



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Cotillion Ball

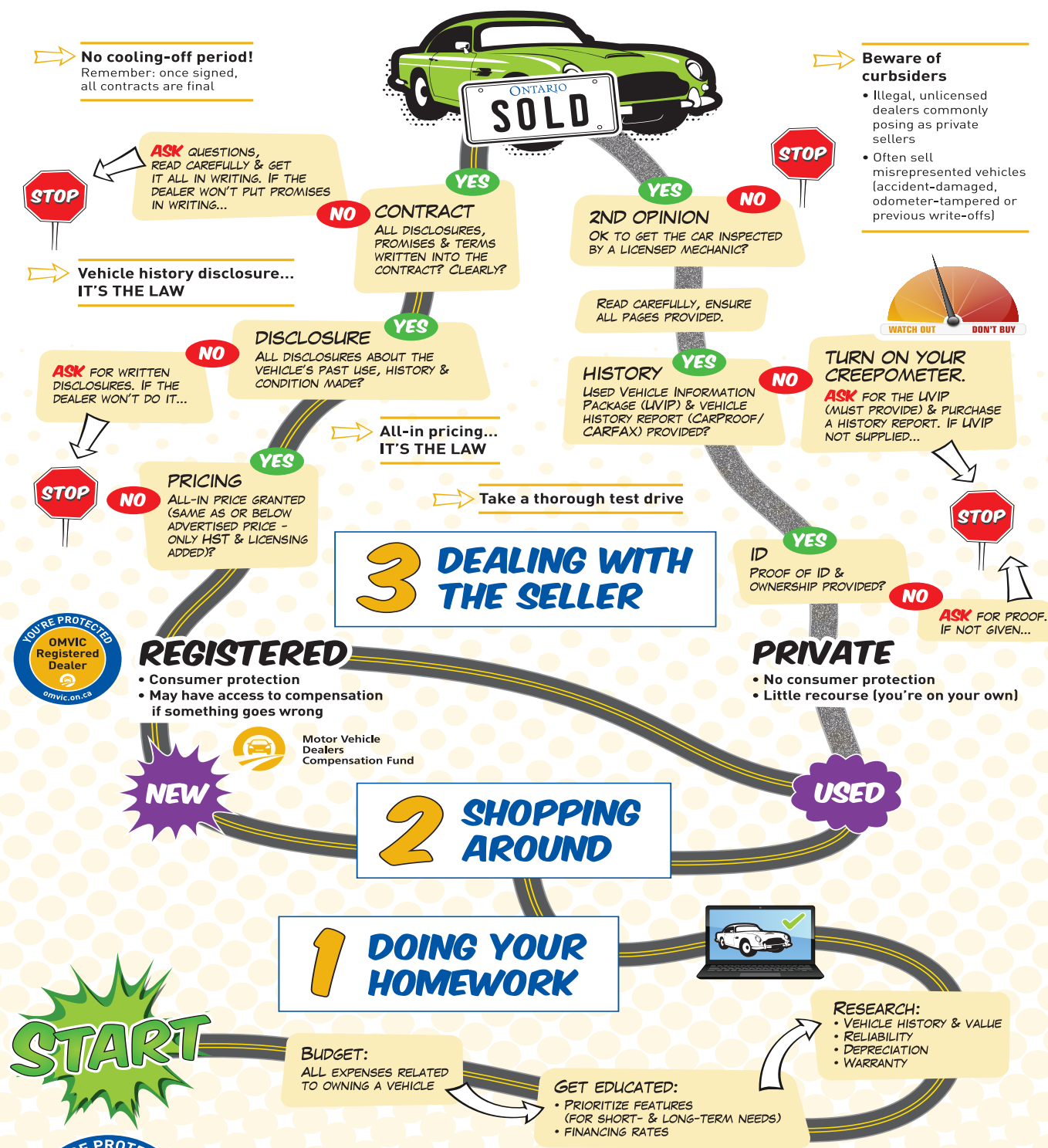


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A MESSAGE FROM THE 2015 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

The 2015 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 2015 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 Juniors: 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 2015 Youth Development Program to your lives to help strengthen your resolve to be the best you can be in your future undertakings.

PAY IT FORWARD BY SHARING YOUR KNOWLEDGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY.

*2015 Youth Development Program and Cotillion Ball
Planning Committee*



Premier of Ontario - Première ministre de l'Ontario

November 14, 2015

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.

