

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

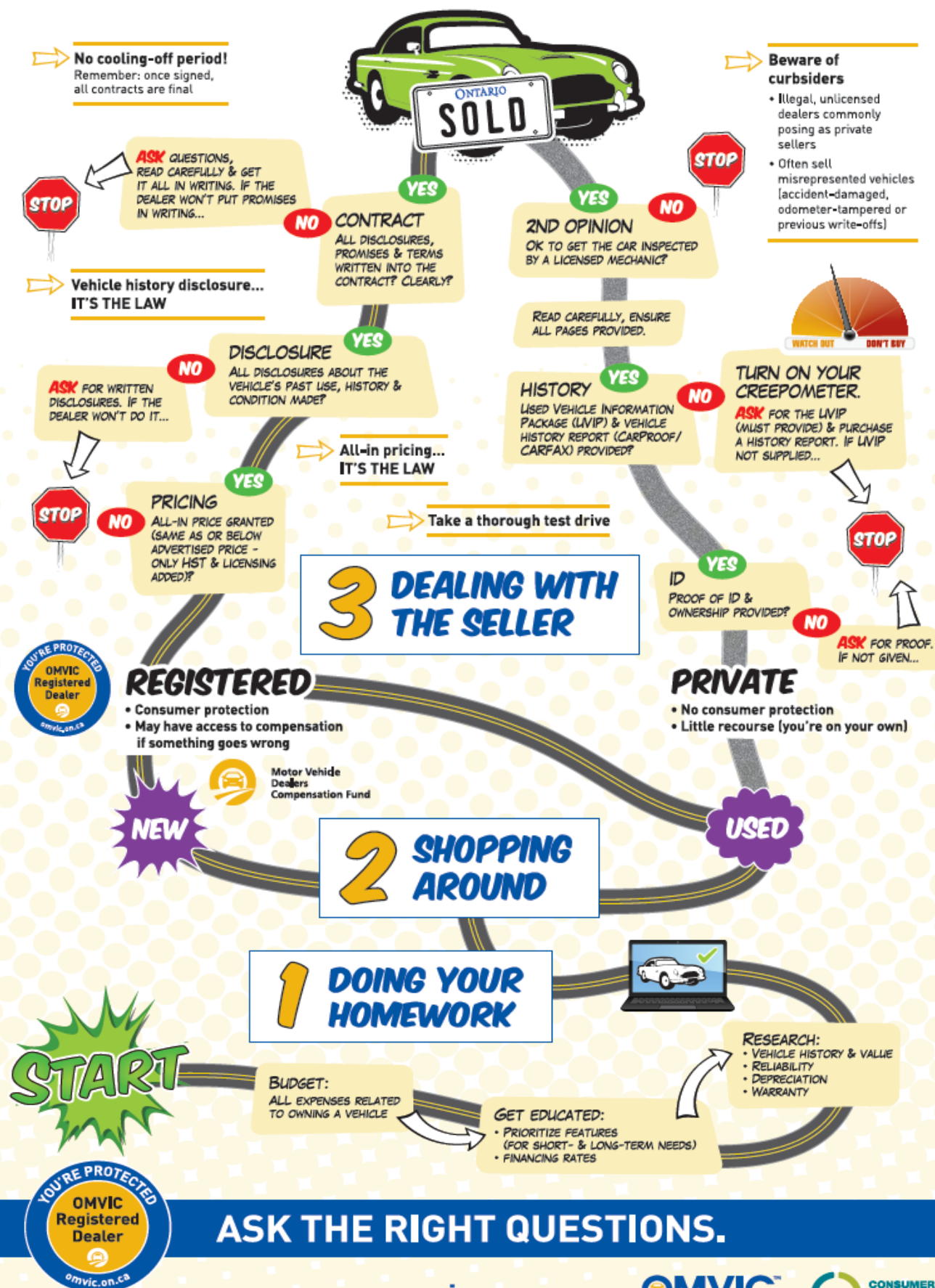
Cotillion Ball

2014

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A MESSAGE FROM THE 2014 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

The 2014 Youth Development Program Planning Committee is pleased to welcome you to this prestigious event. Thank you so much for coming. A lot of devotion has been poured into making this night a success and we sincerely trust that you will enjoy every minute of this exciting evening

The youth in our society need the tools to succeed in this world and we are here to help them to achieve this goal. The 2014 Youth Development Program's mission is to provide a forum for them to excel in their undertakings; to gain self confidence, and to become amazing and independent individuals in the ever-changing world's landscape. So, it is with this in mind that a program was devised to complement the general academic curriculum to which our youth are accustomed. The programs offered - to name a few - Dining Etiquette and Social Graces, Financial Planning, Public Speaking, Tools of Engagement, Ballroom Dancing, Navigating your Career Path – have all contributed to the preparation of the participants' entry into a world of challenges with confidence and self-esteem. Supported by you, our program will continue to inspire, empower and encourage our youth to strive for success in their chosen fields. And for this we thank you.

To our Debutantes, Escorts and Junior Debutantes: to give you a competitive edge as you venture out into the world of opportunities, we ask that you apply the learning experiences gained from The 2014 Youth Development Program to your lives to help strengthen your resolve to be the best you can be in your future undertakings.

*2014 Youth Development Program & Cotillion Ball
Planning Committee*

PAY IT FORWARD BY SHARING YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND GROWING YOUR COMMUNITY.



Premier of Ontario - Première ministre de l'Ontario

November 1, 2014

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm greetings to everyone attending the Youth Development Program's Cotillion Ball.

What a wonderful way to celebrate the completion of this invaluable program! I would like to congratulate the men and women who endeavoured to broaden their horizons and strive toward their full potential. This event not only marks your completion of the three-month course, but also is a vibrant display of your dedication to the value of hard work and your optimism for the future.

