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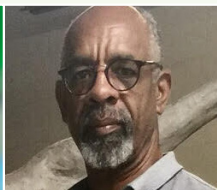
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The G. Raymond Chang Family

Patrons, The UWI Toronto Benefit Awards 2022



Welcome to the 13th UWI Toronto Benefit Awards, a celebration of fellowship and hope. It is great to see you again. Thirteen is indeed a lucky number as we gather in person, once more at the Ritz Carlton on June 25th under the banner: **ONE CARIBBEAN... GLOBAL IMPACT.** And as the winds of change bluster along, we welcome summer - the season of rebirth, renewal, warmth, joy, abundance, hope, and beautiful weather.

In the unforgettable last two years, your support did not wane. In fact, you heard the call louder and clearer and stepped up your support. For this, a million times thank you. And as we reinvigorate the help for students – we have come to you once again.

Our scholarship recipients are forever grateful for your support and care, which has helped to make dreams come true. Their passion for learning and ploughing through the thickness of a pandemic is testament to their courage, commitment, and zeal.

To our lead sponsor Scotiabank – this is indeed a great marriage – 13 years on and we still are together...so thank you for all of it. Our other major donors Kingsdale, Sprott and the G. Raymond Chang Foundation, you, together with several sponsors, have indeed laid the foundation of great global giving to Caribbean students at the University of the West Indies, helping to build and rebuild a university and by extension a Region that has been devastated by the ravages of COVID-19 and climate change. Indeed, the Caribbean and Canada share a deep and warm relationship. So, thanks so much for stepping up your support.

There is no greater encouragement than an inspiring example, and we are honoured to recognize the 2020 awardees in the Luminary Award, the Chancellor's Award, the G. Raymond Chang Award, and the Vice-Chancellor's Award. Your visionary achievements and dedication to community globally are a very special part of our story – as you provide inspiration for students to aim high and achieve their goals.

To the scholarship recipients – congratulations.... you made it. Make us proud by being great ambassadors for your alma mater and by paying it forward for those to come, and stay true to your UWI motto: *The Light Shining Rising from the West.*

Our sincere thanks everyone. Now let the show begin – enjoy.

Donette Chin-Loy Chang
Andrew Chang
Brigette Chang

**Dr. Wesley J. Hall**

Honourary Patron, The UWI Toronto Benefit Awards 2022

Welcome to the 13th annual UWI Toronto Benefit Awards. It is my pleasure to join you alongside my fellow Co-Patrons: Dr. Donette Chin-Loy Chang, Mr. Andrew Chang and Ms. Brigitte Chang, and Scotiabank as Lead Sponsor for the 13th consecutive year.

I cannot express in words how much your support is appreciated. We are going through a very difficult time in our history and thanks to you, we are not leaving anyone behind. In these times we must pay particular attention to the underserved among us. Recently, I had the great pleasure of meeting an impressive group of UWI Toronto Awards scholarship recipients at The University of the West Indies whose lives have been ravaged by the COVID-19 virus and harsh circumstances in which they were born. Yet they are more determined than ever and continually expressed their appreciation for your support, recognizing that the trajectory of their lives and realizations of their dreams have only been made possible by your generosity.

Nelson Mandela once said: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Tonight we will hear from some of these students whose lives have been transformed as a result of your support of this extraordinary event.

Congratulation to this year's distinguished honourees: Chancellor Janice Fukakusa, Mr. Andre De Grasse, Mr. Basil Watson, the Pan American Health Organization, Mr. Walter Chin, Dr. Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted and Dr. Camille Wardrop Alleyne. We are delighted to honour you for your numerous and outstanding accomplishments.

The theme for this year's event is One Caribbean....Global Impact. Tonight you will have the great fortune of experiencing the very best of the Caribbean.....Enjoy!!!

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Ms. Anya M. Schnoor

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

As the leading bank in the Americas, Scotiabank has served the rich and vibrant Caribbean region for the past 133 years and has supported The University of the West Indies Toronto Benefit Gala for the past 13 years as its lead sponsor.

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

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

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Mr. Robert Bermudez

Chancellor, The University of the West Indies



Over the past two years, since March 2020, the inter-connectedness of our world has been emphasized by the COVID-19 pandemic – even as it prevented physical gatherings! In 2022, there seems to be more than just a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel. Indeed, the hope that the worst of this pandemic is behind us has provided the impetus for the Toronto Gala to resume in face to face format.

The kinship and pride in our Caribbean-ness afforded by the annual galas redound to the tremendous benefit of our students at The University of the West Indies. My sincere thanks to the dedicated and committed patrons – Donette Chin-Loy Chang, Andrew Chang, Brigitte Chang and Wes Hall as they continue their sterling work to keep The UWI in the forefront of the consciousness of the Caribbean diaspora and other supporters in Canada. Lead sponsor of the event – Scotiabank – has been tremendous in their ongoing support over the years and I thank them for their commitment. This year's theme "One Caribbean – Global Impact" has particular resonance. It reminds us all that the Caribbean contributes to global development in so many ways, particularly through the relocation and assimilation into other societies of skilled Caribbean people.

The Toronto Gala honours persons and organisations that have made meaningful contributions to their disciplines, and to the lives of others in their communities. The G. Raymond Chang Awardee is Chancellor of Toronto Metropolitan University Dr. Janice Fukakusa who reflects the humanitarian spirit of the award. Luminary Award recipients Mr. Andre De Grasse, a six-time Olympian and Mr. Basil Watson, world renowned sculptor, epitomise talent and commitment. Mr. Walter Chin, global fashion photographer, Dr. Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted, Global Lead for Nutrition and Public Health at WorldFish, and Dr. Camille Wardrop Alleyne, aerospace engineer and space scientist, reflect excellence and dedication and are the recipients of the Vice-Chancellor's Awards. The Chancellor's Award will be given to the Pan American Health Organization in recognition of all that they do to improve the health and quality of life of people everywhere. I salute them all and thank them for sharing their brilliance with us.

As we look to the future, it is my fervent hope that our world has learnt from the lessons of the past two years. We can and must do things more efficiently, appreciating even more the fragility of the world that we must protect, and in so doing, assure our own future.

I thank you for your ongoing support for The UWI!



Professor Sir Hilary Beckles

Vice-Chancellor, The University of the West Indies



A very warm welcome and sincere thanks to everyone attending the 2022 Toronto Gala. The past two years have been a tremendous learning experience for the entire world. We emerged – cautiously – to a not yet post-COVID environment, only to be confronted with a war that is exacerbating already disrupted global supply chains. However, our mantra must be resilience. I must share my pride and joy in the manner in which The UWI – all staff, students and management – have demonstrated that spirit of confidence and resilience and continue to confront the challenges and deliver on our mandate of service. This year's Gala is a special one. For me, it represents a re-boot and I thank our patrons Donette Chin-Loy Chang, Andrew Chang, Brigitte Chang and Wes Hall for making it happen.

The Galas celebrate 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. The Galas also help to raise awareness about The University of the West Indies, its contributions to development in the Caribbean and further afield. The Galas also raise funds for scholarships for brilliant UWI students who are financially challenged. These scholarships ensure that some of the brightest minds in the region complete their education and go on to make significant contributions to their countries, region and the world. On their behalf I thank you all.