I congratulate the young men and women who have successfully completed the Youth Development Program's various workshops. This event does much to underscore your accomplishments and readiness to seize the future's opportunities.

I commend the mentors, community leaders and volunteers involved in the success of this program. Take pride in knowing that your commitment to enriching the lives of young people in your community is helping them unlock their full potential.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable Cotillion Ball.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kathleen Wynne".

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 2015 Youth Development Program and Cotillion Ball on Saturday, November 14, 2015.

The Youth Development Program is an innovative initiative created by parents and community leaders to assist young men and women in our community. The program aims to develop their consciousness and understanding; redirect their energies and offers new possibilities for their creativity.

It offers training not available in the conventional classroom ranging from dining etiquette to financial planning, to ballroom dancing plus much more. It is important to thank the professionals who volunteer their time to mentor and guide the youth towards becoming active and contributing members of society. The life skills and attitudes that they gain through this program will make a huge difference in their confidence and success.

Congratulations to all the graduates. I hope that the Youth Development Program has sparked your interest to the endless opportunities that await you! I believe that your hard work, determination and drive will lead you to the path of success.

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

Sincerely,

Bas Balkissoon, MPP
Scarborough-Rouge River

Queen's Park, Toronto
November 14, 2015



Mitzie Hunter, MPP
Scarborough-Guildwood



**Youth Development Program
2015 Cotillion Ball**

As the Member of Provincial Parliament for Scarborough-Guildwood, it is with pleasure that I extend warm greetings to everyone attending the 2015 Youth Development Program's 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 strengthens their futures, builds up our communities and promotes the diverse fabric of our province.

It's important that every young person be valued and feel 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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Mark Saunders
Chief of Police

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Message from the Chief of Police

On behalf of the Toronto Police Service, I would like to extend greetings to everyone attending the **20th Annual Youth Development Program's Cotillion Ball**.

The Youth Development Program was created by a group of caring parents and community leaders 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 men 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!

Mark Saunders, O.O.M.
Chief of Police



Message from the Mayor

It gives me great pleasure to extend greetings and a warm welcome to everyone attending The 2015 Youth Development Program's Cotillion Ball.

The Youth Development Program is a series of pre-arranged, interactive workshops designed to encourage, empower and inspire youth between the ages of 16 and 20.

The Youth Development Program's Cotillion Ball will celebrate the participants' successful completion of the program. They will be recognized and honoured for having the tools necessary to make positive changes that will impact their personal lives and society as a whole.

The city is proud of individuals and organizations that are committed to making a difference. I thank everyone at The Youth Development Program for their dedication to the well-being of our communities.

On behalf of Toronto City Council, please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable event and continued success.

Yours truly,



Mayor John Tory
City of Toronto

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LAURA WILSON

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Laura Wilson was a Debutante in the 2001 Cotillion Ball.

She was born in London, England and her family moved to Toronto when she was a young child. At an early age, Laura realized that she wanted to become a lawyer, and she was raised by parents who encouraged her to dream big and live life unapologetically.

Laura was the Valedictorian of her high school graduating class. She received a full athletic scholarship to play volleyball at Alabama A&M University, where she earned her undergraduate degree in Physics. She earned her Master of Science degree in Medical Biophysics at Western University, and returned to Toronto to pursue her legal education.

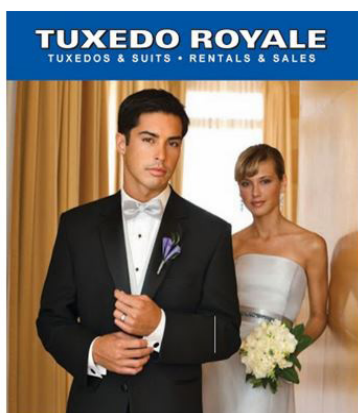
Laura is a recent graduate of Osgoode Hall Law School. While earning her law degree, she facilitated an education program for remanded youth inside two detention centres in the GTA.

She received an Ian Scott Public Interest Fellowship in 2014 and spent that summer working in London, England with a non-profit group conducting legal and policy research surrounding police stop and search (carding) practices.

In February 2015, Laura returned to London to represent Osgoode in an international mediation competition where she received a first place award in an individual category. Upon completing her degree, Laura was a recipient of the Dean's Gold Key.