I would also like to acknowledge the parents, community leaders and volunteers who have helped to make this celebration possible. Your selfless efforts are an inspiration to us all.

Please accept my best wishes for what I am sure will be a memorable and enjoyable Cotillion Ball.

Kathleen Wynne
Premier





Bas Balkissoon, MPP
Scarborough-Rouge River



A Personal Message from MPP Bas Balkissoon

It is my great pleasure to offer warming greetings to everyone attending the 2014 Youth Development Program and Cotillion Ball on Saturday, November 1, 2014.

I would like to commend the group of parents and community leaders who took it upon themselves to create such an outstanding program to help develop and motivate the young men and women in the community.

I would also like to thank the professionals who volunteer their time to mentor students in a number of very important subjects which will lay a strong foundation to help them become upstanding members of the community. A special thanks to Malvern Methodist Church for providing the facilities to run the workshops. It is great to see the positive outcomes of true teamwork.

To the graduates – I hope that you realize how fortunate you are to belong to such a caring community. I hope the Youth Development Program has opened your mind to the endless opportunities that await you! Congratulations on successfully completing the program and I wish you the best of luck for future success.

On behalf of the Legislature of Ontario, please accept my best wishes for a well-deserved celebration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bas Balkissoon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bas" being more prominent.

Bas Balkissoon, MPP
Scarborough-Rouge River

Queen's Park, Toronto
November 1, 2014





**2014 Youth Development Program &
Cotillion Ball**

November 1, 2014

Dear Friends,

As the Member of Provincial Parliament for Scarborough-Guildwood, it is with pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings to everyone at the 2014 Youth Development Program & Cotillion Ball – especially the debutantes and escorts.

Every young person has the potential to contribute positively and productively to their community. Creating a safe, supportive environment for black youth to learn vital etiquette and leadership skills help sustain and promote the diverse fabric of our province.

It's important that every young person feel valued and be valued so that each can reach their full potential as the next generation of stewards in this great province of Ontario.

I wish congratulations and continued success to the graduates, their families and the Youth Development Program Committee.

Sincerely,

Mitzie Hunter, MPP
Scarborough-Guildwood



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William Blair
Chief of Police

File Number:

Message from the Chief of Police



On behalf of the Toronto Police Service, I would like to extend greetings to everyone attending the 19th Annual Youth Development Program's Cotillion Ball.

The Youth Development Program was created for the worthy purpose of developing an enrichment program for young people. The Institute is committed to promoting and encouraging innovative and positive changes by offering young women and men the tools necessary to excel and become leaders of the community.

The Annual Cotillion Ball celebrates the accomplishments of these young people. I would like to acknowledge and thank the Organizing Committee for their continued support of this annual event. All of you should be commended for your dedication and commitment to the youth of our community.

I extend my sincere congratulations to the Debutantes and wish you all an enjoyable evening!

Best wishes!

William Blair, O.O.M.
Chief of Police

To Serve and Protect - Working with the Community



ANTHONY LUE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Four years ago, Anthony Lue's life changed in the blink of an eye when an industrial accident left him with a severe spinal cord injury. The provincial athlete was paralyzed from the waist down, and his hopes and dreams for the future were shattered.

Anthony knew he had to learn to view the world through a new lens and overcome daily barriers in an effort to live a life that was both fulfilling and inspiring. So, despite his spinal cord injury, he made a conscious decision to persevere, build new dreams -- and triumph in the face of life's adversities.

Today, Anthony is an entrepreneur who is building a career in business, motivational speaking and broadcasting. In his new role, Anthony takes audiences on a journey, delivering his life's message with raw passion and startling reality.

Anthony is also pursuing his lifelong Olympic dream. As a 2016 Rio de Janeiro Paralympics hopeful in the sport of handcycling, Anthony continues to push forward.



The Message

In the aftermath of tragedy, you face shock, horror and grief. These emotions will eventually wane, and when they do, you must be prepared to quickly embrace your new life. It is not about whether you will rise above your circumstances, it is about when!

Tenacity and resilience: I can't start a day without them. I will motivate, empower and challenge my listeners, as I share the unedited truths of life after tragedy. I will venture to reignite the passions that some people may have lost, and emphasize the significance of having dreams. I want to stress that you are important and, with the proper mindset, can achieve victory despite your circumstances. You are the unstoppable force that will create positive change in your life.





PROGRAM

Host • <i>Introduction of Co-Chairs, Keynote Speaker</i>	Sandra Whiting
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Welcome	Pat Gloudon and Lance Wilson – on behalf of the 2014 Youth Development Program Planning Committee
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Anthems – O Canada, Lift Ev’ry Voice	Yanique Williams, 2003 Debutante
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Grace	Janet Jackson, 2014 Committee Member
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DINNER AND DESSERT SERVICE

Musical Interlude	Courtenay Frazer, “Perfect Cadence”
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Becoming	Michael Yarde, 2014 Committee Member
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Official Greetings	Sandra Whiting
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Junior Debutantes’ Welcome Presentation	Junior Debutantes 2014
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Official Presentation & Introduction	Debutantes, Escorts and Junior Debutantes 2014
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Grand Entrance March	Debutantes, Escorts and Junior Debutantes 2014
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Keynote Address	Anthony Lue
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Dance Presentation	Debutantes, Escorts 2014
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Acknowledgements	Sandra Whiting
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Presentation of Trophies and Certificates	Anthony Lue, Joan Smith
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Announcement of Debutante and Escort of the Year	Pat Gloudon and Lance Wilson
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Final Dance	Debutantes, Escorts 2014, Parents/Caregivers
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Dancing	DJ Spin Doctor
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YANIQUE WILLIAMS

