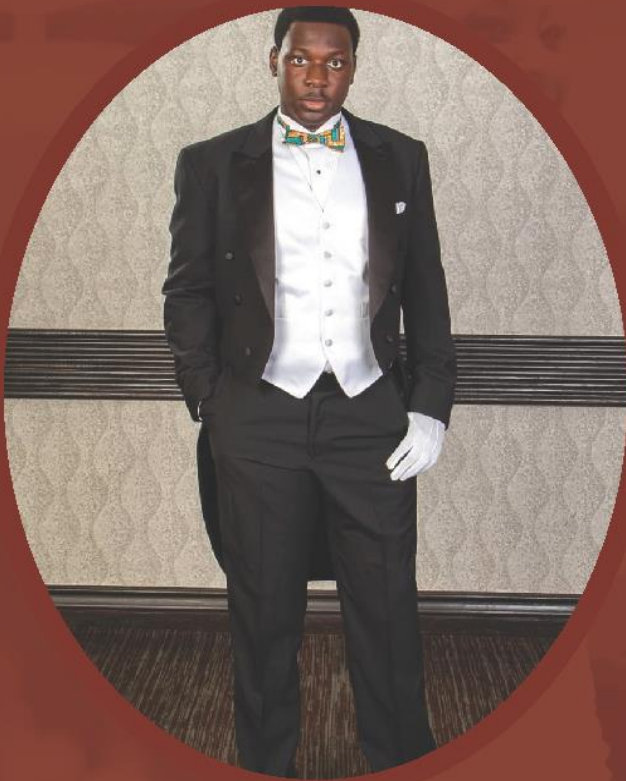


THE EDGE PROGRAM *Cotillion Ball*

**RIVIERA EVENT SPACE
2800 HWY 7, CONCORD, ON**

| SATURDAY, JULY 23RD, 2022





MESSAGE FROM THE 2022 **EDGE** PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

The 2022 EDGE 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 achieve their goals. Our mission is to provide a forum for Black youth to excel in their undertakings; to gain self-confidence, and to become amazing and independent individuals in the ever-changing world's landscape. Therefore, 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 courses - 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 develop, grow and empower Black youth to strive for success in their chosen fields. And for this we thank you!

To our Debutantes, Beaux 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 2022 EDGE 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.

2022 EDGE Program Planning Committee

EDGE BALL 2022



Message from the Mayor

It is my pleasure to extend greetings and a warm welcome to everyone attending The 2022 EDGE Program Cotillion Ball.

Congratulations and best wishes to all participants as you take part in this event and graduate from the EDGE Program, after receiving dedicated guidance in and sharpening your skills and knowledge in workshops focused on leadership and time management, entrepreneurship, financial planning and public speaking and much more. Thank you to the EDGE Program for giving our young people the tools they need to succeed in the future.

The city is proud of organizations and individuals that are committed to making a difference and recognizes their contribution to the economic and social well-being of our communities. Your dedication and hard work enrich the lives of many on a daily basis and make our city stronger, more vibrant and healthy.

On behalf of Toronto City Council, I thank the organizers and wish everyone an enjoyable event.

Yours truly,

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

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Mitzie Hunter, MPP

Scarborough-Guildwood



June 13, 2022

Re: The EDGE Program

Dear Friends,

The EDGE Program offers an important service of mentorship and growth to the young Black youth of Scarborough. Their commitment to helping the community's Black youth is invaluable.

As you gather to celebrate The EDGE Program, we are reminded of the importance of building a network of future Black leaders. The work that you do improves lives and empowers our residents to believe in the success of Black youth.

On behalf of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, as the Member of Provincial Parliament for Scarborough-Guildwood, I would like to thank the EDGE program for advancing social inclusion and equity.

Sincerely,

Mitzie Hunter, MPP
Scarborough-Guildwood

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June 20, 2022

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to offer my congratulations to the graduates of the 2022 EDGE Program. By participating in the program, you have received unique training in valuable life skills, and have opened new doors to successful and fulfilling lives.

I would especially like to extend my thanks to the many volunteer professionals who have generously offered their time and experiences as EDGE's teachers and mentors. You are clearly committed to the program's goals of enhancing the consciousness of young Black women and men, helping them to redirect their energies in positive directions, and providing new tools and avenues of expression for their creativity.

I hope that all who are attending this event have a great evening as you come together in celebration of the success of this year's young graduates. Whether you are a graduate, volunteer, or family member, you should all be proud of what has been achieved, and excited about the promising future that lies ahead.

Yours truly,

Michael Thompson
Deputy Mayor
Chair, Economic and Community Development Committee
Councillor, Scarborough Centre
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YANIQUE WILLIAMS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Yanique is Uber's Public Policy Manager responsible for Western Canada. In her role she is also focused on the company's national safety policy including road safety, personal safety, women's safety and health safety. Before she joined the tech sector, she served in Canadian politics for over 8 years where she worked to advance policies focused on international trade, rural economic development, empowering Canadian small businesses, gender equality, gender-based violence (GBV) and advising the Government of Canada on how to deliver on its diversity and inclusion commitments.

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



SINGER, O'CANADA

JERMAL (Formally known as J.L.) is an R&B/Soul artist hailing from Ottawa, Canada but raised in the City of Toronto. From the age of 9, JERMAL has been singing, writing songs and has always had a deep passion for music.

SINGER, LIFT EV'RY VOICE

Jordan Adjepong, 2019 Beau of the year. In addition to his many hours of community service Jordan is currently studying to become a Sports Medicine Doctor.



