effort and has worked in research, epidemiology, and the prevention of HIV and other STDs since 1995. Previously he was the director of the HIV and STI Department at the United Kingdom's Health Protection Agency.



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Natasha St. Cyr (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Doctor of Pharmacy in the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

*"My **UWI Toronto Gala Scholarship** has been nothing short of a blessing in my life and for four consecutive years of my studies, each time I receive it, I am more grateful than ever. Now in my final year at the University, I look back on my academic journey thus far with absolute awe. It reminds me of how far I've come and ignites in me the drive to continue steadfastly in the pursuit of academic excellence. It is surreal how I was once filled with worry and uncertainty as to how I would fund my studies, yet here I am, five years later, with the 'finish line' in very near sight. UWI Toronto Gala, I am extremely grateful for your contribution to my academic journey, one which I am more inspired than ever to embark on. I look forward to someday being able to so graciously assist a student in the same way that you have done for me. Once again, thank you."*



Britanie Levein (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Marketing in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

*"The **UWI Toronto Benefit Gala Scholarship**, illuminated my dark days! It is no secret that this was a period of financial uncertainty for me as I was just going through the days praying and having faith that something will come through. It was hope and blind faith driving my educational vehicle as I had no idea how the remaining portion of my tuition would be paid. Days on end it kept me up at night wondering, and trying not to entertain the thought that I may be barred from taking the semester's final exams due to a balance on my account. I was in a state of constant anxiety. Thank you, donors!! The day I received news of this blessing started like most, but ended like none before. By eliminating my financial concerns, I can spend more time studying and learning, rather than worrying. A heart felt Thank you."*



Sandy Miller (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in International Relations in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

*"My wholehearted appreciation for being chosen as an awardee for the **UWI Toronto Gala Scholarship**. I am so excited, as I no longer have to worry about the various financial challenges, and I can happily go through my final year of university without taking student loans. This scholarship has lessened my financial burden and propelled me closer to my destiny which is to become the greatest version of myself. My sincere appreciation to the donor(s) of this Scholarship."*



Javona Gayle (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Actuarial Science in the Faculty of Science and Technology.

*"I am honored to be the recipient of a **UWI Toronto Benefit Gala Scholarship**. I grew up in a rural community and even though from a poor background, took the ambitious task of attaining tertiary level education. My dad tried his best to assist me for the first year and a half, but there were days when basic amenities were unattainable due to the lack of financial resources. I got a summer job which gave me the ability to come up for air from time to time after being constantly submerged into the sea of difficulties, but it was not enough. This Scholarship has given me the chance to lighten my financial burden, continue my studies and become the first university graduate from my family. Thank you, UWI Toronto Gala and donor(s). Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community."*



Tajay T. Henry (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Law in the Faculty of Law

*"It means the world to me that I am a **UWI Toronto Gala Scholarship** awardee and that you have decided to contribute to my wellbeing. It pushes me one step closer in completing my Degree. Words cannot begin to explain how much I appreciate what has been done for me. I would therefore like to express my deepest gratitude to the UWI Toronto Gala and donors for their act of generosity, unselfish contribution and sacrifice. Thank you very much!"*



Kerone Gray (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Tourism Management in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

"My gratitude is overflowing! I was extremely happy to be gifted with a UWI Toronto Benefit Gala Scholarship. My desire is to excel in Tourism Management and be closer to my dreams of managing a successful tourism business in the future but it has been difficult to source the funds needed to cover my fees. There has not been any financial support from my family due to their low-income levels and other income sources of assistance were not present. This award has provided me with funds to cover the remainder of my tuition for this academic year and the opportunity to concentrate more on learning and achieving my best. You have taken a great weight off my shoulders. Thank you very much, UWI Toronto Gala and donor(s)."



Michael Fennell (Mona Campus), a Jamaican is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Doctor of Pharmacy in the Faculty of Medical Sciences

"The UWI Toronto Gala has provided me with the financial forum to acquire my Doctor of Pharmacy Degree, which has been a dream of mine since I can remember. For such an opportunity, I would like to say thank you. I was on edge trying to gather funds to meet the financial requirements of my faculty. Being a commuter plus living expenses does not make it any easier – everything adds up. Thank you for taking a chance and investing in my future so that later on I can assist in making ground breaking contributions to the medical community. This has opened doors to many more opportunities. My immense gratitude to the UWI Toronto Gala and donors of my award."



