

Welcome to the 7th Annual African Heritage Educators' Network (AHEN) Black Student Recognition Awards Ceremony. As an organization, we strive to create a strong foundation for our students. We hold this award ceremony very close to our hearts because we understand how important it is to highlight the success of our students and to encourage their continuous growth. In support of our mandate, through our celebration of student success, we can "empower our students and communities" to continue to strive for excellence.

We want to acknowledge the hard work and tenacity of the students of African heritage throughout the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and to support opportunities for students to pursue their studies beyond secondary school.

Tonight we are excited to join with 125 schools to celebrate 227 students who have demonstrated excellence within their nominated categories. We would like to thank the hard work of the committee members: Saraya Elwin, Rosalie Griffith, Michael Griesz, Tina Opare, Melissa Rabess, Leonard Wandili, Kurt Lewin, Madeline Bussue, Jemaine Wallace and all of the other dedicated volunteers. Thank you to Cecil Henry and Ann Fyffe for preparing the certificates, program and photography services. Thank you to our steel pannist -- Kwesi Hypolite. Special thanks to our student volunteers, MCs and performers who helped to make the evening so special -- D' Andre and Maeen.

In addition, we would like to extend a very special acknowledgement to Dr. John Malloy, the Toronto District School Board Director; Associate Director Colleen Russell-Rawlins; Superintendents Curtis Ennis, Elizabeth Addo, Jacqueline Spence, Uton Robinson, Lorraine Linton, Audley Salmon, Lynn Strangway, Linda Curtis, Helen Fisher and all of the TDSB staff that nominated students. As we celebrate the achievements of our students, we hold fast to the knowledge and belief that the high standards of our community will lead to continued student success.

*Saraya Elwin, Rosalie Griffith & Michael Griesz*  
**AHEN Black Student Recognition Awards**  
*Committee Co-Chairs 2019*



**Weyni Mengesha - ASPIRATIONAL Award**

Weyni Mengesha is the Artistic Director of Soulpepper Theatre Company and an award-winning director, known for her groundbreaking work and community engagement. Weyni is responsible for two of the most popular shows to come out of Canada in the last two decades – *da Kink in my Hair* (Mirvish Productions) and *Kim's Convenience* (Soulpepper). Both have gone on to break box office records, tour nationally and internationally, and both have been developed into television shows playing on CBC, Global, and Netflix.



**Dr. Alana Butler - ACADEMIC Award**

Dr. Alana Butler is an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Education at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. In 2015, she completed a Ph.D. in Education from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York with a specialization in Learning, Teaching, and Social Policy. She is a TDSB graduate and has 15 years of teaching experience in a range of settings that includes preschool, ESL, secondary school, adult literacy, and university. Her research interests include race and gender studies, equity and inclusion, immigration and settlement studies, and multicultural education.



**Jamal Campbell - ATHLETICS Award**

Jamal Campbell is a professional Canadian football offensive lineman for the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League (CFL). He won his first Grey Cup championship in 2017 with the Argonauts. He played CIS football for the York Lions from 2012 to 2015. He is a graduate of C. W. Jefferys C.I.



**Dr. Seika Boye - ARTS Award**

Dr. Seika Boye is a scholar, writer, educator and artist whose practices revolve around dance and movement. She teaches practical and lecture courses and is the Director of the research oriented Institute for Dance Studies. From 1995-2010, Seika performed and presented her choreography across Canada. She danced professionally with Ballet Creole, Electric Company Theatre, Judith Marcuse Projects, Lucie Mongraine, Sarah Febrarro, and other independent choreographers.



**Sarah Jama - SCHOOL & COMMUNITY Award**

Sarah Jama is the Co-founder of the Disability Justice Network of Ontario (DJNO), and currently works at the Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion as an Outreach Coordinator and is also a Community Engagement Liaison to Councillor Matthew Green at the City of Hamilton. In her spare time, she acts as a consultant, and is currently working with the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board to create anti-racism training and peer support based curriculum for students at the school board.



**Dr. Ismael Mourifie - S.T.E.M Award**

Dr. Ismael Mourifie is an Assistant Professor in UofT's Department of Economics in the Faculty of Arts and Science, and winner of the Polanyi Prize in Economic Science. His current research is focused on understanding why there aren't more women studying STEM subjects and working in related professions. Dr. Mourifie, is a native of Ivory Coast who came to Canada in 2008.