PROGRAM

Host Introduction of Program Chair	Kevin Carrington
Welcome	Patricia Gloudon and Rosa Berdejo-Williams on behalf of the 2022 EDGE Program Planning Committee
Anthems – O Canada and Lift Ev'ry Voice	JERMAL followed by Jordan Adjebeng
Grace	Pastor Michael Morris

DINNER AND DESSERT SERVICE

Musical Interlude	Courtenay Frazer and Perfect Cadence
Becoming	2022 Committee Member
Official Greetings	Kevin Carrington
Juniors Welcome Presentation	Junior Participants 2022
Official Presentation and Introduction	Debutantes, Beaux and Junior Participants 2022
Grand Entrance March	Debutantes, Beaux and Junior Participants 2022
Keynote Address	Yanique Williams
Dance Presentation	Debutantes, Beaux 2022
Acknowledgements	Kevin Carrington
Song Presentation	Perfect Cadence
Presentation of Trophies and Certificates	EDGE Program Volunteers
Announcement of Debutante and Beau of the Year	Patricia Gloudon & 2019 Recipients
Final Dance	2022 Debutantes and Beaux
Dancing	DJ Proof, Wayne Hylton

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 of music encouraged him to study at Humber College of the Performing Arts where he completed studies in the Art of Jazz in 1999.



Courtenay Frazer

In the same year, Courtenay formed *Perfect Cadence*, a Gospel Jazz Group that 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.

KEVIN CARRINGTON, "THE VOICE"

HOST



KEVIN CARRINGTON

Radio and TV Announcer | Event Host | Speaker | Voice Actor

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Born and raised in Toronto Canada, Kevin has over 20yrs experience as a radio and television announcer, event host and voice actor. Kevin has worked with some of the major media outlets in and around the Greater Toronto Area such as: CityTV, CP24, boom97.3FM, TheMOVE93.5FM, Classical96.3FM, MAGIC106.1 and cjoy1460AM. You can check in with Kevin reporting the news and traffic on CBC Radio.

When Kevin isn't hosting events with the Mayor of Toronto, he is very engaged in the community and is a regular and familiar face as host to numerous annual events including the Toronto Caribbean Carnival, the Black & Indigenous Virtual Graduation Ceremony and Mississauga's Black History Month Virtual Ceremony just to name a few.

Kevin also promotes health and wellness through his reggae-inspired, cardio-fitness program called ReggaeCise. As a registered partner with the Toronto District School Board (TDSB), Uncle Kev gets students up and moving using music to explore topics like Black History, Caribbean culture, Racism, Equity, Anti-Oppression and fitness.

Kevin with his smooth silky voice very easily connects with his audience and keeps them engaged with his up beat witty personality.



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MENU

Assorted Bread Rolls with Butter

1st Course

Fresh romaine, radicchio, arugula and endive salad with balsamic and olive oil dressing

2nd Course

Casareccia Pasta - fresh tomato & basil sauce

3rd Course

Grilled supreme chicken - 5oz oven roasted with herbs and spices

Seared salmon – herb and spiced Atlantic salmon seared with white wine citrus sauce

Green beans, red peppers and mini red roasted potatoes

Vegan Entrée - Eggplant parmigiana with cheese

DESSERT

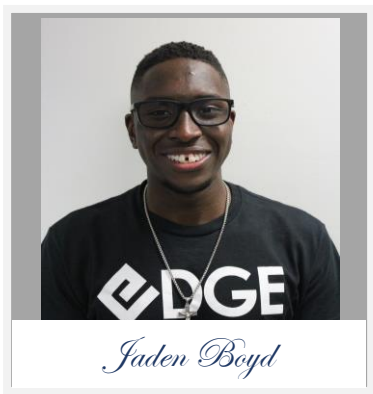
Lemon mango and raspberry sorbet with market fresh fruit

DEBUTANTES, BEAUX



JUNIORS

THE 2022 PARTICIPANTS



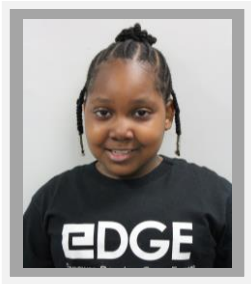
JADEN SAMUEL EDWARD BOYD

PARENTS Lennox and Marie Boyd
SPONSOR Dean Gloudon
SCHOOL Hodan Naleyah
HOBBIES Martial arts, exercising, playing video games, reading, Art and photography
CAREER GOALS To graduate from University in Photography and have my own studio
PERSONAL COMMENTS
 Since being a part of The Edge program I have grown in so many ways. I have been exposed to a number of experiences that otherwise I would not have had. The friendships I have made I will treasure for a lifetime, especially as I embark upon the next chapter going to College outside of Canada. I am grateful for my parents and my Uncle Elton because if it wasn't for them I would not have had the opportunities that I have had thus far. Thank you to The EDGE Program for everything! #grateful



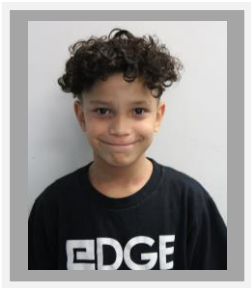
AKEELAH YANIQUE ISAACS

PARENT Ruth Niles
SPONSOR Ainsley Pickering
SCHOOL Ajax High School
HOBBIES Track and Field, Skateboarding
CAREER GOALS To study Forensic Science and at some point, I may venture into the trades
PERSONAL COMMENTS
 I would like to thank my mom and my sponsor for allowing me to have this experience.



GENESIS BAILEY-ROWE

PARENT Natalya Bailey
HOBBIES I like to hangout with friends at school and outside of school, gymnastics, play soccer, play Roblox and video games.



ESTEBAN GAETE

PARENTS Fernando and Elca Gany Gaete
SPONSOR Rosa Berdejo-Williams
HOBBIES I like sports and video games



JAYDEN BRADDOCK

PARENTS Colon Braddock and Nickeisha Murray
SCHOOL St. John Paul II Secondary School
HOBBIES Writing, reading, music, sports, video games
CAREER GOALS I want to become a sports journalist for a sports blog such as bleacher report
PERSONAL COMMENTS

I didn't know what to expect from the program but it was better than I had thought. From the people I've met to the things we've learned, it's all been amazing to experience and I will always cherish it.