Feature Artist

O CANADA + LIFT EV'RY VOICE

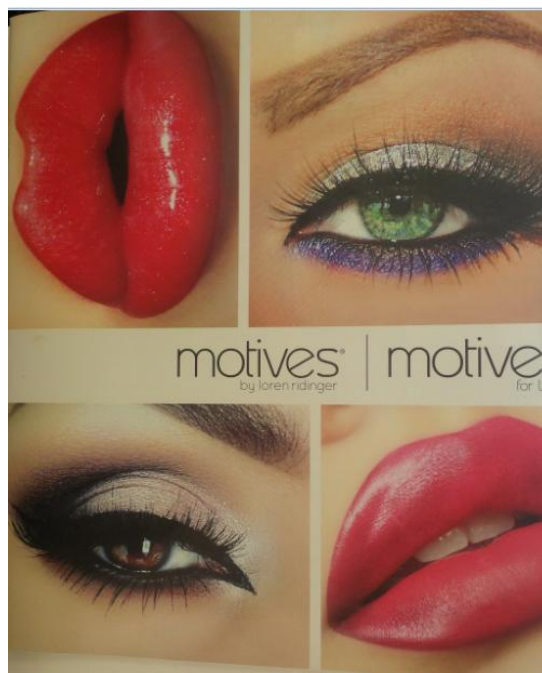
Yanique has experience working in government and the settlement sector. Currently she works within the Office of the Premier of Ontario as Special Assistant, Policy. She most recently worked in the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade.

In 2008, Yanique graduated from Queen's University with a B.A. Hons., in Political Science and Philosophy, and in April 2013 she graduated from York University's Glendon College where she completed a bilingual Master's in Public and International Affairs.

Yanique enjoys being active with community initiatives as it provides an outlet for her to give back to the community and various organizations that have supported her along her journey.



Yanique Williams



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COURTENAY FRAZER, “PERFECT CADENCE” FEATURE BAND



Courtenay Frazer is a pianist with a wealth of stylistic knowledge. He has been singing and playing instruments in the church since 1986, winning district and regional Teen Talent competitions for group ensembles, as well as piano solos at the church he attended - Driftwood Church of God. Courtenay went on to play keyboards for a country folk band, *The Haltons*, directed by his late father, Wosley Frazer. His journey soon took him into other arenas of music, where he began singing for the Gospel quartet “*Surrender*”, a well-known group on the Toronto Gospel music scene.

Courtenay’s diverse musical inspiration can be attributed to his deep appreciation for the music of such Gospel greats as Thomas Whitfield, Daryl Coley, The Clark Sisters and Ben Tankard, as well as his affinity for the artistry of the top Jazz players known as Oscar Peterson, Herbie Hancock, Art Tatum, and Chick Corea.

His love for music encouraged him to study at Humber College of the Performing Arts where he completed studies in the Art of Jazz in 1999. In the same year Courtenay formed *Perfect Cadence*, a Gospel Jazz Group which encompasses the traditional make up of Bass, Drums, and Keys.

Since then, Courtenay has moved into challenging yet inspiring territories of music that have allowed him to bring new light to Gospel Jazz, embracing the feel of Smooth Jazz, Fusion and other realms of music.



The Youth Development Program at OMVIC

I was introduced to the Youth Development Program by our Executive Director, Carl Compton, who had met Lance Wilson, one of the Directors of the Youth Development Program, at a neighbourhood event. Carl was immediately impressed and shared his interest in the program with me, interested in having OMVIC play a role within the program.

The Youth Development Program is a youth leadership program based in Scarborough that has provided its participants for the past 19 years with a unique, transformative experience that has inspired them to move beyond their perceived limits. And it has been my experience that it is - in fact - a huge success.

To date we have had two successful placements at OMVIC. The first was Jasmyn St. Hilaire back in August 2014. Jasmyn, a high school senior, impressed me from the start. When she came in for her interview she appeared mature beyond her young age as she is a very confident young woman. The interview process was the same as that of any candidate seeking permanent employment with OMVIC and Jasmyn didn't disappoint. Jasmyn was an easy fit with the team as she was very personable, and eager to learn.

We are currently working with our second placement, Emmanuel Dover. Emmanuel is a recent high school graduate and once again the level of maturity and professionalism is notable. Emmanuel has demonstrated himself as hard working and conscientious about his work. He has fit in well with the team and the team enjoys working with him.

As an HR Manager I have interviewed my fair share of candidates and both youth placements have exceeded expectations. The Youth Development Program has proven to be a valuable and worthwhile initiative for the young people in the Malvern neighbourhood and OMVIC is looking forward to continuing to be a contributing partner. I have seen first-hand that the program is having a positive effect on how these individuals conduct themselves and I am confident that it will serve them well in the future.

Lesley Goldthorpe
Human Resources Manager, OMVIC



SANDRA WHITING

HOSTESS



Sandra Whiting

Sandra Whiting has been at the epicentre of activity and change in Toronto's African Canadian community for over thirty years. She has worked with, among others, The Black Business and Professional Association, the Jamaican Canadian Association, The YWCA, Factory Theatre, Obsidian Theatre, The Caribbean Cultural Committee and many more organizations as President, Board member and Volunteer.

As a writer and storyteller, Sandra uses the arts as a vehicle for change.

She was awarded the Harry Jerome Award for Community Leadership in 2002, has received the JCA Award and the Gleaner Awards for Community Service.

Born in Kingston Jamaica, Sandra now runs her own Event Planning Business - SWA Associates (Sandra Whiting Associates) - and is a storyteller, M.C., and Inspirational speaker.

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Opera Cake with Raspberry and Mango Coulis

Fruit Punch
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and selection of Premium Teas





DEBUTANTES, ESCORTS



JUNIOR DEBUTANTES

THE 2014 GRADUATES



Brianna Nave Johnson

BRIANNA NAVE JOHNSON

PARENTS/GUARDIAN
SCHOOL

Douglas Johnson and Bonnie Molinet
Mayfield Secondary School

HOBBIES

Volleyball, model interests

CAREER GOALS

To be successful in life and to become a singer

PERSONAL COMMENTS

"Nothing can build me up stronger than my father" – Brianna Johnson. Dedication to my Father: "I know enough to know that no woman is better than my mother, we are connected with one another, keeping me straight and alive." - Brianna Johnson. Dedication to my Mother: "Life goes on, all you got to do is keep up." - Brianna Johnson.