- **Musical Interlude – Kwesi Hypolite (Steel Pan)**
- **Opening (6:00 PM)**  
MCs D'Andre Dixon (Earl Haig S.S) & Maeen Ali (Lester B Pearson C.I)
- **Land Acknowledgement**
- **O Canada & Black National Anthem**  
Pelonomi Pelekeke ( Victoria Park C.I)
- **Welcome Remark - AHEN BSA Committee Co-Chairs**  
Rosalie Griffith
- **Greetings from the Vice-Chair of TDSB**  
Trustee Chris Moise
- **Greetings from the Director**  
Dr. John Malloy
- **Special Performance**  
Drumming and Dance Presentation by Queen Victoria P.S African Language students
- **Keynote Address**  
Weyni Mengesha- Artistic Director of Soulpepper Theatre Company
- **Weyni Mengesha Aspirational Award recipients**  
Presented by: Weyni Mengesha
- **Special Performance**  
Shahaddah Jack (Spoken Word)
- **Dr. Alana Butler Academic Award recipients**  
Presented by: Dr. Alana Butler
- **Special Performance**  
Loreque Fearon – Earl Haig S.S (Contemporary Dance)
- **Dr. Seika Boye Arts Award recipients**  
Presented by: Dr. Seika Boye
- **Special Performance**  
Rachel McFarlane - Claude Watson (Violinist)
- **Sara Jama School & Community Award recipients**  
Presented by: Sara Jama
- **Special Performance**  
Children & Youth Dance Theatre of Toronto (Contemporary Dance)
- **Jamal Campbell Athletics Award recipients**  
Presented by: Christine Campbell
- **Dr. Ismael Mourlife S.T.E.M Award recipients**  
Presented by: Dr. Ismael Mourlife
- **Presentation of the AHEN Bursaries**  
(Donated by TDSB Superintendents)  
Shanneil Grant-Miller & Taelon Gray
- **Special Presentation**
- **Presentation of the Karen Falconer Educator Award of Excellence**  
Kathy Lewis
- **Vote of Thanks**  
Saraya Elwin ( AHEN BSA Committee Co- Chair)



**7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
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 AWARDS**

Thursday May 23, 2019



**LEGACY  
 2019**

Welcome to an Evening  
 Celebrating  
 Our Youth For Their  
 Great Achievements  
 CORPORATE PARTNERS



# ★ PARTICIPATING ★ SCHOOLS

AY. Jackson S. S.  
Agincourt C.I.  
Albert Campbell CI  
Alexander Muir/Gladstone Jr.  
And Sr. P.S.  
Amesbury Middle School  
Arbor Glen P.S.  
Beaumont Heights Junior  
Middle School  
Bliss Carman Senior Public School  
Bloor Collegiate Institute  
Bloor Middle School  
Bowmore P. S.  
Brookside P.S.  
Burnhamthorpe Collegiate Institute  
C. W. Jefferys C.I  
Carleton Village sports and  
Wellness Academy  
Cedarbrae Collegiate Institute  
Cedarbrook P.S.  
Charles E. Webster Public School  
Charles H Best JMS  
Chester Le Junior Public School  
Cresthaven P.S  
Danforth Collegiate  
Danforth Garden Public School  
Derrydown Public School  
Dixon Grove Junior Middle School  
Don Valley Middle School  
Dovercourt Public School  
Driftwood Public School  
Earl Grey Senior Public School  
Earl Haig Secondary School  
East York C. I.  
Elia Middle School  
Emery C.I  
Emery EdVance Secondary School  
Etobicoke School of the Arts  
Firgrove P.S  
Forest Hill Collegiate Institute  
Forest Hill Jr and Sr P.S.  
Forest Manor Public School  
Gateway P.S.  
General Crerar Public School  
George Harvey Collegiate Institute  
George Peck  
George S. Henry Academy