ANDRÉA-SASHA De EDRA MARIETTE

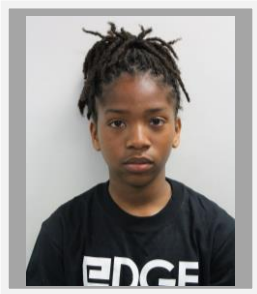
PARENTS Craig and De Edra Mariette
SCHOOL St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School
HOBBIES Traveling, watching Netflix, listening to music, hanging out with friends, dining out and painting
CAREER GOALS To continue the family business in construction (painting)
PERSONAL COMMENTS

I am proud to say that I am very thankful for my family; they have given me a great support system, love and encouragement in any activity I participate in. I could not ask for a better family, I love them very much, and I do not know what I would do without them. One of my favorite quotes is "A diamond is nothing but a piece of coal that does well under pressure. Gold is useless until it is put through the fire. So without the pain, fire and pressure there would be no treasure". – Anonymous.



KENYA WILLIAMS

PARENTS Allister Williams and Tamika Graham
HOBBIES Science, Reading, Tennis, Swimming



NAHEAM ISREAL MACAULAY

PARENTS Kenroy Rubin and Ronke Macaulay
SPONSOR Patricia Gloudon
HOBBIES Reading, Football, break dancing and video games



DANIEL MCCARTHY

PARENTS Michael and Janelle McCarthy
SCHOOL St. Marguerite d'Youville
HOBBIES Cars, sports, movies, and games
CAREER GOALS To attain a well paying, comfortable, and enjoyable job that allows financial freedom. I want to be debt free with a high credit score, and the ability to retire early.

PERSONAL COMMENTS

Originally, I was not sure if I wanted to join this program. I did not know much about it, and it did not seem like something I would like to sacrifice work hours for. However, I decided to try something new and force myself out of my comfort zone. I am happy that I took that chance. In my time in this program, I have met many great people who have shown me nothing but extreme kindness and wisdom. The learning and networking opportunities that this program offers has been more valuable to me than any job I have had so far. I am very happy to be a part of this program and I encourage anyone who is interested to get involved!

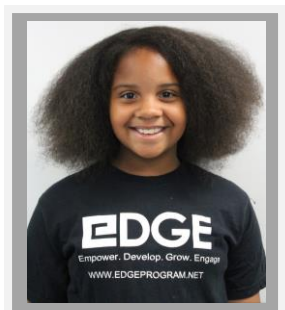


ALESSANDRA BRIDGETTÉ CAMERON

PARENTS Huford and Janet Cameron
SCHOOL De La Salle College Oaklands
HOBBIES Science, basketball, theatre and bass guitar
CAREER GOALS To work in the field of Biology

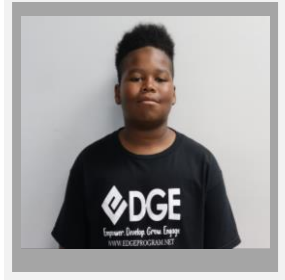
PERSONAL COMMENTS

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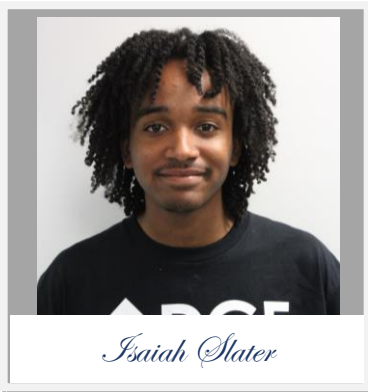
ANIYAH HYLTON

PARENT Ariel Hylton
HOBBIES Arts & craft, singing, dancing, traveling, playing sports and spending time with family and friends!



RONALDO ROGERS

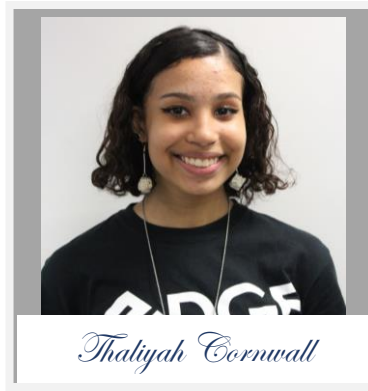
PARENTS Reagan Rogers and Rachael Wellington
SPONSOR Rosa Berdejo-Williams
HOBBIES Soccer, drawing and swimming



Isaiah Slater

ISAIAH SLATER

PARENTS Kenneth Slater and Jennifer Ogamien
SCHOOL All Saints Catholic Secondary School
HOBBIES Skateboarding, taking photos
CAREER GOALS To become a photographer
PERSONAL COMMENTS
n/a

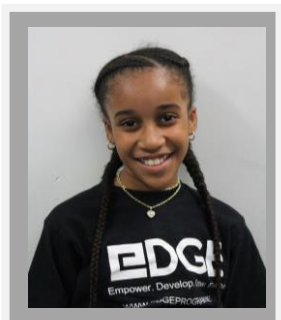


Thaliyah Cornwall

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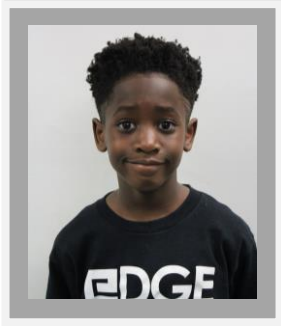
PARENT Melrose Cornwall
SCHOOL Northern secondary school
HOBBIES Film and acting
CAREER GOALS Actress or director
PERSONAL COMMENTS

The EDGE program has been very fun and beneficial to me, I met tons of new people who are all special and different in their own way and we were all brought together by this wonderful program :)



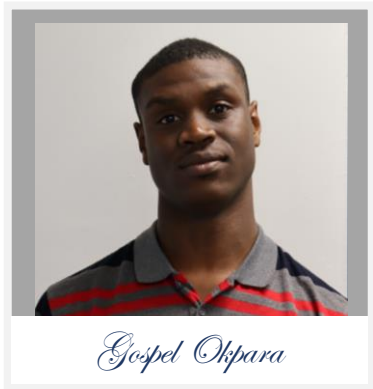
AVAIYAH MARIE SCOTT

PARENT Kadeem Scott
HOBBIES Enjoyed participating in The EDGE Program



ZHALE GRIFFITHS

PARENTS David and Genevieve Griffiths
HOBBIES Zhale loves being active and playing all sports. His favourites are Football, Basketball and running track races. He also enjoys dancing, Family Game Night and travelling. He likes to learn magic tricks and perform them for his friends and family and he really enjoys watching a good movie while curling up in the couch under the blankets with his Mom, Dad and big sister, Zurie. His favourite animal is a Cheetah because he loves everything to do with speed and it reminds him of himself.



