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The G. Raymond Chang Family

Patrons, The UWI Toronto Benefit Awards 2023

As the winds of change forever blow, we remain resolute and anchored in our commitment to celebrate excellence, hope and making dreams come true. In this our fourteenth year, we are proud and fortunate to be building on the outstanding success of the past thirteen years. We are forever grateful that you have all come along for this remarkable journey that punctuates joyful moments – enabling students across the Caribbean region to keep dreaming, **beyond their imagination**, whilst learning the stories of Caribbean and global community leaders who themselves toiled to achieve their own dreams and aspirations.



On behalf of my co-patrons Mr. Andrew Chang, Ms. Brigette Chang, and honorary patron Dr. Wesley J. Hall, LLD (honoris causa), we look forward to once again sharing this wonderful evening with you, a great tradition whose heartstrings carry the notes of our shared history, and the future our Caribbean students will compose. Under the 2023 theme – **Beyond Our Imagination** – you will see the full arc of dreams imagined and dreams realized – both for students, our honourees and you, our valued donors and supporters.

The past three years have been horrendous, putting tremendous strain on the educational, financial, and healthcare sectors of the Caribbean. Students continue to struggle – oftentimes deciding between food, tuition, books and healthcare – day to day survival remains top priority. Much of this has led to severe frustration and mental health issues, particularly for those who are already marginalized and desperate. We want to however assure students that – **We have their back**.



In 13 years, with your unwavering support, care and love, this event has been able to raise well needed funds for students, and honour and celebrate community and global leaders. To date we have awarded almost 700 scholarships in all faculties at the University of the West Indies, across 17 English speaking Caribbean countries and Haiti. We have honoured 100 individuals and institutions and raised over three million dollars – a remarkable feat that we have all been a part of.

Very special heartfelt thank you to Scotiabank, our Lead Chair and sponsor – your partnership has buoyed us beyond measure for these 13 years. Kingsdale Advisors, Sprott Inc. and the Ray Chang Foundation, your support and commitment are boundless, and we are ever grateful. To all our other sponsors – you have been a bedrock of encouragement and goodwill. Thank you all.

We wish to raise a toast and pay tribute to the University of the West Indies, which celebrates its diamond jubilee in 2023. In 75 years, this stellar university has given the world hundreds of brilliant leaders across dozens of sectors. Many have enriched the Caribbean Diasporas and Canada has certainly benefited greatly. As they raise the curtain to mark this momentous year, they will stand firmly in their 75th celebration motto – **Rooted Ready Rising**.

This event is the largest fundraiser in Canada for the University of the West Indies. As we gather together, let us be mindful that supporting future generations of students will leave a footprint of generosity and kindness and a hand in helping to shape young people in the Caribbean – a region with whom Canadians have had a long and warm relationship. If you are attending for the first time, our warmest welcome. Enjoy the evening.

Co- Patrons: Donette Chin-Loy Chang, LLD (honoris causa), Andrew Chang, Brigette Chang

**Dr. Wesley J. Hall**

Honourary Patron, The UWI Toronto Benefit Awards 2023

When the University of the West Indies invited me to be the Honorary Patron of The UWI Toronto Benefit Awards, I accepted without hesitation. The welfare of disenfranchised youth is of great concern to me. Given my journey, it is even more impactful when it affects children in the Caribbean.

I know firsthand the debilitating challenges they encounter daily and the frustration of knowing their worth and potential but being hampered by barriers and obstacles that make their dreams seem unattainable. Through this event, over 700 students have been given the tools to escape the scourge of poverty with dignity and pride – this is no small feat.

On behalf of the students who will benefit from your support tonight, we would like to express our profound appreciation for your immeasurable contribution. Your investment in students ensures a brighter global future.

As we continue to raise funds tonight, we also celebrate the University of the West Indies' 75th anniversary and its outstanding service to the region. Ranked first in the Caribbean and in the top 1.2% in the world, the University has distinguished itself as a premier institution of higher education comparable to the best anywhere in the world. I am proud to be an honorary alum.

I am pleased to share that The UWI Toronto Benefit Awards 2023 was sold out two months before the event, which is a testament to its prestige, its distinguished honourees: Dr. the Honourable Sheryl Lee Ralph, OJ; Dr. Dodridge Miller, FCCA, MBA, LLM, LLD (Hon); BlackNorth Initiative; Mr. Kevin Hibbert, FCPA, PCA, and Mr. Raymond Williams, ICD.D, and of course the cause for which the event is held.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who worked tirelessly to ensure its success, as it promises to be another spectacular occasion.

Enjoy!

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Ms. Anya M. Schnoor

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

As the leading bank in the Americas, Scotiabank has served the rich and vibrant Caribbean region for the past 134 years and has supported The University of the West Indies Toronto Gala for the past 14 years as its lead sponsor.

Throughout this time, we have collectively raised over \$3 million CAD and over 700 scholarships have been awarded to many inspiring students.

As an organization, we believe our success is inherently tied to the success of the communities in which we operate and are committed to breaking down barriers and providing 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 the Caribbean community and its 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



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For the past seventy-five years, The University of the West Indies has been committed to serving the people of the Caribbean through teaching, research and advocacy. Despite the challenges the institution faces – which are shared by the higher education sector globally, it remains on a continuous path of development to be able to continue to deliver on its mandate.

I have been reflecting on the tremendous partnerships, goodwill and generosity that have enabled the UWI's journey to this point and which are vitally important as we look to the future. The Toronto Gala is a shining example of one such partnership, and I thank the Chang family for their steadfast support throughout the years. Donette Chin-Loy Chang, Andrew Chang and Brigette Chang have been joined by Wes Hall and corporate sponsor Scotiabank, and together they have made this Gala the preeminent event that it has become.

The Gala brings together people and organisations to raise funds for scholarships for bright, financially challenged students – who in turn go on to serve their countries, region and world, and hopefully continue the wonderful cycle of support for the next generation of students. The Gala also honours persons and organisations that have made meaningful contributions to their disciplines, and to the lives of others in their communities.

Our honorees this year continue to reflect the spirit of the Awards. Dodridge Miller, President and CEO of Sagicor Financial Corporation is this year's recipient of the G. Raymond Chang Award, which honours individuals who exemplify leadership and care for community. The Luminary Awards are presented to people of Caribbean heritage who have made outstanding contributions at the international level in their respective fields, and globally acclaimed actress Sheryl Lee Ralph is a most deserving recipient. The Vice-Chancellor's Awards recognise individuals who have attained success in their field of endeavours, and this year the recipients are Mr. Kevin Hibbert and Mr. Raymond Williams who have distinguished themselves in the financial sector in Canada. BlackNorth Initiative, established to combat systemic racism in corporate Canada will receive the Chancellor's Award which is given to an organisation that focuses on humanitarian and social issues. My warmest congratulations to them all!

As we celebrate the UWI's 75th Anniversary this year, I thank you for your support and look forward to continuing to partner with you to assure our students, and our communities by extension, of the brightest future possible.



Professor Sir Hilary Beckles

Vice-Chancellor, The University of the West Indies



In 2023, The University of the West Indies celebrates 75 years of service to the Caribbean and beyond. In 1948, 33 medical students took a leap of faith and entered the Mona Campus. Seventy-five years later, The UWI boasts five campuses, a distinguished cadre of approximately 5,000 staff, a current enrolment of 50,000 and more than 200,000 alumni who serve their countries, the region and globally, with distinction.

Each year since 2009, the Toronto Gala has brought together a wonderful cadre of people to raise awareness about The UWI, its contributions to development in the Caribbean and further afield, and the needs of students who are the ultimate beneficiaries of the Galas. Across our five campuses, there are many able students who are financially challenged and the scholarship funds generated by the Galas ensure that some of the brightest minds in the region can complete their education and go on to make significant contributions to their countries, region and the world. On their behalf I thank you all. I thank too, our Patrons who have made this wonderful gathering possible – Donette Chin-Loy Chang, Andrew Chang, Brigitte Chang and Dr. Wes Hall, and constant partner and lead Chair and Sponsor, Scotiabank. With your support, the Toronto Gala has grown, survived the years of COVID-19, and thrived Beyond Our Imagination.

The Galas also recognise the stellar achievements of UWI alumni, 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.

Dodridge Miller, the recipient of this year's G. Raymond Chang award is a stalwart supporter of The UWI, and a regionalist whose life has been committed to advancing and improving the lives of Caribbean people through the companies he leads. Sheryl Lee Ralph, Luminary Award recipient is a globally acclaimed actress whose brilliance reflects wonderfully on her Caribbean connections. The recipients of the Vice-Chancellor's Award Kevin Hibbert and Raymond Williams have distinguished themselves in the financial sector and are being recognized for their exemplary professionalism as well as for their service to community. The Chancellor's Award recognizes inter alia, contributions made by organisations to social justice and BlackNorth Initiative is a most worthy recipient. Established in 2020 to combat systemic racism in corporate Canada, BlackNorth Initiative has set measureable targets to track their progress and has also implemented several programs aimed at fostering inclusivity and combatting racism.

Together our honorees represent a remarkable cache of talent and service to their disciplines and communities. My warmest congratulations to each of them and I am grateful to them for allowing us to share in their wonderful light.

Through this 75th Anniversary year, there will be many events across our seventeen contributing countries as well as in those cities where there are significant Caribbean diasporic communities – such as this wonderful Gala. I invite you to participate whenever and wherever you can, and to work with us as we look to our centenary and beyond.

Blessings!

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THE GOVERNOR GENERAL • LA GOUVERNEURE GÉNÉRALE

**Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon,
C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., O.Q., C.D.,**

Governor General of Canada

I am pleased to convey warm greetings to everyone attending the 14th edition of the University of the West Indies (UWI) Toronto Benefit Gala under the theme Beyond Our Imagination. This annual night of celebration will be even more special this year, as The UWI celebrates its 75th anniversary.

