

E-NEWSLETTER

Dufferin County Canadian Black Association E-Newsletter

ASK THE EXPERTS CONTINUE TO BE WELL RECEIVED

The Dufferin County Canadian Black Association (DCCBA) is proud to celebrate the success of our Ask The Experts series. We appreciate the dedication and commitment of each expert who give generously of their time and knowledge to help elevate our community.

Expert recap:

May in partnership with Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health, Dr. Matthew Tenenbaum and Dr. Akwatu Kenti facilitated a special Cpvaid-19 Information Session.

June, Stephen Benjamin from Benjamin Law shared important information on Personal Injury Law, Employment Law and helpful information about securing a Will.

July, Minerva, co-founder of Kuinua consulting provided some great advice on how to prepare and get ready to secure grant funding.

August, Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson for the Town of Shelburne, provided information on the Nuts & Bolts of Municipal Politics.

With each event, we continue to see a growth in registrations and participation in the events.

We encourage everyone to visit the website for future Expert Series that will not disappoint! If you are a business and would like to sponsor our Ask Our Expert Series, please contact us at info@dufferincountycba.org.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER - IAN DALEY



Ian Daley

Ian is a Regulatory lawyer with over 18 years of experience. Ian also has extensive board and governance experience recently serving as Vice-President with the Oakville Soccer Club.

DCCBA is excited to welcome Ian as one of our new board members.

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BLACK HISTORY 365



Black Heritage Stamps - Donated by Kaarina Dillabough from Amaranth Ontario

DCCBA is determined to celebrate Black History 365 days of the year and is very appreciative of Kaarina for sharing these stamps with us.

Though the history is American, it is still a wonderful opportunity showcase the greatness of the black community.

James VanDerZee (1886-1983), American photographer who took thousands of photos of ordinary people and community groups, recording the emerging Harlem middle class.

Sojourner Truth (1797-1883) American abolitionist and women's rights activist. Truth was born into slavery but escaped with her infant daughter to freedom in 1826. In 1828, she fought and won the case to retrieve her son and became the first black woman to win such a case.

Marian Anderson (February 27, 1897 – April 8, 1993) was an American contralto. She performed a wide range of music, from opera to spirituals. Anderson performed with renowned orchestras in major concert and recital venues throughout the United States and Europe between 1925 and 1965.'

Dr. Allison Davis (1932-1984) An anthropologist and educator, Dr. Allison Davis served the Johnson and Nixon administrations as a member of the President's Commission on Civil Rights and as the vice chairman of the Department of Labor's Commission on Manpower Retraining. He was a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the National Academy of Education.

AUGUST 1, 2021 EMANCIPATION DAY

The Town of Shelburne and Dufferin County formally recognized Emancipation Day on August 1, 2021 with a proclamation for the first time. This came after a request to proclaim Emancipation day was submitted by DCCBA's president to both the Dufferin County Council and the Town of Shelburne.

COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

COVID-19 VACCINE

DCCBA is proud to have had discussions in March with both our MPP Sylvia Jones and Dr. Mercer, the Chief Medical Officer of health for Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health on the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Black and racialized community. Through those discussions, DCCBA was able to partner with WDG Public Health to host a vaccine information session in May. Special thanks to **Dr. Matthew Tenenbaum** and **Dr. Akwatu Khenti** for facilitating an informative session on the roll out of the vaccine in Dufferin County and debunking some of the myths around the vaccine.

For a full recap of the session please visit our [YouTube channel](#).

CELEBRATING BLACK EXCELLENCE



DCCBA is proud to recognize and celebrate Shelburne resident Kadeisha Buchanan on her outstanding achievements as part of the Canadian Women's Soccer Gold Medal Olympic Team in Tokyo. Kadeisha was presented with the DCCBA Black Excellence award at the Town of Shelburne's Council Meeting on August 23rd.