TAUFIQ STANLEY

PARENTS/GUARDIAN
SCHOOL

Faye Stanley
St. Patrick's High School

HOBBIES

Sports, travelling, music and helping others

CAREER GOALS

To become successful and work in a career I enjoy

PERSONAL COMMENTS

Don't limit yourself, many people limit themselves to what they think they can do. You can go as far as your mind let's you. What you believe, remember you can achieve.



Taufiq Stanley



Zora Baraka-Joseph

ZORA BARAKA-JOSEPH

PARENTS/GUARDIAN: Amuna Baraka and George Joseph

Zora is a grade five student who loves art, design and singing. Her best friend is Bryana. She would like to send a special message to her sister: "Zakirah, I love you and thanks for being nice to me."





Brittany Renee Nelson

BRITTANY RENEE NELSON

PARENTS/GUARDIAN

Paula and Robert Nelson

SCHOOL

Cardinal Carter Catholic High School

HOBBIES

Dancing, listening to music

CAREER GOALS

To become a Behavioural Psychologist or a Child and Youth Worker

PERSONAL COMMENTS

Being able to participate in this program as a Junior Debutante (aka Little Sister) and now as a Debutante is an experience that I've been looking forward to and I feel that it will be worthwhile.

EMMANUEL ANTONIO PETRO DOVER

PARENTS/GUARDIAN

Peter and Andrea Dover

SCHOOL

Ryerson University

HOBBIES

Helping people to reach their full potential, sports, music, arts and shoes

CAREER GOALS

To become Corporate Lawyer, CEO or Politician

PERSONAL COMMENTS

I feel I possess a strong work ethic and a desire to go beyond expectations. I don't take no for an answer. I like to enjoy what I do. I like to create things I'm proud of. I like to surround myself with great people and I give those people a lot of freedom to create great things. My motto is "If I'm not earning, I'm learning."



Emmanuel Antonio Petro Dover



Alessandra Bridgette Cameron

ALESSANDRA BRIDGETTE CAMERON

PARENTS/GUARDIAN: Janet and Huford Cameron

Alessandra is a grade four student whose favourite color is lilac. She dances with Miss Douglas' dance school - CYDT - performing afro-Caribbean, tap and ballet. She aspires to be a professional ballerina.



Alexandria Shereen Batchelor

ALEXANDRIA SHEREEN BATCHELOR

PARENTS/GUARDIAN

Susan Batchelor and Phillip Buchanan

SCHOOL

Earl Haig Secondary School

HOBBIES

Dance, music, sports, video games, books

CAREER GOALS

To be an entertainment lawyer with my own company

PERSONAL COMMENTS

"I am a very fun-loving, outgoing and energetic person. I have a very unique personality which includes a creative way of thinking. For example, instead of doing typical teen activities on the weekends, I spend my time doing arts and planning my future. During my free time, I like to explore the city of Toronto with friends. As I have a passion for music, I occasionally make my own remix of popular songs from the oldies and record them with friends. Overall, I would say I am a vibrant person who strives to live life to its fullest potential. XOXO!"

TROY EVAN HARRYMAN

PARENTS/GUARDIAN

Lystra Williams

SCHOOL

Centennial College

HOBBIES

Playing sports, watching shows and chilling with friends

CAREER GOALS

To become an Electrician

PERSONAL COMMENTS

"The hard work and success I have in life isn't only for me but for all the people around me, especially those who have done so much for me in the past."



Troy Evan Harryman



Nathara Nanton

NATHARA NANTON

PARENTS/GUARDIAN: Natalie Nanton

Nathara is a grade four student who loves to play basketball with her friend. Nathara loves to dance hip hop, ballet and Caribbean. She would like to say special thanks to her mother for putting her in the Youth Development and Cotillion Ball program and also want to tell her, "I love You."





Sadé Aaliyah Eileen Williams

SADÉ AALIYAH EILEEN WILLIAMS

PARENTS/GUARDIAN

Stacy and Lester Williams

SCHOOL

Dunbarton

HOBBIES

Poetry, writing, dance, singing,
fashion

CAREER GOALS

Journalism and Modelling

PERSONAL COMMENTS

*This is a very informative and helpful program that helps the youth
in our society long term.*



Trevon Shannon Reid

TREVON SHANNON REID

PARENTS/GUARDIAN

Florette Cudjoe and Chris Reid

SCHOOL

Silverthorn CI

HOBBIES

Bike riding and hanging out with friends

CAREER GOALS

To become successful and provide for my
family

PERSONAL COMMENTS

Aim for the highest - never settle for less.



Ciara Davison

CIARA DAVISON

PARENTS/GUARDIAN: Janet Davison

*Ciara is a grade five student who loves to dance and sing. She is a member of
the Eco-team at school and therefore takes an active role in preserving the
environment. She wishes to send this special message to her mother: "Keep
on doing what you are doing because that is what makes you such a great
mother!"*



Kadeja Carol Daley

KADEJA CAROL DALEY

PARENTS/GUARDIAN

Patricia Phillips

SCHOOL

Cedarbrae Collegiate

HOBBIES

Playing video games, dancing, drawing, reading

CAREER GOALS

To become a Nurse or a Teacher

PERSONAL COMMENTS

I can't wait for the retreat and the ball. I've always wanted to be a Debutante. My only question is that why does this program have to be so short? I totally LOVE it here. It's a GREAT experience and I'm glad to be here. I can't wait for next year so I can be a Debutante again! It's so much fun.