Since its humble beginnings in 1948, The UWI has risen to rank among the top three per cent of universities in the world with more than 50 000 full-time students, across five campuses. The students, faculty and staff of The UWI can be proud of the vibrant community they have built. Working together, they are creating a realm of possibilities and hope that will help current and future generations imagine and realize their dreams.

Congratulations to the 2023 honourees — outstanding Canadian leaders, people of Caribbean heritage and organizations that have made exceptional contributions to the advancement of island nations.

I wish everyone a wonderful gala!

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PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

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

Prime Minister of Canada

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the University of the West Indies (UWI) Toronto Benefits Awards Ceremony 2023.

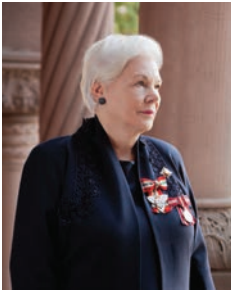
You have come together this evening to raise funds for the UWI'S scholarship program which, to date, has awarded 700 scholarships to assist deserving students in the Caribbean achieve their academic goals and pursue their dreams. I would like to thank everyone in attendance for supporting this worthy cause.

I also join with everyone present in congratulating this year's recipients of the Luminary Award, the G. Raymond Chang Award, the Chancellor's Award and the Vice-Chancellor's Award for their outstanding accomplishments and contributions, and in paying tribute to the UWI as it celebrates its Diamond Jubilee. This special milestone offers a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the history of the university, to celebrate the important contributions it has made to the personal and academic development of its students, both past and present, and to look to the future.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable evening and for every success in meeting your fundraising goal.

Sincerely,

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

Her Honour the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, OC, OOnt

The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

I happily extend warm greetings to all in attendance at the University of the West Indies (UWI) Toronto Benefit Awards and 75th Anniversary!

For three-quarters of a century, UWI has had a transformative effect on the lives of many by providing scholarships to students who wouldn't otherwise have had the opportunity to pursue post-secondary education.

To date, you have awarded 700 scholarships, enabling students to realize their dreams and generations to benefit from the privilege that education begets.

As His Majesty The King's representative in Ontario, I congratulate you on this momentous occasion. You have my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable celebration.

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 the West Indies (UWI) Toronto Benefit Awards Ceremony 2023.

Our province is proud to be home to a strong and vibrant Caribbean community that has contributed greatly to our prosperity and cultural strength and strengthened our ties with the global community.

This gala is a great opportunity to bring Caribbean communities together in support of a good cause — to give Caribbean students opportunities through education.

As we work together to build our future, our diverse communities will play an important role in connecting us — so we can be stronger and better than ever.

Best wishes for a memorable gala.

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**Jennifer McKelvie**

Deputy Mayor of Toronto



It is my pleasure to extend greetings and a warm welcome to everyone participating in the University of the West Indies – Toronto Chapter’s 14th Annual Benefit Awards Ceremony.

This year’s ceremony under the theme of “Beyond Our Imagination”, celebrates the hard work and dedicated efforts of this year’s honorees, who are leaders that contribute meaningfully to their local communities. This event will also help raise funds for the University of the West Indies – Toronto Chapter’s scholarship program. Thank you to your organization for awarding 700 post-secondary scholarships to students of Caribbean descent, throughout your 75 year history. This milestone anniversary provides a wonderful opportunity to look back on past accomplishments while looking forward to a future filled with many possibilities.

Groups like the University of the West Indies help elevate and strengthen our communities and are vital to our city’s cultural and social development. It is integral that we provide students with the necessary resources they need to succeed personally, socially and academically. The City of Toronto acknowledges the importance of helping students develop essential skills so they can participate meaningfully in their communities and build vibrant futures.

On behalf of Toronto City Council, please accept my best wishes for a memorable event and continued success.

Yours truly,

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Mrs. Elizabeth Buchanan-Hind

Chairperson, UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Committee 2023

Every year, our illustrious UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Committee members devote a tremendous amount of time and effort to planning this event. Much thought, attention and care are dedicated to developing its theme as it sets the tone and determines the content of the evening's proceedings. This year's theme "**BEYOND OUR IMAGINATION**" appropriately captures the sentiment of the occasion.

As we step boldly into our 14th year, we are filled with gratitude that we continue to receive tremendous support from our sponsors, donors, guests and well-wishers and in this particular year, to have a host of new organizations joining us for the first time. We are immensely proud of the students who received scholarships over the course of the past 13 years, the many individuals and organizations we have honoured and the funds that you have so generously contributed.

The 14th Annual UWI Toronto Benefit Awards theme also appropriately reflects the significance of 2023, as it commemorates The UWI's Diamond Jubilee; 75 years of distinguished service to the English-speaking Caribbean and beyond. Most of the leaders in the public and private sectors in the region are graduates of The University of the West Indies, and its graduates can be found throughout the world in leadership positions across all sectors of society. We are proud to say Canada has benefited greatly by the brains that were, and are being honed by The UWI which is "**ROOTED READY AND RISING**".

We also ruminated on the fact that the UWI Toronto Benefit Awards, which started as a discussion between Donette Chin-Loy Chang and me over a simple meal at the Senior Common Room at the UWI Mona Campus became a fixture on the Toronto social calendar that blossomed into a force of nature. We know this event has been a great success because hundreds of scholarship recipients, many of whom were the first in their families to have attended an institution of higher education, are now making seminal contributions in their respective fields in their countries of residence.

And so ladies and gentlemen here we are tonight, sold out months before the event with a wait list....just in case, and if that was not enough, our cadre of 2023 honourees have added even further lustre to the occasion with their phenomenal trailblazing achievements and leadership: Dr. the Honourable Sheryl Lee Ralph, OJ (Emmy Award Winning Actress, Singer and Human Rights Activist); Dr. Dodridge Miller (Group President and Chief Executive Officer), Sagicor Financial Corporation Limited; BlackNorth Initiative (A social justice initiative designed to remove anti-Black systemic barriers negatively affecting the lives of Black Canadians); Mr. Kevin Hibbert (Chief Financial Officer and Senior Managing Partner, Spratt, Inc.) and Mr. Raymond Williams (Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Financial Markets, National Bank Financial).

The successes all around are beyond the realm of thought for us and probably the founders of this outstanding institution. We thank you our guests for your kind benevolence as none of this would have been possible without you.

I invite you to enjoy another evening of excellence.

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Dr. Herbert Ho Ping Kong, O.D.

Co-chair, UWI Toronto Benefit Awards 2022

Toronto UWI Gala salutes the University of the West Indies on its 75th anniversary. As we mark this important milestone we can reflect once more on the importance of the UWI in the well-being and success of the Caribbean islands. In so doing we can be proud of the contribution of our annual Toronto Gala which makes its mark on the success of the university's programs. As such I must express our deepest gratitude to our sponsors who have made it possible for us to continue to make our significant contribution to the success of the University of the West Indies as it continues to successfully achieve its most important mission.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Herbert Ho Ping Kong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



Mr. Ferdinand Fortune

UWI Toronto Alumni Association Chapter President

I am so delighted to welcome all of you here tonight attending this 14th anniversary of The University of the West Indies (UWI) Toronto Benefit Awards on this milestone occasion in recognition of the 75th Anniversary of The UWI.

In 1948 the University College of London was established at Mona in Jamaica with 33 medical students from the Caribbean in attendance. The former sugar plantation at Mona was transformed into an academic institution with its motto of “The Light Rising from the West.” In 1967 the University gained full university status and became known as The UWI by then having added 2 more campuses in Trinidad and Barbados. On March 6, 1988 a group of UWI Alumni met at a luncheon in Toronto to fundraise for scholarships to recognize the university’s 40th anniversary. This was how the Toronto Chapter of The University of the West Indies Alumni Association (UWIAA) came into being. Thirty five years later the UWIAA continues to exist and raise an annual fund to assist needy students at the now 5 UWI campuses in the Caribbean region.

Tonight I want to pause and recognize the contributions of the members of the ad hoc committee who formed, planned and campaigned for donations over the years to raise scholarships for needy students. Of the 7 founding members 4 are no longer with us in Maud Fuller, Carol Scott, Kent Donaldson and Dr. Robert Ogilvie. May their souls continue to rest in peace and shine their celestial light on us. The 3 surviving members of the ad hoc committee are Jean Patterson, Lynette Spence and Winston Tinglin. Despite the passage of time these 3 individuals continue to participate and donate in whatever manner necessary to the survival of the UWIAA. As well I want to congratulate the other members of the alumni who despite personal challenges over the years continue to donate to the cause whenever asked.

We also mourn the loss of my co- president Michael Henville in 2018. I recall how Michael and I were invited to meet Elizabeth Buchanan Hind the Chair for this event who came from Jamaica in 2010 on a cold winter February day to plan the inaugural UWI Toronto Benefit Award. In the past and in its 14th year this event has become the talk on the social calendar in Toronto for its fame, ritz and its record of attracting the best of luminaries so appropriate for The UWI motto.

And so please sit back and enjoy the evening at the Ritz Carlton.





Dr. Carla N. Barnett

Secretary-General, Caribbean Community (CARICOM)



The Annual UWI Toronto Benefit Awards event, now in its 14th year, has become a much anticipated calendar staple. Since its inception, more than 800 tertiary students across the faculties of The University of the West Indies (UWI) have benefitted from approximately three million Canadian dollars to offset tuition and related costs. The benefits to Caribbean youth and the future leadership of our Region cannot be quantified.

A formidable team of patrons, UWI Executives, sponsors and donors, year after year, give selflessly of their human, financial and other resources to this worthy cause. This year's theme, "Beyond Our Imagination", is an indication of both their anticipation of the success of the event, as well as of the scope of the value it will bring to tertiary students who might otherwise not have access to the level and quality of education needed to improve their life prospects.

