



Black History Month 2021: Our Legacy Guides Our Future





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Statement from the Prime Minister of Canada

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everybody at today's event commemorating Black History Month in Canada.



Black History Month offers a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the remarkable role Black Canadians have played in our history, and to celebrate the significant contributions they have made, and continue to make, to our country.

It continues to be a challenging time for hosting and planning events. That is why I would like to thank the dedicated organizers for their efforts. Your commitment to building bridges between communities and to fostering open dialogue, awareness and understanding is helping to build a stronger, more inclusive Canada.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I offer my best wishes for a memorable celebration.

Ottawa
2021



ANITA ANAND

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
OAKVILLE

February 2021

Dear Oakville Friends and Neighbours,

Black History Month is a time when we honour the significant contributions Black Canadians make in our communities. Although we cannot gather in person this year, we must take the opportunity to appreciate and celebrate the many achievements of Black Canadians across Canada.

The federal government is continuing to work to increase the participation of underrepresented groups in Canadian society. For example, as the Minister of Public Services and Procurement, I have launched the Black Businesses Pilot (BBP). This program aims to expand bidding opportunities for Black-owned and/or operated businesses across multiple regions of the country for various goods and services.

Thank you to the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton for continuing to share your culture and support our community. I look forward to the extensive schedule of virtual events that the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton has put together for Black History Month.

As always, my constituency office remains available at 905-338-2008 or anita.anand@parl.gc.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anita Anand".

Hon. Anita Anand,
Member of Parliament, Oakville

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**ADAM VAN
KOEVERDEN, M.P.**
MILTON

February 1, 2021

It is with great honour that I join Black communities in Halton to celebrate Black History Month.

In December 1995, the Honourable Jean Augustine, the first Black woman to be elected to the House of Commons, introduced a motion that received unanimous consent to recognize February every year as Black History Month in Canada.

Growing up in Oakville and working hard to compete in the Olympics, I had no shortage of Black sporting heroes to look up to. From local track and field Olympic Champion Donovan Bailey, to World Champion kayaker Renn Crichlow, I was consistently inspired by them and others to try my very best. Now that I am a public servant, people like Jean Augustine and my colleagues the Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Greg Ferguson, Emmanuel Dubourg, and Marci Ien are my role models.

I would like to give a special thank you to the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton (CCAH) who have routinely provided Black History Month programming to our community. With this year's programming being largely digital due to COVID-19, I thank the organizers and volunteers at the CCAH for their efforts in not only making these accommodations but also continuing to provide engaged and educational programs to residents of Halton.

By celebrating the contributions, stories and successes of Black communities- Canada's youth of today and tomorrow will have no shortage of inspiration to chase their goals and achieve their dreams.

Sincerely,

Adam van Koeverden, M.P.
Milton

Pam Damoff, M.P.
Oakville North-Burlington



To the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton
In celebration of
Black History Month 2021

In 1995, the House of Commons officially recognized February as Black History Month in Canada following a motion introduced by the first Black Canadian woman elected to Parliament, the Honourable Jean Augustine. The motion was carried unanimously, officially recognizing our nation's black history. I am so excited for Ms. Augustine to be the keynote speaker at this year's kickoff event.

Every February, and throughout the year, we honour the legacy of Black Canadians, past and present whose contributions helped make Canada the prosperous, compassionate and multicultural nation it is today. This year's theme is "Our Legacy Guides Our Future", inspired by the launch of the Legacy Voices documentary by the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton. I look forward to the Oakville Museum making this powerful project a permanent part of its collection.

Thank you for bringing our community's rich black history to life, throughout Black History Month and beyond.

Sincerely,

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Pam Damoff, M.P.
Oakville North-Burlington



**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
KICKOFF CELEBRATION**
Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton
January 31, 2021

I want to extend warm greetings to everyone taking part in this Black History Month Kickoff Celebration.

This is a time to honour and celebrate the incredible accomplishments of Ontario's Black community leaders and trailblazers, both past and present. Their accomplishments in every field, from the arts, entertainment and sports, to education, science, business, and politics have helped shape our province's history, culture and economy.

Black History Month is an important opportunity to be inspired and learn from these incredible role models in our communities on how we can build a fairer, more just society for all. Let us continue learning and working together to build a better future for all Ontarians.

I thank the wonderful people behind the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton for their commitment to promoting a culture that values and respects diversity.