JOHMORE MALIK GRANT

PARENTS/GUARDIAN

Johanna Grant

SCHOOL

Philip Pocock Secondary School

HOBBIES

Basketball

CAREER GOALS

To become a Lawyer

PERSONAL COMMENTS

I like to learn and improve myself.



Johmore Malik Grant



T'Nya Bahadur

T'NYA BAHADUR

PARENTS/GUARDIAN: Gia Bahadur

T'Nya is a grade four student who enjoys her dance lessons in hip hop, jazz, ballet and tap. Her four older brothers look after her.





Jasmyn Savannah St. Hilaire

JASMYN SAVANNAH ST. HILAIRE

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Michele and Alan St. Hilaire

SCHOOL Mary Ward C.S.S

HOBBIES Cooking, writing

CAREER GOALS Retail Buyer

PERSONAL COMMENTS

"I believe that everything happens for a reason. People change so that you can learn to let go. Things go wrong so you can appreciate them when they are right. You believe lies so you eventually learn to trust no one but yourself and sometimes good things fall apart so better things can fall together" – Marilyn Monroe.

ARMANDO SCHONHILL WOLDON DRUMMOND

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Merica Drummond

SCHOOL Blessed Pope John Paul II

HOBBIES Playing basketball and visiting friends

CAREER GOALS To become an Actor

PERSONAL COMMENTS

My time spent here has just made me elegant. Showing that I can accomplish being a gentleman makes me feel that I can walk down this lane even more. I thank everyone for the opportunity to be here and meet these lovely ladies and these gentlemen.



Armando Schonhill Woldon Drummond



Kaliyah Mignott-Murray

KALIYAH MIGNOTT-MURRAY

PARENTS/GUARDIAN: Kimya Mignott

Kaliyah is a grade five student who aspires to be a gymnastics champion. Kaliyah has a fear of spiders. Her favourite color is neon green and she enjoys playing the violin and volleyball.



Jameeka Deanna May Murdock

JAMEEKA DEANNA MAY MURDOCK

PARENTS/GUARDIAN

Serena Thompson and Dean Murdock

SCHOOL

Wexford CI School of the Arts

HOBBIES

Singing, dancing, acting, golf, listening to music

Bartender

CAREER GOALS

PERSONAL COMMENTS

I'm not the kind of person who likes to be around a big group of friends. I do have plenty of friends but choose to only stick to two really good ones. I think that in the future the three of us will always remain the best of friends. When I was younger I was totally fine with being by myself because although I liked to hang out with friends, I was always busy and never had the time to slow down and relax with them.

TREAVON SYMON-NKU MILLER-HERRERA

PARENTS/GUARDIAN

Natalie Miller

SCHOOL

Francis Libermann Catholic High School

HOBBIES

Singing, playing volleyball/basketball

CAREER GOALS

Pediatrician

PERSONAL COMMENTS

Live your life how you want so that in the future you have no regrets.



Treavon Symon-Nku Miller-Herrera



Mayah Ricketts

MAYAH RICKETTS

PARENTS/GUARDIAN: Helen and Gifford Ricketts

Mayah is a grade four student who is an excellent dancer and aspires to perform all over the world. She loves chocolate. Her goal is to make people happy!





Faith Sommer Trinity Harding

FAITH SOMMER TRINITY HARDING

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Katherine Colley-Mattis
SCHOOL Wexford CI School of the Arts
HOBBIES Sports, athletics, performing arts
CAREER GOALS Professional Singer or Youth Worker (CAS)
PERSONAL COMMENTS

"No matter how far a stream flows it never forgets its origin" – Unknown

"You know a person's image not their story" – Faith Harding

"There ain't a woman alive that can take my mama's place" – Tupac

Dedication to my mom - Katherine Colley-Mattis.

ANTHONY ASHLEY BARNES

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Pauline and Claude Barnes
SCHOOL West Credit Secondary School
HOBBIES Song writing, nature
CAREER GOALS Automotive or Marketing
PERSONAL COMMENTS

I hope to get into an automotive program. I hope to learn a new skill for my future and to further my goals.



Anthony Ashley Barnes



Raychel Luke

RAYCHEL LUKE

PARENTS/GUARDIAN: Karen and Sean Luke

Raychel is a grade four student who loves to play hockey and swim. She aspires to be an actress.



Mickeala Jordana Simone Powell

MICKEALA JORDANA SIMONE POWELL

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Karen Mighty
SCHOOL St. Joseph's Morrow Park
HOBBIES Reading, singing, acting and swimming
CAREER GOALS To be a Corporate Lawyer (Partner in law Firm) or Politician
PERSONAL COMMENTS
"I've lived a thousand lives through books".

DEMAR GEORGE DALEY

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Patrisha Phillips
SCHOOL Cedarbrae CI
HOBBIES Basketball, house designing, dirt biking
CAREER GOALS To become a Real Estate Agent
PERSONAL COMMENTS

I feel the need to prepare myself for later on in life. I have seen my sister participate in the Cotillion Ball as a "Little Sister" two and four years ago. I need the social and mental skills offered in this program to help me get to where I want to go. This program has helped me to develop my social, dining, and logic skills. I wish to learn many things to improve my future and to get to know the real me. I hope to be more focused on success.



Demar George Daley



Trenyce Peynado

TRENYCE PEYNADO

PARENTS/GUARDIAN: Florette Cudjoe and Carlos Peynado

Trenyce is a grade five student who loves gym. She loves to dance and sing and desires to become a singer. She also loves to swim. She would like to send a special message to her mom, "I love you, you take really good care of me."