Sean-Michael Barnett (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Medicine and Surgery in the Faculty of Medical Sciences

*"Words cannot express the joy and relief I feel receiving this **UWI Toronto Gala Scholarship**. I accepted an offer as a full fee-paying student, to read for my undergraduate degree only because I received promises of assistance. By the end of the first term, apart from the Faculty Bursary which I am so grateful for, no other assistance was forthcoming. My parents borrowed all they could afford but could not sustain any more loans. There was a financial hold on my account which barred me from an exam and the constant reminders of non-payment of tuition made things even worse. This award was an answer to my prayers and has taken me a giant leap closer to my goals. My sincere thanks and deepest gratitude to the donors. May God continue to bless you all as you continue to give hope to persons like myself."*



Joshua Page (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Law in the Faculty of Law.

*"I have been awarded a delightful gift, a **UWI Toronto Gala Scholarship**, and I remain humbled and appreciative for the investment you have made regarding my tertiary education. I applied for financial assistance as I did not see any possibility of reaching my dream of becoming an Attorney at Law. This scholarship will undoubtedly unlock countless horizons for my future, and greatly aid in my studies as I read for my degree. With two years down, I am already beginning to see my dreams come to fruition. It is from a heart of cheerfulness and deep appreciation that I extend my gratitude to the UWI Toronto Gala and donor(s) for investing in the development of Jamaica's human capital."*



Clifton Thompson (Mona Campus), is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Medicine and Surgery in the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

*"My lifelong dream of attending medical school is moving forward and since being one of the recipients of the **UWI Toronto Gala Scholarship**, my dream is becoming a reality. I am very grateful for the opportunity to continue on this scholarship as I am committed to the health care field, and one step closer to becoming a doctor. Thank you UWI Toronto Gala and donors. Without your support for medical education, students such as myself would be unable to pursue advanced health care degrees. This scholarship gives me an opportunity to earn skills that will serve the medical community beyond graduation. Once again, thank you."*



Durward Stewart (Mona Campus), is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Physical Therapy in the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

*"Gracious is an understatement to express how I am feeling to be granted the opportunity to continue on The **UWI Toronto Gala Scholarship**. Prior to this award, I had to be working extended part time hours to acquire money for self-sustainability as the majority of my family's finances had to be pumped into paying off tuition. That morning when I saw the scholarship confirmation message, it was as if a great psychological burden was lifted, even transcending the psychological to feeling physically lighter. I am motivated to inspire those who might be in a similar situation as I was, and might have given up because of the lack of resources. I look forward to giving back to my community and peers in whatever way I can. Thank you, UWI Toronto Gala, for your investment in making students' university dream a reality."*



Malcolm Binns (Mona Campus), is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Medicine and Surgery in the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

"I am overwhelmed with gratitude, and am very honoured to have been a beneficiary of the UWI Toronto Gala Scholarship and opportunities that it has presented to me. I have successfully completed my MBBS program and my dream of becoming a surgeon is within reach more than ever. As a recipient of this Scholarship, I intend to contribute to the development of future students, which includes providing a mentorship program, nurturing their true abilities and potentials. UWI Toronto Gala and donors, your act of generosity has created an avenue of success for me that I could not imagine otherwise! It has truly made a difference in my life and I cannot thank you enough for allowing me to strive for the goals that I have set."



Mikkel Wilson (Cave Hill Campus), a Trinidadian, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Health Science in the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

*"A full hearted thank you for my **UWI Toronto Gala Scholarship**. This award has allowed me to continue my education, diversify it with undertaking electives such as Counselling which improved my approach to community health education and made my interactions with persons all the more meaningful. From the safety of my home, two of my colleagues and I launched an online public health platform; **Ignite Health** where we promote Healthcare Advocacy, Education and Awareness. In addition, I was also able to improve my living situation while at school as this award has enabled me to secure off campus accommodation. Thank you, UWI Toronto Gala and donors for the great opportunity and continued support."*



Josiah Cuffy (Cave Hill Campus), a Vincentian, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Environmental Science in the Faculty of Science and Technology.