The 2022 honorees are a brilliant group of individuals. My warmest congratulations to each of them and I thank them for allowing us to bask in their wonderful light. Their spheres of influence include academe, the arts, sports, fashion, space exploration and healthcare. Chancellor of Ryerson University Dr. Janice Fukakusa epitomises the humanitarian spirit of the G. Raymond Chang Award. Luminary Award recipients Mr. Andre De Grasse, a six-time Olympian and Mr. Basil Watson, world renowned sculptor are at the pinnacle in their respective fields. The recipients of the Vice-Chancellor's Awards - Mr. Walter Chin, global fashion photographer, Dr. Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted, Global Lead for Nutrition and Public Health at WorldFish, and Dr. Camille Wardrop Alleyne, aerospace engineer and space scientist are trail-blazers in their search for new perspectives and frontiers. For all that they do to improve the health and quality of life of people in the hemisphere, the Pan American Health Organization is the 2022 recipient of the Chancellor's Award. Together they serve as inspiration for us all, especially for our students.

As we look to the future, I encourage you all to continue to support The UWI. It is truly a symbol of resilience of Caribbean people and a collective determination to forge a way forward despite the challenges confronting us all. I thank you sincerely from the bottom of my heart for being here and for all that you do to support our students.

Blessings!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hilary Beckles".



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

It is a pleasure to send my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 13th edition of the University of the West Indies (UWI) Toronto Benefit Gala under the theme One Caribbean... Global Impact.

From a young age, all the way into adulthood, education instils in us the importance of learning, determination and collaboration. It provides the ideal setting to build relationships, form opinions and develop critical thinking, all vital elements to foster innovation.

We all have an important role to play in shaping the future to which we aspire. The students, faculty and staff of UWI can be proud of the vibrant community they have built, as they take every opportunity to learn from one another. Together, they are creating a realm of possibilities and hope that will help current and future generations meet the challenges of our times.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the 2022 honourees—outstanding Canadian leaders, people of Caribbean heritage and organizations who have made exceptional contributions to the advancement of island nations.

I wish everyone a wonderful gala!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mary Simon".



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 West Indies (UWI) Toronto Benefit Awards Ceremony 2022.

You have come together this evening to celebrate community and global leaders. I am certain that everyone in attendance will take satisfaction in knowing that funds raised will support the UWI'S scholarship program which, to date, has awarded 650 scholarships to assist deserving students in the Caribbean achieve their academic goals and pursue their dreams.

I would like to commend this year's honourees for their outstanding contributions. It continues to be a challenging time for planning and hosting events. That is why I would also like to thank the organizers for ensuring this year's gala could still take place.

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

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature of Justin Trudeau in dark ink.



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

Her Honour the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, OC, OOnt

The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

The value of postsecondary education must not be underestimated, especially in such a complex and rapidly changing world. At the most fundamental level, it nurtures the intellectual curiosity that helps enable us to understand not only ourselves, but others too. Indeed, our world is so much richer when we embrace one another's cultures and learn one another's stories.

That is why I am pleased to extend my warm greetings to all who are showing their support for the University of the West Indies by attending tonight's Benefit Awards Ceremony. You are making a meaningful investment in the next generation, one that is now more important than ever.

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

I wish you a most enjoyable evening.

E. Dowdeswell



Premier of Ontario - Premier ministre de l'Ontario

The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P.

Premier of Ontario

I want to extend warm greetings to everyone taking part in the UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Ceremony 2022.

Our province is proud to be home to a strong and vibrant Caribbean community that has contributed greatly to our prosperity and cultural strength. Members of the community have made their mark in all sectors and strengthened our bond with the Caribbean islands.

This event is a great opportunity to support the University of West Indies' scholarship fund, as well to honour outstanding Caribbean Canadians, global icons of Caribbean descent and organizations that have brought light to important issues affecting the global Caribbean community.

I want to congratulate the 2022 honourees on their achievements and thank them for their invaluable contributions. I also want to thank everyone for stepping up to help students in the Caribbean attend university, fulfill their dreams and reach their full potential.

Best wishes for a memorable event.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Ford'.

**His Worship John Tory**

Mayor of Toronto

It is my pleasure to extend greetings and a warm welcome to everyone attending the UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Ceremony 2022, "One Caribbean...Global Impact," hosted by the University of the West Indies (Toronto Chapter).

Congratulations to this year's honorees, outstanding Canadians and individuals of Caribbean descent, whose hard work and dedication in their various fields have earned them this recognition. I am pleased this event is also helping support a scholarship fund program so students of Caribbean descent, who need support, can attend university.

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

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

Yours truly,

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



Mrs. Elizabeth Buchanan-Hind

Chairperson, UWI Toronto Benefit Awards 2022

Dear UWI Toronto Benefit Awards 2022 Guests,

What a pleasure it is to be back face to face after our two year hiatus. While our virtual events were amazing and we had the great fortune of the continued support of our sponsors and donors, nothing compares to gathering together in person to celebrate the very best of the Caribbean.

Our theme this year is “One Caribbean....Global Impact”, which presents a great opportunity to share with you tonight, the vibrant and fascinating diversity of our region. You are in for an amazing treat as you are feted with performances reflective of our heritage. As the late Professor the Honourable Rex Nettleford would say, “We are part African, part European, part Asian but totally Caribbean.”

Congratulations to our distinguished honourees: Chancellor Janice Fukakusa C.M., Mr. Basil Watson C.D., Mr. Andre De Grasse, PAHO, Mr. Walter Chin, Dr. Camille Wardrop Alleyne and Dr. Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted. It is our distinct pleasure to honour you all for your numerous and outstanding achievements.

Thanks for the support from our Patrons Dr. Donette Chin-Loy Chang, Mr. Andrew Chang, Ms. Brigitte Chang and Dr. Wesley J. Hall and of course, Scotiabank, our Lead Sponsor.

To the UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Committee, there are no words to express the gratitude of the University and its students for your relentless commitment each year in ensuring the enormous success of this event.

And saving the best for last, thanks to Dr. the Honourable G. Raymond Chang, OC, OJ, without whom none of this would have been possible. Thirteen years strong “Ray”.....and counting. Your legacy is indomitable.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Buchanan-Hind'.

**Dr. Herbert Ho Ping Kong, O.D.**

Co-chair, UWI Toronto Benefit Awards 2022

For the past 13 years, I have had the honour of being an integral part of this extraordinary event. First as a Vice Chancellor's Award recipient and then as the Honourary Chair for 12 years. This journey all began with my friend and first Patron of this initiative, Dr. the Honourable G. Raymond Chang, O.C., O.J. Ray's vision of reaching out to Canadians to support students in the Caribbean was remarkable as he understood the value of partnerships and friendships. As a UWI graduate, I am proud to be associated with the UWI Toronto Benefit Awards as we have awarded over 650 scholarships to students across the Caribbean who were in dire financial need. The scholarships have also benefited their families and in turn the development of every facet of the Caribbean, including higher education, business and commerce, medicine, law and the public sector.

Congratulations to this year's distinguished honourees...you are shining examples and mentors. Please remember we are united in this partnership of celebration and uplifting. Please enjoy and hope to see you once again next year.

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

The inaugural UWI Toronto Benefit Gala was held at the Four Seasons Hotel on February 27, 2010. The Gala was founded as a fundraiser to award scholarships to deserving students on the campuses of The UWI. To date, as a result of this event, over 650 scholarships have been awarded and almost CDN\$3 million raised. The Gala also celebrates the accomplishments of a wide range of individuals of Caribbean and international heritage.

As president of The University of The West Indies Alumni Association (UWIAA) Toronto Chapter, I consider myself fortunate to be a founding committee member of The UWI Toronto Benefit Awards. On behalf of the UWIAA, I congratulate all the honourees and scholarship recipients and warmly welcome those in attendance to this magnificent ceremony held in the service of a philanthropic cause.

Please sit back and enjoy the show.

Cheers

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized initials 'FM' followed by a horizontal line.



Dr. Carla N. Barnett

Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)



Greetings to all attending this Gala event that, over its 13 years, has brought hope to hundreds seeking to empower themselves by receiving tertiary education, but who do not have the financial means to accomplish their dream.