I wish you all a memorable and inspiring celebration of Black History Month.

Doug Ford
Premier



**Greetings for the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton (CAAH)
Black History Month February 2021**

I am delighted to extend my warmest personal greetings to everyone involved in the CCAH's Black History Month activities and Kick-Off Event.

As we begin a new year of hope and optimism, this is an appropriate time to celebrate the special history and significant contribution the black community has made to our community.

It has been more than a century since the early black settlers arrived in Halton, in their quest for a fresh start and a new life. Their culture and activities have helped to build and enhance our community's knowledge of different cultures and our appreciation of all cultures that comprise the rich diversity of our Halton community.

The early settlers worked hard and not only made a better life for themselves and their own families, but they enriched the lives of their fellow citizens and their descendants. They have left Halton an enduring legacy.

Please accept my best wishes for memorable and exciting month-long celebrations of Black History Month.

Sincerely,
Stephen Crawford,

Member of Provincial Parliament Oakville



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Greetings from the Mayor

On behalf of Town Council and citizens of Oakville, I extend a warm welcome to all those attending the Black History Month Kick-Off Celebration on January 31, 2021.

We celebrate the month of February as Black History Month to remind us of the rich contributions within our society from people of African and Caribbean descent and of their ongoing struggle for equity and social justice. This year's theme "Our Legacy Guides our Future" will take into account the cultural contribution and continued education provided here in Oakville and throughout Canada.

In 1979, the City of Toronto declared Black History Month, then in 1993 the Ontario Government recognized this community initiative and in 1995 thanks to the Ontario Black History Society, Toronto area Member of Parliament Jean Augustine introduced a motion which passed unanimously by the House of Commons to recognize Black History Month across Canada.

Congratulations to the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton, the Oakville Museum and contributors in organizing this year's festivities.

It is my hope that you will enjoy and participate in all of the Black History Month events.

Sincerely,

Mayor Rob Burton
Town of Oakville

Message from Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr

On behalf of Regional Council, I am pleased to extend my best wishes to the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton (CCAH) as you celebrate Black History Month.

Since 1977, the CCAH has celebrated diversity and promoted inclusion in Halton through various programs and activities. This includes art exhibits, cultural celebrations, educational programs and family events that are all an important part of honouring your distinct Caribbean heritage and its significance to Halton's history.

Additionally, your youth Leadership in Action workshops inspire the next generation to explore their cultural identity and learn life-long skills. Your tireless efforts through these programs, initiatives and events help foster an inclusive community for all.

Tonight's event kicks-off a month filled with cultural and educational activities to celebrate Black History Month, including discussions with local leaders, visual artists and performers, virtual tours and more. Although we cannot gather in-person to celebrate this year, these events help us to learn more about the history of Black Canadians in Halton, and allow us to get to know our neighbours to build a stronger, more cohesive region.

Thank you to everyone involved in this month's events and the CCAH's ongoing efforts in Halton. By celebrating the contributions of Black Canadians and working toward a more inclusive community, we can help keep Halton a great place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

Sincerely,

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Gary Carr
Halton Regional Chair



HALTON REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

One Vision One Mission One Team



On behalf of the Halton Regional Police Service, I am honoured to support 2021 Black History Month and the many related events, sponsored by the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton.

Diversity and inclusivity are fundamental principles entrenched in our Business Plan and reflected in the many partnerships and initiatives that the Halton Regional Police Service has established. Valuing diversity is a process that embraces the difference within our society and views it as a strength. What better way to promote the cultural diversity this Region is well known for than to celebrate its history and traditions.

Our Service is proud of our partnership with the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton and look forward to many collaborative opportunities in the future.

Diversity is our strength.

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Stephen J. Tanner
Chief of Police





February 1st, 2021

Happy Black History Month!

We recognize that the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton (CCAH) has tirelessly promoted diversity and inclusion, supporting cultural development, and encouraging civic engagement.

Through the Oakville Community Foundation's **Community Classroom** initiative, the CCAH has created a series of informative and vibrant sessions about Steelpan music designed with the young online learner in mind. We are thrilled to be able to continue to offer these programs to students in the Halton Region.

Both the Halton District School Board and the Halton Catholic School Board believe strongly that learning about music and culture are important elements for growth and development. This ultimately creates engaging communities, and we are proud to be a part of it.