*"How grateful I am for this blessing! I wish that you would be blessed ten times over. I was out of options and this helping hand that has been offered could not have come at a better time. With my **UWI Toronto Gala Scholarship**, I will be able to cover my accommodation cost, guild fees and food which I currently buy on a day-to-day basis with the money from the few customers that may need services on campus. To see that people are so committed to helping others encourages me and stimulates my desire to be in a better position later in life so that I too can help others experience such relief, motivation, and happiness. My sincere gratitude to the donor(s) of this award."*



Racquel Smith (Cave Hill Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Meteorology and Environmental Science in the Faculty of Science and Technology.

*"Growing up in a less privileged family has not only offered financial challenges, but has helped me to realize the value of a proper education. By awarding me this **UWI Toronto Gala Scholarship**, you have lightened the financial burden for my final year and now, I am better able to focus on my school work. Upon completion, I plan to pursue a postgraduate degree in Atmospheric Sciences at the Howard University. And so, with a humble heart, I express my sincere gratitude to the UWI Toronto Gala and donor(s) for your generosity and support. I promise to one day, help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me."*



Kodee Sargeant (Cave Hill Campus), a Barbadian, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Medicine and Surgery in the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

*"Over the past Three (3) years, the **UWI Toronto Gala Scholarship** programme has help me tremendously with funding my studies - I am now one step closer to my goal of being a medical doctor. This Scholarship has lightened my financial burden, thereby allowing me the opportunity to focus more on my final year of studies. A heartfelt thank you to UWI Toronto Gala, and donors for the vote of confidence that they have placed in me. I hope that one day, I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me!"*



Xia Williams (Open Campus), a Grenadian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Literacy Studies. *"I must say a heartfelt thank you to the kind donors of the **UWI Toronto Gala Scholarship** who made my journey possible. Being a second time recipient of this scholarship has changed my life in so many ways, especially in a time of financial difficulty within this COVID-9 era. With the ease of my financial woes, I was able to fully focus on my studies, obtaining the maximum attainable grades for most of my courses. This Scholarship is one of the kindest displays of generosity I've ever seen in my Educational Journey. I am proud to say that I have unofficially completed my Bachelor of Social Work and will be graduating with 1st Class Honours. I am encouraged to be the olive branch to individuals who need it the most, as when I needed one, it was offered to me. Thank you."*



Jinaele Douglas (Open Campus), a Grenadian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Management Studies. *"Words cannot express how grateful I am to maintain the **UWI Toronto Gala Scholarship** and the much needed support it provides for me to continue pursuing my dreams, especially during the current COVID-19 crisis. Ever since I commenced my studies with UWI in 2016, I have had a fair share of financial and personal difficulties – saying things have been rough would be an understatement. I am forever grateful, UWI Toronto Gala and donors for the relief that this award has given me. My educational pursuits would not have been possible without this generous support. Thank you for this opportunity."*



Delicia Daniel (Open Campus), a St. Lucian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Political Science. *"I am elated to be the recipient of the **UWI Toronto Gala Scholarship**. Every step, made on this journey, however big or small, means so much to me and to my continued endeavours in maintaining a strong presence of hard work and determination to my 5 year old daughter. My hope is to use these building blocks to help my family, my people, my country and my Caribbean in bringing unity, functionality and transparency across our borders. I am truly grateful for the support shared through this award which is aiding my academic journey, and making my overall vision come true. Thank you UWI Toronto Gala and donor(s)"*



Shevon Jno Baptiste (Open Campus), a Dominican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Financial Management.

*"Being the recipient of the **UWI Toronto Gala Scholarship** last academic year was a blessing, and the joy continues as this academic year, I continue on the award and do not have to worry about tuition payments. With only five courses to complete my degree, this assistance will no doubt allow me a smooth finish. It is my goal to one day become the Financial Secretary of my country, Dominica. My sincerest thanks to the UWI Toronto Gala and donors for affording me the opportunity to complete my studies with financial peace of mind. "*



Kristal Avril (Open Campus), a St. Lucian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Psychology.