Laura Wilson



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PROGRAM

Host	Kerry-Lee Crawford
Introduction of Co-Chairs	
Welcome	Pat Gloudon and Lance Wilson – on behalf of the 2015 Youth Development Program Planning Committee
Anthems – O Canada and Lift Ev'ry Voice	Courtenay Frazer and Perfect Cadence
Grace	Janet Jackson, 2015 Committee Member

DINNER AND DESSERT SERVICE

Musical Interlude	Courtenay Frazer and Perfect Cadence
Becoming	Joan Smith, 2015 Committee Member
Official Greetings	Kerry-Lee Crawford
Juniors Welcome Presentation	Junior Participants 2015
Official Presentation and Introduction	Debutantes, Escorts and Junior Participants 2015
Grand Entrance March	Debutantes, Escorts and Junior Participants 2015
Keynote Address	Laura Wilson, 2001 Debutante
Dance Presentation	Debutantes, Escorts 2015
Acknowledgements	Kerry-Lee Crawford
Dance Performance	Children and Youth Dance Theatre
Presentation of Trophies and Certificates	Laura Wilson
Dance Performance	Brianna Hylton and Troy Harryman
Spoken Word Presentation	Cleshawna DaSouza and Cassidy Lue, Debutantes 2015
Announcement of Debutante and Escort of the Year	Lesley Goldthorpe and Brianna Hylton
Final Dance	2015 Debutantes and Escorts
Dancing	DJ Spin Doctor



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, Wesley 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.

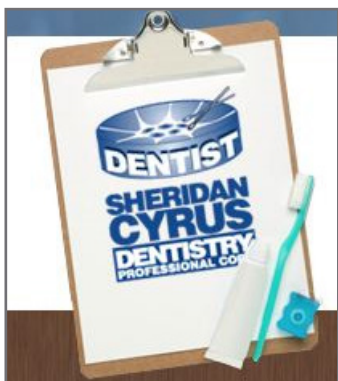
Courtenay's diverse musical inspiration can be attributed to his deep appreciation for the music of such Gospel greats as Thomas Whitfield, Daryl Coley, The Clark Sisters and Ben Tankard, as well as his affinity for the artistry of the top Jazz players known as Oscar Peterson, Herbie Hancock, Art Tatum,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

His love of 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.



Courtenay Frazer





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THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AT OMVIC

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OMVIC played a more active role in the Program this year. In August the YDP organized a weekend retreat for students which included numerous workshops. OMVIC presented a workshop on Resume and Covering Letter writing and Interview Preparation – a topic whose importance is not always appreciated or understood. We are pleased to report that the students were motivated, engaged and came prepared with important questions.

This year's summer placement student was Percival Scott who joined OMVIC's Registration team in early May. Percy has successfully completed his first year at York University working towards a Bachelor of Arts in Kinesiology and it did not take him long to fit in with the Registration team. Percy was respectful, eager to learn, professional and always brought a positive attitude to work. While all the placements we have had have been successful, Percy was able to further strengthen the relationship between OMVIC employees and the Youth Development Program.

The Youth Development Program has demonstrated itself as a valuable and worthwhile initiative for the young people in the Malvern neighbourhood and for OMVIC, and we look forward to continuing this important partnership.

Lesley Goldthorpe
Human Resources Manager, OMVIC



KERRY-LEE CRAWFORD

HOST



Kerry-Lee Crawford

Kerry-Lee Crawford is a renowned On Air host at G987fm and founder of a unique movement called the LOVE Project.

As a founding member of the Multi-Juno-nominated Platinum and Gold selling Babyblue Sound Crew whose success aided in the launch of recording artists such as Sean Paul, Glenn Lewis, Jilly Black, and Kardinal Offishall, Kerry toured the world many times over. After stepping aside from the world of music Kerry-Lee utilized his education and firsthand experience to bring a unique perspective to the world of news media broadcasting as a consultant, contributor, and writer appearing on and producing various programs for broadcasters Discovery Channel, Sports Net, and the Score while lending his voice to CBC Radio One, T.S.N and the Raptor Channel. Today Kerry-Lee Crawford inspires the minds and empowers the hearts of thousands of people through his speaking and motivational appearances to help guide them to be the best they can be through his mentoring programs

at many of our schools across the greater Toronto area. Famously quoted for stating "Love is what LOVE does..." the driving force behind the LOVE Project which simply states "Love has no Color," Kerry reinforces the sentiment twice daily, 3-7 pm on "Evening Driving Style", and 10 pm-1 am on "Steps After Dark" on G98.7FM. Next year promises to be Kerry's biggest year ever as we will see the release of Kerry's first published works "My Great Great Grandfathers Dream - Our Freedom Wasn't Free". A tireless advocate for Love, tolerance and Inclusion Kerry is a staple and voice for the voiceless highlighting the plight of some of the most vulnerable members of our society. Love is the Brand Spread the Word.....