GOSPEL CHIBUEZE NWABUEZE OKPARA

PARENTS	Mr and Mrs James Okpara
SPONSOR	Marcy Williams
SCHOOL	Brighton Lunch Academy
HOBBIES	Playing keyboard and riding bicycle
CAREER GOALS	Graphics design, automobile maintenance and computer services and repairs.
PERSONAL COMMENTS	

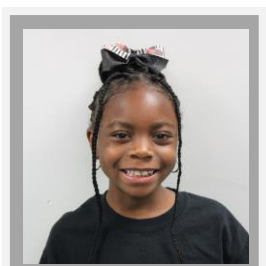
Thank God who ordered my path to connect with Marcy Williams who I call mummy. I appreciate mummy Marcy a lot for linking me to The EDGE Program and even sponsoring me. I pray that God reward her and her generation. I thank my mum too and I appreciate the coordinators of The EDGE Program for all the support, follow-ups and tutorials. I have never felt left out even though I am a special student with peculiar challenges. I cannot be thankful enough but I remain grateful to all who played a role in my life through out this experience. God reward you all!



KEMORA FAITH IVY MANNING

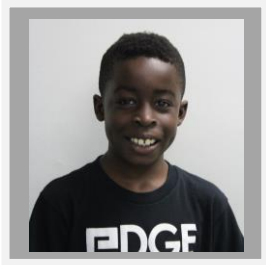
PARENT	Debby Ennis
SPONSOR	Children and Youth Dance Theatre, Andrea Douglas
SCHOOL	York University
HOBBIES	God, dancing, politics, social reform, reading, history, hair and nail care
CAREER GOALS	To pursue a professional career in the arts and teach in high school
PERSONAL COMMENTS	

I plan to pursue two Bachelor's Degrees (one in dance, the other history) and at least one Master's in either subject. I teach youth Ballet, acrobatics, hip hop, and Afro Caribbean at the dance studio that trained me for 14 years, CYDT. I also work with Girl Power'd as a youth mentor for young black female gymnasts. I have a vested interest in building up black youth through the arts. I am very excited to be a debutante in this year's EDGE cotillion as I have always wanted to do so from my first time participating as a Jr. Debutante. I want to thank my mother. My sponsors, and the Edge team for supporting me in this endeavor. A quote that speaks to me is: "Don't tell me the sky's the limit when there are footprints on the moon." - Paul Brandt



JAYDA MORGAN

PARENTS	Rayon Morgan and Talisha McKenzie
HOBBIES	Singing, dancing doing science experiments



AMRI ANOZIE

PARENTS	Iheanyichukwu Anozie and Natalie Anozie
HOBBIES	Hockey, science experiments, inventing and building toys, games and simple machines.



JOHN DAVID EZENWA GENUS

PARENTS Dwayne and Uchenwa Genus
SCHOOL Fieldstone Kings College School
HOBBIES Reading, Watching YouTube and Netflix, etc.
CAREER GOALS Electrical, computer, or robotic engineer

PERSONAL COMMENTS "It's So Hard To Say Goodbye To Yesterday" – Boyz II Men. This is a song I have heard my dad play and I think it is fitting for this topic. Growing up is not easy. There are so many memories and so many thoughts that come up that it is hard to put it all into words. I am very grateful for every experience that I have had up to this point. I am very grateful for my family, my parents who have taken care of me and given me the best. This is my last year of high school and next year I look forward to attending University to study Electrical Engineering. I am very excited and motivated to pursue a career in technology, creating and building those things that have not yet been created. My advice to my fellow peers who are also moving forward is that "The future is only as good as the work you put into it". So work hard, dream big dreams, and enjoy the ride. Here is the link to the song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oK9gLkXe0xw>



DÉNA (DÉNIQUE) BRISSETT

PARENT Key McFarlane
SCHOOL St. Mary's Catholic Secondary School
HOBBIES Acting, Art and dance
CAREER GOALS Complete university away from home in either the Architectural field or theatre

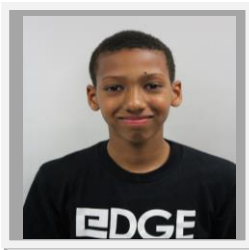
PERSONAL COMMENTS The EDGE Program came at a time when I needed it the most. The experience of COVID19 was very difficult for me. The first part of the program was challenging due to it being online but, once the in person meeting started things were a lot better. I have met other Black youth who experienced some of the same challenges that I did and it was cool to know that I was not alone. I got a very special opportunity to dance at the Harry Jerome awards event that will always be special to me. I was also connected to the Youth in Policing Program, which is great; I am now looking forward to a paid employment in the summer, which is nice. The Cotillion Ball is still my very best highlight!! I would love to experience this program again.



ZAHNAYAH MCDONALD-BERNARD

PARENTS C. McDonald and Carolyn Laptiste
HOBBIES Singing, dancing, taekwondo, doing hair and makeup

NATHAN FRANCIS



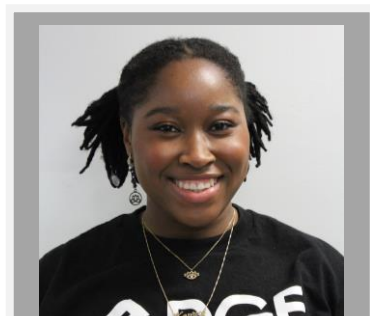
PARENTS Curtis Francis and Anya Bruney-Francis
SPONSOR Patricia Gloudon
HOBBIES Nathan enjoys playing with his friends, learning new things, spending time with his younger brother, playing basketball, reading, track & field, and Coding. Since 6yrs old, Nathan has been learning Coding through computer science, & created, a few games which his family & friends help test out. He's also a member of a local track & field club the past 5yrs where he's participated in numerous track meets & awarded podium medals & trophies. In 2019 Nathan received a City of Brampton Sports Achievement Award for track, since he came 1st in the 100m race at the Provincial track meet the previous year. Nathan is on a youth development basketball team for the past few years, which whom has played in various tournaments across the GTA. He's very passionate about the team excelling, which shows in his care, attitude & hard work as he pushes himself & his team members to strive for better.