Oakville has a strong Black history; therefore, it is important to collaborate with schools to create programs that affirm student identities and create a culturally responsive and relevant curriculum for students.

Congratulations and we look forward to wonderful and engaging Black History Month.

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Wendy Rinella, CEO
Oakville Community Foundation



**The Oakville Hospital Foundation is honoured to partner with the
Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton (CCAH).**

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Oakville Hospital Foundation and Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, I would like to take this opportunity to enthusiastically recognize and celebrate Black History Month.

Every February, Canadians are invited to participate in Black History Month events and celebrate Black culture and achievement in Canada. Although this year the celebrations may look different, they remain an important part of our community.

It is my honour to acknowledge the many incredible contributions Black Canadians have made throughout the history of our hospital. The CCAH in particular has been a dedicated, loyal and generous community partner. It is thanks to your philanthropy our healthcare teams are able to provide exemplary care to patients when they need it most. Your long time support of OTMH means you are part of our rich history and long-standing tradition of providing quality care to many generations in our community.

We thank you for your generosity and send our best wishes to you as we celebrate Black History Month together.

Please stay safe and we look forward to the day when we can celebrate in person.

Sincerely,

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Mary McPherson

Chief Executive Officer, Oakville Hospital Foundation

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

OUR LEGACY GUIDES OUR FUTURE

Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton **Kickoff Celebration**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021
1:30-2:30 PM

Virtual event | Registration required
www.ccah.ca/bhm2021

Keynote Speaker ~ Honourable Jean Augustine

A prominent figure in Canadian history, notably for securing unanimous legislative support to pass a historic motion designating February as Black History Month in Canada.

Halton Regional Police Service ~ Community Programs

Overview of the new Black Internal Support Network (BISN).

CCAH Initiatives ~ School and Food Programs

Community outreach to educate regarding Black history and to provide meals to those with food insecurities.

Performances by ~ Sonia Collymore, Carlos Morgan and the CCAH Steelpan Band

Enjoy uplifting performances that inspire audiences of all ages.



WWW.CCAH.CA/BHM2021



VIRTUAL KICKOFF PROGRAM

Sunday, January 31, 2021

1:30 — 2:30 pm

Welcome	Andrew Tyrrell, CCAH President
Dignitary Greetings	Rob Burton, Oakville Mayor; Anita Anand, MP Oakville, Minister of Public Services and Procurement; and Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
TD Bank Group	Naki Osutei, Associate Vice President, Social Impact (Canada), TD Bank Group
CAAH Music Program	Sheldon Williams, CCAH Vice President
Musical Performance	CAAH Steelpan Band
CAAH Black History Month Events	Alicia Sullivan, CCAH Board Member
Black Internal Support Network (BISN)	David Joseph, Halton Regional Police Service
CAAH School Programs	Andrew Tyrrell, Sita Jayaraman and Jeff Crowell, Halton Catholic District School Board
CAAH Food Program	Andrew Tyrrell highlights Chef Melani Bastians
Musical Performance	Sonia Collymore
Guest Speaker	Honourable Jean Augustine, P.C., C.M., O.Ont, C.B.E.
Musical Performance	Carlos Morgan
Closing Remarks	Andrew Tyrrell

NOTE: Kickoff Celebration will be aired on Cogeco Your TV on Thursday, February 4 at 8:00 pm AND Friday, February 5 at 2:00 pm



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The Honourable Jean Augustine, P.C., C.M., O.Ont, C.B.E.



She is MacLean's [2021 Lifetime Achievement Award](#) winner and the [2021 Ruth Roberts Award](#) winner for World Vision Canada's *Heroes for Children Award*.

She was born in St. George's, Grenada in 1937. She lost her father at a young age and blossomed into an outstanding young student raised by a wise grandmother. In 1960, already a qualified teacher, she immigrated to Canada on the Canada-Caribbean Domestic Program. With focus, she attended Toronto Teachers' College before earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Toronto. She earned her Masters in Education while working as an elementary school teacher with the Metropolitan Separate School Board in Toronto. She was later promoted to principal, then

Supervisory Officer, where she helped shape the lives of a number of young students.

In 1993, Jean Augustine made history as the first African-Canadian woman to be elected to Canada's House of Commons as the Member of Parliament from the Greater Toronto Area constituency of Etobicoke-Lakeshore. She served with distinction winning four consecutive elections until she decided to move on to new challenges in 2006.