This year, as we slowly emerge from the depths of the COVID-19 pandemic, that hope takes on a particularly elevating dimension. The past two years have seen many buffeted by the pandemic storm, as loss of lives, jobs and livelihoods took a staggering toll on our countries. The health, social and economic effects, as well as the loss of learning at all levels threaten to reverse the development gains attained over many years. Our Ministries of Education, working closely with Ministries of Health and with support from parents, teachers and the wider community, have been focused on arresting the declines in learning trajectories.

This, therefore, highlights the critical importance of events, such as this Benefit Awards Gala, that enable access of our economically vulnerable youths to tertiary education. The critical skills and knowledge which they will gain are needed, as our young people prepare themselves to play a constructive role in the social and economic development of their Region, and the world. This year's theme of "One Caribbean ... Global Impact" is therefore particularly apt, as increased investment in tertiary education is a critical driver for economic viability and innovation.

On behalf of the Region, I wish to express appreciation to Scotiabank for its thirteen consecutive years of sponsorship of the UWI Toronto Benefit Awards. I wish to also thank the additional supporting patrons of this year's Awards: Dr. Donette Chin-Loy Chang, Mr. Andrew Chang, Ms. Brigitte Chang and Dr. Wesley J. Hall, critical contributors in the fields of communications, media and corporate governance. We celebrate with you the achievements of this year's awardees, noting that they represent the best of who we are as a Caribbean people in the fields of science, medicine, sports, and the arts.

I cannot end without applauding the special recognition of the work of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), and its value to the Caribbean region in promoting access to vaccines and reducing the effects of misinformation that promoted vaccine hesitancy. We are not safe unless we are all safe! PAHO has demonstrated a commitment to that mandate.

To our awardees, congratulations on your success and I encourage you to continue to fly your service flags high in full commitment to the people of the Caribbean. To the UWI Toronto Benefit Team, the CARICOM Secretariat applauds your dedication to the democratic education of all the peoples of the Region. Our best wishes now, and in the continuing years.



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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

MR. ANDRE DE GRASSE



With six Olympic medals, Andre De Grasse is the most decorated male Olympian in Canadian history. Andre captured medals in all three sprint events at both the 2016 Rio Olympics and again five years later at the Tokyo Olympics. He's the reigning Olympic Champion in the 200m, having upgraded the silver he won behind Usain Bolt in 2016, and a two-time bronze medalist in the 100m event. Andre added a silver medal in the 4x100m relay to complete a full set from Tokyo, improving upon the bronze medal from Rio.

Andre was born in Scarborough, Ontario on November 10th, 1994 and raised in Markham, Ontario by his mother, Beverley De Grasse, who grew up in Trinidad & Tobago before moving to Canada in her twenties. Andre's father Alexander Waithe, who passed away in 2021, immigrated to Canada from Barbados in his teens.

Once a promising basketball player, Andre's life changed in 10.9 seconds, the time it took him to run his first 100m at the York Region High School Championships in the spring of 2012. In 2014, Andre started at the University of Southern California (USC) and by the following spring, had become a household name after winning both the 100m and 200m races at the NCAA Championships. Less than two months later, Andre swept the 100m and 200m events at the 2015 Pan Am Games in Toronto. In the 2015 season Andre competed in his first World Championships where he took home bronze medals in the 100m and 4x100m relay.

Competing in his first Olympics, Andre De Grasse ran a personal best in the 100m final in Rio, to capture a bronze medal. In the semi-finals of the 200m, Andre lowered his Canadian record by running 19.80 before racing to a silver medal in the final behind Usain Bolt. He won his third medal of the Games, anchoring the men's 4x100m relay team to a bronze medal in a new national record time of 37.64. Injury and illness slowed Andre down, but he fought back and in the 2019 World Championships he won medals in the 100m and 200m events, the only male sprinter to do so at the meet.

Off the track, Andre is a proud father raising three children with his partner Nia Ali, who is the reigning World Champion in the women's 100m hurdles and an Olympic silver medalist.

In recognition of his family's proud Caribbean roots, Andre made a personal donation of \$25,000 to the SickKids Caribbean initiative in 2018. In that same year, he established the Andre De Grasse Family Foundation, committed to inspiring and empowering youth through access to sport, education, and healthcare. The foundation has donated funds to Kids Help Phone, Special Olympics Ontario and the WoodGreen Foundation, among others. In association with Athletics Canada, Andre supports the next generation of student athletes through the Andre De Grasse Future Champions Scholarship Program.



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Luminary Award

MR. BASIL WATSON, CD



“Art is the harmonious expression of one’s vision of life; the role of the artist is to explore the human condition and be a voice and a liberating tool.” says world renowned artist and sculptor, Basil Watson. Born into Jamaican ‘art royalty’, Mr. Watson has for more than 40 years, been creating works of art worldwide, including the Caribbean, China, Guatemala, the USA and the UK.

He studied at the Jamaica School of Art. Amongst his most notable achievements are statues of Olympians Usain Bolt, and Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, and Jamaican Canadian cultural icon Louise Bennett Coverley.

Life came full circle with the recent unveiling of the powerful 12-foot-tall bronze monument of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., commissioned by the City of Atlanta, titled “*Hope Moving Forward*.” Mr. Watson said it was more than a simple commission, as in 1970, his father Barrington Watson, was asked to paint a portrait of Dr. King.

Basil’s most recent seminal work is *The Windrush monument* which will be installed this year, in London, England’s Waterloo station. It is a permanent tribute to a generation of people from the Caribbean, who went to Britain after the second world war, to help rebuild that Country.

In 2016, the Government of Jamaica awarded him the Order of Distinction -Commander Class.

His father Barrington and Auguste Rodin are his role models, and he credits his mother, Gloria for imparting the soft skill sets.

He says his Jamaican roots have “kept him buoyant,” and advises the young, “Hold fast to your heritage and recognize the strength and qualities while you evolve.”

This master has been a student of karate for 40 years and holds a sixth-degree black belt – Sensei (pronunciation – Sen-seh) a master in the true sense.



G. Raymond Chang Award

CHANCELLOR JANICE FUKAKUSA, CM

Chancellor, Toronto Metropolitan University and Corporate Director



Janice Fukakusa is Chancellor, Toronto Metropolitan University. She serves as a corporate director with extensive banking and financial services experience. She previously served as RBC's Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer and a member of RBC's Group Executive, from which she retired in January 2017 following a distinguished 31- year career.

Janice currently serves on the boards of corporate and not-for-profit organizations. She is a director on the Boards of Brookfield Asset Management, Cineplex, Loblaw, Riocan, and works with various not-for-profit and charitable organizations including Chairing the Boards of the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre Foundation, SHEEO and Chancellor of the Canadian Business Hall of Fame.

In 2021, Janice Fukakusa was appointed as a member of the Order of Canada for her leadership and mentorship in banking, and for her boundless community engagement, notably in education and health care.

In 2007, Janice was inducted into Canada's Most Powerful Women Hall of Fame and, in 2016 she was named one of the 25 Most Powerful Women in Banking by American Banker magazine for the fourth consecutive year. She was also selected as Canada's CFO of the Year by Financial Executives Canada, PwC and Robert Half in 2014.

Janice has the professional designations of Chartered Professional Accountant and Chartered Business Valuator. She was appointed Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario (FCPA) in 2011. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts from University of Toronto and holds a Master of Business Administration from Schulich School of Business York University and in 2016 was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from York University.



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Chancellor's Award

PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION



Founded in 1902, the Pan American Health Organization [PAHO] is the specialized health agency of the Inter-American System and the World Health Organization's [WHO] Regional Office for the Americas. PAHO has been instrumental in helping the Region of the Americas to reach several historic public health milestones- from strengthening national health systems to provide universal access for all, to increasing vaccination coverage and eliminating certain infectious diseases. PAHO has spearheaded regional efforts to eradicate smallpox and poliomyelitis and has helped eight Caribbean countries to eliminate Mother-to- Child Transmission of HIV and syphilis.