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MENU

Assorted Bread Rolls
with Butter

Maple Roasted Butternut Squash Soup with Wild Rice Popcorn

Fresh Green Salad with House Vinaigrette Dressing

Duo Entrée of
Seared Salmon with Charred Tomato Compote accompanied by Caribbean Spiced Breast of
Chicken with Tomato Scallion Rice with Seasonal Vegetables

Chefs Choice of Vegetarian/ Vegan Entrée – Caribbean Inspired Dish *

Dark and White Chocolate Mousse drizzled with Chocolate Coffee Glaze

Freshly-brewed Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee
and selection of Premium Teas



DEBUTANTES, ESCORTS



JUNIORS

THE 2015 GRADUATES



Heron Amanuel

HERON AMANUEL

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Kathy and Neil Mattis
SCHOOL Cedarbrae Collegiate Institute
HOBBIES Listening to music and social media
CAREER GOALS To become a pediatrician
PERSONAL COMMENTS

"The starting point of achievement is desire" - Napoleon Hill. Thank you Kathy, Neil, and my dad Amanuel for everything.

TROY EVAN HARRYMAN

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Lystra Williams
SPONSOR Kris Daley
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 Harryman



Michaela Stephens

MICHAELA CARIA STEPHENS

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Priscilla Mobin and Stevie Stephens
SPONSOR Carol Jamieson
HOBBIES Loves reading, dance, gymnastics and track and field
PERSONAL COMMENTS *Michaela's favorite color is green and she loves to dance. She would like to send a special message to her mom: enjoy the show!*





Jada Ricketts

JADA DOMINIQUE RICKETTS

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Helen and Gifford Ricketts
SCHOOL Blessed Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School
HOBBIES Dancing
CAREER GOALS To study religion and to become a dance teacher
PERSONAL COMMENTS

"No one is going to hand me success. I must go out and get it myself. That's why I'm here. To dominate. To conquer. Bother the world, and myself" - Unknown

STEPHAN RODNEY ALLEN

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Sheila and Roderick Allen
SPONSOR Raymond Conyette
SCHOOL Ryerson University
HOBBIES Basketball, weight lifting, watching movies and eating good food
CAREER GOALS To become a Dietitian
PERSONAL COMMENTS

"There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you. I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude. Don't complain. Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope" - RIP the Great Maya Angelou.



Stephan Allen



*Makeda
Joesph-Brereton*

MAKEDA KELLEY JOESPH-BRERETON

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Ayana Joesph-Brereton and Kelley Cespedes
HOBBIES Ballet, tap, jazz, Caribbean, hip hop and gospel dancing
PERSONAL COMMENTS

Makeda aspires to become a dancer and dance teacher. She would like to thank her parents for giving her the opportunity to participate in the YDP program because it has given her the chance to meet new friends.



Hannah Lavia-Gacii

HANNAH MAE-DENISE LAVIA-GACII

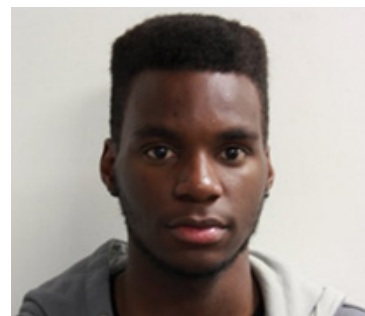
PARENTS/GUARDIAN Shirlon Lavia and Thaddeus Gacii
SCHOOL Blessed Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School
HOBBIES Dancing and baking
CAREER GOALS To become a physical therapist or kinesiologist
PERSONAL COMMENTS

"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." Proverbs 4:23

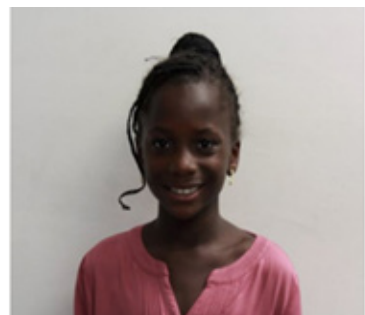
JEVOY QUEWAYNE LAWRENCE

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Bridget Lawrence
SPONSOR Janet Jackson
SCHOOL Pickering High School
HOBBIES Soccer and Cricket
CAREER GOALS To become a Welder
PERSONAL COMMENTS

I am here to participate in the Youth Development Program. I find it very interesting so far. Basically I have learned that participating in this program will help me achieve my goals in life and communicate well with others.