I commend members of the planning team for their relentless efforts towards increasing "*light, learning and liberty*" in the never-ending drive to foster regional development.

This year's Gala has even greater resonance, staged as it is in conjunction with celebrations of the 75th Anniversary of the University of the West Indies. There is much to celebrate. From a start with 33 students in 1948, the University has flourished into an internationally recognised multi-disciplinary Institution, catering to students across five regional campuses and 10 global centres.

Heartfelt congratulations to this year's honorees, who have served with distinction in the arts, investment and finance, and social justice. They join a distinguished panel of previously recognised luminaries whose stellar achievements engender both pride and aspirations among the young and old of our Region.

I wish for all a highly successful Gala 2023.

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HONOURING 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 Dr. the Honourable G. Raymond Chang, OC, OJ stood. Dr. 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.

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. the Honourable Sheryl Lee Ralph, OJ

Actress and Singer



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From bringing characters to life on screen, performing on Broadway, producing, landing the title of national bestselling author with her literary debut, and her deep-rooted philanthropic endeavors which touch lives across the world, Emmy Award Winner, Tony Award nominee, NAACP Image Award nominee and Independent Spirit Award winner Sheryl Lee Ralph has become a staple in the entertainment industry, with an acclaimed career spanning over three decades. Sheryl can currently be seen starring on ABC's smash hit, comedy series "Abbott Elementary" opposite Quinta Brunson.

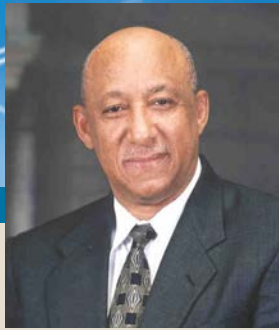
In summer 2022, the show earned a total of seven Emmy nominations from the Television Academy for its freshman season, including Outstanding Comedy Series, with Sheryl winning Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series. Additional credits for Sheryl include starring in "Moesha" opposite Grammy Award winner Brandy, "Instant Mom," and opposite Jon Voight in "Ray Donovan" for Showtime.

On the big screen Sheryl has worked with some of Hollywood's leading and award-winning men that include Denzel Washington, Robert de Niro, Danny Glover and Eddie Murphy. She also appeared opposite Whoopi Goldberg in "Sister Act II."

Sheryl is also the creator of the Jamerican Film and Music Festival.

As a writer, Sheryl's debut book "Redefining Diva: Life Lessons from the Original Dream Girl" instantly became a national bestselling title, and gave readers a personal look into her triumphs and tribulations over the years. Sheryl is also a passionate health advocate and honored AIDS activist. Sheryl is the founding director of the DIVA (Divinely Inspired Victoriously Anointed) Foundation 501(C)3 which she created in memory of the many friends she had lost to HIV/AIDS. She also created the critically acclaimed Divas Simply Singing! an evening of song and entertainment that is the longest consecutive running musical AIDS benefit in the country. Sheryl was awarded the first Red Ribbon Award at the UN for her unique use of the arts in HIV/AIDS activism and was recently appointed as an AIDS Ambassador for Jamaica's Ministry of Health.

Sheryl is a mother of four and loves every moment of motherhood and marriage. She is married to State Senator Vincent Hughes of Pennsylvania.



G. Raymond Chang Award

Dr. Dodridge Miller, FCCA, MBA, LLM, LLD (Hon)

Group President and Chief Executive Officer,
Sagicor Financial Company Ltd.



Dodridge Denton Miller was born at Cliff, which is located in the magnificent mountain range in the republic of St. John, the garden parish of Barbados. He describes himself as the middle child of almost a cricket team of 9 siblings, being the younger of a twin batting at numbers 4 and 5.

For most of his school days he lived at Knight's Village in St. John, where he came under the formidable and formative influence of his grandmother, who was literally the godmother of the village – a hard-working but warm, generous, and nurturing matriarch. His secondary school was Hilda Skeene's Industry High School in St. Philip, and he earned his A levels at the Barbados Community College. From there he joined Pannell Kerr Foster and wasted no time in passing the ACCA.

Mr. Miller is considered one of the leading financial minds in the Caribbean and beyond.

He has master-minded the rise of Sagicor Financial from the Barbados Mutual Life Assurance Society, to become the Caribbean's largest global financial conglomerate; taking a 162-year-old Barbadian company with less than \$100 million dollars of assets, to a publicly listed, multinational, corporation with over \$10 billion US dollars in assets. Sagicor is the first and largest Caribbean company on the London Stock Exchange.

His meteoric rise within the company was a consequence of dynamic and visionary leadership as he became President and CEO in 2002.

Sagicor moved into the United States insurance market in 2005. Significant achievements since then have demonstrated a burning desire to do everything possible for the advancement and development of the Caribbean, and to make Barbados a global player.

Mr. Miller's global reach is balanced by his love for learning, and for The University of the West Indies as Sagicor has given UWI some 4 million US dollars over-the last several years to assist in the transformation of the Cave Hill campus.

Chancellor's Award

BlackNorth Initiative (BNI)

A social justice initiative designed to remove anti-Black systemic barriers negatively affecting the lives of Black Canadians.

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The BlackNorth Initiative is a Canadian non-profit organization founded in June 2020 by Dr. Wes Hall, a prominent business leader and philanthropist. The organization was created in response to the ongoing systemic anti-Black racism faced by Black Canadians.

The mandate of the BlackNorth Initiative is to promote advancement and remove the systemic barriers negatively affecting Black Canadians. This includes increasing the representation of Black Canadians in leadership positions, improving economic opportunities for Black Canadians, and addressing the inequalities Black Canadians face in areas such as education and healthcare.

The BlackNorth Initiative has implemented several programs and initiatives to achieve its goals. These include the BlackNorth Initiative CEO Pledge, which calls on Canadian business leaders to commit to specific actions to address systemic racism in their organizations. The pledge includes commitments such as increasing diversity in hiring and promotions, supporting anti-racism education and training and setting targets to measure progress. To date, the BlackNorth Initiative has over 500 organizations that have signed the CEO Pledge.

The BlackNorth Initiative has also established five action committees to address Economic Empowerment, Health, Youth, Education and Mentorship. These committees are composed of business leaders and experts who are working to develop solutions to the specific challenges faced by Black Canadians in these areas.

In addition, the organization has launched the Homeownership Bridge Program, which enables working, lower-income Black families in the GTA with household incomes as low as \$65,000 to become homeowners and help build home equity and the opportunity to transfer ownership to the next generation. The BlackNorth Academy is a bespoke C-Suite and board preparedness program. The BlackNorth Connect Program is a platform designed to provide access to internships and job postings for early career recruitment and mentorships and bursaries for post-secondary education. The Work Live Opportunity provides studio/housing space for Black Artists. The BlackNorth Initiative scholarships & bursaries are provided to students in a variety of educational fields or at different academic levels.

The BlackNorth Initiative has made significant progress in promoting the advancement of Black Canadians and addressing systemic racism in Canada. While there is still much work to be done, the organization's commitment to creating lasting change is a positive step forward in the fight against anti-Black racism and inequality.



Vice-Chancellor's Award

Mr. Kevin Hibbert, FCPA, FCA

Chief Financial Officer, Senior Managing Partner & Co-Head of Enterprise Shared Services Group, Sprott Inc.



Kevin Hibbert was born and raised in Toronto, Ontario, Canada and grew up in Toronto's Jane and Finch community. Upon graduating high school, Kevin attended the University of Toronto where he graduated with high distinction, receiving an honours degree in Business and then went on to pursue his chartered accountancy designation.

In 2015, Kevin, 38 years old at the time, was appointed Chief Financial Officer of Sprott Inc., making him the youngest CFO of a publicly traded asset management firm in Canada. Today, Sprott has grown to become one of the largest alternative investment management firms in the world, managing over \$30 billion in gold, precious metals and energy transition assets on behalf of 250,000 retail and institutional clients around the world. Kevin's role has expanded even further since 2015. Today, Kevin serves as Senior Managing Partner, CFO and Co-head, Enterprise Shared Services. In this expanded role, Kevin co-lead's Sprott's Enterprise Shared Services Group with specific responsibility for external financial reporting, investment operations, tax, treasury, financial planning and analysis, investor relations and corporate communications, information technology, office facilities and administration. In addition to his duties at Sprott, Mr. Hibbert serves as a board member of UHN Foundation, one of the largest hospital foundations in North America and previously served as Vice-chairman and treasurer of Dixon Hall Neighbourhood Services.

In 2019, Kevin was elected by his peers as a Fellow of CPA Ontario. Less than 5% of accountants in North America carry the distinguished designation of 'Fellow', making it the highest honour an accountant can achieve from a professional accountancy body in North America.

In 2022, Kevin was recognized by Report on Business Magazine and the Globe & Mail as one of Canada's 50 Best Executives.

Kevin lives in Toronto, Ontario with his wife of 22 years, Ann-Marie Hibbert and their 16 year old son, Caleb Hibbert.

Vice-Chancellor's Award
Mr. Raymond Williams, ICD.D

Vice Chairman, Financial Markets
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Ray Williams is committed to community engagement, and is an outspoken champion in the area of diversity and inclusion. He is a Past & Founding President (2000) of The Canadian Association of Urban Financial Professionals (CAUFP) the pre-eminent professional trade organization for minorities in the financial services industry.

Mr. Williams has been actively involved at all levels since its inception in 1997, and acts as a mentor to a number of individuals. He is a Co-Founder & Chair of the Black Opportunity Fund, established in 2020 and designed to be the largest fund in Canada addressing anti-Black racism through social & economic empowerment. He is a member of Centennial College's Financial Services Program Advisory Committee.