Between 1951 and 1962, the country office in Venezuela was responsible for the delivery of PAHO's technical cooperation in the Caribbean. During the 1960s, newly independent Caribbean states began to join PAHO, with the first country office being established in 1962 in Jamaica. To date, more than 20 Caribbean countries and territories are served by PAHO via eight country offices together with the Office of Subregional Program Coordination based in Barbados.

Currently PAHO's Office of Subregional Program Coordination actively collaborates with CARICOM, the Caribbean Public Health Agency [CARPHA], The University of the West Indies [UWI], and several civil society partners on a mutually agreed technical cooperation agenda, focusing on those critical and common public health issues, whose resolution are better managed from a collective rather than an individual country approach.

PAHO has contributed significantly to Caribbean preparedness and response to various hurricanes and storms over the years, and in combatting epidemics of yellow fever, dengue, Zika and chikungunya, among others. PAHO has vigorously supported cholera control efforts in Haiti and has assisted countries to address the burden and impact of the noncommunicable diseases [NCDs] and their risk factors.

Within the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, PAHO is working closely with its Member States in the Americas to bolster effective risk communications, scale-up laboratory diagnostic capacities, supply emergency personnel and equipment, strengthen essential health services, and provide leadership and guidance for the vaccine roll out.

PAHO remains a steady partner to Caribbean countries and territories, accompanying governments in the development of strong health systems resilient to disasters and pandemics, as we collectively advance towards a healthier future.



Vice-Chancellor's Award

MR. WALTER CHIN



Walter Chin was born in Montego Bay, Jamaica to a Chinese family, and grew up there and in Canada. After graduating with a Bachelor's Degree from Ryerson University in photographic arts, Mr. Chin moved to Paris, where as a professional fashion photographer, he worked mainly for *French Elle*, before relocating to New York in 1990.

Mr. Chin's work has been published in many magazines, including *Allure*, several international *Vogues*, *Glamour*, *GQ*, *Interview* and *Vanity Fair*. He has also photographed advertising campaigns for designers such as Chanel, Valentino, Tommy Hilfiger, Missoni, Gap and Lancome. Plus, Neiman Marcus has selected him for many seasons to photograph their annual Art of Fashion Campaign.

Walter Chin was listed as one of the most important people in current photography by a panel of curators, dealers, editors, and industry insiders for *American Photo Magazine*. His inclusion on the list cited his modernism, use of color and graphic form, and tight image cropping. The way in which his sitters appear to be constantly in motion, draws parallels with Richard Avedon and Martin Munkacsi. Walter Chin's first book is *Work in Progress*, it is noted to be influential by the industry, his second book, *After Shoot* is equally noteworthy. One of Mr. Chin's best known images, of a nude Gisele Bundchen on horseback, was published in *Vanity Fair* and subsequently featured in an exhibition at The National Portrait Gallery in London.



AWARDS

Vice-Chancellor's Award

DR. CAMILLE WARDROP ALLEYNE, Ed.D.



Dr. Camille Wardrop Alleyne is a rocket engineer, internationally acclaimed speaker, writer, educational leader and science ambassador and has dedicated her 26-year career to advancing the areas of aerospace and space technology development, specifically in the fields of human space flight, space vehicle systems engineering and space (microgravity) research. Dr. Alleyne is also one of the leading voices in the areas of space, science and technology application in international and sustainable development, specifically focused on developing countries.

Dr. Alleyne currently serves as the Deputy Manager for Commercial LEO (Low Earth Orbit) Development Program at NASA Johnson Space Center. In this role, she is a lead architect for enabling space economies in low earth orbit. Prior to that Dr. Alleyne served as the Deputy Manager for Commercial Lunar Payload Services and developed the foundational strategy for the commercialization of our moon. She also served as the Assistant Deputy Associate Administrator for Programs in the Science Mission Directorate at NASA Headquarters where she provided technical and executive leadership of over 100 of NASA's earth, planetary, heliophysics and astrophysics science missions. She has served as the Associate Program Scientist for the International Space Station (ISS), Orion Crew Module Systems, Integration and Test Technical Manager and Lead Systems Engineer for Constellation Program. She started her career as a Flight Systems Test Engineer at the NASA Kennedy Space Center.

Dr. Alleyne is renowned for her work on global STEM education for girls, which she does through the Brightest Stars Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit, she founded in 2007. It is dedicated to educating, empowering and inspiring young women to be future leaders through the study of science, math and technology and has impacted the lives of thousands around the world.

Dr. Alleyne holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering from Howard University, a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Florida A&M University, a Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Maryland, College Park and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Houston.

Dr. Alleyne, who was born in Trinidad and Tobago, is a licensed Private Pilot whose accomplishments include being a Finalist in the 2004 Astronaut Selection Program. She has received numerous awards and commendations from national and international organizations including being awarded Women of Color in STEM All-Star Technology Award, Outstanding Woman in Aerospace by the National Society of Black Engineers; Distinguished Alumni award from FAMU/FSU College of Engineering; and several NASA Commendation awards for her outstanding leadership and contribution to NASA's mission. She serves as a space and science diplomat for the US State Dept and is also recognized as one of the Caribbean's icons in Science and Technology.



Vice-Chancellor's Award

DR. SHAKUNTALA HARAKSINGH THILSTED




Dr. Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted is the Global Lead for Nutrition and Public Health at WorldFish, a One CGIAR entity. She was awarded the 2021 World Food Prize for her ground-breaking research, critical insights, and landmark innovations in developing holistic, nutrition-sensitive approaches to aquatic food systems. She also received the 2021 Arrell Global Food Innovation Award for research innovation. She is a member of the Steering Committee of the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) of the United Nations Committee on World Food Security (CFS) and Vice Chair of the UN Food Systems Summit 2021: Action Track 4 - Advance Equitable Livelihoods, and also a Food Systems Champion.

Dr. Thilsted studied at The University of the West Indies at the St. Augustine Campus in Trinidad where she earned a BSc. in Tropical Agriculture in 1971. She began both her career and her life's theme of making strides within and for a developing society as the first and only female agricultural officer in the Tobago Ministry of Agriculture, Lands and Fisheries. Two years later, she returned to Trinidad and took on her first research-centred job at The UWI's Faculty of Natural Sciences.

She holds a PhD from the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, Denmark and holds an Honorary Doctorate from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.

She has taught and researched at the University of Dar es Salaam and the Sokoine University in Tanzania as an FAO Associate Expert; and then as the Associate Head.

Several of her projects have been funded by organizations such as USAID, the African Development Bank, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, UNICEF and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Dr. Thilsted was closely involved in the organization of the UN Food Systems Summit 2021, guiding the Summit's work related to building sustainable and equitable food systems. She is also involved with the Global Action Network in mobilizing activities for the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) and UN Decade of Action on Nutrition (2016-2025).

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We are honoured to celebrate
all of the alumni and friends of
Toronto Metropolitan University
recognized this evening.

A special congratulations to our
chancellor, **Janice Fukakusa**,
and our alumnus, **Walter Chin**.