Jevoy Lawrence



Kianna Macaulay

KIANNA INDIA MACAULAY

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Ronke Macaulay
SPONSOR Joe Macaulay
HOBBIES Singing
PERSONAL COMMENTS

Kianna likes to travel to different places and sing. Her favorite subject is Math. She would like to send a message to her Mom, Aunty, Grandma, Grandpa and Uncle... She loves them all!





Cassidy Lue

CASSIDY JACKOYA LUE

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Jacqueline Daley and Cassius Lue
SPONSOR Ladies of Purpose
SCHOOL St. Mary Catholic Secondary School
HOBBIES Lyricism, story writing, music, singing, musical theatre
CAREER GOALS To own her own PR firm or non-profit youth art therapy centre

PERSONAL COMMENTS

"Life is an uphill battle and it's up to you to decide to stop or keep climbing"

JOSHUA EDWARD SPENCER

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Joan-Mary Spencer
SCHOOL University of Toronto, Scarborough
HOBBIES Volunteering, laughing, being happy, athletics and anything that involves high energy
CAREER GOALS To continue to strive to be successful and do things that make me smile and be happy almost every day.

PERSONAL COMMENTS

Some of you know who I am and the kind of person I strive to be. I hope that all of us in the Youth Development Program will evolve into the world on a positive note. I have been involved in the Program from the beginning and I TRULY appreciate this experience. I got to know some of the members very well and honestly hope to see you all again in the near future. Maybe we will all be great friends and have memories that make us laugh, smile and cry (for happiness). To all of you, Thank You! Great friends. Stay unique. Be you. Remain true. Peace.



Joshua Spencer

KIARRA EBONI MACAULAY

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Ronke Macaulay
SPONSOR Joe Macaulay
HOBBIES Singing and dancing

PERSONAL COMMENTS

Kiarra loves playing on the tablet. She says her parents are very good parents and she wants to tell them they are awesome!



Kiarra Macaulay



Carlisa Lewis

CARLISA MONIQUE LEWIS

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Andrene and Carl Lewis
SCHOOL Humber College
HOBBIES Speaking Spanish, dancing and eating
CAREER GOALS To become a Nurse
PERSONAL COMMENTS

"A Queen knows how to build her empire with the same stones that were thrown at her. We can't all be the Queen, someone has to sit on the curb and clap as I go by."

RICARDO DAYSHAWN PHILLIPS

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Patricia Phillips
SPONSOR Esmie Phillips
SCHOOL Cedarbrae Collegiate Institute
HOBBIES Basketball, football and all sports
CAREER GOALS To become a professional athlete (CFL, NBA)
PERSONAL COMMENTS

I can't wait for the Ball. Both my brother and sister participated in the YDP Program last year and I've seen them improve and become better individuals. I wish to acquire the same skills and attitudes they have so it can make my future bright like the sun.



Ricardo Phillips



Drusylla Lloyd

DRUSYLLA RACHEL LLOYD

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Petra Miller and Gary Lloyd
HOBBIES Ballet and Hip Hop dancing
PERSONAL COMMENTS

Drusylla loves spending time with her family. She is very excited to participate in the YDP program. She really loves her parents and wants them to know that they are very special.





Lennae Marsh

LENNAE CHANTAY MARSH

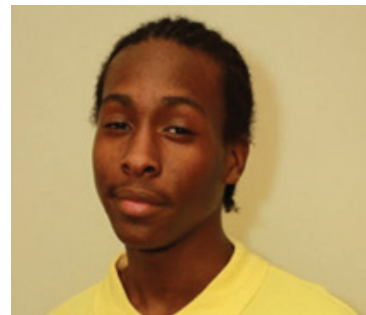
PARENTS/GUARDIAN Monica Lawrence
SPONSOR Marcia Williams
SCHOOL Sir. Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate Institute
HOBBIES Writing poetry, reading and making comedic videos
CAREER GOALS To become an actress
PERSONAL COMMENTS

This program has helped me a lot to grow as a young woman. I hope others in the future can take advantage of this experience as well.