Mr. Williams is currently an Executive-in-Residence (EiR) at Rotman School of Management & sits on the George Brown College Foundation (GBCF) Board and is a Board & Investment Committee member of the IRPP, one of Canada's top think-tanks as well as Canadian Ditchley.

In June 2021 He was nominated as a Champion of Change by Women in Capital Markets. In 2019 he was presented with the President's Award at the Annual Harry Jerome Awards.

In 2018 Mr. Williams was awarded The Ontario Black History's Society (OBHS) Rev Addie Aylestock Award – "Paving the way for others to follow". He was also member of the Pension Investment Committee of the United Way of Greater Toronto (2008 -2013)

In October of 2013 he was nominated by the Canadian Diversity Business Council (CDBC) as part of the second cohort of 50 individuals deemed Board ready. In Dec 2012 he received the Planet Africa Award for Professional Excellence. Mr. Williams volunteers in various capacities and has sat on the Board of numerous organizations, including CANFAR (2007-2012).

Between 2005 and 2008, Mr. Williams was instrumental in engaging the National Bank's participation in The BankSETA International Development Program, which each year brought to Canada up to 16 senior South African banking executives from previously disadvantaged groups. From 2000 to 2006, Mr. Williams was an advisor to the federal government as part of an External Advisory Group (EAG) on Embracing Change, a program designed to reconcile the evident disparities of visible minorities within the federal public service and federally-regulated industries.

Congratulations Kevin Hibbert!

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UWI Scholarship Recipients 2022/2023



Chavez Pope (Cave Hill Campus), a Grenadian, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Meteorology in the Faculty of Science and Technology.

*"It is with great esteem that I express my immense gratitude for this **UWI Toronto Awards Scholarship**. It has come at a time of great uncertainty regarding my funding for the semester and it truly feels like it has been a prayer answered. Thanks to this award which has taken care of my financial issues and enabled me to be at ease and focus on doing my very best! Again, I thank you from the bottom of my heart."*



Krista Rene (Cave Hill Campus), a St. Lucian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Accounting & Finance in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

*"I am truly honored to be a recipient of the **UWI Toronto Awards Scholarship** for the 2022/2023 academic year. Thank you for your generosity, this award will allow me to pursue my studies with great ease as it covers the cost of my tuition for this semester. It would have been incredibly difficult for my parents to cover the cost of food, rent and tuition while also supporting my siblings at home. Thank you for this opportunity."*



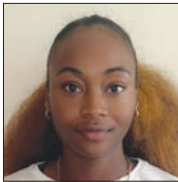
Di-Quan Alexander (Cave Hill Campus), a Vincentian, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Information Technology in the Faculty of Science and Technology.

*"I am thankful for this **UWI Toronto Awards Scholarship**. The financial assistance provided by this award will enable me to fund my final year expenses, gain the necessary qualification for employment. For that, I am thankful beyond measure and deeply appreciate your willingness to contribute to me achieving my goals. Once again, thank you."*



Appoy Robinson (Cave Hill Campus), an Antiguan, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Law in the Faculty of Law.

*"I can hardly put in words just how thankful I am for this **UWI Toronto Awards Scholarship**. Funny story, I got the dreaded "Your account has been put on financial hold" letter and thought to myself, how am I going to work this out? My savings dwindled as I have had to pay my way through University up to this point. This scholarship was on time as it covered my tuition for the rest of the semester. With my mind at ease, I can focus on maintaining my GPA. I will definitely return this favour in the future. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!"*



Natyler Fevrier (Cave Hill Campus), a St. Lucian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Health Sciences in the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

*"Thank you for selecting me for a **UWI Toronto Awards Scholarship**. It will ease the financial burden of tuition on my family and allow me to worry less and focus solely on my studies. Prior to the award, I would constantly worry about my financial situation. However, thanks to your generosity, these issues have been solved. I am eternally grateful for this opportunity, and will put it to good use."*

★ UWI Scholarship Recipients 2022/2023 ★



Zaria Knights (Cave Hill Campus), a Vincentian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Political Science with Psychology in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

*"This **UWI Toronto Awards Bursary** came to me as a surprise. I am very pleased and appreciative as it will assist in the payment of my Semester 2 tuition fees. My finances have not been the best as my mother, who became my main financial provider after the passing of my father, recently fell ill with Rheumatoid Arthritis. Thank you for this bursary as it will ease some of the financial burden that we would have had to endure this semester."*



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

*"I am extremely honoured to be the recipient of a **UWI Toronto Awards Scotiabank Scholarship**. Earlier in the semester, I had received a letter from the bursary urging me to pay the balance of my tuition fees in order to avoid further holds and restrictions on my student account. This scholarship came at the perfect time because my family often has difficulty to pay the fees before the university's deadline. This scholarship motivates me to persevere despite the challenges and so, I thank you wholeheartedly for allowing my goals to become a reality. I wish you continued success as you help to turn dreams into reality for other students like myself."*



Kemanie Gray (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Operations Management in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

*"I am very thankful for my **UWI Toronto Awards Scholarship**. Before receiving this award, I had no other means of paying for my tuition apart from student loan. This scholarship puts me one step closer to finishing my degree and also reduces the stress and strain on my mother. A big thank you UWI Toronto Benefit Awards for allowing me to continue in pursuit of my degree! This opportunity will not go to waste, and hopefully in the future, God's will, I can help others just the same."*



Mourece Moodie (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Medicine and Surgery in the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

*"Gratitude is flowing from my heart! As soon as I received the email that I had been awarded the **UWI Toronto Awards Scholarship**, I called my mother to let her know. This scholarship has come at a perfect time. Being a fourth-year medical student, means that I have exams every month and my mental health has suffered worrying about whether or not I would be barred from exams because of the outstanding fees. With this award, I can now function in peace knowing that your support has come at this time. Thank you for all your support. You have given me a reason to smile this year."*



Javaun Aiken (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in International Relations in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

*"I am extremely thankful and honoured to have received a **UWI Toronto Awards Scholarship** as it has been my dream since high school to accomplish such a feat. Prior to receiving this award, I was facing great financial difficulties and unable to afford my tuition costs. I sought assistance from the Student Loan Bureau among other sources but to my avail, no definite solution was offered for the problem. This scholarship is my saving grace - an opportunity out of a dream..., and I'm truly thankful. To whom much is given, much is required and so, I will do my part and excel beyond all expectations. Thank you!"*

★ UWI Scholarship Recipients 2022/2023 ★



Nicollette Bartley (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Banking and Finance in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

*"I am sincerely honoured to be the recipient of a **UWI Toronto Awards Scholarship**. My university expenses have largely been covered by earnings from part-time & summer jobs, and contributions from family, however there was still a gap. I am deeply appreciative of your generosity as this scholarship will not only bridge this gap, but also provide me with the opportunity to concentrate on completing my degree. Thank you for taking me a step closer toward my career goals. I look forward to helping other students so that they too may attain their educational goals."*



Ojiugo Okoroafor (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Biochemistry and Computer Science in the Faculty of Science and Technology.

*"Thank you for my **UWI Toronto Awards Bursary** which has come at a time of great financial need. It has provided me with the help needed to pay off the funds owing for tuition and for that, I am grateful. It is also impacting my university life positively as it provides hope for me to complete my studies. Thank you to the donors!"*



Tenniqua Campbell (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Banking and Finance in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

*"I am sincerely grateful to be the recipient of a **UWI Toronto Awards Bursary**. This will surely ensure the continuation of my education, the completion of my degree, and also serve as a stepping stone to the attainment of my career goals. My first and second years at UWI were financed by student loans and grants. However, in my final year, I was unsuccessful in attaining funds and this made me very apprehensive on how to move forward. Thank you for this award which has lessened my financial burden and allows me to comfortably and successfully complete my degree. It is truly appreciated."*



Shanalee Morgan (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Economics in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

*"I am beyond grateful to have received this **UWI Toronto Awards Bursary**. It was the extra assistance needed for the completion of my degree and to pay my rent on hall. I was previously funded by various grants, as well as my aunt. However, this semester I needed some assistance to cover the associated costs. Now I can complete my degree without hassle, and for that I am grateful. It was Benjamin Franklin who said, "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest" and I can assure you that investing in my education will pay off handsomely. Again, thank you for providing me with this opportunity."*



LeChone Redwood (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Medicine and Surgery in the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

*"I am grateful to be awarded a **UWI Toronto Awards Scotiabank Scholarship**. When I started Medicine in 2021, I had no idea how my fees would be paid but I started with faith. As a full fee paying student, attaining a scholarship was a goal I worked relentlessly to achieve. Thank you for this the first scholarship of my university journey. I hope to one day contribute to the field of Pathology so that I can help my country and the Caribbean to find ways to cure diseases and ease the burden of deaths. Thank you, once again!"*



Stania McIntosh (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Medicine and Surgery in the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

*"I am sincerely thankful for this **UWI Toronto Awards Scotiabank Scholarship** which I received during my first year of medical school. I am currently a second year student and this scholarship has granted me the financial safety and security to continue on my academic journey. I am truly grateful for the support without which I would not have been able to continue on this journey of breaking through the glass ceiling and stepping outside the walls of poverty. Thank you once again!"*



Isaac Dunkley (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Medicine and Surgery in the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

*"I am thankful to be an awardee of the **UWI Toronto Award Scotiabank Scholarship**. I have always wanted to become a medical doctor and this scholarship truly allows me to pursue my dream. Once again, thank you for giving students like myself the opportunity to pursue our dreams."*



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

*"It is an honour to be the recipient of a **UWI Toronto Awards Scholarship**. I am currently in the 4th year of my studies and most of the sources of funding that were accessible and utilized in previous years are no longer available, leaving my family unable to pay for the semester. That is why I am so overjoyed at receiving this scholarship. It had saved me in the past from an untimely withdrawal from the program due to insufficient funding and presently allows me to further my clinical education. May God continue to bless you all as you continue to give hope to persons like myself!"*



Kevan Williams (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Music and Performance Studies in the Faculty of Humanities and Education.