Over this period in Parliament, her work included Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, Minister of Multiculturalism and the Status of Women; Chair of the Foreign Affairs and International Trade committee; Chair of the Human Rights Committee, three-time Chair of the National Women's Caucus; and in her last year, she was elected Deputy Speaker by her peers. Amongst her notable achievements was legislation to protect disadvantaged low-income individuals including single mothers raising children; securing unanimous legislative support to pass a historic motion designating February as Black History Month in Canada; securing unanimous legislative support to pass a landmark motion to erect the only statue featuring women on Parliament Hill, the Famous Five Monument; and extensive travel and engagement in countries around the world on action and initiatives to ultimately improve the human condition.

In 2007, Jean Augustine was called on by the Government of Ontario to lead an important initiative commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Abolition of the 1807 British Slave Trade Act. Later that year, she was appointed the first-ever Fairness Commissioner for the Province of Ontario, a role in which she would set new regulatory standards for clarity, openness and more streamlined access to employment conditions for foreign trained professionals until her retirement in 2015.

Today, Jean Augustine continues in the work to help improve the human condition. Along with her frontline involvement through the Jean Augustine Centre for Young Women's Empowerment, she continues providing her expertise nationally and internationally as relevant.

To learn more about the Jean Augustine for Young Women's Empowerment, please visit the website: [Home - Jean Augustine Centre](#)

Donations are welcomed: [Donate - Jean Augustine Centre](#)



Two-time JUNO award winner **Sonia Collymore** has developed a unique sound supported by a bold stage presence. Sonia's niche is Reggae, but she has developed a strong jazz, soul and R&B vocal style. Her music is soulful with a Caribbean twist!



Solroc Music recording artist **Carlos Morgan**, is a multi-award winning singer, songwriter, producer and performer. He is a previous Juno award winner for Best R&B/Soul Recording. In 2017, Morgan was honored by the City of Toronto for his musical contributions to Toronto.



Talented panists, **Denise Als** and **Richard Cornelius**, have been teaching our community about the origins of the Steelpan and the variety of sounds that they make for over 10 years. They continually educate about culture and its relationship with the steelpan yet always entertain with pan classics and pop favourites.

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The Four Pillars

The members of the CCAH support what we call the four pillars of our organization: (1) **Education**; (2) **Culture**; (3) **Community**; and (4) **Harmony**.

These four core values are beautifully captured in local artist Beverly Tang-Kong's painting entitled "The Spirit of Angels." This artwork was incorporated into the CCAH logo.



Beverly Tang Kong

Education: The CCAH works closely with the Halton Region schools to create a positive impact among the students who are directly engaged in our exhibits and programs throughout the year.

Culture: The CCAH has established a steel band program that involves the broader community - people of all ages and backgrounds - and creates the opportunity to discover the joy of music in a unique way that is fun and easy to learn. Other programs include Caribbean Folk Dance lessons, African Drumming classes, and New Horizons for Seniors.

Community: The CCAH participates in numerous community events including the Oakville Waterfront Festival, the Carousel of Nations, and numerous Black History Month events. The goal is to ensure that the larger community is aware that the Caribbean community is committed to contributing to the Halton community.

Harmony: The CCAH participates and sponsors research studies that help provide insight and better understanding of Halton's Black community. The CCAH partners with the Halton Regional Police Service to co-deliver diversity and youth-focused programs.

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Board Members 2021

Andrew Tyrrell

President



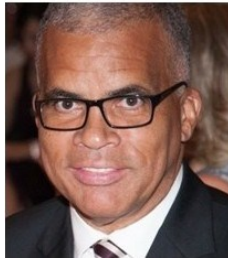
Sheldon Williams

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Youth Leadership



Alicia Sullivan

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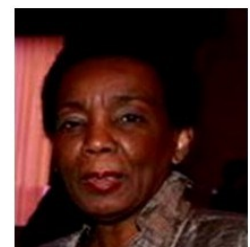
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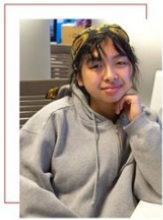
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BHM Flag and Logo

In 2020, our Black History Month logo was designed by Charlene Pura, a Sheridan College student as part of a CCAH-sponsored initiative with Sheridan. We then had it developed into a flag that was present at event venues and schools. The Oakville Town Hall and Halton Regional Police Service flew the flag throughout February. We look forward to raising the flag for 2021.