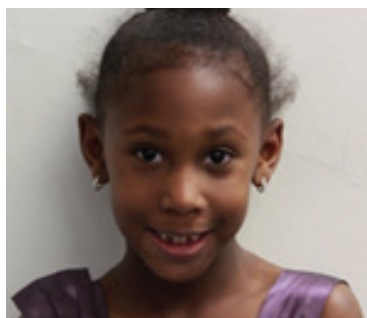
DEMAR GEORGE DALEY

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Patrisha Phillips
SPONSOR Allison Gloudon
SCHOOL Cedarbrae Collegiate Institute
HOBBIES Basketball, House Designing, Dirt Biking
CAREER GOALS To become a Real Estate Agent
PERSONAL COMMENTS

I need to prepare myself for the future and having seen the result of my sister's participation in the Cotillion Ball as a "Little Sister" two and four years ago, I realize that I need the social and mental skills offered in this program to help me to get where I want to go. This program has helped me to develop my social dining and logic skills, and I wish to learn many more things that will help me to get to know the real me as I venture into the future. I hope to be more focused on success.



Demar Daley



Alana Valladares-Fountain

ALANA EVA MARY VALLADARES-FOUNTAIN

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Quinn Valladares and Dezerray Fountain
HOBBIES Loves playing with her dolls
SPONSOR Liz Valladares-Pereira
PERSONAL COMMENTS

Alana's favorite food is peanut butter sandwiches. She loves spending time with her family and going on trips. Alana would like her parents to know that she loves them very much.

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
CAREER GOALS To become a Performer
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.



Jameeka Murdock

TREAVON SYMON-NKU MILLER-HERRERA

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Natalie Miller
SPONSOR Oliver Williams
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 Miller-Herrera

MYA PHILLIPS

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Patricia Phillips and Barrington Robinson
HOBBIES Gymnastics and bird watching
PERSONAL COMMENTS

Mya likes to go camping. She says "I love my parents and they love me. We are a family and we stick together with our dog! That's what makes me happy".



Mya Phillips



CLESHAWNA MERISTA-FAY DESOUZA

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Sharnett Hanse and Cleve DeSouza
SCHOOL St. Mary Catholic Secondary School
HOBBIES Reading, shopping, hanging with friends and playing with my little siblings
CAREER GOALS To get my PhD in Veterinary Sciences as I inspire to become a Veterinarian

PERSONAL COMMENTS

One of the most inspiring quotes to me is from Martin Luther King Jr. It describes how if everything in your life is going wrong and terrible, that you should never give up no matter what! "If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you must keep moving forward."



Cleshawna DeSouza

JASON MICHEL FINN

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Kenneth Tully
SPONSOR Claire and Lance Wilson
SCHOOL Blessed Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School
HOBBIES Playing sports and performing spoken word
CAREER GOALS To become a Police Officer or a professional athlete (NBA/NFL)
PERSONAL COMMENTS

I'm excited to be part of such an inspiring program that gives youth an opportunity for a brighter future.



Jason Finn

NAOMI JAHZRARY-IMANI STEPHENS

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Priscilla Mobin and Stevie Stephens
SPONSOR Koren Millington
HOBBIES Loves playing tag with friends
PERSONAL COMMENTS

Naomi's favorite television show is "Yo Gabba Gabba". She would like her parents to know that she loves them.



Naomi Stephens

SHEILA MUTHONI KURIA

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Shirlon Lavia and John Kuria
SCHOOL Blessed Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School
HOBBIES Reading and cooking
CAREER GOALS To become a computer engineer
PERSONAL COMMENTS

"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough". – Oprah Winfrey



Sheila Kuria



Xavier Langley

XAVIER AKIL LANGLEY

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Melissa and Dexter Langley
SPONSOR Gem Williams
SCHOOL Cardinal Newman Catholic School
HOBBIES Movies, video games, adventure novels
CAREER GOALS To pursue a career in Graphic Design
PERSONAL COMMENTS

My name is Xavier Langley and I am hoping to pursue a career in Graphic Design. I currently go to Cardinal Newman Catholic School, but I'm hoping to attend Centennial College next year. I enjoy reading Action/Adventure books, watching movies and playing video games. I have two younger siblings - a sister, and a brother. I love animals and have a mini Doberman Pinscher named Sammy who is ten years old. By attending these classes, I have learned about many subjects including Dining Etiquette, Black History, and Ballroom Dancing (although that was awkward at times!). I feel I got a lot out of this program, which will help me as I become an adult.