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

*"This **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship** has continuously allowed me to strive closer and closer to achieving my dream of becoming a veterinarian. It has contributed towards paying my rent and has allowed me to purchase the necessary textbooks, equipment and clothing needed for my final year. I look forward to one day opening my own veterinary clinic as well as an animal shelter, to assist with reducing the stray dog and cat problem by giving them a safe haven where they can be medically treated, nurtured, and then made available for adoption to loving homes. Thank you, donors! It is truly a blessing and an honour to be a **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship** awardee."*



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

*"I am grateful, honored and extremely thankful to be a recipient of the **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship** for yet another academic year. I attained and lost a job over a six-month period due to the ongoing pandemic, and all the monies I saved was used to continue my final year at the university by way of the payment plan programme, but this was not enough. Your generosity has inspired me to use the intellectual, social and emotional intelligence attained on my journey at the UWI to work not only for my benefit, but for that of my community and country. Thank you, donor, for providing me with the opportunity to continue my academic journey which brings me one step closer to completing my degree."*



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

*"Since being a recipient of the **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**, my lifelong dream is becoming a reality. This is my final year of medical school and all this is possible because of you. Without your support to medical education, students such as myself would not be able to pursue advanced health care degrees. I am committed to the health care field and going forward, I intend to make everyone who contributed to this award very proud." Thank you for your vote of confidence in me!"*



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

*"I was on edge trying to gather funds to meet the financial requirements of my faculty. On top of the tuition fees, being a commuter plus living expenses does not make it any easier - everything adds up. The **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship** has greatly assisted me with the financial forum to acquire my Doctor of Pharmacy Degree, which has been a dream of mine since I can remember. It has opened doors for many more opportunities and again, I am extremely grateful. Thank you UWI Toronto Gala and Donors."*



Tajay Henry (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Linguistics and Language Education in the Faculty of Humanities and Education.

*"As I reflect on the last three years, words are not enough to express my gratitude for all you have done for me through my **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**. Your support has shifted the trajectory of my life. You have helped me to realize that I am enough, that I am capable, and that I can achieve and bring my imaginations/dreams to reality. I am forever grateful to you, the donors and UWI Toronto Gala for the unconditional support over the years to ensure that a young stranger becomes more than a statistic. I am a couple of months away from graduating, and I am ecstatic that you have chosen to join my journey and to help fulfil a major accomplishment in my life. Thank You!"*

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

*"I am honored to be a continued recipient of the **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**. This scholarship will allow me to continue volunteering during the pandemic. My aim is to create a user friendly vaccine awareness platform to help educate the public about the importance of vaccines. I am immensely appreciative of your support toward my education. Continuing my studies wouldn't be possible without the generous support from scholarship sponsors like yourself. I hope that one day I will be able to pay this forward to another student and help them to achieve their goals as you've done for me. Thank you!"*



Delicia Daniel (Open Campus), a St. Lucian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Political Science with Economics.

*"I wish to express my uttermost gratitude for the **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship** which has been granted to me a second time around. I am elated as it has provided me with the financial assistance needed to complete my degree and the opportunity to concentrate more on my performance and participation in my courses. Tremendous thanks for your unceasing support!"*



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

*"Had it not been for the **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**, my academic life today would not have been the same. My dream was always to become an Attorney at Law, but the closer I got to the age where I would begin studies, the more unrealistic and impractical my dream seemed. Now, fast forward two years later and I am in my final year. Your contribution to my education has, and will continue to unlock countless horizons for my future, and greatly aid in my academic pursuits. You have inspired me to one day give back to others, just as you have given to me. Needless to say, I am thankful for the indelible mark that you have left on my life!"*



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

*"The **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship** is a blessing, and to be a recipient again? Feels completely unreal - thank you for this opportunity. Financially, I was not at the best standing but with the help of this award I have the opportunity to turn my struggles into things of the past and not the present. My life, and college experience honestly changed for the better. I have so much happiness, and lightness in my heart right now. I pray your baskets never go empty. Thank you!"*



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 a recipient, and continue on my **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**. This scholarship had saved me in the past from an untimely withdrawal from the program due to insufficient funding and in this my third year, is allowing me to continue my clinical education. It is my desire to serve as a medical doctor and your generous scholarship has taken me a giant leap closer to my goals. May God continue to bless you and all donors of the UWI Toronto Benefit Awards as you continue to give hope to persons like myself. Again, thank you!"*

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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 a **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship** awardee. My first year proved arduous as I struggled with teaching full-time and pursuing my bachelor's degree but in the midst of my continued drive to maintain a decent GPA, I also suffered the loss of additional income due to the pandemic. Then came a glimmer of hope. I was awarded a **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**. Thank you donors for this award which provides good encouragement. I am eternally grateful."*



Justine Hughes (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Electronics Engineering in the Faculty of Engineering.

*"I am honoured and ecstatic to be a recipient of the **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**. I had worried a lot about the payment of my tuition and had even applied for a students loan. With the help of your generous contribution, I can now continue my studies with less financial strain on my parents and me. Without your help, making my dream goals a reality would not be possible."*



Natalia Stennett (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Social Work in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

*"Thank you for awarding me the **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**. For the past two years at UWI, I have struggled financially, getting help even in the last days before exam from church and family members. I was not only very happy and appreciative to be a recipient but was also relieved as you have lightened my financial burden and afforded me peace of mind. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope that one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me."*



Cleveland Grey (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Management Studies in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

*"A heartfelt thank you for my **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**! When I was informed that I had received this award, I stopped short of screaming over the phone as I was so elated! With no money, but the will to finish and dedication to complete my programme, I started this academic year with a pocket full of hopes. It has been a tremendous, tumultuous journey. Then I received a call that confirmed to me that my hopes and prayers were not in vain. I am boundlessly grateful for this opportunity that you have extended to me. Thank you."*



Odean Anderson (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Social Work in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

*"I am extremely honoured to be a recipient of the **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**. I have been deeply concerned as to how I would be able to fund myself with the extreme level of uncertainty created by the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic and my current health condition which takes away most of my available funds. Thank you for this financial assistance which will be of great help in paying my educational expenses and allow me to concentrate on studying and completing my degree. In the future, it is my goal to pass on the kindness that you have shown me by giving back to others both as a Social Worker, and also as a donor for a scholarship of my own creation. Once again, thank you!"*

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Janneil Burrell (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering in the Faculty of Engineering.

*"I am elated to be a recipient of the **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship** and am deeply appreciative of this opportunity. The financial assistance you provided will be of great help to me in paying for my tuition, which will in turn allow me more time to focus on studying. My University experience thus far has been rocky, but it has been one of the best things that I've chosen to encounter as meeting new friends, making memories and studying for my degree has been amazing. Thank you again for your generosity and support. I promise to work very hard and eventually bless others as how you have blessed me."*



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

*"It is with profound gratitude that I accept the **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**. As I shared this news with my mom we both jumped for joy. This scholarship came at exactly the right time as my parents and I were wondering where the first dollar of my tuition for this semester was coming from. I've wanted to be a neonatal nurse for the longest time and growing up I knew financially my parents didn't have it, so I've always tried my best to perform at a high academic standpoint. It was a struggle for me mentally as I constantly had to be thinking where the next dollar would come from to pay my tuition. Thank you so much, this scholarship is such a relief!"*



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

*"I am truly honoured to be one of this year's recipients of the **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**. This award has lightened my financial burden allowing me to focus more on school and preparation for exams. Law is not just a profession and so, through this medium, I look forward to contributing more to nation building as I would have a full grasp of the import and purport of legislation, which will assist in safeguarding the rights, justice and peace within society. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and one day help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me."*



Matthew Bloomfield (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering in the Faculty of Engineering.

*"I am extremely delighted to be a recipient of the **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**. As a final year student, it was becoming a challenge for my family to cover the final tuition costs, and also, more difficult as we contemplated seeking alternate financial arrangements. Thank you for your kind and generous offer as this award will now allow me to pursue my studies with peace of mind, and without the hassle of seeking financial clearance. I will continue to uphold good standards and ensure that my contribution to the society is evident in the field of Engineering. Thank you."*



Tamoy Campbell (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Law in the Faculty of Law.