CHARLENE PURA

Junior Designer, Sheridan Student Union
Second Year, York/Sheridan Design Program

WHAT WAS YOUR INSPIRATION FOR THE BLACK HISTORY MONTH IDENTITY?

"My goal for creating the BHM identity was to commemorate black history in a vibrant way. I wanted to be able to create something that is timeless and relevant as black history month should continue to be. BHM is about celebrating a very dynamic past and present, and so I wanted to depict that through a more dynamic design."



January 31: Black History Month Kickoff | 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

This virtual event will include: Keynote Speaker Jean Augustine; musical performances by Sonia Collymore, Carlos Morgan and the CCAH Steelpan Band; an overview of the Black Internal Network Support program through the Halton Regional Police Services; and an overview of the CCAH food and school programs.

February 1-28: The Underground Railroad: Next Stop, Freedom & Legacy Voices | Oakville Museum | 8 Navy St, Oakville |

Through virtual tours, digitized artifacts, hands-on activities, stories, and a live interactive video presentation, this inquiry-based education program helps students immerse themselves into historical experiences that offer unique opportunities to experience our shared living heritage. Students will explore Oakville's relationship with the United States in the context of the Underground Railroad. They will learn about how Oakville Harbour played a significant role in the journey to Canada for many freedom seekers. Key figures in the Oakville Underground Railroad story are introduced through the exhibition *Freedom, Opportunity and Family: Oakville's Black History*, and excerpts from the multimedia presentation *The Underground Railroad: Next Stop Freedom* as well as more contemporary stories from the documentary *Legacy Voices*. Please contact julian.kingston@oakville.ca to register.

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February 1-28: Oakville Early Black History. Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre, Oakville | First Ontario Arts Centre, Milton | Halton Schools

Traveling exhibition created by the Oakville Museum; displays with pictures and cultural information. Exhibit will be installed once lockdown is lifted. Please contact andrew@ccah.ca to book the installation at your school or facility.

February 1-28: Student Projects | Sheridan College

Projects include displays of posters, short stories, and films. Activities to be broadcasted by the Sheridan College Fine Arts, Media and Design Department.

In addition, the CCAH and Sheridan Alumni will award up to 10 students with prizes varying from \$100 - \$500 in value for their submissions to the CREATE Contest. Students may submit any piece of work that shares their experience and reflection on what Black History Month means to them. Submit your art [here](#).

Tuesday, February 2: Interview | Marc Carr's "The Issue" | Local COGECO TV

Host Marc Carr will interview CCAH President, Andrew Tyrrell; CEO of Oakville Community Foundation, Wendy Rinella; and Supervisor of the Oakville Museum, Julian Kingston about Black History.

Thursday, February 4: Interview | Oakville Mayor Burton's "Oakville Matters" | Local COGECO TV

Oakville Mayor Rob Burton will interview CCAH President, Andrew Tyrrell about Oakville Black History and 2021 Black History Month Events.

Saturday, February 6: No One Goes Hungry in Oakville on a Saturday | QEPCCC, 2302 Bridge Road, Oakville | 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Chef Melani Bastians will create a special African-themed meal | 200 free meals via curbside pick-up or delivery | For delivery please contact andrew@ccah.ca or NOGHhaltonON@gmail.com

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Sunday, February 7: No One Goes Hungry in Milton on a Sunday| Caribbean Vibes restaurant, 171 Main Street East, Milton| 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm | Chef Melani Bastians will create a special African-themed meal | 350 free meals via curbside pick-up or delivery | For delivery please contact andrew@ccah.ca or NOGHhaltonON@gmail.com

Monday, February 15: CCAH presents Black History Month| The Village of Tansley Woods Retirement and Long-term Care, Burlington| 1:00 pm | Caribbean-influenced food and virtual entertainment for staff and residents.

Wednesday, February 17: Issues of Race in Education: Supporting Black Families | Presented by Roots Community Service and Halton Children's Aid Society | 11:00 am – 12:00 pm | Virtual ZOOM session | Please register [here](#).

It is a fundamental value of our society that every child should be treated with fairness and dignity within our schools. But are Black boys and girls being treated as such? Systemic anti-Black racism permeates the structures of our society, including the education system, often having unintended consequences on the outcomes for Black children and their families. Join community leaders for a discussion of steps which are being taken to address issues impacting Black families and their children in Halton Region.