2021 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

We are proud to have organized and hosted our very first Virtual Scholarship Awards Ceremony on July 27, 2021. Special thanks to our amazing co-host and MC, Benjamin De Graaf for making this historic event memorable.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the support of all our community partners, sponsors and amazing students. Special thanks to Dufferin-Caledon MP, Kyle Seebach & MPP Sylvia Jones for delivering a congratulatory speech to each of our scholarship recipients and for a personalized letter of recognition. A big thank you as well to Mayor Wade Mills from The Town of Shelburne for providing a special congratulatory message for our students.

The 2021 Scholarship recipients are:

CFUW Orangeville & District Building Bridges Scholarship recipient - Sunit Toor

Ontario Clean Water Agency Science Scholarship recipients - Graden Grandison & Precious Adesina

Streams Community Hub Arts Scholarship recipient - Alyssa Samuels

DCCBA Black Excellence Award recipients - Shailyn Pierre-Dixon & Lordslove Ngonge

Cariati Law College Scholarship Essay Program recipients - Victoria Sodoma & Hailey Romain

Carmen Anderson Perseverance Award recipients - Shemar Barnett & Christina Campbell

Fieldgate Homes Community Excellence Award recipients - Nifemi Abolarinde & Lordslove Ngonge

Flato Development Inc. recipients - Alyssa Samuels, Precious Adesina & Nifemi Abolarinde

DCCBA is excited to establish its new Bursary Program at the elementary school level, designed to recognize a graduating elementary school student who has demonstrated both Academic and Leadership Excellence throughout the school year. This year we were proud to recognize 3 graduating elementary School Students with the DCCBA Black Excellence Award. The recipients are:

Glenbrook Elementary School - Monique Harris

Centennial Hylands Elementary School - Cairo Daley

Hyland Heights Elementary - Ashley Anderson

Please visit our scholarship page to find out more.

www.dufferincountycba.org/scholarship

JUNE & JULY MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

For the month of June we held a membership appreciation draw to thank our members and supporters who live in the community. We are pleased to announce the winner of our June Membership appreciation draw is Anand Jagdeo. Anand is the lucky recipient of one of DCCBA's garden plots in the Shelburne Community Garden.

In July, Kuinua Consulting offered a one (1) hour complimentary grant writing consulting service to 2 organizations that attended the Grant Writing/Funding Ask The expert Series. The lucky recipients were: Fresh Start Hub & Operation Black Vote Canada. Congratulations to both organizations and thank you to Minerva Saddler Gray & Kuinua Consulting for this exclusive offer.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS AND REGISTERED BUSINESSES FOR THEIR SUPPORT

DCCBA is happy to announce that our partners, membership and registered businesses continues to grow in 2021. We are truly honoured by the continued support and would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of our allies and community champions.

Dufferin County
Town of Shelburne
Flato Developments Inc.
Fieldgate Homes
Toronto Caribbean Newspaper
Operation Black Vote Canada
Kuinua Consulting
Benjamin Law
Cariati Law
Headwaters Communities in Action
Ontario Clean Water Association
Town of Grand Valley
Town of Mono
Township of Amaranth
Crozier Consulting Engineers
Orangeville Public Library
Georgian College Orangeville
Ebony Occasions

Family Transition Place
Dufferin Child and Family Services
Shelburne Driving School
Shelburne Family Chiropractic
Museum of Dufferin
Community Living Dufferin
Dufferin News
Upper Grand District School Board
Shelburne Public Library
Andrew E. Guy
Town Tees
Streams Hub
Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board
Smile Corner Dental Orangeville
Canadian Congress on Workplace Diversity & Inclusion

ONLINE STORE

DCCBA merchandise store is available online where you can get the hottest branded items for the entire family. Please visit our [Store](#) to purchase your very own DCCBA T-shirts, mugs, notepads and more.



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

We are pleased to share that all DCCBA members are entitled to a special membership perk through the partnership and support of Smile Corner Dental Orangeville.

NEXT ISSUE

Please look out for our next issue December 2021. To learn more about DCCBA, become a member or make a donation to support our community initiatives, please visit our website at www.dufferincountycba.org.