*"To feel exceptional and selected amongst the sea of equally deserving students encapsulated how I felt when I received my **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**. I was overcome by tears that I could not do anything but cry – happy tears of course. Exacerbated by the tenuous constraints of online learning, personal challenges, increased tuition, only to have the prospects of missing exams, made me frustrated beyond words. However, this scholarship came just in time, and it was a relief. Your investment in me is not in vain and when I am at the United Nations or sitting in Parliament as the next Attorney General, I will always remember the helping hand you gave me, to actualize my goals and fulfil my dreams. Thank you!"*

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Tiffany Williams (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Environmental Biology in the Faculty of Science and Technology.

*"I am beyond thankful, extremely grateful and sincerely honoured to be a recipient of this **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**. Without this award, I would not have been able to continue my studies. My parents have no steady income and the little financial assistance that we receive sometimes has to be allocated to other things such as food. I was constantly worried as to how I was going to make it to school, if I will be able to have lunch, and if I will be able to complete my studies and become a graduate. Now, I no longer have to worry. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to pursue my aspiration to become an Environmental Scientist. Being the first in my family to attend university, I am determined to complete my degree."*



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

*"I am overjoyed to have been granted a **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship** for the 2021/2022 academic year. Getting this far in my university career is a great achievement and you have been most wonderful to me in the process. The difficulties I have in paying my tuition have persisted for the past year as I have not been receiving assistance from my family. I am in the final year of my degree programme and so, this award will allow me to successfully complete my studies without financial weight on my shoulders. It feels as if I have already crossed the finish line (graduation), even though the second semester has not yet started. I am sincerely grateful!"*



Jerdayne Hayles (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Operations Management and Statistics in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

*"I would like to express a heartfelt thank you for the **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**. This scholarship will impact my university life in numerous ways, covering most of my tuition and giving me the opportunity to comfortably study with ease of mind. Your financial generosity has allowed me to be one step closer to my goal and has inspired me to help others by giving back to the community. It is my dream that one day I will be able to help other students to achieve their goal just as you have helped me."*



Brianna Rose (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Cultural and Creative Industries in the Faculty of Humanities and Education.

*"Thank you' is the simplest way to express my gratitude for this **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**. Attending UWI is a big thing for me, being a good student is another. It is something I have yearned for but finances, my health, and the pandemic have in their own way impacted my ability to articulate my ambitions. You have given me the chance to breathe. You have allowed me the opportunity to minimize the financial constraints and stress that would normally prevent me from maximizing my scholastic efforts and to potentially make strides in my health journey. Again, I repeat these true and sincere words, 'Thank you.'"*



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

*"My sincere gratitude to you for choosing me to be a recipient of the **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**.*

Your kind gesture has brought me encouragement and courage. My educational pursuits would not be possible without your generous support, and I promise to make your investment worthwhile. My hope is to someday serve as a certified public accountant, and with such success, I intend to pay this gesture forward to many other students. Thank you for enabling this opportunity!"

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Jaheim Henry (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Tourism Management in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

*"I am extremely grateful for the **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**. Being from a single parent household, the challenges for my mother to solely fund my tuition were great. Despite assistance through loans and help from relatives, these were insufficient to cover the cost of my tuition. Hence, being selected for this award was of tremendous help as it provided the opportunity for me to complete my first year of studies without the constant anxiety of wondering where the funds will come from."*



Kaleela Edwards (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Biotechnology in the Faculty of Science and Technology.

*"I thank you so much for this gift, and the privilege of being a recipient of the **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship** for the academic year 2021/2022. This news is a welcome relief! Having someone recognize my potential and invest in my future to ease the strain of securing tertiary funding will not only benefit me financially this academic year but serve as a mental and emotional driving force propelling me towards greater heights of academic achievement."*



Jailene Castillo (Cave Hill Campus), a Belizean, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Biochemistry in the Faculty of Science & Technology.

*"I am extremely grateful for this **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**. For someone who was raised up in poverty by a single mother, the mere thought of going to a university seemed impossible and yet, here I am. Deciding to further my education has been one of the most difficult decisions I have made in life as not only did I have to consider how my mom and sister would survive at home without my help- both personal and financial – but I also had to acquire a crippling student loan. The anxiety and worry I have been experiencing in recent months have been through the roof considering my tuition fee and other related expenses. But now, I will be able to sleep better knowing that this award will completely pay off my tuition fees. Thank you very much! I am forever indebted to you, and I pray that God blesses you with more than you have imagined!"*



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

*"I am thankful beyond measure for this **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**. My family was impacted financially by not only the ongoing pandemic but the volcanic eruption disaster which struck my country Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. This led to the uncertainty of my ability to complete my undergraduate degree. Your generosity and assistance through this award will not only serve as the funding source for the completion of my degree but with qualification, to gain employment and assist my family. Thank you for your assistance!"*



Nadia Belingy (Open Campus), a Trinidadian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Leadership and Management.

*"Thank you sincerely for providing me with the opportunity to complete my studies. Through my **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**, not only will I be able to complete all areas of study but I will also now have the opportunity to graduate and further achieve my goal of owning my very own school. This is truly a blessing to me considering that just a month ago, I was thinking about how I was going to pay for my courses after being met with several financial challenges amid this COVID-19 pandemic but God is able. Words cannot convey exactly how I feel. I will be forever grateful to you as this path on my journey to success is all because of you."*

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Natasha Smith-Simpson (Open Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Management Studies.

*"As I complete my undergraduate degree, I am very thankful for receiving your thoughtful gift of a **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**. Not only will it alleviate the financial burdens that I am currently facing, but it will also further fuel my determination and dedication to be the first university graduate in my family. Having the financial burden lifted off my shoulders will give me more time to focus on my studies, my family and volunteer activities. I am truly appreciative of this opportunity. Thank you again for your thoughtful and generous gift."*



Denise Chapman (Open Campus), a Trinidadian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Youth Development Work.

*"I wish to express my deepest gratitude for being awarded a **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship** for the 2021/2022 academic year. We lost our home and all its contents in October 2021 and prior to receiving the news of this scholarship I was very worried about how, and if I would be able to continue my studies in the next semester. Thank you for taking a chance on me by giving me the opportunity to continue pursuing my education, thereby sowing a seed into my life. I will use what has been afforded to me to keep chasing my dream of becoming a qualified Youth Worker. Thank you for helping me to carve a better path for my family."*



Aricia Davis (Open Campus), a Vincentian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Management Studies.

*"I was very elated and appreciative to learn that I was a recipient of the **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**. Growing up in a single parent home has not only offered financial and academic challenges but it has also helped me to realize the value of tertiary education. Before receiving this award, financing my education was extremely difficult and there were times when I could only sign up for one course per semester. I thank you for giving me this opportunity as my educational pursuits would not have been possible without this award!"*



Rhesa Robertson (Open Campus), a Vincentian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Human Resource Management.

*"I am elated and truly honored to be a recipient of the **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**. My father was shouldering all my education expenses and so, this financial support will greatly assist with relieving the burden from both my parents and I. Your kindness has encouraged me to work harder and eventually, give back to my community. I also aim for the opportunity to help students reach their goals just as you have done for me. Thank you!"*



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

*"The desire to pursue Medicine, my passion has always burned brightly in me and I don't foresee that flame ever being extinguished. I was worried about how I would manage with medical school especially after the sudden passing of my father who was my main source of finances. Thank you for this esteemed **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**, one I will always be grateful for, and one I will always remember. It will allow me to finish this, my final year with peace of mind and has inspired me to also give back to those less fortunate students, whenever I can afford to do so."*

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Scott Marchack (St Augustine Campus), a Trinidadian, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Psychology in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

*"My sincerest gratitude to you for my **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**. With this award, I can cover the cost of my tuition and most importantly, I will be able to dedicate all of my time and effort to completing my first degree without worry. Thank you for recognizing my passion and hard work by considering me for this award as I continue to strive for academic excellence."*



Raenelle Scope (St. Augustine Campus), a Trinidadian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Psychology in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

"I am a 2nd year student and am grateful for this UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship. This financial gift will greatly assist with paying off my tuition and purchasing much-needed textbooks. Receiving this bursary has undoubtedly propelled me to continue persevering in my university journey and my calling. My goal is to become a Clinical Psychologist and to assist and inspire others, especially the vulnerable, at-risk and mentally distressed youth in any way I can. I aspire to one day demonstrate to others the same kindness which you all have shown me. Thank you!"



