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100 ACCOMPLISHED BLACK CANADIAN (ABC) WOMEN

100ABCWomen #2a—Celebrating Black History Month—February 2021



Dear Canada: This **Black History Month**, 100 ABC Women is pleased to honour and celebrate the achievements of Black Canadians who have made significant contributions to the Canadian communities. We are particularly proud of the achievements of 300 Accomplished Black Canadian (ABC) Women whose achievements reside in our database, whom we proudly call our Honourees. We are also proud of Honouree and Co-author, Honourable Dr. Jean Augustine, who, legislatively, made Black History Month possible in Canada.

Biennially, the co-authors of the publication '100 Accomplished Black Canadian Women', solicit national nominations to locate and celebrate Black, Canadian excellence. Their expertise fall within the areas of: Consulting, Creative Arts, Education, Engineering, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Government, Healthcare, Legal, Media, Not-for-Profit and Trade Union. While the majority of our Honourees are Canadian-born, many migrated to Canada from countries such as:

Caribbean: Anguilla, Antigua, Aruba, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts-Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Trinidad and Tobago.

Africa: Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Rwanda, Uganda and Zimbabwe

Europe: United Kingdom, Greece, Romania

Their backgrounds broaden the richness of our nation. Our Honourees continually provide us with opportunities to celebrate them. Many are multi-lingual, fought to uplift not only themselves, but, their children and grandchildren, neighbourhoods and communities. They are committed to advocacy for better and higher education, anti-Black racism, fairness in the workplace and pay equity. They have done so proudly, passionately and fearlessly.

Our Accomplished Black Canadian women have started businesses and been on the frontline during this global pandemic. They mentor the younger generation and instill the importance of being contributors to Canada's vibrancy.

Canada, consider being more intentional about having your boards, advisory committees and governing bodies reflect the dynamism of our nation. We understand that searching for trailblazers can be an exhaustive process, which is why we have anticipated that need and done some of the work for you. Here is the link to our database. A word of warning Canada: there is a great deal to choose from. You may be on the database for longer than you imagine, but you will likely soon discover that it was time well allocated.

<https://www.100abcwomen.ca/public-profile-database/>

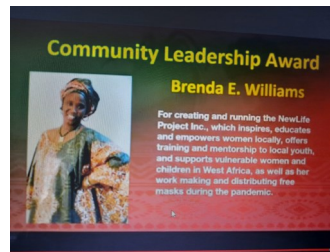
For this **Black History Month let's make history today.** Sincerely, Dauna Jones-Simmonds, Co-author & Architect - 100 ABC Women.



Congratulations to Extra-ordinary Women



A well-deserved promotion for Toronto Police Service Superintendent **Stacy Clarke** on being promoted to the rank of Superintendent! The first Black woman to achieve this rank in the history of Toronto Police.



Black History Ottawa, honored **Brenda Williams** with a 2021 Community Builder award for her leadership and community engagement: specifically, for her role in creating and running the NewLife Project Inc., which inspires, educates and empowers women locally, offers

training and mentorship to local youth, and supports vulnerable women and children in West Africa, as well as my work making and distributing free masks during the pandemic.'



2021 Black Leadership & Recognition Event presented **Floydleen Charles-Fridal Huggins** with the Leadership Award. The theme, Youth Success & Empowerment – was a conversation about resiliency and strategies that are being used to support the Black Community as we recover from Covid-19.



Marcia Browne was honoured and humbled to receive the "Nation Builder of the Year Award 2020" from the Empire Club of Canada on behalf of Trust 15 and community efforts. The Empire Club of Canada held a virtual award ceremony to honour Canada's front line workers and Trust 15.

Should There Be A Virtual Symposium & Book Launch Gala?



Is it still feasible for 100 ABCWOMEN to hold the SYMPOSIUM and the 2020 BOOK LAUNCH AND GALA as planned on September 2021?