O'LIVIA SERAFINA FRENZA

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Lea Frenza and Peter Philips
HOBBIES Playing with friends and gymnastics
PERSONAL COMMENTS

O'livia loves to swim. She wants her Mom to know she is beautiful and she loves her lots!



O'livia Frenza



BRIANNA LATOYA HYLTON (2014 DEBUTANTE OF THE YEAR)

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Tricia and Wayne Hylton
SCHOOL St. Mary Catholic Secondary School
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.



Brianna Hylton

KENNEDY GRACE MCNEIL

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Ingrid and Jeff McNeil
HOBBIES Math, reading chapter books and playing with friends

PERSONAL COMMENTS

Kennedy loves to eat barbeque meat (hotdogs - no bun). Her favorite colors are red, orange and yellow. Kennedy enjoys tennis and is very sad she missed Serena Williams at the US Open.



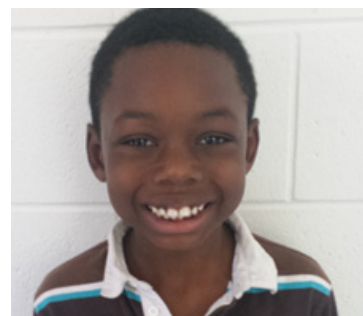
Kennedy McNeil

RHYS JEFFREY WAYNE MCNEIL

PARENTS/GUARDIAN Ingrid and Jeff McNeil
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HOBBIES Rhys loves watching TV

PERSONAL COMMENTS

Rhys loves watching Spiderman. He wants to be a photographer one day as he loves to take pictures. He also likes to experiment making things. Rhys would like to thank everyone for coming tonight!



Rhys McNeil



WHAT PARENTS HAVE SAID...

"I was so happy when my daughter decided to join the program. This is the final year that she would be able to join and it has had a positive impact on her. She tells everyone she is attending "Princess school". Now she tells me how to stand like a lady and about table manners. Her deportment has improved and she can actually walk in heels! She is now very aware that when she meets someone for the first time they form an impression of you in a few seconds so she is taking more care in presenting herself. She is definitely enjoying the dancing and making new friends and she says it feels like family. She is very happy to be here". - **A. Lewis, Rexdale, ON**

I have the great pleasure of being a caregiver to this great young lady. From the time I met Aliyah I knew she was special and I needed her to find out just how special she was. I'm very pleased to say that this program has given her a great sense of self and a self-esteem boost that has brought out a lot of independence and positive changes in her life. Thanks to all of you who have taken the time to give her these gifts.

- **K. Mattis, Scarborough, ON**

It is an honor to have this young lady in my life. Heron makes me very proud because she sets very high goals for herself and she works very hard at trying to reach them. I felt that this program had a lot to offer her because it gave her the opportunity to work with people that can inspire her. Thanks to all of you for doing that and know that I appreciate you.

- **K. Mattis, Scarborough, ON**

The Cotillion Ball preparation has been extremely beneficial to my son. Joshua is a shy young man who has always gravitated to the company of adults. As an only child it has been very difficult for him to make friends or voice his opinion. Since being a member he has become more outgoing and responsive to his peers. On our way home he lets me know how he was able to talk the volunteers into letting him have what he wanted. He enjoys the formal dance steps so much so that he has joined a Salsa dance class. This cotillion preparation means more to him than the dance, workshops, meetings and friends. It has given my son the opportunity to be more positive, graceful and caring. I knew that I was raising a special young man to make a difference in this country but the cotillion has smoothed and varnished the edges to help me present an impeccable gentleman to our community and the world at large. To all of you who have assisted in molding these outstanding young people, HOORAH and HATS OFF to you for your dedication and continued faith in them. We need more trustworthy individuals like you to show our young people that they are phenomenal. - **JM Spencer, Scarborough, ON**

Reigning in at about six feet, this dapper young man is 170 pounds of character, individualism, and uniqueness. The following is his testimonial: Coming into the Cotillion this year, I was already quite familiar with the purpose as well as some of the program members. I knew that this was going to be a learning and maturing experience which I would be truly elated for. Every week, led to new encounters and strengthening of relationships and made me appreciate connecting with people of my community. The rehearsals were more than just dance practices. Humor has been my greatest associate during these months and I'm pleased to have smiled and made others smile and laugh during these practices where we got to know one another. Sincerely, I am grateful for this experience and thankful for every person I had the opportunity to meet. I believe that I've grown alongside these individuals whose qualities will help them become who they want to be. I have faith in all of them and wish them well. Peace - **J. Spencer, Scarborough, ON**