Nazim Mohammed (St. Augustine Campus), a Trinidadian, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Sociology Faculty of Social Sciences.

*"I wish to express immense gratitude for this **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship**. It was tedious coping financially having to delve into what could have been savings to pay rent, make groceries and paying other bills to make it through each semester without crumbling under the pressures of my personal and school life. Thank you for this bursary which will assist with my living expenses and relieving the stresses of financial commitments. Your generosity will certainly be cherished for my lifetime. I rejoice and give profound thanks!"*



Javier Brown (St. Augustine Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering in the Faculty of Engineering.

*"I am currently in my final year of study still being financed through student loans. The stress and responsibility of repaying these loans has lingered through my mind throughout my studies. I applied for grants and scholarships throughout most of my tenure with no success. However, news of receiving the **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship** has relieved a portion of the financial stress that I have been carrying on my shoulders. Thank you for considering me for this award!"*



Damien Sooko (St. Augustine Campus), a Trinidadian, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Geomatics Engineering in the Faculty of Engineering.

*"I am extremely grateful for the **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship** as in recent times, finances were not easy to come by and the source of my tuition was uncertain. I am currently majoring in Geomatics engineering, a heavily underappreciated field of work and your financial assistance will aid me in achieving my aspirations of making a grandiose impact in the world. Thank you for your interest and support in my education."*



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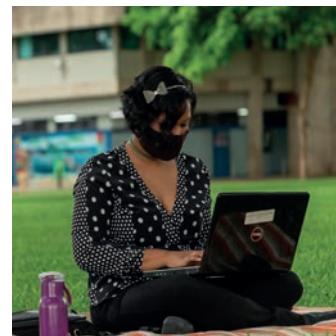


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O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

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Ton histoire est une épopée
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THE EVENING

Commencement

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One Caribbean...Global Impact

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Video Presentation

Professor Verene A. Shepherd

Performed by Mr. William Leathers

The Hon. Mary Ng, MP

Video Presentation by Student, Ms. Crystal Forbes, The Bahamas

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Music Interlude: By Mr. Sean Mock-Yen

Ballet Creole

Mr. Gordon Cressy, Auctioneer

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Mr. Walter Chin

Dr. Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted

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Video Presentation by Graduate Mr. Romario Hunte (Barbados)

Mr. Randy Makk

DJ -Donovan

MENU

Salad Course

Burrata

Tomato Tartar | Shaved Vegetables | Balsamic pearls | Pickled Sauce | Plantain

Braised Beef Short Rib

Rice and Beans | Roasted Mushrooms| Mojo sauce | Shaved Heirloom Carrot| Aged
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Branzino

Cauliflower Couscous | Coconut Curry | Escovitch Vegetables

-AND-

Mojo de ajo Cauliflower

Caribbean Chickpea and Pepper Stew, Petit Greens, Quinoa Granola

Alternating Desserts

Lemon Tart, Burnt Meringue,
Textures of Raspberry, Raspberry Sorbet
White Chocolate Mousse Vanilla
Fresh Lychee | Ontario Ice Wine Jelly | Strawberry

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



Mr. Tajay Henry is a singer, actor, dancer, and host with over 12 years of experience in the performing arts industry. He is one of the University's best, having been nominated for the best male actor – Tallawah 2019/2020, Jamaica's annual National Performance Competition. He was also the principal actor in the play 'Bone of Contention,' a three-time award-winning performance recognised by the Actor Boy Awards in Jamaica, which debuted at the Phillip Sherlock Centre for the Creative Arts at the University of the West Indies, Mona.

As a dancer with the National Dance Theatre Company of Jamaica, Mr. Henry spends much of his time contributing to the nation's development (NDTC). He donates his time to help add to and continue his country's cultural history through dancing. On the other hand, he manages his time very effectively to thrive academically while also serving in various leadership capacities on the UWI campus at Irvine Hall. He mentors and tutors his contemporaries and serves as the Irvine Hall's chief spokesman for Publications and Productions, as well as the President of the Irvine Hall Performing Arts Society.

Mr. Henry is a well-known personality within the University and across the country for his academic accomplishments, cultural contributions and commercial appearances. He would have given multiple concerts throughout campus while also assisting other students in their Film and Business Management course on Entertainment and Entrepreneurship. He is a music aficionado who is studying a Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Language Education at the Faculty of Humanities and Education. Finally, the University of the West Indies acknowledged and rewarded him for his great commitment to culture and extracurricular activities, and he was chosen to represent the university as an ambassador in the Cultural Exchange Program with the University of Costa Rica.

CARIBBEAN INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



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.

FEATURED MUSIC

This is a performance of Mambo by the **Immaculate Conception High School Symphony Orchestra**, the premiere symphony orchestra in the Caribbean region. They perform at multiple classical music concerts and national events in Jamaica. Made up of students of the all girl Immaculate Conception High School, with accompaniment from the brass section of the Jamaica Military Band, the ICHS Symphony Orchestra is led by conductor Stephen Woodham. The Immaculate Conception High School in Jamaica was established by the Franciscan Sisters of Allegheny and remains part of that Catholic order in Jamaica.

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The SwizzleStick Theatre grew out of Mr. Christopher Pinheiro's work with the "Island to Island" cultural exchange between Toronto Island's artist community, Videocabaret Theatre and Trinidadian Carnival artists. In 1995, having served as a leading teacher and designer with Shadowland Theatre, he began the leadership of the company's troupe of stilt performers. The troupe first performed as "SwizzleStick Theatre" in 1997. SwizzleStick creates and performs full-scale theatrical productions and participates in a wide variety of parades and performance events. "We are also happy to collaborate with directors and choreographers in their own productions. Our performers work as teachers in schools and communities, including seven years of summer camp (Mas Camp) in partnership with the City of Toronto Parks and Recreation," says Pinheiro.



Lat Yip Dragon Lion Dance team is a performance team from Toronto, serving events all across southern Ontario. Known for their incredible stunts and friendly performers they are sure to make your next event a hit. Lion dance performances are often seen at special events to bring good luck to guests and hosts. The team provides professional performances at a competitive level. Their school is one of the largest in Canada and has competed for Dragon Lion Dance Team Canada on the world stage.



Mr. William Leathers was born in Ontario, Canada and currently resides in New York City. Twenty-year-old William is a celebrated, award-winning trumpet player. He has performed with several orchestras, including the Mississauga Symphony Orchestra, the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, the combined orchestra of The Royal Academy and Juilliard, in which he played principal trumpet at Royal Albert Hall in 2019, and with The Juilliard Orchestra at Carnegie Hall in 2020. He has substituted in the American Brass Quintet, performed across Canada, the USA, the UK, and the Caribbean. He is a Bach Brass artist, an inaugural recipient of the Fendi Vanguard Award, and a 2021 Sylva Gelber Music Foundation Award winner. He is entering the last year of his undergrad at Juilliard and was recently accepted into the accelerated BM/MM program at Juilliard. William is a proud recipient of a Kovner Fellowship at The Juilliard School.