Xavier Wyllie-Cameron

ZAVIER WYLLIE-CAMERON

PARENT Jamillah Wyllie
SCHOOL Mother Teresa
HOBBIES Football, film, video games, storytelling
CAREER GOALS To be famous, make lots of money and take care of my family.
PERSONAL COMMENTS
Blood is thicker than water but mud is thicker than blood.



Kaprice Myers

KAPRICE MYERS

PARENTS Raymond Myers and Donna Sobers
SCHOOL York University
HOBBIES Dancing, visual arts and photography
CAREER GOALS I want to be the CEO of a community centre that gives specifically people of colour and black youth to see the arts as a career option.

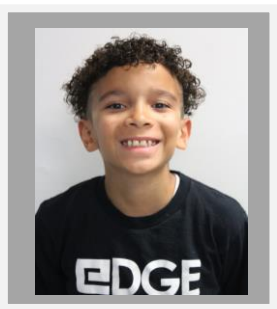
PERSONAL COMMENTS

I want to thank the EDGE staff for having our best interest at heart and developing us to be outstanding humans. This program allowed me to network and create mutually beneficial bonds with the other members. I thank my parents for their continuous encouragement and love which has given me the confidence to put myself out in the world. As I go forward as an artist, I am better equipped to present myself confidently and professionally. I can demonstrate, how as black people we do not have to diminish ourselves to make others feel more comfortable. I strive to create a place where the arts are always a career option for black people and people of colour.



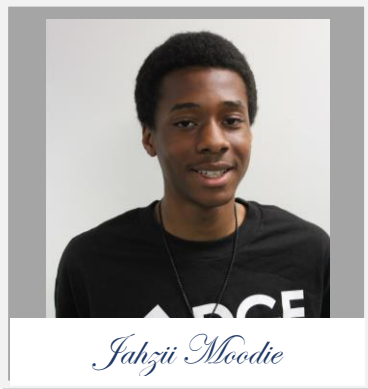
DENICIA COCKETT

PARENT Tracy Brown
HOBBIES Singing and baking



JOAQUIN GAETE

PARENTS Fernando and Elca Gany Gaete
SPONSOR Rosa Berdejo-Williams
HOBBIES I like sports, video games and reading



JAHZII MOODIE

PARENT Nik-Keisha Moodie
SCHOOL Agincourt Collegiate Institute
HOBBIES Playing sports or games
CAREER GOALS To be an automotive engineer work on vehicles and be an entrepreneur have my own hours and prices

PERSONAL COMMENTS

In the EDGE program you would find that the workshop and scholarship opportunities help so much even the connection you make with others during your time here helping us get together and prepare for our future.



AKEELIAH MADISON DOMONIQUE GRAHAM

PARENT Monique Donella Graham
SCHOOL Bill Carothers Secondary School
HOBBIES Baking, cooking, sports (T&F, flag football, soccer, basketball, gymnastics, borden ball and REP hockey)
CAREER GOALS To represent AND win a gold medal for Team Canada in the Olympics playing women's hockey. To become an elite professional hockey player for Toronto/Canada. Attend culinary school to improve cooking and baking skills as a career

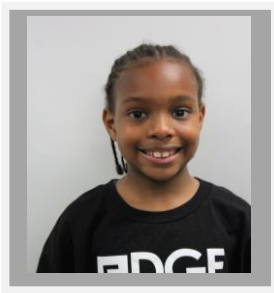
PERSONAL COMMENTS

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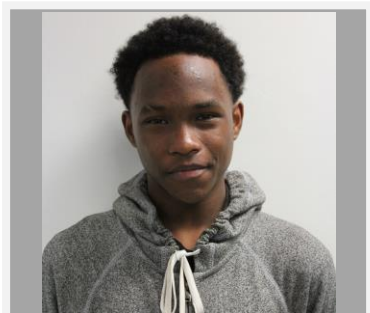
ARIEL HENRY

PARENTS Sandy Henry and Vanessa Alibaksh
HOBBIES Ariel loves drawing, reading, dancing and gymnastics. She is interested in learning how to build things/architecture, as she loves to design/create things; she wants to see them come alive.



AYDEN JAMES

PARENTS Reynold and Karima James
HOBBIES Some of Ayden's favourite hobbies and interests are, playing piano, singing, playing soccer and video gaming. Most of all, Ayden enjoys playing with his younger brother Azari.

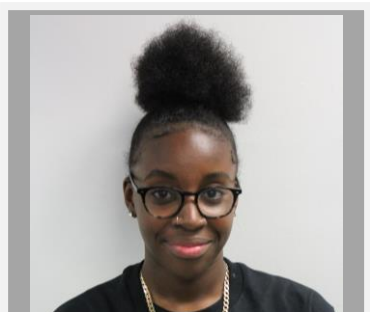


Gary Williams

GARY KNOX WILLIAMS

PARENT Alana Williams
SCHOOL St. John Paul II Secondary School
HOBBIES Basketball
CAREER GOALS To play the stocks
PERSONAL COMMENTS

I like the people I have met and the friend I have made.

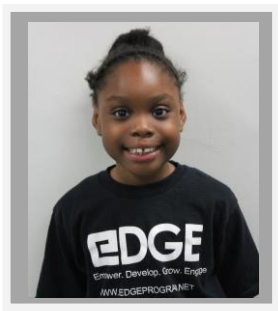


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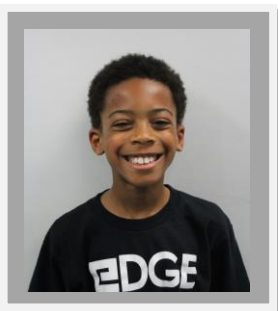
PARENT Dezerray Fountain
SPONSOR Roxanna Thagard
SCHOOL n/a
HOBBIES n/a
CAREER GOALS n/a
PERSONAL COMMENTS

n/a



AVERIE ROBINSON

PARENT Colette Bailey
HOBBIES My hobbies are Reading, singing, playing the piano and dancing. I love going to the lake and playing in the water with my cousin Micah.