Tuesday, February 18: Ignited to Inspire: Black Women Thriving During a Pandemic | 7:00 – 8:00 pm | Virtual ZOOM session | Register [here](#).

There is nothing more powerful than the collective voices of women who authentically share heartfelt personal accounts of their lived experience. This is what a group of women from the Greater Toronto Area have done in the new book "21 Resilient Women: Stories of Courage, Growth and Transformation." The book was written and published during the heights of the COVID-19 pandemic. Join a group of Black co-authors who will share not only lessons of courage, growth, and transformation but they will provide insights and suggestions about career, health and wellness, retirement and much more. Join this event to build awareness and understanding about the resilience and success of Black women within our communities. Those who register, share the link and attend this event, will have a chance to win a FREE copy of this book - 30 copies of the book will be given away! Link to book information: [21 Resilient Women: Stories of Courage, Growth, and Transformation: Wright, Daisy, Bode, Christine: 9780981310473: Books - Amazon.ca](#)

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Tuesday, February 23: Navigating, Challenging, and Confronting Anti-Black Racism: Global Perspectives in Canadian Context | 4:00 – 5:00 pm | Presented by Sheridan College | Please register [here](#).

In this facilitated keynote, Dr. Christopher Taylor will review the roots of Black identity and Black history. Dr. Taylor will lead us on a journey of the histories of enslavement and colonization, engage in conversation on Black Canadian history, and leave us with some 'food for thought' on the present-day realities of Blackness for newcomers and Blacks in Canada. Review his book *Flying Fish in the Great White North: The Autonomous Migration of Black Barbadians*. [Flying Fish in the Great White North – Fernwood Publishing](#) Review Dr. Taylor's bio [here](#).

Tuesday, February 23: HERO film screening and CCAH multi-media & written word contest winners | 6:30 pm | Sheridan Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences |

Contest winners announced followed by a CCAH and Sheridan presentation | Screening of the full-length feature film "*HERO: Inspired By The Extraordinary Life And Times Of Mr. Ulric Cross.*" |

Inspired by the life Ulric Cross whose has experienced key moments of the 20th Century like WW2, African independence, Black Power, the rise of a new brand of Black leadership around the world - all events that have shaped the world today. Hosted on the platform [CaribbeanTales-TV](#) followed by Q&A with Director and Producer [Frances - Anne Solomon](#). General public encouraged to attend. Please register [here](#).

Wednesday, February 24: So you want to talk about race | Presented by CCAH and Milton Public Library with community partners | 10:30 am | National Broadcast.

Join this important discussion, led by New York Times Best Selling Author, Ijeoma Oluo. Learn how to have open and honest conversations about race and racism, how to be an ally, and why anti-racism is essential to creating connected and empathetic communities. Interpreting services provided. Please register at [Ijeoma Oluo: So You Want to Talk About Race - Crowdcast](#)

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Saturday, February 27: Clef Notes to Canvas | Milton Public Library | 1:00 pm – 3:30pm | Hosted in partnership with the CCAH and Milton Public Library and facilitated by local artist Omar "Oms" Hopkinson | Free supplies (canvas and paints) to be picked up from Milton Public Library | Ages 14 – 17 years | Contact Lisa.Portelli@beinspired.ca for additional questions. Join us for a creative afternoon of music and visual art. The first part of the program focuses on "The Struggle" whereby participants allow the mood of the background music to evoke feelings that are translated onto the canvas. The second part focuses on the "Freedom" of creativity whereby participants allow music to influence exploration and expand upon the initial artwork created. All supplies provided, no experience necessary. Please register [here](#).

Saturday, February 27: No One Goes Hungry in Oakville on a Saturday | QEPCCC, 2302 Bridge Road, Oakville | 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Chef Melani Bastians will create a special Caribbean-themed meal | 200 free meals via curbside pick-up or delivery | For delivery please contact andrew@ccah.ca or NOGHhaltonON@gmail.com

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School Programs 2021

School Programs

The four school programs listed below can be offered for remote class learning. If your school is interested in offering one of these programs, please contact andrew@ccah.ca

1. Diana Braithwaite and Chris Whiteley

Pre-recorded musical performance featuring jazz songs, and the spoken word created by multiple Maple Blues award winning artists Diana Braithwaite and Chris Whiteley. During the performance, they educate and entertain audiences with a musical journey through history to discover the early origins of jazz and the current music they performed. This presentation is educational while entertaining. Please contact andrew@ccah.ca to book.