*"It means a lot to me to have been considered, and selected to be a **UWI Toronto Gala Scholarship** awardee for yet another academic year. I will use this opportunity as a medium to continue the acquisition of knowledge, wisdom and competences needed to have a fulfilling academic and professional career. This liberal contribution will help to provide a foundation that not only benefits me, but also my community. In the near future, I hope to contribute to the growth, development and well-being of children: one of the most vulnerable and valuable groups of people in society. My UWI Toronto Gala Scholarship brings me one step closer to completing the psychology programme which will significantly influence this dream. My sincere gratitude to you, UWI Toronto Gala and donor(s) for making this possible."*



Stacy-Ann Patel (Open Campus), a Trinidadian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Management Studies. *"This is my third consecutive year of being granted a **UWI Toronto Gala Scholarship** and without sounding too clichéd, I feel like the luckiest person in the world! In retrospect, one would not attribute my good fortune to luck, but most importantly, to the UWI Toronto Gala and donors, all of whom work tirelessly and diligently to help students like myself in achieving our dreams. My academic journey began in September 2016, admittedly with some anxiety about learning in an online environment and the ability to finance myself for the next few years. Flash forward to the present day and I'm standing at the threshold, my degree on the horizon. Please accept my sincerest thanks and prayers."*



Ariel Primus (Open Campus), a Grenadian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Literacy Studies. *"Awesome news!! I am honoured to continue being a recipient of the noble **UWI Toronto Gala Scholarship!** It is an answer to my prayers as it assists me financially and eliminates the mental pressure of wondering where the monetary resources to complete my studies will be coming from. I will continue to aspire for excellence and share any new knowledge garnered as we build the lives of the nation's children. My motto has always been 'to teach is to inspire nations.' I aim to shoot beyond the stars to become an English lecturer and also an advocate for Literacy. My heartfelt thanks and appreciation to you, donors!"*



Darcie Simeon (Open Campus), a Dominican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Accounting. *"I am grateful and appreciative that I have once again been granted the opportunity to continue on the **UWI Toronto Gala Scholarship** – especially during this global pandemic which has presented many challenges to my family and me. Your benevolence has granted me the opportunity to move forward academically and complete my final year of studies. Going forward, I wish to become a Certified Accountant and Fraud examiner so that I can make a major impact in that field. Thank you, UWI Toronto Gala and donors for your thoughtful donation."*



Daniella Dwarica (St. Augustine Campus), a Trinidadian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Medicine and Surgery in the Faculty of Medical Sciences. *"I was very surprised and delighted that I was selected as one of the recipients of the **UWI Toronto Gala Scholarship**. My mother is a single parent with a very low monthly income and as such, I seek to not burden her with anymore financial obligations. To make ends meet, I grasped at every opportunity of part time employment that was available to me. By awarding me this scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden. I can now make payments towards my student loans and purchase medical textbooks. I hope that one day, I will be able to give back and help other students achieve their goals. Thank you for giving me the luxury of a stress free academic year, and for honouring me with such a grand award!"*



Reanna Rajkumar (St. Augustine Campus), a Trinidadian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Economics and Management Studies in the Faculty of Social Sciences. *"When I received the news that I had been chosen to maintain the **UWI Toronto Gala Scholarship** for another year, I became filled with happiness and tears of joy. COVID-19 has had devastating impacts on our economy and many people are out of jobs. My mother lost her job due to this pandemic, and recently became very sick with a slight stroke. This has made it extremely difficult for us since I live with her and have the challenge of balancing school and home. This scholarship means more to me than anyone can imagine. It has been my motivation especially since I plan to further my studies so that I can achieve all of my goals and receive the job of my dreams. Once again, I am very thankful to you, donors."*



Danesha Ramdhanie (St. Augustine Campus), a Trinidadian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

*"As a **UWI Toronto Gala Scholarship** awardee, I am absolutely ecstatic and filled with a sense of pride and joy for this blessed opportunity. This scholarship is like the light at the end of a dark tunnel, always allowing me to continue following my dreams. In the past year, I was able to pay the rent for my apartment which is a great financial strain, and afford the other necessities such as grocery, stationary, textbooks and equipment. Being an awardee allows me to keep moving forward in my field of study, and to be one step closer to completing my degree and making my dreams a reality. My sincerest gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the UWI Toronto Gala and donor(s). It is truly a blessing and an honor!"*



Tekesha Mayers (St. Augustine Campus), a Trinidadian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Medicine and Surgery in the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

*I am currently in the final year of my programme and am thrilled to have been given the opportunity to be a continuing recipient of the **UWI Toronto Gala Scholarship**. It has meant the absolute world to me! It has enabled me to attend clerkship rotations at different hospitals across Trinidad without the burden of lack of accommodation or transportation, and has also relieved the enormous stress and limitations I have felt due to financial instability, especially in this uncertain COVID pandemic. Thank you UWI Toronto Gala and donors! I hope that sometime in the near future, I will be able to contribute to scholarship funding scholarships for students, because these awards truly make a difference.*