Georges Vanier  
Greenwood S.S.  
Grenoble Public School  
HA Halbert Jr P.S.  
Harbord Collegiate  
Harwood Public School  
Henry Kelsey Sr. P. S.  
Heritage Park Public School  
Highfield Junior School  
Highland Heights JPS  
Highland Middle School  
HJ Alexander Community School  
Humber Summit Middle School  
Humberside Collegiate Institute  
Iroquois Jr. P.S.  
J.G. Workman P.S.  
John Buchan Sr. P.S.  
John McCrae PS  
John Polanyi C. I.  
Lambert on P.S.  
L'Amoreaux C.I.  
Lawrence Heights M.S.  
Lawrence Park C.I.  
Lester B. Pearson EMS  
Lord Dufferin P.S.  
Lynngate JPS  
Marc Garneau C.I.  
Martingrove C. I  
Milne Valley Middle School  
Monarch Park Collegiate  
Mowat Collegiate  
Newtonbrook S.S.  
North Albion Collegiate Institute  
North Kipling JMS  
North Preparatory School  
Northern S.S.  
Northview Heights S.S.  
Oakdale Park M.S.  
Oakwood C.I.  
Ossington/Old Orchard Public  
School  
Parkdale Jr & Sr Public School  
Pauline Junior Public School  
Pearson C.I.  
Pelmo Park P.S.  
Queen Alexandra MS  
Queen Victoria Public School

R H King Academy  
Rawlinson Community school  
Robert Service  
Rosedale Heights School of the Arts  
Roselands Jr P.S.  
Runnymede C.I.  
Ryerson Community School  
Samuel Hearne M.S  
SATEC @ W.A. Porter  
Scarborough Centre for Alternative  
Studies  
Selwyn Elementary School  
Silverthorn Collegiate Institute  
Sir Oliver Mowat C. I.  
Sir Wilfrid Laurier C.I.  
Sir William Osler H.S  
Smithfield Middle School  
SOLE Alternative  
Sprucecourt Public School  
St. Andrew's Middle School  
Stanley Public School  
Stephen Leacock C.I.  
Topcliff PS  
Ursula Franklin Academy  
Victoria Park C.I.  
West Hill C.I.  
West Humber C.I.  
Weston C.I.  
Westview Centennial S.S  
Wexford Collegiate School for the Arts  
William Lyon Mackenzie C.I.  
Willowdale M.S.  
Winona Drive Senior School  
Winston Churchill C.I.  
Woburn C.I.  
York Memorial Collegiate Institute

## AWARD RECIPIENTS

### ACADEMICS AWARDS

Aaliyah Imasuen  
Alise Griffiths  
Alicia Norali  
Amel Lewis  
Amoya Scarlett  
Angelos Hankey  
Bahja Farah  
Benisha Williams  
Chelsea Pokuaa  
Christopher Ojo  
Danelcio Marcelo  
Dantae Green  
David Pope  
Delina Efrem  
Deonah Francis  
Deqa Mursal  
Elizangela Kamalando  
Emmanuel Isemembe  
Fatima Alhuttam  
Gideon Awuah  
Hanad Hassan  
Ibehbah Shaw  
Jaicia McIntosh  
Jaiden Gajadhar  
Jamelia Parnell  
James Esemu-Ezewu  
Justice Hague  
Kamoya Preston  
Karim Abdella  
Khalid Osman  
Kiyana Rodney-Rogers  
Leo Blackman  
Liya Beyene  
Lydia Callender  
Manal Towfik Towfik  
Mark Sewaya  
Maya Sinclair  
Mesu Yonas  
Michelle Blanchard  
Mikaela James  
Naomi Mountney  
Naomi Musa  
Natan Kidane  
Ngozi Otuogbodor  
Nyla Duke  
Obed-John Palmer  
Omar Awale  
Opeyemi Adetutu  
Paul Geo Flynn  
Rashaun Green  
Regis Boachie-Yiadom  
Shanneil Grant-Miller  
Sheala Mullings  
Shiyane McNab  
Sydney Imariabe  
Tajion Eccleston-Graham  
Tina Makuto  
Toneysha Sudlow

### ARTS AWARDS

Alaysia Gayle-Edwards  
Alex Gayle  
Anna Mukendi  
Arianne Crooks  
Ciara Melissa Lawrence Grant

Daniel Emmanuel-Briggs  
Eliana de los Santos  
Ezekiel Silverman-Akande  
Gianni Jaiden Haynes  
Jaiden Bulze  
Jameson Joseph  
Kenya Aberdeen-Brown  
Lataliah Galloway  
Madeline Williams-Dominie  
Mazin Cukic  
Nahira Musa  
Naomi Williams  
Nathaniel Dunn  
Nylah Anderson Burnett  
Rachel McFarlane  
Rahim Perez-Anderson  
Rashae Wilson  
Sharon Govere  
Shayne Babb  
Shemeka Moore  
Stephanie Montique  
Taelor Coleman  
Tazzareen Hammond  
Tyler Blackwood  
Vanessa Wright  
Yahniqie Bent