*"I am honoured to be an awardee of the **UWI Toronto Awards Scholarship** for another year. I am now in my final year and the struggles have been real. I was able to finance a portion of the tuition but experienced some setbacks in honoring the payment plan that was assigned to me. I am grateful for this award which came at the most opportune time. It had me "over the moon." It is my desire to, in the future, render my services to this cause so that the hopes of other young brilliant and talented recipients will be blessed accordingly. Thank you!"*



Judonna Case (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Nursing in the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

*"Thank you for making the **UWI Toronto Awards Scholarship** possible. I am a third year nursing student and hope to become a neonatal nurse after graduating. This award has relieved my family and I of a great financial burden as we have just lost and buried a close loved one. Once again, thank you for your generosity and support. I look forward to giving back to others firstly, as a nurse and possibly, a scholarship to future students like myself."*

★ UWI Scholarship Recipients 2022/2023 ★



Marika Edwards (Open Campus), a Grenadian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Marketing.

*"I must express profound appreciation for this **UWI Toronto Awards Bursary** as my educational journey at the University has not been easy. After skipping semesters due to financial constraints and receiving false hope from close friends, this award is paying off my tuition fees for my final semester. Thank you for providing support and a seed of hope to students who may desperately need it. I made it to the end! Once again, thanks for your generous assistance."*



Mikhalyn De Gale (Open Campus), a Grenadian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Management Studies.

*"Countless thanks for considering me worthy of being a recipient of the **UWI Toronto Awards Bursary**. It was quite challenging to manage last semester and to begin this present one. Numerous sacrifices were made and loads of tears were shed but I kept persevering and hoping for some form of assistance in any way possible. The moment I opened and read the email, I pranced around with a burst of excitement, tears of gratefulness and sighs of relief. You have generously relieved some of my financial worries! My profound thanks, appreciation and gratitude once again."*



Nichole Nickson (Open Campus), a St. Lucian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Mathematics.

*"I am very grateful to have received the **UWI Toronto Awards Bursary**. It enables me to complete a challenging last semester which has given me nightmares to find ways to pay for my remaining four courses. This award has given me more hope. Because of your generosity, graduation in 2023 seems a lot more promising. Again, thank you for helping me to complete my degree."*



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

*"I am a proud recipient of the **UWI Toronto Awards Bursary**. From the inception of my studies, I have only been able to complete two courses per semester due to financial constraints and this has prevented me from making it to the honour roll. Now, I can say with great confidence "look out for me!" Apart from making it to the honour roll, the assistance provided by this award will propel me towards the completion of my studies. Thank you UWI Toronto Awards Gala!"*



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

*"Thank you for awarding me a **UWI Toronto Awards Bursary**! Prior to receiving this award, my aim was to forgo a few semesters in order to focus on finding new employment. Given that I'm in my last year and eager to get my degree this year, receiving this bursary has been a huge blessing. With these funds, I can safely state that I'll finish my studies this year and graduate with honours. I am happy to be a recipient, and am so grateful and appreciative for this award!"*



Sabrina Perry (Open Campus), a British Virgin Islander, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Marketing.

*"My academic journey at UWI began with a government scholarship which required me to enrol full-time and refrain from working. This arrangement ended poorly as my scholarship expired during the COVID-19 pandemic. I was fortunate to secure a seasonal job but it was low paying and prevented me from financing my tuition fully. With the loss of income brought on by the pandemic and other pressing financial demands, my parents were unable to assist me. Thank you for my **UWI Toronto Awards Bursary**. Your kindness has motivated me to assist others in realizing their goals just as you have done for me!"*



Sherine Olliver (Open Campus), a Vincentian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Accounting.

*"I am very joyful and appreciative to be a recipient of the **UWI Toronto Awards Bursary**. It has lightened my financial burden and allows me to concentrate on completing my degree with the highest GPA I can achieve. Now, I am one step closer to that goal. Your generosity has inspired me to give back to my community. It is my hope that one day, I will be able to help others in the same way that you have done for me. Thank you!"*



Tyishia Williams-Bellot (Open Campus), a Dominican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Youth Development Work.

*"There is a common saying on my island which goes, "what is for you will be for you". Today, I type these words in humble gratitude as a recipient of the **UWI Toronto Awards Bursary**. This award is of great financial assistance as it will partially cover this semester. I am now one step closer to my dream of completing my degree to work in a field that I am so passionate about - the youth. Thank you for affording persons like myself the opportunity to be great when life seems to be falling apart around us. Keep spreading that joy!"*



Venessa Smith (Open Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Accounting.

*"I was elated when I was informed that I was awarded a **UWI Toronto Awards Bursary**. For many years, I procrastinated starting a degree merely because my anxiety told me that I was not capable and that university wasn't for me. At first, I registered for a management degree but when I started my first Financial Accounting course at UWI, it became very clear that Accounting will be my career path. Words cannot explain how grateful I am for this award! Your generous support will significantly alleviate my financial challenges and fuel my determination and dedication to complete my degree. Thank you!"*



Marcella Esson (Open Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Sociology.

*"I am honored to be the recipient of a **UWI Toronto Awards Bursary**. It will ease the financial pressure that I have been under over the past months. It was difficult to keep up with all the financial obligations which forced me to live from pay cheque to pay cheque and occasionally resort to taking out loans that only exacerbated the situation. Now, I can concentrate more on my academics and not worry about how I'm going to pay for school. Thank you for giving me this amazing opportunity."*



Karina Clarke (Open Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Psychology.

*"I began this undergraduate degree on faith in the middle of the pandemic and from semester to semester, the favor of God has helped me to pull through. This **UWI Toronto Awards Bursary** was an answer to prayer, and I will forever be grateful for your generous financial donation towards my journey. I believe it is my purpose to guide and mentor youth in reaching their academic and life goals and I hope to serve in a position that allows me to do just that upon completion of this degree. My sincere gratitude to you for allowing me to continue my studies, and I genuinely promise to pay this gesture forward so that someone else's dream, purpose, and potential can also be realized."*



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Shonika Heslop (Open Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Human Resource Management.

*"I was bubbling with joy and extremely happy with my **UWI Toronto Awards Scholarship**. It gave me a beam of hope. My University experience has been full of ups and downs as I have been struggling with the ill health of my five year old son who has been diagnosed with Kidney Dysplasia and has been in and out of hospital. I share with tears in my eyes as the crisis has not only drained my resources but has depleted my funds, drive and motivation. From the depth of my heart, I say thank you for giving me the opportunity to continue my studies."*



Alexia McGee (Open Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Economics.

*"Thank you for my **UWI Toronto Awards Bursary**. I never truly thought I had a chance at being selected as one of the recipients but I thank you for having the confidence and belief in me. To know that tuition is no longer a worry for me or that I won't have to sit out another semester just to be able to clear the previous semester's balance is a **SURREAL** feeling. Once again, thank you."*



Suana Sookdeo (St. Augustine Campus), a Trinidadian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Law in the Faculty of Law.

*"I am thrilled and truly appreciate this **UWI Toronto Awards Scholarship**. For the past three years of my degree programme, my family and I have been experiencing financial difficulties. As a full-time student, I was not readily available to enter any job opportunities and therefore, was unable to provide for myself financially. This award will grant me the assistance needed to reduce my current financial strains as it acts as a 'helping-hand'. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to fulfil my educational goals. I am truly honored to have been chosen!"*



Isabella Cardinez (St. Augustine Campus), a Trinidadian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Statistics and Economics in the Faculty of Science and Technology.

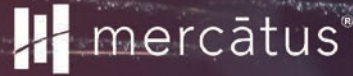
*"Thank you for my **UWI Toronto Awards Scotiabank Scholarship**. It gives me peace of mind as it will cover my personal maintenance, such as rent and other expenses. It also encourages me to pursue academic excellence as I complete my degree. Once again, thank you for helping me to achieve my educational and career aspirations."*



Kavita Havan (St. Augustine Campus), a Trinidadian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Chemistry and Physics in the Faculty of Science and Technology

*"I wish to express my gratitude for this **UWI Toronto Awards Scotiabank Scholarship**. Prior to this scholarship, the issue of paying fees each semester always evoked stress to me and my family. However, this award lessens the financial burden, and allows me to pursue my education more comfortably. I truly appreciate this award. Thank you!"*

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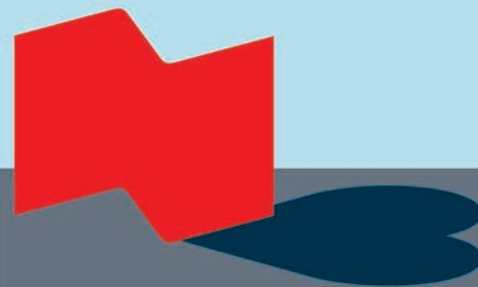


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and Nevis



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St. Vincent and
the Grenadines