2. Steelpan Music demonstration (15 mins) and mini-concert (15 mins)

Pre-recorded performance and workshop to be securely broadcast via the Ministry of Education portals. Programs funded by Oakville Community Foundation's Community Classrooms project. Dedicated to promoting diversity and inclusion, supporting cultural development, and encouraging civic engagement, the CCAH brings Caribbean music and education to Community Classroom participants. This vibrant and informative session about Steelpan has been designed with the young online learner in mind.

Book online: <https://teachers.theocf.org/grades/community-classroom-online/>

3. Caribbean Cooking Sessions

Sessions are designed for Secondary students but are also an excellent opportunity for ESL students and participants in social justice or hospitality programs. These are 30-45-minute pre-recorded sessions followed by a live-feed discussion with Chef Delvon Greene or Chef Melani Bastians regarding food and cooking styles unique to the Caribbean. Foods prepared are Jerk Chicken and Mango Salsa, and Caribbean-style Red Snapper with Rice and Peas. Sessions are broadcast via the Ministry of Education portals. Please contact andrew@ccah.ca to book.

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4. Issues of Race

This 3-part workshop is designed in English for Secondary students | Format may be virtual through Zoom to allow for student interaction or timed broadcasts via the Ministry of Education portals. Three-part workshop includes the following presenters:

A) Akil McKenzie, CEO of media production company, Falling Motion. He oversees 50 talented team members that work on commercials, music videos, films and weddings. Akil is a director, producer, cinematographer, editor, public speaker, and poetic artist. As a creative, Akil is always looking for new artforms to express thought and emotion. (15 mins)

B) Jasmine Als, Conflict Communication and Resolution. Jasmine is a Durham College Campus Conflict Resolution Services Student Practitioner. She is currently focused on mediation and alternate dispute resolution. Before going to Durham College, she received her degree in Conflict Resolution Studies from the University of Winnipeg. (15 mins)

C) Kara Morgan, Disarming Racism Through a Shared Vision. Kara will focus on the meaning of systemic anti-Black racism and the challenges to finding an appropriate solution. Businesses and organizations are looking to be more inclusive as they review internal policies and practices. Join Kara as she clarifies some confusion around common, misunderstood terms and unravels some reasons why anti-Black racism continues. (30mins) Please contact andrew@ccah.ca to book.

Sheridan College and Sheridan Student Union

CREATE Contest

Learn and Unlearning

Thanks to our generous partners at the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton and Sheridan Alumni, we will be awarding up to 10 students with prizes varying from \$100 - \$500 in value for their submissions.

We invite students to submit their reflection on this year's theme of Learning and Unlearning.

You may submit any piece of work that shares your experience and reflection on what Black History Month means to you. This can be through photography, creative writing, painting, illustration, poetry or whatever medium through which you would like to express your reflection. Submit [here](#).



2020 Contest Winners

Creative Writing Contest Winner:

...First they enslave us, chain us and relocate us.
Take away our identity and rename us to erase us.

...Nose too wide, hips too big, skin too dark,
so they shame us,
Then they try to imitate us and replace us but they will
never recreate us...

...The world needs us, as we indeed created a culture that
the world tries so hard to imitate; as we know, without us,
the world has no soul. Truly, we are African Giants.
-Uchenna Emmanuel Madueke

Excerpts from:
FREEDOM WALK: CELEBRATING A HISTORY AND A
MOVEMENT THAT MADE US AFRICAN GIANTS

About the creative piece:

...Thanks to the sacrifices of many heroic black people
throughout history, when I think of my black history I see
love, warmth and acceptance.
-Alexandria Phillip

STRONG MOTHERS, BOLD COLOURS

About the creative piece:

"I draw a pregnant black woman, in a throne,
as a symbol of Africa,
which is the mother of all humanity."
-Ulla Dantas

MOTHER AFRICA

About the creative piece:

"...This piece is about
mother nature and
how she feels about
our planet. When she
sees the cut-down
trees and forests grow
a new. It is a work that
is also meant to open
the eyes of others and
make one think of how
we take care of the
planet."
-Carlyn Brown-pitter

BLACK MOTHER EARTH

LEGACY VOICES

IT'S THEIR TIME TO BE HEARD.