The first Symposium was held in September 2020 and as a biennial event, the next one was planned for September 2022. The Book Launch & Gala was originally scheduled for September 2020, but due to the pandemic, was rescheduled for September 2021. This information serves as the baseline for what comes next.

The daily reports in Toronto regarding the status of COVID-19 in Ontario, reflect a "pandemic effect" - one that the numbers are up and the next they are down. The rescheduling of the Symposium & Gala has been noted and although Black Canadians make up only 10% of the entire Canadian population (and we recognize Ontario is a big chunk of that), they have a 20% prevalence rate for COVID-19. It has been stated that many other countries with predominantly Black populations, the death rate from COVID has been lower than in developed countries.

100 ABC Women has been monitoring the various information being presented publicly on the status of COVID-19 and particularly more heavily on the Canadian facts with a focus on Ontario. Two of our resources with medical expertise have been assisting us with assessing the situation in order to make informed decisions.

In addition to the measures (masks, gloves, washing hands, social/physical distancing) which have been in place since the outbreak of COVID-19 became on the scene, there has been a shaky roll out of two or three vaccines. Given the announcement of some delays in shipments of promised vaccines, it is difficult for 100 ABC Women to make final arrangements for the September event at this time. We also have to take into account the fact that the new strains of the virus have been noted to be more contagious than previous strains, which makes planning events very challenging. It is hoped that by our April newsletter, we will have a firm announcement about our scheduled events. Being cautious is our motto over the next few months.

Thanks to the contributions of Dr. Karline Wilson-Mitchell & Dr. Anna Jarvis (shown here - left to right)



Harriet Thornhill, a 2020 100 ABC honouree, salutes Black History Month

"As we begin our 2021 celebration of the contributions of Black people in our great nation of Canada, many of us will find ourselves drawn to focus on the challenges of the last twelve months. It has certainly been a difficult year! The global pandemic has brought greater awareness to our role as global citizens; our inter-connectivity and responsibility to each other. We have all been called upon to do our part in ending the effects of the virus. We have also witnessed that same global citizenship resist and denounce anti-Black racism south of our border, across the globe, and here at home."

While there continues to be challenges there continues to be growth. This Black History Month, let us celebrate the progress and fortitude of us as a people and a nation. Happy Black History Month to everyone." Harriet Thornhill, Vice President, RBC Advice Centre and Direct Investing Contact Centre

You're Invited!

You are invited to A Fireside chat on **Mental Health** in the workplace with Dragon's Den entrepreneur Tonia Jahshan, Founder of Sipology by Steeped Tea.

About this Event

Our mental health is being tested, perhaps more than ever. According to Stats Canada, one in five Canadians struggle with mental illness and up to 40% of the population have said their mental health has declined since the onset of COVID-19.

Join The Rotary Club of Toronto and Progress Place for a free lunchtime webinar in conversation with leading Canadian entrepreneur and Dragon's Den success story, Tonia Jahshan, President/Founder of Sipology by Steeped Tea. Tonia will share her struggles and strategies towards fostering positive mental well-being, both for herself and for her team.

Moderated by former ABC news anchor Hilary Brown and joined by Progress Place members Sophia Moraga, and yoga teacher & mindfulness coach, [Jaye Lee](#), you'll gain some ideas on how to bring mindful attention to your everyday life.

Promoting Mental Wellness at Work
In conversation with Tonia Jahshan, President and Founder of Sipology

Free Webinar, FEB 24, 2021 @ 12 PM
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Dauna Jones-Simmonds

Coming SOON



Inspirational Fireside Conversations with 100 ABC Honourees - Learn more about the talent, expertise of Accomplished Black Canadian Women

Topics include: Entrepreneurship, Creative Arts, Education, Finance, Trade Union, Legal, Healthcare, Not-for-Profit, etc.