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Turks and Caicos

The Evening



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| Commencement | Patrick “Panman Pat” McNeilly Steelpan Ensemble Featuring Jeff Walcott (bass), Pam Kerr (percussion), Roger Gibbs |
| Introduction to the Evening | Mr. Dwight Drummond, The Host |
| Land Acknowledgements Caribbean Indigenous Acknowledgement | Professor Verene A. Shepherd |
| Silent Contemplation | Ambassador Richard Bernal & Ms. Donna Haynes Performed by: KÔSA |
| CARICOM Flag Ceremony & Canadian National Anthem | |
| Co-Patron’s Welcome Address | Dr. Donette Chin-Loy Chang, Co-Patron |
| Government Remarks | The Hon Minister Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion |
| UWI Welcome Remarks | Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, Vice-Chancellor, The University of the West Indies |
| Student Video – Reflections | Dreaming to Achieving ... a journey of reflection |
| Dinner Chair Address | Ms. Anya Schnoor, Executive Vice-President, Caribbean, Central American & Uruguay (CCAU), Scotiabank |
| Dinner | Musical Interlude: Thunder Dome Sounds. Featuring Eddie Bullen – Piano; Quincy Bullen – Guitar; Tré-Michael Bullen |
| UWI Volunteer Recognition Awards | Presented by: Ms. Brigette Chang, Co-Patron |
| Performance | Ms. Jackie Richardson, O.C., and Mr. Sean Jones |
| Live Auction | Ms. Francis Fripp, Benefit Auctioneer |
| Scholarship Gifting Address | Mr. Dwayne Redwood, Director, Compliance, Sprott Asset Management |
| Student Acknowledgement | Ms. Sabraina Perry, The University of the West Indies, British Virgin Islands |
| “The Impossible Dream” | Sung by: KÔSA |
| Scholarship Callout | Dr. Wesley J. Hall, Honourary Patron |



Beyond Our Imagination

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Ms. Dahabo Ahmed-Omer, Chief Executive Officer, BlackNorth
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Envisioning Success, The Power of Higher Education

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Chancellor, The University of the West Indies; Ms. Anya Schnoor,
Executive Vice-President, Caribbean, Central American &
Uruguay (CCAU), Scotiabank

Finalé

Ms. Jackie Richardson, O.C., and Mr. Sean Jones
Accompanied by: Eddie Bullen – Piano; Quincy Bullen – Guitar;
Tré-Michael Bullen – Drums; Etric Lyons – Bass; Alexander Brown –
Trumpet and Marcus Ali – Saxophone

Menu



APPETIZER

Beef Cheek & Wild Mushroom

Mojo Sauce | Sweet Potato Chips

ENTRÉE

Roasted Beef Tenderloin

Rice and Beans | Hericot Vert | Baby Carrots | Plantain Chip
Jus infused with Jerk Sauce

OR

Seared Salmon

Callaloo | Chocho | Coconut Curry

OR

Mojo De Ajo Cauliflower Steak

Caribbean Chickpea & Sweet Potato | Cilantro Garlic Sauce | Plantain Chip

DESSERT

Caribbean rum infused sponge cake, coconut cream and pineapple compote

-AND-

Caribbean milk chocolate cream on crunchy wafer
with mango and passion fruit compote

Note: menu is nut free and no shellfish

The Host



Mr. 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.

Student Acknowledgment



Sabrina Perry is a 23-year-old British Virgin Islands native, born to Jamaican parents is a senior at the University of the West Indies Open Campus where she is majoring in Marketing. She first pursued an associates in business after receiving a Grade 1 in Principles of Business Administration in her CXC exams and a distinction in her school leaving exams. She became interested in marketing during her senior semester of community college after taking her first marketing class. She was tasked with creating a marketing strategy for any local existing business and pilot testing it for her final assignment. She promoted a local non-profit group called 'The Family Support Network,' hoping to fill their food pantry. Here she learnt the true value of helping the community. This inspired her to become a frequent blood donor and volunteer at the local Red Cross. Apart from pursuing a career in social media marketing, Sabrina enjoys reading in her free time and hopes to establish a virtual book club to promote reading in her community.



Caribbean Indigenous Acknowledgement



Verene A. Shepherd, graduate of the University of the West Indies (UWI) and the University of Cambridge, is Professor Emerita of Social History at The UWI, a past University Director of The Institute for Gender & Development Studies, current Director of the Centre for Reparation Research, also at the UWI and Chair of the oldest UN Treaty Body, The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), the first Black woman from the African Diaspora to hold that post. Professor Shepherd is also the current CERD focal point to the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, of which she is a former Chair. As a UN expert she has played a role in helping to implement the UN International Year for People of African descent and overseeing the drafting of the programme of activities for the UN International Decade for people of African descent while she was Chair of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent

Professor Shepherd is also Hon. Fellow, Jesus College, Cambridge, a Vice-Chair of The CARICOM Reparation Commission and a member of the Jamaica National Council on Reparation. Her research interests are in the areas of Jamaican Social History, Gender Studies and Human Rights, including reparation. In addition to her peer-reviewed articles and her co-authored and co-edited publications, she is the sole author of 7 books, among them, *The Biography of Lucille Mathurin Mair* published by The UWI Press in 2020; *I Want to Disturb my Neighbour: Lectures on Slavery, Emancipation and Post-Colonial Jamaica* (Ian Randle Pubs, 2007) and *Maharani's Misery: Narratives of a Passage from India to the Caribbean* (UWI Press, 2002).

A much sought-after public speaker, she has lectured at Universities and other venues in Africa, Asia, Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean, the UK, USA and Europe. She has received several awards, including The UWI Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence for Public Service (2017) and the Order of Distinction, Commander Class from the Govt. of Jamaica for her work in History and Gender Studies and her public service.

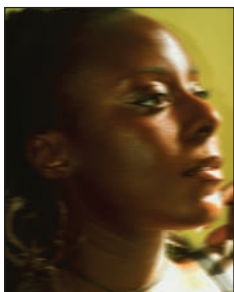
Tribute Narrator



Hi – My name is **Michael Anthony Cuffe** and I am thrilled to be a part of the UWI Toronto Benefit Awards. I am a Jamaican born, Canadian trained radio and television broadcaster, with over 35 years collective working experience in both countries. I have managed radio stations, taught interview techniques at University of the West Indies Mona, hosted radio and television shows, done hundreds of interviews with international celebrities, leaders and newsmakers. Including Prime ministers P.J. Patterson, Edward Seaga, Portia Simpson-Miller, and Bruce Golding, the list also includes the late Johnnie Cochran Jr, attorney for O.J. Simpson, writer Maya Angelou, Dr. Ben Carson and Coretta Scott-King. Master of ceremonies for most major Jamaican corporate events, and numerous voice over commercials, I am currently the voice for the Jamaica Tourist Board international marketing campaign. Tonight, it is my pleasure, once again, to lend my talent on the citation for our honourees.



Patrick “Panman Pat” McNeilly Steelpan Ensemble “Panman Pat” McNeilly is one of Canada’s pioneers in steelpan and calypso and remains a popular calypso composer and performer. Arriving in Canada in 1966, he took part in the very first Caribana (Toronto Caribbean Carnival) in 1967. Pat developed the first Steelpan curriculum as a credit course in Grades 9, 10 and 11 at the Etobicoke Board - contributing greatly to steelpan’s wide popularity in Toronto’s school system. Pat has won numerous awards for his lifelong work in calypso and steelpan in Canada. Panman Pat Strolling Band is one of his many creative projects – called “pan-around-the-neck” - and features vintage steelpan instruments of the 1950s.

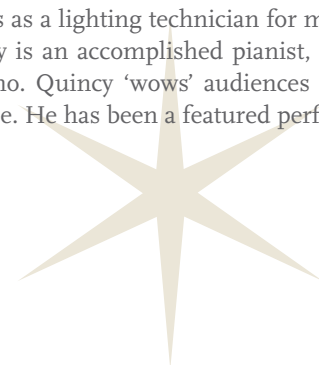


KOSA (Stacy Darko) is an eccentric vocalist, songwriter, and producer. A storyteller who paints vivid imagery through her lyrics, and conjures sounds of an altruistic infusion of avant-garde-pop with operatic and classical elements, alternative- electronic synths and afro- centric rhythms. KOSA’s spark for classical music started at a young age. During her adolescence, her passion for music blossomed at the Regent Park School Of Music, a non-profit organization, (which landed her a feature in the documentary, “My Piece of the City - The Journey”; performing her original song, EMBER) and later majored in Opera at The University of British Columbia, where she had the opportunity to perform in The Cunning Little Vixen in the Czech Republic. Upon her return home, (Toronto, ON), she found strength and comfort in exploring her own style in music. In the past few years KOSA has gone on to write and produce her 4 EPS, including her latest, Tempest Love (2019).



Thunder Dome Sounds, Featuring Eddie Bullen, Quincy Bullen and Tré-Michael Bullen

Pianist, composer, arranger and producer, Eddie Bullen’s lengthy career has yielded an abundance of awards and recognitions. From his first album to his most recent, Eddie provides a taste of contemporary jazz, flavored with Caribbean rhythms. He has produced over 200 albums through his record company Thunder Dome Sounds. Eddie’s two sons Quincy and Tré-Michael are also musicians. Tré-Michael is the drummer in the Bullen’s band. He also works as a lighting technician for movies, and manages four production studios at Pie in the Sky. Quincy is an accomplished pianist, singer and multi-instrumentalist, mastering the bass, guitar and piano. Quincy ‘wows’ audiences across Canada, US and the Caribbean. His style is jazz with a funky vibe. He has been a featured performer at prominent music festivals.





Ms. Jackie Richardson, O.C. is an award-winning singer and actor whose career spans more than five decades. She has been called Canada’s reigning queen of jazz, blues and gospel, and has received a Maple Blues Award for lifetime achievement. She is also a Gemini Award and Dora Award-winning actor who has appeared in numerous musical theatre productions, films and television series. In 2014, the Toronto Star named Richardson one of 180 people who have helped shaped the city since it was founded. She was made an Honorary Member of the Order of Canada in 2021.