THE CANADIAN CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION OF HALTON PRESENTS

A FALLING MOTION DOCUMENTARY EDWIN TERRY PAMELA CHASE MERLE LING ANDREW TYRRELL AND PERCIVAL GREENIDGE
EDITED BY JUSTIN DAVIS DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY ALEX CHUNG EXECUTIVE PRODUCER ANDREW TYRRELL DIRECTED BY AKIL MCKENZIE



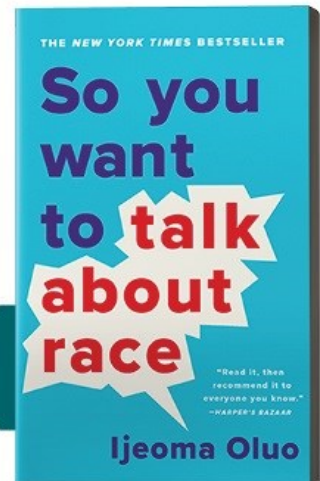
Virtual Author Visit with **Ijeoma Oluo**

So You Want To Talk About Race

Wed, Feb 24th at 10:30 am

Join this important discussion, led by NYT Best Selling Author, Ijeoma Oluo. Learn how to have open and honest conversations about race and racism and why anti-racism is essential to creating connected and empathetic communities.

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influence and fuel creations
on canvas."

The Underground Railroad:

Next Stop, Freedom!

Erchless, home of the Chisholm's, Oakville's founding family, has an informative Black History Exhibit which gives the visitor an in depth overview of how the Town of Oakville played an integral part in the road to freedom, as a gateway to Canada for many African Americans. William Chisholm purchased land around the Sixteen Mile Creek in 1827, and in 1834, the Town of Oakville became an official Port of Entry to Canada. Ships from Oakville sailed throughout the Great Lakes and many escaped slaves were assisted by ship captains to stow away in grain vessels. In particular Captain Robert Wilson of Oakville transported many African Americans to Oakville

Upon arrival in Oakville many escaped slaves were aided by James Wesley Hill, an escaped slave and celebrated conductor of the Underground Railroad. In this exciting and moving multi-media presentation, the ghost of Deborah Brown tells the true story of her heroic flight from a life of slavery in Maryland to her new life of freedom in 19th-century Toronto.



Oakville Museum at Erchless Estate | 8 Navy Street | 905-338-4400

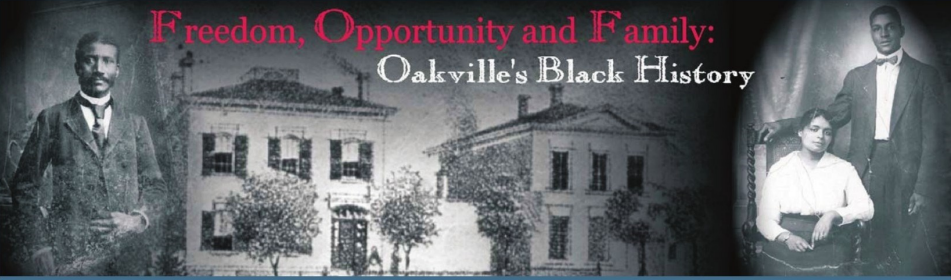
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**OAKVILLE
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OAKVILLE AND THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

Freedom, **O**pportunity and **F**amily:
Oakville's Black History



AN EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR GRADES 5-8

Explore Oakville's relationship with the United States in the context of the Underground Railroad. Oakville Harbour played a significant role in the journey to Canada for many freedom seekers. Key figures in the Oakville Underground Railroad story are introduced through the exhibition "Freedom, Opportunity and Family: Oakville's Black History".

The Underground Railroad: Next Stop, Freedom & Legacy Voices | Oakville Museum | 8 Navy St, Oakville |

Through virtual tours, digitized artifacts, hands-on activities, stories, and a live interactive video presentation, this inquiry-based education program helps students immerse themselves into historical experiences that offer unique opportunities to experience our shared living heritage. Students will explore Oakville's relationship with the United States in the context of the Underground Railroad.

Students will learn about how Oakville Harbour played a significant role in the journey to Canada for many freedom seekers. Key figures in the Oakville Underground Railroad story are introduced through the exhibition *Freedom, Opportunity and Family: Oakville's Black History*, and excerpts from the multimedia presentation *The Underground Railroad: Next Stop Freedom* as well as more contemporary stories from the documentary *Legacy Voices*.

Please contact julian.kingston@oakville.ca to register.





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