### ASPIRATIONAL AWARDS

Aaliyah Clayton  
Aljohn Hardie  
Alyssia Rattary  
Amina Hope  
Amira Abdulle  
Briana White  
Colleen Haynes  
Damion Wyndham  
Davion Murray  
Denesha Tittle  
D'oveon Adelubi-Brown  
Elijah Lewis  
Elisha Sarbah  
Jaden Gregory  
Jayden Williams  
Joshua Hardware  
Joshua Ruddock  
Kelise Anderson  
Latavia Hinds  
Laura Uchendu  
Lauren Dart  
Maya Quansah  
Micah Shepherd  
Miriam Solomon  
Nathaniel Bonsu Nathaniel  
Bonsu  
Omara Downer  
Otisia Edwards  
Philip Pleasant  
Sandrine Wembolua  
Solomon King  
Sophia Wright  
Taniel Campbell  
Trey Williams  
Vanessa Stokes  
Zachariah Etuk  
Zahra Wehelie

### ATHLETICS AWARDS

Adil Salim  
Adnan Jimoh  
Amara Pierre-King  
Ami Junior Holenghan  
Antoine Francis  
Calvert Phillips  
Charlie Valliant  
Chichi Ohaka  
Daija Bryan  
Darius Facey  
Deanna Johnson Hutchinson  
Dwayne Wyndham  
Eden Cuff  
Enhle Kuhn  
Felix Ofori  
Isaiah Nanton  
Joshua Liendo  
Julicia Malcolm-Pointer  
Kernisia Nelson  
Kyle Campbell  
Kynu Samuels  
Manwana Yala  
Mary Adebayo  
Maya Dalmao-Caton  
Megan Edwards-Allen  
Miles Fisher  
Moussa Omar  
Reaonna Howell  
Reuben Briggs  
Ricardo Chisholm  
Simone Christie  
Sunny Price  
Tahja Burnett-Ffrench  
Warsame Hussein

### SCHOOL & COMMUNITY AWARD

Marvelous Jose  
Abigail Ralph  
Adaja Dixon-Kelly  
Adara Harry  
Akeedu Ayala  
Amanda Thomas  
Betty Samson  
Biethel Keflu  
Blessing Tshimanga  
Caleb Agyei  
Christine Darko  
Clarissa Nakidde  
Dejha Setal  
Denzel Benitez-Ortega  
Elizabeth Boye  
Genesis Clark  
Helner Costa Tiago  
Joel Duff  
Josué Sulubika  
Jummy Akinola  
Kaya Joubert-Johnson  
Kerriess Thomas  
Krissa Richmond  
Laila Abubakar  
Lawal Sufiat  
Malakhai Thompson  
Manaal Suleiman  
Martha Mengesha

Melody Samaroo  
Misah Hunter-Hamilton  
Mya McGregor  
Nardos Habte  
Nashka Nicolas  
Na'Z'ya Moar  
Nyah Agyeman  
Oyinebi (Victorious) Ekifor  
Ozyon Allen-Strickland  
Precious Eriamiator  
Ranique Calame  
Raquel Durrant Mendez  
Ruru Hogan  
Salisa Marsh  
Samia Lewis-Celestine  
Sechinah Aneke  
Selena Anderson  
Semhale Tsehaye  
Seymoria Franklyn  
Shaba Ait Mohamed  
Shaquille Buchanan  
Shaquille Europe  
Sharadae Sinclair  
Shari-Ann Anderson  
Shirley Airhia  
Shiyan Wiskeyjack  
Shori Anne Clarke  
Stephan Cassie  
Sydney Burns  
Sydney John-Baptiste  
Taelon Gray  
Tamara Obuobi  
Tegan Thomas  
Tevianna Jones  
Tiffany Grant  
Trishah Owusu  
Tristan Bell  
Tristan Facey  
Tyler Williams  
Xamida Hudson-de Carvalho  
Xavier Campbell

### S.T.E.M AWARDS

Emmanuella Agyei  
Gwen Appiah  
Hadia Saied  
Hanad Mohamud  
Jevan Morris  
Joel Taame  
Mathieu Des Roches  
Omar Afrah  
Warren Sucklal  
Zakaria Warsame