Mr. Sean Jones is a Juno award winning recording artist and actor, star of Toronto’s ‘Soul In The City’, first musical ambassador for WestJet and creator of ‘The WestJet Boarding Sessions’. He has opened for Ellen DeGeneres’ arena tour and has shared the stage with legendary acts such as Stevie Wonder, Natalie Cole, David Foster, Usher, Beyonce, Macy Gray, Eric Benet, Alan Frew, Divine Brown, and Jully Black. Most recently Sean produced a magical Christmas concert benefiting ‘The Daily Bread Food Bank’, featuring Divine Brown, Jackie Richardson and The Toronto Concert Orchestra. With sold out shows, roles in movies and commercials and songs playing at 30,000 feet, Sean Jones continues to pursue the career he loves while sharing his music with the world.



DJ Blackcat has opened for Saucy Santana, City Girls, R&B superstar Jully Black and DJs such as the late ICON DJ Vjuan Allure and DJs Mikeq & Bambii. During Covid Blackcat took a forced break from the club scene and joined @Pride Toronto as Program Curator, helping young 2SLGBTQ+ artists find their voices and shine. He has since taken his collective GO HARD online where they have held successful events to help raise awareness and monies for Black people and businesses, focusing on the LGBTQ+ community. DJ Blackcat has brought the popular urban sound to Toronto’s LGBTQ club scene and was voted Church Street’s favorite DJ this year. He is the recipient of the Inspire Awards “Lifetime Achievement Award” for his contribution to the Black LGBTQ community.

Featured Music

Rally Round the West Indies by David Rudder. Released in 1987, this song was officially adopted by the West Indies cricket team as a rallying cry and its “national” anthem 12 years later. The song speaks to a time when disparate isles came together through cricket. The underlying message is unity in the face of adversity.

One Love by Bob Marley. One Love was released in 1965 evoking the simple idea that everyone in the world should stop fighting and become one. In the words of Stephen Marley...“It is love for humanity, love for the environment, love is the universal cure...” This song has been globally accepted as a song of unity and has been widely featured across many platforms.

Toast by Koffee. Toast was written in 2018 by the Jamaican reggae phenom Koffee (aka Mikayla Victoria Simpson). Koffee states that “the song speaks about the moment in high school when my life changed when I started writing lyrics; the passion that I wrote the song with is what’s translating to other people.” It’s a song about being grateful and giving thanks.

Congratulations!

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SILENT Auction

An exciting selection of Silent Auction items are on display in the reception area. Personnel are on hand at the Silent Auction tables, should you require any assistance.

RESORT PACKAGES

1. The Trident Hotel

Situated along the island's northeast coast, Port Antonio has been dubbed the 'Jamaican Riviera' for its natural glamour and rich history. Set on the lip of the Caribbean Sea, The Trident Hotel in Port Antonio offers a sensuous vision of contemporary luxury — an instant classic for the 21st century. With its spectacular views, modernist design and five star amenities, this flagship retreat is easily one of Jamaica's foremost properties, and one of its most coveted. The newly refurbished historic hotel is reminiscent of Port Antonio's 1960s jet-setting prime while blending an extended take on the new look of luxury.

The Trident Hotel is pleased to offer a three (3) night stay for two in a Deluxe Villa, inclusive of breakfast and a poolside dinner.

VALUE: \$6,087

2. Morritt's Tortuga, Grand Cayman

The original Morritt's playground! Welcoming the morning sunrise and offering unparalleled ocean views in the Seaside suites, and tropical pool and garden views in the Poolside Suites. The view from the Oceanfront rooms looks out over a million shades of blue and turquoise. So you can watch the sun rise every morning and witness the incredible sight of the full moon over the water at night. It will have you captivated. Grand Cayman fuses arts with culture, and nature with wonder, to produce the perfect atmosphere. Nestled on the beach, the Morritt's Tortuga is within 9 miles (15km) of East End Lighthouse, Grand Cayman Blow Holes, and Mastic Trail North Trailhead, Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park and Mastic Trail South Trailhead.

This offer is for a one (1) week stay in a two bedroom villa.

VALUE: \$4,000

3. Harbor Club, Curio Collection by Hilton, St. Lucia

Welcome to Saint Lucia, fairest island on all earth! The Harbor Club, situated in the beautiful Rodney Bay, offers guests a Caribbean resort experience unlike any other. Indulge your appetite for paradise and enjoy a world of relaxation, celebration, and adventure. From five world-class dining outlets, four sparkling swimming pools, to our first-class service, Harbor Club offers guests a chance to kick back and experience the best of St. Lucia in stunning style.

Enjoy a three (3) night stay for two in a Luxury Marina Terrace View Room, King Bed, with breakfast each morning, and a sunset cruise (available only on a Saturday evening). The package includes transportation on arrival from and departure to the international airport.

VALUE: \$3,788

4. Round Hill Hotel and Villas

Round Hill Hotel and Villas features a collection of secluded and elegantly appointed luxury villas, ocean-view rooms and suites, discreetly nestled in one hundred lush, verdant acres and surrounded by pristine natural beaches. Perfect for romantic escapes, family getaways, weddings and larger reunions, our luxury Caribbean resort offers understated luxury and impeccable service with a warm Jamaican heart. Immerse yourself in the tropics and cherish the simple pleasures of a place that has always welcomed legends and now welcomes you home.

This offer is for 2 nights / 3 days in one of our Oceanfront / Ocean View hotel rooms for two persons on a breakfast basis.

VALUE: \$2,775

5. Half Moon

A destination in itself, the Jamaican resort is set on 400 acres of manicured grounds and bordered by two miles of beachfront. All of our guests can enjoy the extensive facilities of this destination, which include the largest award-winning spa oasis in Jamaica, an 18-hole par-72 championship golf course, our own equestrian centre with 28 horses, and the Sugar Mill, awarded as Jamaica's best restaurant. Enjoy the luxury of space and tranquility we have to offer. Imagine your first morning, taking in the panoramic view of the horizon and watching the sunrise, having just concluded a yoga or meditation session in our overwater bungalow. Then, cycle to the Seagrape Terrace for breakfast before beginning a day of whatever you desire.

You will soon be enjoying a three day/two night stay for two, in our Prestige Ocean Junior Suite, with complimentary Breakfast Plan, at the Caribbean's most iconic destination, Half Moon.

VALUE: \$2,784

6. Hyatt Ziva Rose Hall

The all-inclusive Hyatt Ziva Rose Hall in Montego Bay, Jamaica, offers recreation and relaxation for the entire family. Nestled along the shores of the sparkling Caribbean Sea, blue skies and the scenic mountains of Jamaica serve as the perfect luxury vacation backdrop. Accommodations range from elegant, intimate rooms for two to large suites with ample room for families and all include private balconies with gorgeous views. Exclusive swim-up suites provide direct access to a semi-private pool from your terrace and the resort features two other sparkling pools as well.

This package includes an all-inclusive two night / 3 day stay in a King, double occupancy room.

VALUE: \$1,900

7. Accra Beach Hotel & Spa, Barbados

EXPERIENCE THE CARIBBEAN DREAM. Discover one of the most beautiful, tropical getaways in the Caribbean at the Accra Beach Hotel & Spa. Tucked away amongst lush gardens, this 3.5 acre beachfront property offers breathtaking views of the island, pool or ocean, providing

ultimate relaxation to ensure you have a once in a lifetime experience. Enjoy a cooling refreshment or light bite to eat at our swim up pool bar or indulge in a boozy cocktail whilst watching the sun set at our oceanfront bar. Relish in the delights of local or international cuisine at our restaurant or join in on our weekly themed nights. In need of some pampering? Our professional spa therapists would be happy to assist! Choose from a wide selection of treatments and immerse yourself in the tranquil atmosphere of our spa experience. If you're planning a special gathering, our lush landscaping and oceanfront venues are the perfect setting for wedding celebrations, memorable meetings and events. With 6,500 square feet of gathering space, we can easily host up to 200 people.

Enjoy a two night stay in a Deluxe ocean view room, inclusive of breakfast buffet.

VALUE: \$1,750

8. Coyaba Beach Resort, St. George, Grenada

Coyaba is set on 5 1/2 acres of colourful tropical gardens with its unique design based on ancient Amerindian traditions. Its rustic style combines perfectly with its beautiful beachfront setting. This hotel features an on-site scuba diving and watersports center, a double tennis court, fitness gym, fully equipped conference room and much more! Guests can enjoy yoga and massage treatments when they're not dining at either of the two restaurants or enjoying a cocktail at the swim up bar. Experience the warmth and hospitality that Coyaba offers in our alluring surroundings ... be enchanted.

Enjoy three (3) nights of Coyaba's ambiance of intimacy, with an all-inclusive package and full amenities for the classic Caribbean vacation. The package includes daily breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as bar drinks by the glass. Premium food and bar items are not included. This offer is strictly valid for two persons.

VALUE: \$1,465

9. The Jamaica Inn Resort

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island-fresh cuisine. Drink in the magnificence of the glistening Caribbean Sea along our private Jamaica Beach. Feel it deep within your soul. Be legendary. It's time. Come home to Jamaica Inn.

Enjoy a Superior Balcony Suite with a captivating view of the Caribbean Sea, for two persons for two nights on a European Plan at the Jamaica Inn Resort, Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

VALUE: \$1,443

10. AC Hotel by Marriott Kingston

The AC Hotel Kingston is situated on 6 acres of island greenery within the Golden Triangle and business and entertainment mecca of New Kingston. Your vacation to Jamaica begins the moment your plane touches down, thanks to our unrivaled location, just 10 miles from the Norman Manley International Airport. Discover island-style relaxation at our private outdoor pool and bar, complemented by a mouthwatering menu of international cuisine. Whether travelling for business or pleasure, make your trip to Jamaica one to remember at AC Hotel Kingston, Jamaica.

Enjoy a two-night stay in a King Guest Room with sofa bed, inclusive of breakfast.