Louissa Patricia Barnes

LOUISSA PATRICIA BARNES

PARENTS/GUARDIAN

Pauline and Claude Barnes

SCHOOL

University of Toronto Mississauga

HOBBIES

Yoga, health and fitness, music, writing, fashion, reading, world religions, international affairs, psychology, philosophy, languages

CAREER GOALS

To graduate with an HBSc in Forensic Psychology, Become a Lawyer, Start my own business and bring it public (IPO)/Run a Franchise.

PERSONAL COMMENTS

The higher up you hold your head, the farther ahead you will see. This idea is equally true in both metaphorical and literal contexts. And this idea is applicable to whatever obstacles we might face, be they self-imposed or otherwise. If you just take a step back, look up and take a look around, you will be able to see your challenges in just enough light to figure out how to conquer it. "If we take eternity to mean not infinite temporal duration but timelessness, then eternal life belongs to those who live in the present." - Ludwig Wittgenstein, Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus.

NATHAN DALTON HUGH GRANT

PARENTS/GUARDIAN

Denise Brown and Dalton Grant

SCHOOL

Ascension of Our Lord

HOBBIES

Computer technician

CAREER GOALS

To become an Automotive Designer

PERSONAL COMMENTS

Anything that causes you to quit is the same thing you weren't devoted to.



Nathan Dalton Hugh Grant



Abegail Whitney

ABEGAIL WHITNEY

PARENTS/GUARDIAN: Patsy Mignott

Abegail is a grade two student who loves to go to Canada's Wonderland and play at the park. Abigail would like to send a special message to everyone: "I wish everyone in the world would be happy."



Brianna Latoya Hylton

BRIANNA LATOYA HYLTON

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Tricia and Wayne Hylton
SCHOOL St. Mary C.S.S
HOBBIES Reading, writing and music
CAREER GOALS Business and Corporate Law
PERSONAL COMMENTS

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." – Harriet Tubman.

OSHANE DAWIT WALKER

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Nadine Keen
SCHOOL Winston Churchill Collegiate
HOBBIES Music and basketball
CAREER GOALS To become a Musician or Neuro Scientist
PERSONAL COMMENTS
"I am who I am".



Oshane Dawit Walker



Alexiah Johnson-Valladares

ALEXIAH JOHNSON-VALLADARES

PARENTS/GUARDIAN: Daisah Johnson and Quinn Valladares

Alexiah is a grade three student who loves art. Alexiah loves to travel because she loves seeing different people and places and trying different foods. Alexiah loves the Youth Development Program and has participated three times. She aspires to be a Manager. She sends a special message to her Nana, "Thanks for putting me in this program. It helps children learn to eat properly, dance, dress like a princess and meet new friends. It is a lot of fun."





Miranda Berdejo-Williams

MIRANDA BERDEJO-WILLIAMS

PARENTS/GUARDIAN

Rosa and Shawn Williams

SCHOOL

Mayfield Secondary School

HOBBIES

Dancing, acting, volunteering and assisting

CAREER GOALS

Elementary School Teacher

PERSONAL COMMENTS

One day I aspire to get my PHD in Education. I'm invested in working for the Peel School Board specifically for public schools due to the diversity in its students and programs.



Jean Pierre Antonio DeGrasse

JEAN-PIERRE ANTONIO DEGRASSE

PARENTS/GUARDIAN

Nadine and Barrington DeGrasse

SCHOOL

Humber College

HOBBIES

Dance and graphic design

CAREER GOALS

To be successful with no limits

PERSONAL COMMENTS

"Your life will only be as great as you make it. You control your future."



Saniyah Honeyghan

SANIYAH HONEYGHAN

PARENTS/GUARDIAN: Samara Smith and Omar Honeyghan

Saniyah attends a Montessori school and is in lower elementary. She enjoys math and her creativity is expressed as she loves to paint. Saniyah loves to swim at the beach and also loves going to the movies.



Bryanna Mackenzie Hamilton

BRYANNA MACKENZIE HAMILTON

PARENTS/GUARDIAN

Anne-Marie Hamilton

SCHOOL

Central Peel Secondary School

HOBBIES

Art, photography, baking, cooking, reading, decorating, painting, classical/jazz music and piano

Psychologist

CAREER GOALS

PERSONAL COMMENTS

I am happy to have been a part of this year's Cotillion. I really enjoyed the many workshops and learning how to ballroom dance.



Percival Anthony Scott

PERCIVAL ANTHONY SCOTT

PARENTS/GUARDIAN

Elizabeth Robinson

SCHOOL

York University

HOBBIES

Playing soccer

CAREER GOALS

To become a Police Officer

PERSONAL COMMENTS

I grew up in Jamaica and the experiences that I have had made me decide to become an influential community leader and future Police Officer who will make a difference in the community and bring people of different races, cultures and religions together to make the growing society more acceptable to the people in it.



Jasmine Grant-Campbell

JASMINE RENEE GRANT-CAMPBELL

PARENTS/GUARDIAN: Tracy Grant and Kirk Campbell

Jasmine is a grade one student who loves bananas. Her favourite color is purple. Jasmine has been taking dance classes since she was two years old. She excels in jazz, Acro and Tap. She wants to send a special message to her Mom: "I love you."



What parents have said...

"My daughter was so blessed and motivated from this week's workshop. Thanks much for the work that you guys are doing." - J.H. , Brampton, ON

"At the beginning of the summer I encouraged my son to seek a job for the summer. After the weekend retreat, I noticed that his attitude had changed and within a couple of weeks he had his first job. I would like to thank the Youth Development Program for providing him with the useful skills and information that helped him to obtain his first job." - F.C., Etobicoke, ON.

"My daughter is a debutante in The 2014 Youth Development Program. The excellent workshops conducted allowed her confidence and self-esteem to grow, and also contributed to her being hired for her first job. This worth-while program is an investment in our young people's future. The friendships made this year will last for years to come as they continue to encourage each other to move forward." - R.B-W., Brampton, ON.