AMIRI MCCALLA

PARENTS Robert McCalla and Naila Keleta-Mae
HOBBIES Amiri likes to play hockey, basketball, and soccer. In his free time, he enjoys building things out of lego, modelling clay, and cardboard. He also likes to read, draw and play games with family and friends. When he grows up, Amiri hopes to race a cheetah, play sports and be an engineer.



MEET THE ORGANIZERS

The **EDGE** Program Planning Committee is a group of dedicated volunteers who share in the vision of the **EDGE** philosophy: **Empower. Develop. Grow & Engage** our young people. In addition to these volunteers, past graduates and supporters assist in making the program have an **EDGE**!



PATRICIA GLOUDON

Organization Role: Chair

Career: Retired; Funds Director at Scotiabank, 40 years and 9 months of service

Personal Comments: Together with education, we believe that style, etiquette, and leadership are vital skills for success; our focus is on teaching our participants the poise and tenacity that will help them make powerful and lasting first impressions. I am so proud to be a part of this program that changes and impacts young lives.



SERENA THOMPSON

EDGE Organization Role: Community Outreach Coordinator

Career: Sickle Cell Advocate

Personal Comments: it has been a fulfilling journey to watch the Beaux/Debutantes flourish in The EDGE program, and I cannot wait to work with them in the community throughout the year. Congratulations to everyone and enjoy your Graduation Ball.



ROSA BERDEJO-WILLIAMS

EDGE Organization Role: Workshop Coordinator

Career: Program Coordinator for York University Transition Year Program, 14 years of service

Personal Comments: I volunteer for The EDGE because the program represents all the values I believe in and provides the necessary life skills to help succeed in today's competitive work field.



LEONIE FALCONER

EDGE Organization Role: Lead Workshop Facilitator (Juniors)

Career: Customer Service Associate

Personal Comments: I volunteer for the EDGE program because I believe in what the program supports. Our youth need this kind of program and what it offers to help them on their life's journey. I have been part of the program for over 20 years. My children, nieces, nephews and cousins have all enrolled in the program and only have positive things to say about it. I am thrilled to be apart of the EDGE program and will continue to support the program to the best of my ability.



LIZ VALLADARES-PEREIRA

EDGE Organization Role: Vice-Chair

Career: Retired; Supervisor at Toronto Employment & Social Services, 35 years of service

Personal Comments: My daughter was a debutante many years ago. Since then my god daughter and two grandchildren have also taken the program. The EDGE encourages black youth to aspire to be the best they can by equipping them with life skills, introducing them to a network of black professionals and uplifting them with positive reinforcement. The night of the ball is magical as you see confident transformed individuals who are happy, proud and engaged. The sky is the limit for our graduates!



MAUREEN SIMPSON

EDGE Organization Role: Venue Lead Coordinator

Personal Comments: "The main hope of a nation lies in the proper education of its youth." - Erasmus



BRIANNA HYLTON

EDGE Organization Role: President, Edge Youth Alumni

Career: Business Law Student, Ryerson University

Personal Comments: As the 2014 debutante of the year, now turned President of the EDGE Youth Alumni Committee, nothing makes me happier than to see more and more of my peers complete this program. EDGE helped me to grow and discover my full potential and self-confidence. My goal is to encourage more youth to do the same. Taking initiative and working towards personal development is really what gives you an EDGE



BRIAN WHITTAKER

EDGE Organization Role: Beau Coordinator

Career: Residential/Commercial Realtor, Prev. Wealth Management & Banking

Personal Comments: I completed the Edge Program in the early 2000's and can honestly say I carry the memories created to this day. This program is all about building competence in our youth and the confidence to set challenging goals for themselves – it is a privilege to be of service.



RONKE MACAULAY

EDGE Organization Role: Event Coordinator

Career: Community Services Coordinator TCHC; CEO Kaye's Kandy

Personal Comments: I was a Debutant in the Cotillion Ball over 20 years ago. As an adult four of my children have completed the program with my youngest son Naheam currently participating as a Junior Beau. I strongly support youth empowerment, as it is the process where young people are encouraged to take charge of their lives. Edge positively promotes this practice by assisting in cultivating our black youth of today become strong and powerful leaders of tomorrow



TAMARA HENNINGHAM

EDGE Organization Role: Youth Liaison

Career: Individual, Family & Couples Therapist

Personal Comments: There is nothing more fulfilling than counteracting doubt & fear by planting seeds of empowerment and belonging in the lives of our black youth. It warms my heart to witness the growth and connection we see each of our youth undergo while being in our program. I always look forward to looking back at our garden of successful roses, our beaus and debutants. As always, the team and I are rooting for you!

A message from the program chair; Patricia Gloudon

It is time to say goodbye since our short time together has ended but, we have made cherished memories and some new friends along the way!

I have enjoyed watching you develop and grow your leadership skills from week to week and I hope that all the lessons we provided will help you further develop as you venture off into this next phase of your life.

It is with happy thoughts that we part and with great expectations of what the future has in store for you all. You will always have a home with the EDGE family. We are merely a phone call away.

Be great and always remember that you are loved,
Pat



WHAT PARENTS HAVE SAID

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"Thank you immensely for this trip, Andrew REALLY appreciated it and enjoyed all that was done. You guys are amazing.".

"Thank you EDGE and to all the chaperones for a wonderful retreat."

"Thank you for taking care of the young people. Friends were made and seems more relaxed with this peer group. Thanks again"

"Thank you for offering great programming for our young adults. Lauren enjoyed her weekend."