Mr. Sean Mock-Yen's voice has become synonymous with the UWI Mona Campus. For the past 25 years he has been the announcer for the campus's radio magazine programme 'On Campus', one of the longest running programmes on Jamaican radio. A UWI alumnus, he honed his skills as a Production Assistant at the now defunct Radio Education Unit, which was a part of the then Dept. of Extra Mural Studies. In 2013 he was grafted into the UWI Archives as an Archives Assistant with the primary responsibility of managing the digitization of the Library of the Spoken Word audio visual collection. Today, Sean continues to assist the UWI IAD with the production of commercials for fundraising events such as the CB/UWI Fun Run and AV content for events such as the UWI benefit galas.



Ballet Creole is at the forefront of Contemporary Afro-Caribbean dance celebrating 30 years as the forerunners of Blacks in Dance in Canada. Founded by Trinidadian-born dancer, choreographer, drummer and educator, Mr. Patrick Parson (Masters in Dance Ethnology, BFA in Dance), the company is known internationally for its signature works that combine traditional Caribbean and African aesthetics with modern dance techniques, producing a technically strong and versatile professional dance company. Ballet Creole explores the power of drums and rhythms as a means of communicating between people and communities and aspires through the Arts to show their central philosophy that “Harmony in Diversity Creates a New Energy.”



Geetika Dance Co. (GDC) – founded in 1989 by the late Geeta Leo, GDC is the oldest Indo-Caribbean owned dance company in Canada and has had students who perform internationally in the USA, Guyana, The Bahamas, Trinidad, France and the UK. The company specializes in Caribbean Nagara, Chutney, Bollywood, Odissi and Aerial Arts. As of 2019 GDC has expanded into archiving and lectures to preserve Indo-Caribbean history. They offer classes, interactive pieces with audience members, Caribbean drag performers, and online performances. Especially performed within Guyana, Trinidad, Jamaica and Suriname (but not limited to just these nations) the styles you will see tonight were originally danced by men, eventually crossing into feminist spaces such as weddings or birthing spaces, where elder women would teach young brides about marital expectations as well as provide humorous entertainment.



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



DJ Donovan is a Jamaica native, who is proud to call Canada home, while never forgetting his roots. His DJ journey started off at the age of 15, not believing that it would’ve taken him to where he is today. DJ Donovan has played school dances, weddings, birthday parties, wrap parties, social events, community events, corporate parties and prominent events like Black Diamond Ball TO, TIFF, Alpine Ski Club (Collingwood) and Pride Toronto. His style of music ranges from but is not limited to old school, Dance/EDM, Reggae, Soca, Afro, Latin, Brazilian, Pop, Classic Rock, R&B/Hip Hop and Funk. DJ Donovan describes himself as a conductor of the dancefloor.

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. Trident Hotel, Portland, Jamaica

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. 3 night stay for 2 in a Deluxe Villa inclusive of breakfast and a poolside dinner.

VALUE: \$4,500

2. Morritt's Tortuga, Grand Cayman

The 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 (15kmn) of East End Lighthouse, Grand Cayman Blow Holes, and Mastic trail North Trailhead. Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park and Mastic Trail South Trailhead. 2 week stay in a two bedroom villa.

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3. Sheraton Vistana Resort, Orlando, Florida

Sheraton Vistana Villages is ideally located in Orlando, one of the world's most beloved destinations. Whether you are looking for a peaceful, relaxing vacation or a fun-filled family getaway, this breathtaking resort provides the perfect family retreat setting to make new memories. 2 week stay in two bedroom villa

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

Welcome to Saint Lucia, fairest island of 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 pool, 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 luxurious 4 night stay for two in a Marina view King Terrace Room, with breakfast each day at Julia's and dinner one evening at 14 North.

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5. The Jamaica Pegasus Hotel, Kingston, Jamaica

The Jamaica Pegasus Hotel is often referred to as "Kingston's preferred hotel", with good reason. Soaring 17 stories high in the heart of the city's vibrant financial and business district. Rooms feature pool-views or mountain views with king size bed suitable for up to two people maximum or two double beds suitable for up to four persons. Indulge in the tranquility of White Orchid Salon & Spa, on property jogging trail, tennis courts and 24 hours Café. Enjoy a tropical weekend for two

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6. The Glen Erin Inn and Spa, Mississauga, Ontario

Nestled in Mississauga's picturesque Sawmill Valley, the Glen Erin Inn and Spa uniquely delivers modern resort amenities while preserving old-world charm. Set amidst two acres of sprawling estate grounds, the tudor-style stone mansion and adjacent carriage house boast heritage building status and are connected by an underground pathway. One night stay for 2 in a suite with breakfast

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BOOKS

7. 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.

VALUE: \$30

8. Fragments of Epic Memory by Julie Crooks (Editor). Contributors: Andil Gosine, Annie Paul, Barbara Paca, Christian Campbell, Dominique Fontaine, Emily Cluett, Marsha Pearce, Mary Wells, Melanie Newton), O'Neil Lawrence.

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. This critical volume includes works by Caribbean artists such as Wifredo Lam from Cuba, and Sir Frank Bowling and Aubrey Williams from Guyana, among others.

VALUE: \$35

9. Walter Chin's “ Work in Progress”

A fashion photographer for over 2 decades, Walter Chin gives us the first collection of his work in this colorful and extravagant volume. This signed autographed 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.

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10. 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

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13. Roast by Bresheh Executive Backpack

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SILENT AUCTION

14. GraceKennedy Assortment Basket

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15. The G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education at Toronto Metropolitan University - Two Continuing Education Courses

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VALUE: \$600

16. The Toronto Raptors autographed basket ball

Signed by the Toronto Raptors 2021-2022 team and Masai Ujiri. The Toronto Raptors, a Canadian professional basketball team based in Toronto, Ontario competes in the National Basketball Association (NBA), as a member club of the league's Eastern Conference Atlantic Division. Masai Ujiri is currently serving as the president of the Toronto Raptors in the National Basketball Association. The team signed basketball is a great way to add to your collection of sports memorabilia and are a favorite among fans.

VALUE: \$2,500

ARTWORKS

17. 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

18. 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

19. David Kibuuka – Rhythm III, 11 X 13.75

Hand painted print on canvas, signed and embellished by the artist. 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

VALUE: \$700

20. David Kibuuka - Touchscreen, 16 x 20

In this modern batik inspired work, Kibuuka pays tribute to Africa's women. Dressed in brightly colored kangas they steadfastly trek for miles, to bring water and food to those they love. Hand painted print, signed and embellished by the artist.

VALUE: \$1,000

21. David Kibuuka – The Barter II, 30 x 20

Original giclée on canvas, hand painted print, signed and embellished by the artist. In this work, Kibuuka uses his signature fragmentation technique to depict social interaction in a rural village market in Uganda, at a time when money didn't exist and food was exchanged for rarer items. His work immortalises a local village market set in rural Uganda.

VALUE: \$1,200

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.

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23. David Kibuuka - Togetherness, 30 X 20

Hand painted on canvas, signed and embellished by the artist.

Elements of Kibuuka's signature fragmentation technique, batik and conventional art combine to tell the universal story of the love of a mother for her children.

VALUE: \$1,200

24. David Kibuuka – Sunset Gossip, 16 x 20

Hand painted print, signed and embellished by the artist. Elements of Kibuuka's signature fragmentation technique, batik and conventional art presents the sensuous beauty of the African women coming from the Well and gossiping about family, womanhood, and on their journey returning home before the sunset.

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Mr. Cressy was the founding General Secretary of the YMCA in Trinidad 59 years ago in 1963, and together with his wife Joanne, assisted community leaders in creating the first YMCA ever in Tobago over a three year period from 2008-2011. In addition, he has visited YMCA's in Guyana, Barbados and Jamaica, and also assisted in forming the United Way in Trinidad and Tobago

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