"I am indebted to all of you who took the time to spend with my daughter. I have seen so much growth in her. She has become very focused on her life-time goals. It's awesome to see what, in such a short time, your hard work has done for her. I pray that you all continue doing what you do. You are certainly making a difference. Thank you very much." - K.C.M., Scarborough, ON.

"We have been very pleased with our daughter's personal journey through The Youth Development Program - from the informative workshops - to the exciting weekend retreat - to the friendships formed. She has become more communicative and her sense of increasing organization has resulted in her using her time more efficiently and effectively to accomplish immediate and long term goals. As parents, it was great to see this metamorphosis begin. We are indeed very happy with the organization and execution of all the various activities. Heartfelt thanks to all the committee members, participants and organizing teams." - P.N., Stouffville, ON.

"When my son presented me with the information package about "The 2014 Youth Development Program" I was so impressed with the outline, objectives and topics that I immediately enrolled him. I was not disappointed. After the weekend retreat, he was bubbling with excitement about the things he had learned - especially the life skills that will further influence his development in a positive way. I would like to thank the organizers and the facilitators who gave their time and talents to the enrichment of our youth. May the Lord continue to inspire, strengthen and lead you." - N.D., Brampton, ON.

"If you had any doubt about enrolling your child in The Youth Development Program, forget about it! You will not regret your choice. This program has impacted our daughter in the most wonderful of ways. I've never seen her so passionate about anything. It has instilled within her a new sense of confidence and a strong belief that "the sky is the limit." Enrolling our daughter in the program is the best choice that my husband and I have ever made." - T.H., Pickering, ON.

"The workshops that were offered through YDP have been very empowering for all of our young people. The youth involved in this program have been offered support, direction and information to help guide them toward their future endeavors. I'm pleased to know that all the youth, including my son, will gain the confidence, skills and etiquette that conventional schools do not offer. I recommend this program to any family that would like to see their children excel and develop into future leaders." - D.B., Malton, ON.

"My daughter was so excited to see that she was going to experience living in a dorm for a weekend and connect with her new friends. She absolutely loved the workshops and activities to the point where she has told her Drama school teacher about one of them and they are going to try it out in class! I am so proud of her involvement with the YDP program that will help groom her for the future and also help shape her into a wonderful young lady." - S.T., Scarborough, ON.



THE 2014 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WORKSHOPS AND LEADERS

WORKSHOPS	LEADERS	BIOGRAPHIES
Navigate your career path	Tanya Dacres	Tanya is a Senior Associate /HR Generalist and People Strategy at SapientNitro.
Health and Wellness (a)	Kimmel Alcide	Kimmel is the Director at Kids in Harmony. Her goal is to nurture the holistic child and to provide parents with the necessary tools to engage their children on all levels.
Health and Wellness (b)	Tanya Johnson	Tanya is a Nursing Administrator and Clinical Instructor at York University.
Tools of engagement (Etiquette)	Joanna Parris	Joanna is a Certified expert in Image, Etiquette and Lifestyle Management.
Media awareness	Ivy Prosper	Ivy is a multi-talented Motivational Speaker, Public Speaker, Writer and Television Reporter.
Media awareness	Marlon Paul	Marlon is an award-winning camera operator with expertise in all aspects of television and commercial video productions including productions overseas and in war zones.
Selling you	Janielle McKoy	Janielle is a Stylist and Visual Display Artist at Top Canadian Menswear Company Harry Rosen. "Fashion is her passion."
Financing Your Education	Rosa Berdejo-Williams	Rosa is a Student Financial Liaison Representative, Scholarships & Bursaries at York University.
Financial Freedom	Kris Daley	Kris is an Experienced Accountant - Financial Reporting, Wealth Management & Taxation - Senior Analyst, Statutory Reporting at BMO.
Lived it Discussion (a)	Christina Dixon	Christina is Owner and Producer at Tigerlind Films. Christina is also a Motivational Speaker.
Lived it Discussion (b)	Randell Adjei	Randell is a Motivational Speaker, Edutainer, Activist and a citizen of society. Founder of R.I.S.E Poetry Edutainment also known as Reaching Intelligent Souls Everywhere.
Team Building	Amanda Parris	Amanda is the co-founder of the multi-award winning alternative education organization Lost Lyrics and founder of the critically acclaimed artistic collective T-Dot Renaissance.
Resumes with pizzazz	Fabian Reid	Fabian is the President of Fabian Reid Inc. Fabian Reid holds an Honors Diploma in Social Service Work and an Honors Degree in Social Work, which he completed at York University. He has dedicated his expertise towards changing and affecting the lives of young adults both near and far
Public Speaking	Claire Wilson	Claire is a member of the Toastmasters Club. She frequently leads public speaking workshops for youth.
	Patsy Mignott	Patsy is a member of the Toastmasters Club and a loving care giver.



THE 2014 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WORKSHOPS AND LEADERS

ANDREA DOUGLAS

Dance Educator and Choreographer

Andrea Douglas, educator, dancer and choreographer, received her training at The Guyana National School of Dance, the Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts, Jamaica, York University Faculty of Fine Arts and the University of Toronto. Ms. Douglas has trained and performed with legendary Caribbean dancers including Eduardo Rivera of Cuba, and Rex Nettleford of Jamaica.

A former dancer with the Guyana National Dance Company and the National Dance Theatre Company of Jamaica, Andrea is the Artistic Director of the Children and Youth Dance Theatre of Toronto, a community-based Dance Academy for underserved children. She is currently an Administrator with the TDSB and an avid advocate for Arts in Education and Integrated Arts as a Differentiated Instruction process.