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THE 2022 EDGE PROGRAM - WORKSHOPS AND FACILITATORS

Workshop	Facilitator	Contact information	Description
Power of the Vote (Civic Duties)	Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson	councillorstevea@gmail.com	Building strong leaders and voting responsibility. Participants exposed to various volunteer events in our community.
Conflict Resolution	Roderick Brereton	rod@urbanrezsolutions.com	Participants learn how to manage and resolve conflict in a non-adversarial manner. Enhance communication, negotiation and alternative dispute resolution skills.
Financial Literacy Seniors - Seeds2Success	Peter Simmons	info@seeds4success.ca	Participants will learn how to manage money effectively. Learn why/how to save money to better prepare for long-term financial stability. Understanding income taxes, retirement savings programs, Mutual funds, GICs etc.
Discussion on Mental Health and Wellness	Nadine Thornhill	info@nadinethornhill.com	Participants develop an understanding of and prevention of Pregnancy/Sexually-Transmitted Infections/HIV/AIDS. Learned about healthy relationships, consent, drug misuse, mental health awareness, good nutrition and fitness.
Bullying and Cyber Bullying	Cons. Megan McGarry	megan.mcgarra@torontopolice.on.ca	Hands-on and focuses on active learning through case study and/or team project work. Participants learned about managing their online blue print as well as cyber bullying.
Law & You	Gordon Cudjoe	gordon@cudjoe.ca	Participants learned about coming into conflict with the law, violent crime, issues of gang activity, the Youth Criminal Justice Act, youth probation, juvenile detention centers and youth records.
Career Navigation in a Virtual World	Tanya Dacres	tanya.dacres@publicissapient.com	Understanding the World of Remote Work. Reviewed the new virtual career options as a result of COVID. Understanding current work legislation as youth enter workforce for the first time. E.g. Health and Safety, Vacation, Rate of Pay.
Divine "9" History and Legacy of the Canadian Chapters	Christopher Infantry Janelle McCarthy Brian Whitaker Mike Williams Briddie Alstrom R. Harris-Fonville Nolan Fountaine	christopherinfantry@me.com torontoDeltas@gmail.com alphaphialphatoronto@gmail.com ksolo1911@gmail.com briddie@torontoaka.ca basileus.lns@gmail.com torontosigmas@gmail.com	Panel discussion of the history of Black sororities and fraternities in North America. Discussed the foundation of Canadian chapters, legacy, networking and community responsibility.
History of Canadian Hip Hop Workshop	Ola Mohammed	ola.mohammed21@gmail.com	Before Drake - An overview of how the Canadian Hip Hop Scene developed from the 1980's until now. Addressing the influence of social justice movements and immigration on Canadian Hip Hop and its impact on the International Music Scene.
S.T.E.A.M WORKSHOP	Marlon Medley-Smith Celina Reyes	info@tmbuk2edu.ca	Fun filled workshops with virtual activities to promote Science, Technology, Art and Math for children ages 7-10.
Learning in the Virtual World	Marlon Medley-Smith Celina Reyes	info@tmbuk2edu.ca	Youth provided with learning tips and time management techniques to maximum use of e-learning and managing ZOOM fatigue.
Becoming an Entrepreneur	Ross Cadastre	ross@bbpa.org	Starting your own Black business. Creating a business plan, researching and building your portfolio, branding yourself AND your business. Navigating the system during these challenging times.

Best Practices for Nailing the interview and Resume Writing	Melissa Brown	melissabrown636@gmail.com	Resume writing. Accessing the job market, interview skills & job retention. Career paths and career goals. How to organize a professional wardrobe, Top 10 interview etiquette tips, and presentation & communication skills.
Business Research & Networking	Shirley Chisholm	shirleychisholm@yahoo.com	Conducting business research and the process of acquiring detailed information of all the areas of business and using such information in maximizing the sales and profit of the business.
Know Thy Self - Self Awareness/Personality Workshop	Caron Morgan	caronmorgandevlopment@gmail.com	Created to assist participants in assessing their strengths, weaknesses, preferences and goal aspirations based on their personality traits. Encouraging participants to create an Individual Learning Plan based on their personality traits and possible career options.
Your Academic Blueprint - Navigating High School and Post Secondary Studies	Rosa Berdejo-Williams	rosa.bwedge@gmail.com	Outlined the impact of High School Course selection, managing expectations, understanding the role of the guidance counselor and maximize use of available resources to enhance academic performance. Review of Application and requirements to apply for post secondary studies. Navigating OSAP application process.
Workshop Modern and Ballroom Dance Classes	Andrea Douglas Hollywood Jade	cdancetheatre2@rogers.com hwoodpresents@gmail.com	Ballroom, contemporary and Hip Hop dancing. All participants taught a formal presentation piece and they will have an opportunity to work together to build a contemporary piece of their own.
Dining Etiquette	Maureen Simpson	mauway@rogers.com	Grooming tips before dining: The appropriate forms of greetings and introductions, conversation skills, napkin etiquette, seating etiquette guidelines, Tips for understanding the place settings, how to set the table for family-style and formal meals, continental dining.

THE 2022 EDGE PROGRAM – CAREER PANELIST

Occupation	Panelist Name	Organization	Email
Psychologist - Therapist	Leo Edwards	CAMH	leo.edwards@me.com
Chef	Selwyn Richards	The Art of Catering	info@chefselwyn.com
Journalist - Digital Writing	Prof. Laura Allen	York University	lallen10@yorku.ca
Real Estate Agent	Jasmine Lee	Jasmine Lee Reality	jasmine@getjlt.com
Engineer(Electrical/ Mechanical/ Computer)	Joseph Amankrah		jamankra@gmail.com
Performer Actor	Troy Harriman		troyharryman0@gmail.com
Electrician	Shaquille Green		shaquillegreen@hotmail.com
Teacher	David Watkins	Toronto District School Board	davidwatkins3@me.com
Actor/Screenwriter	Nicole Chrysostom-Murray	Brooklyn Brown /Do.Dope.Shit. Productions	nchrysostommurray@gmail.com
Doctor	Jamal Brooks	Wayne State School of Medicine	Jahmal.brooks@gmail.com
Lawyer	Abby Watkins	Abby Watkins Law	abbiellalv@gmail.com
Entrepreneur/Project Manager	Ross Cadastre	The BBPA	ross@bbpa.org
Graphic Artist	Rowan Moore	Slaughterhouse	rowan@slaughterhousevfx.com

ANDREA DOUGLAS

WORKSHOP LEADER, DANCE EDUCATOR AND CHOREOGRAPHER

Andrea Douglas, an 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 Fine Arts, and the University of Toronto Education. She 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 non-profit and charitable Dance Academy for children and youth in Toronto. Andrea is a retired TDSB school principal and an avid advocate for Arts in Education. In 2018 she received the Ward 19 Trustee Award for strong leadership, her caring and compassionate service to students in schools. She continues to share unconditionally with children and youth whose opportunity to grow artistically is marginalized in any way.