100 Accomplished Black Canadian Women
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To get your tickets for the Book Launch & Gala, please click on the url link below:

NEW DATE—SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

<https://www.100abcwomen.ca/product-category/2020-gala-tickets/>

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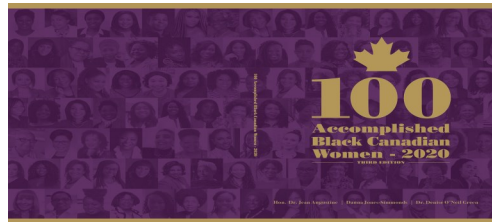
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thank you!

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100 ABC Women

2022 Nomination Process is Open!

<https://www.100abcwomen.ca/nomination-form-2022/>

Black Diplomats Academy

In partnership with Global Affairs Canada present for

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

a virtual event on

February 25th, 2021

11:00 am to 1:00 pm (EST)

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Questions? Email: BDA.dylott.com



Changing History, to Our Story, Canadian Black Representation in Global Diplomacy: Lessons from the Field.



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Join us on February 25th, at 11:00 am as we celebrate Black History Month with a virtual event of **Changing History, to Our Story, Canadian Black Representation in Global Diplomacy: Lessons from the Field**, in partnership with Global Affairs Canada and CIBC.

This event will be moderated by **Akil Bishop** - Vice President, Transformation at CIBC and will feature a conversation with **Lorraine Anderson** - Chief of Staff to the Ambassador of Women, Peace and Security Global Affairs Canada, **Kevin Lunianga** - Senior Operations Officer, Global Affairs Canada, **Edmond Wega** - Director General, International Assistance, Global Affairs Canada, **Tarik Khan** - General West and Central Africa, Global Affairs Canada and **Candies Kotchapaw** - Executive Director at Developing Young Leaders of Today, Tomorrow.

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Upcoming Events Calendar

Fireside Chats with 100 ABC Honourees starting March 2021

DATE CHANGE

2020 BOOK LAUNCH & GALA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

WOODBINE BANQUET HALL
30 VICE REGENT BLVD
TORONTO

95% Tickets are already sold!

**YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO
RETAIN YOUR SEATS**

100 ABC Women made the important decision of re-scheduling the 2020 Book Launch and Gala to Saturday, September 18, 2021—all details remain the same. The event will be preceded by a Symposium on Friday, September 17, 2021 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. More details to follow.

Learn More About 2020 Honourees

<https://www.100abcwomen.ca/2020-honourees/> We encourage our friends and supporters to follow/share/like/comment on our posts across our social media platforms.

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- ✓ Prepare participants to interface with regional, national and global policy issues ranging from climate change management to future of work in the digital age.
- ✓ Program delivery by Young Diplomats of Canada, Global Diplomatic Forum, Global Affairs Canada and other nationally and internationally recognized training bodies.
- ✓ Career exposure and Internship opportunities.

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100ABCWomen is committed to recognizing and documenting the accomplishments of Black Canadian Women. All 100 ABC Honourees are encouraged to share their accomplishments and stories so that our readers can appreciate the difference they are making in their respective communities.

HUMBER



Humber College International Women's Day 2021

Virtual Forum

**Saturday, March 6, 2021
 10:00 am to 11:30 am**

Theme: Lessons on Groundbreaking Leadership from Black Women

- ★ **Event Host: Dr. Gina Antonacchi PhD**
Associate Vice President Academic, Humber College
- ★ **Moderator: Sylvia Sweeney CM**
Associate Dean, Film, Acting & Media Production, Faculty of Media and Creative Arts, Humber College
- ★ **Keynote: Dr. Njoki Wane PhD**
Professor at the University of Toronto. She is currently serving as Chair in the Department of Social Justice Education at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE).
- ★ **Panelists:**
- ★ **Senator Wanda Thomas Bernard PhD**
First African Nova Scotian woman to be appointed to the Senate of Canada
- ★ **Celina Caesar-Chavannes MBA**
Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity (EDI) Senior Advisor, Queens University
- ★ **Dr. Kathy Hogarth PhD**
Associate Professor, University of Waterloo

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