Andrea Douglas

Andrea was the resident choreographer of the Applause Institute Cotillion Ball, and continues as resident choreographer with the Youth Development Program and Cotillion Ball. She has facilitated Lecture demonstrations, presentations and Dance workshops at local and international Conferences and Dance Summits. Andrea is the proud recipient of the 2013 Harry Jerome Award of Excellence in the Arts.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: *Brittany Nelson, Miranda Berdejo-Williams
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The Youth Development Program

Fundraising Brunch, Sunday, April 26th, 2015

EVENT PROGRAM

Welcome

Introduction

National Anthem

Grace

Program Co-Chairs - Pat Gloudon and Lance Wilson

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SERVING OF BRUNCH

Testimonials - Debutantes and Escorts

Ballad

"Why we do what we do"

Door Prizes

Instrumental Interlude

Performance

Story Telling

SERVING OF DESSERT

Introduction of the Program Committee

Door Prizes, Birthday Prize

Closing Remarks

Silent Auction - Winners

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THE 2014 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM BRUNCH





The 2015 Youth Development Program

Orientation

The Youth Development Program is designed to inspire, encourage and empower Black youth. Over a three-month period, students experience a fun, fast-paced, exciting introduction to the world of leadership, social development, style and etiquette through a series of inspiring Workshops led by respected community members.

The Workshops offered are:

Financial freedom	Dining etiquette and social graces
Navigate your career path	Public speaking
Civic duties	Entrepreneurship
"Lived It" sessions	Ballroom dancing
Adolescent health and well-being	Resumes with pizzazz
Leadership	Selling you

The Youth Development Program will also include a Summer Retreat! Participants will experience an electrifying weekend on the University of Toronto's Mississauga campus. The weekend itinerary will include a campus tour, workshops, seated dinner and various leadership and team building exercises at **no extra cost to the participants!**

All Workshops will be conducted at the Malvern Methodist Church, 2 Morningview Trail, Scarborough (off Morningside Avenue, north of Highway 401). The program concludes on Saturday, November 14th, 2015 with a Cotillion Ball where students showcase the skills they have acquired during the three-month training period.

Registration for Debutantes, Escorts and Junior Debutantes is currently underway.

Fees are: Debutantes and Escorts (16-21 years of age) - \$250.00
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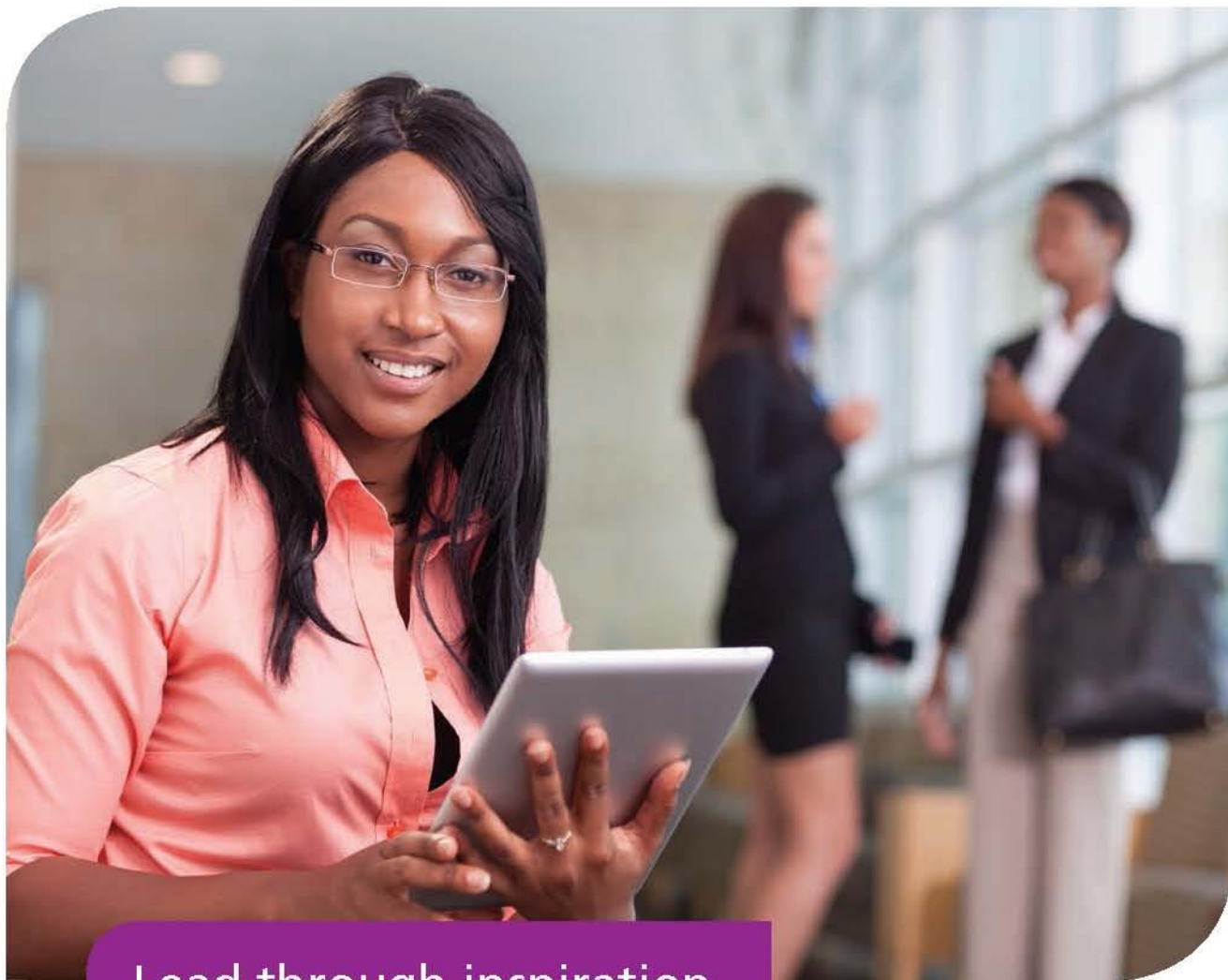


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