Andrea was the resident choreographer of the Applause Institute Cotillion Ball and is the resident choreographer for the EDGE Program. She has facilitated Lecture demonstrations, dance presentations and workshop at local and international Dance Conferences and Summits. She is the proud recipient of the 2005 Guyana Cultural Association USA Award for Outstanding Contribution to Culture and Heritage, the 2013 Harry Jerome Award of Excellence in the Arts in Canada, and the 2021 Guyana 50th Republic Anniversary Award in recognition of her valuable contributions in the field of Arts and Entertainment.



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Alongside North America's most noteworthy choreographers, Hollywood has been involved in the choreography for TV performances, tours, music videos and award shows for some of the globe's biggest names, including Keshia Chanté, Snoop Dogg, Estelle, Bebe Rexha, and Meghan Trainor. Following these successes, Hollywood secured the position of artistic director and choreographer to Canada's Queen of R&B, Jilly Black.

Hollywood's passion for excellence in dance was first brought to the forefront through his performance in projects such as "Save The Last Dance 2", "Camp Rock 2", "Make Your Move," and smash-hit blockbuster, "Hairspray." Consecutively, he was sharing the stage and screen with Nelly Furtado, Divine Brown, Rihanna, Janelle Monae, Kelis, and Canadian Idol finalist, Gary Beals. These experiences, combined with his natural leadership skills and passion for artistry, created endless opportunities for him to begin working as a choreographer.

In 2011 Hollywood launched his noteworthy performance company "Hollywood Jade Presents Urbanesque." Since then, the company has orchestrated several sold-out shows which fuse the classic style of Burlesque with modern and contemporary music and movement. In addition, he has served as the artistic director of The Black Diamond Ball (2017-2021), contributing member of Artist's in Motion, and was cast in "FLOOR'D." Most recently, Hollywood returned on season two of Canada's Drag Race as the resident choreographer and extra special guest judge and was featured on the cover of IN Magazine, in which he discussed the power of authenticity, transparency, and unity.

Hollywood Jade is an entertainment tastemaker!



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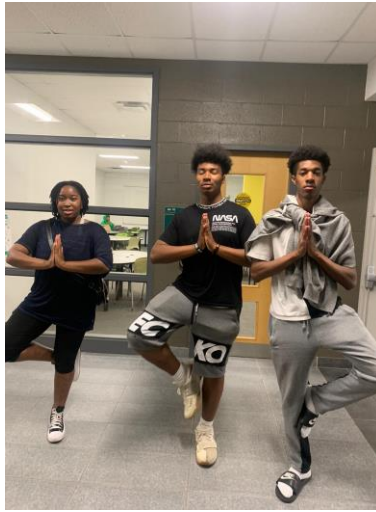
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The **EDGE** Program offers Black youth - male and female between the ages of 16 and 19 - a unique, transformative experience that **Empowers** them to **Develop** and **Grow** their social and professional **Engagement** skills.

The **EDGE** provides diverse workshops that expose participants to information and techniques not offered in a conventional classroom. Designed to empower and motivate, The **EDGE** Program engages participants in a variety of leadership workshops, team-building exercises and includes a weekend retreat.

The **EDGE** Program is conducted in a safe, non-judgmental environment where mutual respect and support for their peers are promoted. As participants travel through this journey, we quickly establish the importance of adapting the skills and techniques they will gain while participating in the program.

Workshops are conducted during the spring - ending early summer. The **EDGE** concludes with a formal presentation ball where participants are re-introduced to their family and friends as graduates of our program.

Workshops offered in the Program are:

Power of the Vote (Civic Duties)	Divine "9" History and Legacy of the Canadian Chapters
Conflict Resolution	History of Canadian Hip Hop Workshop
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Graduates have an opportunity to continue learning through our pre-arranged work internships and volunteering. We are aware that in today's world a strong drive to succeed is one of the most valuable gifts a young person can have, and increasingly one of the hardest to achieve. Technical skills may get you the interview, but without social graces and a strong work ethic, getting the job will be an overwhelming task.

We are committed to helping our community's young people to develop skills and attitudes that will support their future goals. We do our utmost to help participants find their inner spark and fan it into a bright flame.

We encourage you to give financial support to this program so that youth may enjoy the benefits of this transformational experience. Their involvement in The EDGE is just a small investment that will earn big dividends.

The cost of the Program:

Debutantes and Beaux (ages 16-19): \$300.00

Junior Debutantes and Beaux (ages 7-10): 150.00

Jaden Samuel Edward Boyd

Big names that comes with bigger expectations. I can proudly attest to the realization that expectations so far have not only been met but exceeded. Jaden has grown into a handsome young man, intelligent, charismatic and certainly charming. He is generous and considerate, knows where he is going and prepared to meet the challenges to get there. Jaden has morphed into a true and caring son of whom his mom Marie, extended family and friends are extremely proud of. So to you Jaden I say, spread your wings, aim for higher heights, soar above the eagles, mingle with the stars and above all, remain true to yourself. You are indeed Noble! When you find the space and time, listen attentively, there you will hear a soft familiar voice proudly saying "That's my booboo".

Love you Jay,
Uncle Elton

Jay to you, my one and only, you have grown into an amazing young man that I am so proud of. You have shown me how resilient you are and that you can handle anything that comes your way. I love your zest for life! Continue to be that kid with the golden heart and also continue to put God first in everything you do.
Love Mom.



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