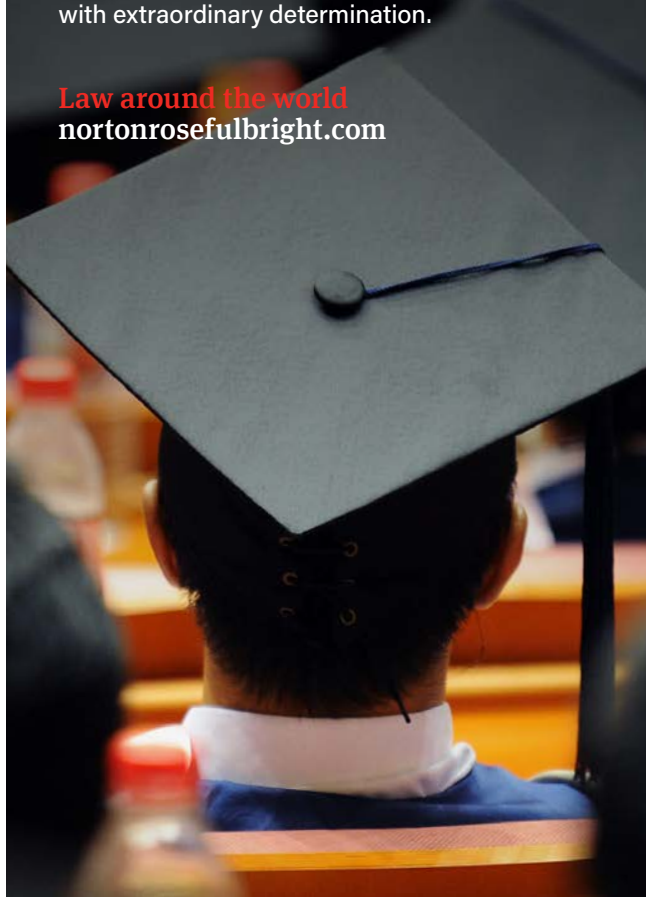


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Dwight Drummond is an award-winning journalist and the host on CBC Toronto News at Six which airs weeknights on CBC television. Dwight has been working in broadcast news for close to thirty years. With Dwight at the helm, CBC Toronto News is once again nominated for Best Local Newscast at this year's Canadian

Screen Awards (CSA). Dwight is also nominated for Best Local Anchor and for Best Live News Special for hosting CBC News: Ontario Votes. In 2015, Dwight and the CBC Toronto team were recognized as Canada's Best Local Newscast.

As a reporter, Dwight was known for his exclusives, he broke local stories that went national, and has reported internationally. He had the lead story on CityNews' Gemini win for Best Newscast, and a top story for City's Edward R. Murrow win. Dwight has also received the Ryerson University Alumni Award of Distinction, and has been inducted into Ryerson's Faculty of Radio and Television Arts' Wall of Fame.

Dwight lives in Toronto with his wife and children. When he's not dedicating his time to community events, he can be found in the cheering section at his daughters' basketball games.

UWI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT APPRECIATION MESSAGE



Mikkel Wilson, a twenty-two year old with a passion for public health, volunteerism and gardening has recently completed the Bachelor of Health Science degree with a major in Community Health at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus. There, he has held positions such as Health and Safety

Officer, Welfare Officer and Soloist in the Cavite Chorale. Additionally, he is the recipient of awards such as "Most Helpful Bachelor of Health Sciences Student," and the UWI Toronto Gala Scholarship for two consecutive years. Currently, Mikkel is a Co-Founder of Ignite Health Trinidad and Tobago, an online Healthcare Education platform by youth, for youth. In the future, he hopes to further his studies in the fields of Epidemiology and Public Health Policy.

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JOY'S COCKTAIL

This is a cocktail created and enjoyed by
Master Blender Joy Spence herself.

INGREDIENTS

1 OUNCE 8 YEAR OLD RESERVE
3 OUNCES GINGER ALE
SLICE OF ORANGE
5 DROPS ANGOSTURA BITTERS
ORANGE PEEL (GARNISH)

INSTRUCTIONS

Squeeze the orange slice
into a highball glass and
then drop it in the glass and
muddle it. Add ice and build
in remaining ingredients,
then stir.