VALUE: \$1,071

11. S Hotel Kingston (Formerly Spanish Court Hotel)

Situated in the bustling capital of Jamaica, the S Spanish Court Kingston Hotel is the go-to destination for every discerning tourist. With a convenient city-centric location, you can rest assured of being within close proximity to business hubs, tourist attractions and local restaurants when you stay at one of the best luxury hotels in Kingston, Jamaica! The 125-room hotel serves as a hub for Kingston's movers and shakers flocking to the hotel's buzzy café cultures at The Café, chill vibes around the Cabana Pool, and the happening nightlife scene at The Sky Terrace complete with a 50-foot infinity lap pool.

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BOOKS

12. Dr. Herbert Ho Ping Kong with Michael Posner "The Art of Medicine"

Toronto Western Hospital's legendary internist Dr. Herbert Ho Ping Kong draws on his vast dossier of personal cases and five decades as a clinician, to examine the core principles of a patient-centred approach to diagnosis and treatment. A fascinating and instructive journey into the heart of modern medical practice!

VALUE: \$30

13. Drs. Neville and Vivienne Poy "Precious Moments"

Precious Moments explores the stunning Ontario gardens of Neville and Vivienne Poy. The larger and more elaborate of their two gardens, where most of these photographs were taken, is on their property in Muskoka, and the other surrounds their beautiful Toronto home. Together they exemplify the wonderful vistas possible in the most conscientious horticulture. An excellent addition to your collection

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14. Walter Chin

A fashion photographer for over two decades, Walter Chin gives us the first collection of his work in this colourful and extravagant volume. This book is loaded with full-page shots of actors, models and musicians in which he captures not only the outward look of his subjects, but a part of their essence as well.

VALUE: \$250

15. Fragments of Epic Memory

New ways of understanding Caribbean visual culture, from historical photographs following emancipation to contemporary transnational perspectives, on the occasion of a major exhibition at the Art Gallery of Ontario, Canada. Anchored by an extensive selection from the world-class Montgomery Collection of Caribbean Photographs at the Art Gallery of Ontario, Fragments of Epic Memory situates a range of prints, postcards, daguerreotypes and albums from the period just after emancipation in 1838 within a broader

context of visual culture in the Caribbean. This critical volume includes works by Caribbean artists such as Wilfredo Lam from Cuba and Sir Frank Bowling and Aubrey Williams.

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16. Roast by Bresheh Executive Backpack

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VALUE: \$500

17. Xeryus Tunic by Greta Constantine

The Xeryus tunic features a panelled microfiber design with contrast Italian silk faille ruffle trim. The garment is available in size M and due to the nature of its relaxed fit, accommodates most individuals who typically fit US size 4 – 10.

VALUE: \$1,445

18. The Gaia Shirt by Meiling Inc Limited

White Linen Hand Embroidered Shirt.

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19. GraceKennedy Assortment Basket

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VALUE: \$340

ARTWORKS

20. David Kibuuka – Rhythm-Nation (16 X 20)

Kibuuka captivates the melodies and pulsating rhythms of Africa in this unique piece of art - Lost in the ecstasy of the music. Medium – Modern Batik Drum beat vibration. Hand painted print on canvas, signed and embellished by the artist.

VALUE: \$1,000

21. David Kibuuka – Water Carrier (16 x 20)

In this inspired work, Kibuuka pays tribute to women who have carried water pots on their heads all over the world to support family for ages, time and time again. Kibuuka uses his unique fragmentation.

Hand painted print, signed and embellished by the artist.

VALUE: \$1,000

22. David Kibuuka – Massai Dancers (16 x 20)

Original giclée on canvas, hand painted print, signed and embellished by the artist. A stunning piece of work. In this piece Kibuuka uses his unique fragmentation technique to capture the grace and strength of East African Massai dancers swathed in traditional fabrics and beads. For the Maasai, important rites of passage in life are marked by ceremonies filled with song and dance. Boys are divided into age groups and throughout their life are identified with and by those stages. As they move from one stage, there's a rhythm and movement to welcome them into the next step of their lives.

VALUE: \$1,200

23. David Kibuuka – Togetherness (30 X 20)

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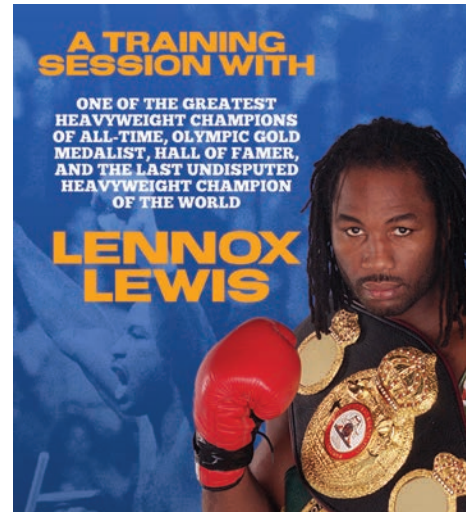
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Not only is Lennox Lewis legendary, he is a UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Vice-Chancellor's Award recipient, a supporter of the event and an all-around nice guy.



Imagine having the opportunity to own a piece of boxing history with a pair of autographed boxing gloves from Lennox Lewis himself. Such an opportunity is not only a collector's dream, but it could also be a source of inspiration for aspiring boxers or sports enthusiasts who admire his achievements and dedication to his craft. The autographed gloves would be a prized possession, a talking point, and a reminder of Lennox's extraordinary achievements and contributions to the sport of boxing.

Value: \$5,000



★ Gene Pearson Sculpture

Ceramicist and sculptor Gene Hendricks Pearson was born in 1946 in Jamaica. He attended the Jamaica School of Art; now the Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts, where he studied under Jamaica's Master Potter Cecil Baugh and was one of the School's first graduates with a diploma in ceramics in 1965.

Pearson worked exclusively as a studio artist and divided his time between Jamaica and California. He was best known for his sculptural work, especially his popular heads and masks. He worked extensively with Jamaican clays, which he used in his earthenware pieces. His ceramic work also shows the results of his constant experimentation with the ancient Japanese technique of Raku-style firing, of which he was an acknowledged master. Pearson's ceramic and bronze sculptural work celebrates black beauty and dignity. His style and subject matter were inspired by the arts of ancient Nubia, Benin and Rastafarian culture.

His master pieces have been sought worldwide and can be found in the private collections of international celebrities such as Stevie Wonder, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Diahann Carroll, and Alice Walker. His ceramic works have also served as official Jamaican gifts to Heads of States and other public figures including President Nelson Mandela of South Africa, President Bill Clinton of the U.S.A., Leonid Brezhnev of the Soviet Union, Prime Minister Phan Van Dong of Vietnam, President Lopez Portillo of Mexico, Roberta Flack and Maya Angelou.

For his contribution to the Arts, the Jamaican government awarded him the Order of Distinction, a national honour, and the Council of the Institute of Jamaica awarded him the Silver Musgrave Medal for outstanding merit in the field."

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★ **Chef's Culinary Experience**
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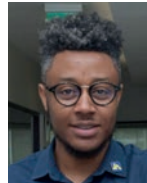
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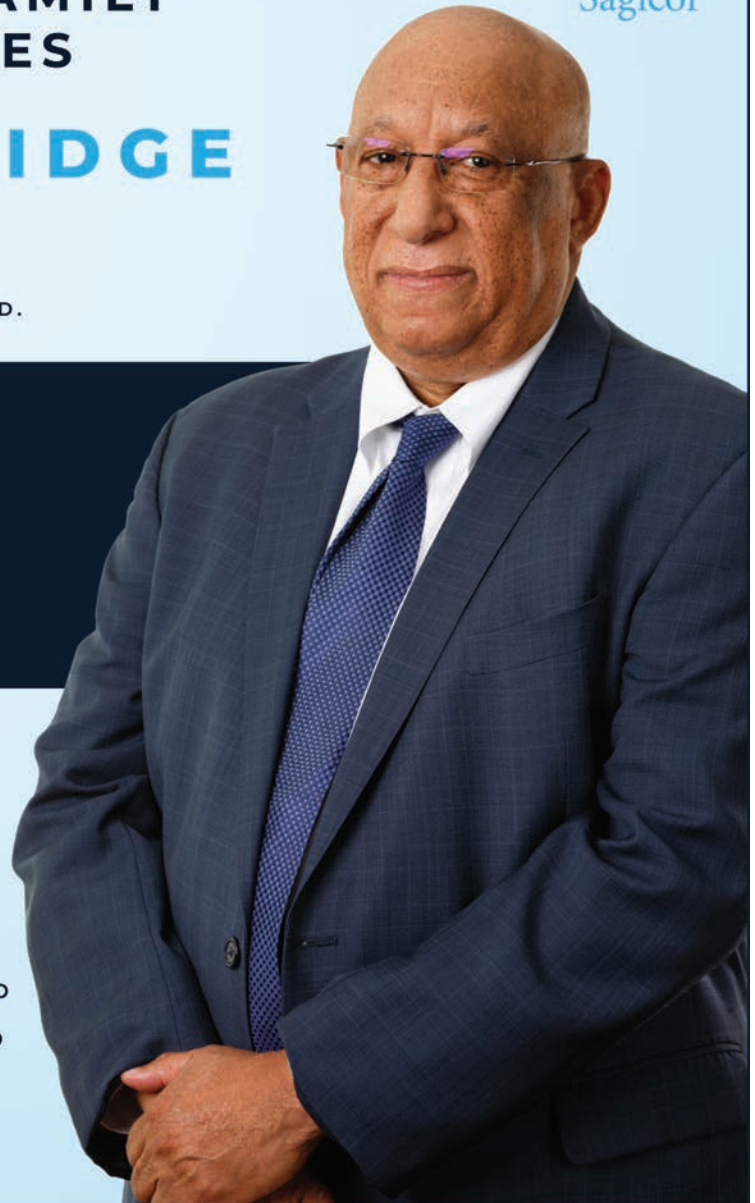
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