Youth Development Programs, Cotillion Ball has provided my daughter with confidence with in herself. She honed in on her dance skills and looked forward to practices. She made friends easily and stayed focused at the task at hand. I am proud that O'livia has had this opportunity as I know she will only continue to have confidence. It really has enhanced her overall well being and quality of life at such a young age. - **With gratitude, LFrenza, Etobicoke, ON**



THE 2015 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	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.
The Law and You	Gordon Cudjoe	Gordon received his LL.B from the University of Toronto in 1999 and was called to the Bar in February of 2001. Gordon received a Masters of Arts degree in Criminology in 1999 at the University of Toronto and also has a B.A. in English and Classics from the University of Ghana (1990).
Social Media	Courtney Roberts-Lawes	University of Toronto graduate whose passion is women, minority issues and technology. Courtney loves the way technology and new media are being used to create change right now.
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 and Bursaries at York University.
Team Building	Randell Adjei	Randell is a Motivational Speaker, Edutainer, Artist 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. Amanda is also the new Host of the CBC TV series "The Exhibitionist".
Resumes with pizzazz	Lesley Goldthorpe	OMVIC - Human Resources Professional with over 15 years of experience with expertise in employee relations, recruitment and selection, performance management and STD/LTD/WSIB claims management.
Black History	Natasha Henry	Natasha is an educator, historian, and curriculum consultant, writes about teaching the Book of Negroes to students in her article, "Teaching the Book of Negroes in Grades 6-12 Classrooms." Natasha specializes in the development of learning materials that focus on the African Diasporic experience.

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 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.



Andrea Douglas

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THE 2014 COTILLION BALL CONTINUED



THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Fundraising Luncheon, Sunday, May 1, 2016

EVENT PROGRAM

Welcome	Program Co-Chairs - Pat Gloudon and Lance Wilson
Introduction	Master of Ceremonies
National Anthem	
Grace	

SERVING OF BRUNCH

Musical Dance Presentation
Musical Medley
"Why we do what we do" Part 1
Story Telling
"Why we do what we do" Part 2

SERVING OF DESSERT

Presentation
Introduction of the Committee
Raffle/Door Prizes
Closing Remarks

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THE 2015 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM LUNCHEON



THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND COTILLION BALL

Orientation

The Registration and Orientation will take place at Malvern Methodist Church - 2 Morningview Trail, Scarborough

The Cotillion Ball program in Toronto has been delivering excellent results for almost 20 years. Through professionally led workshops, this Leadership Program enhances the consciousness and understanding of black youth, redirects their energies to positive experiences, and offers new avenues for them to explore their creativity.

Training is offered to: young women (Debutantes) and young men (Escorts) ages 16-20 years, and girls (Junior Debutantes) ages 6-9 years.

The Workshops offered are:

Financial Planning	Social Graces
Public Speaking	Ballroom Dancing
"Live it" Sessions	Career Planning
The Law and You	Time Management
Resume Writing Techniques	Adolescent Health and Well-Being

The fees for enrolling in the program are:

Debutantes and Escorts	\$250.00
Junior Debutantes	\$125.00

The Youth Development Program will also include a Summer Retreat! Participants will experience an electrifying weekend on the University of Toronto's newly renovated 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 graduates of the program benefit from the coaching and training in social skills which complement their academic achievements with a strong foundation for future successes. We encourage our youth to participate in the program, as this will enable them to gain more control of their lives.

The Youth Development Program culminates with the Cotillion Ball at the Delta Toronto East Hotel, where graduates are presented to their families, peers and society.

We are appealing to parents and the community to encourage and recruit our future leaders to participate in the program. For further information please contact the YDP organizers at cotilliontoronto@gmail.com

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Invest in a future of boundless possibilities. Sponsor a Debutante, Escort or Junior Participant for the 2016 Youth Development Program and Cotillion Ball.

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Escort:	Program: \$250	Attire: \$140
Junior Debutante:	Program: \$125	Attire: \$100
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"I am where I am because I believe in all possibilities." – Whoopi Goldberg



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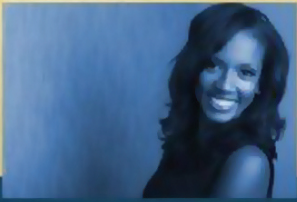


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