Shaggy is legendary in the international dancehall reggae market, and has released several highly popular albums. He has eclectic tastes, giving his records wide musical variety and allowing him to become one of the few reggae artists to top the album and pop singles charts in America, and numerous other countries. He is also widely known for his philanthropic efforts for the Bustamante Hospital for Children, the only full service children's hospital in the English-speaking Caribbean. Along with his personal donations, The Shaggy Make a Difference Foundation has raised much needed funds for hospital equipment. Shaggy also participated in the Food for the Poor Gala in Florida, raising funds to help rebuild houses in earthquake ravaged Haiti.



Juno award winner **Sean Jones** returns as a special guest to UWI virtual. He's thrilled to support such an important cause again ... the path of education of our most important asset ... today's Caribbean youth. "There are so many negative things happening in this world right now. But there is also a lot of inspiring work coming from very talented and amazing people. We can never lose sight of that and give in to the darkness. I've always felt that my gift was given to me to shine a bright light. I'm going to continue to do just that the best way I know how and I'm looking forward to putting smiles on some faces and love in some hearts."



Cleopatra Williams is one of Canada's leading performers. She has shared the stage with Sting, Justin Bieber, Carly Rae Jepsen, Francesco Yates, Maestro Fresh Wes and Jully Black. She has starred in Broadway Mega-Musicals Kinky Boots, Jersey Boys, We Will Rock You, Wizard of Oz and West Side Story. A Triple Threat Graduate of Toronto's Randolph Academy, Two-Time Broadway World award nominee for her performances in Ross Petty's Pantomime Beauty & The Beast (2011) and The Wicked Witch in Mirvish's hit musical The Wizard of Oz (2013). The Globe & Mail calls Cleopatra a "PowerHouse" as Anita in Vancouver Opera's production of West Side Story. When she's not gracing the big stage, Cleo entertains crowds all over the continent as a featured vocalist for bands – The Orchestra, Universal Boogie Band, The Collective, ONQ Live, BB Collective, Sensation and Saturday Night Jive and has a residency at Sopra Upper Lounge, Yorkville monthly.



Joy Lapps is a musician, composer and arts educator. Her efficiency with the tenor pan and her diverse performance range have led to great audience receptions, and flattering recognition from seasoned professional pannists. She performed at various festivals including Toronto's Afrofest, Toronto's TD Jazz Festival and Antigua's Moods of Pan Festival. She leads The Joy Lapps Project, a steelpan led ensemble exploring Afro and Latin-Caribbean Jazz, with a hint of R&B and soul. She is also a member and supporter of the Toronto-based steelband, Pan Fantasy. Joy has released four recordings including "Praise on Pan: How Great Thou Art" (2004), "Make a Joyful Noise" (2006) and "It's Christmas Time" (2007). In 2014 she released an EP of original compositions entitled "Morning Sunrise" and is currently focused on writing and arranging new music for her upcoming album.



Miles Raine is an accomplished tenor and soprano saxophone player based in Toronto. He studied classical saxophone at the University of Western Ontario and then Jazz, Contemporary and World music with numerous teachers in the Toronto scene, most notably Jane Fair. Miles' passion lies in contemporary music, backing up and providing a strong presence on stage with many of Canada's great performers and DJ's. The Company Miles owns, TALENTTOR INC normally (outside of this time of Covid-19) organizes and brokers talent on over 1000 events yearly. Miles Raine and The Collective are grateful to be part of UWI virtual gala this year. The band has strong ties to the Caribbean and is passionate about supporting Education.



Randy Makk is an international award-winning dub poet, creative activist and social entrepreneur from the one love island of Jamaica. Randy is a Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative alumnus, former Jamaica Youth Ambassador as well as a Prime Minister and Commonwealth Youth Award recipient for excellence in Arts and Culture. In 2015, he co-founded Bresheh with his brother, Davian, on their verandah. Bresheh exists to create a world where families are purposeful and prepared for life. They currently craft and distribute a range of personalized and bespoke backpacks, laptop carriers, travel bags, pouches, tote bags, face masks and more. Randy strongly believes in using his talents to empower and inspire people and communities across the globe.

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