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African-Canadian Students to Receive Prestigious BBPA National Scholarships

TORONTO, October 3, 2019 – The BBPA National Scholarship Program is proud to announce the 50 African-Canadians from across Canada who will receive the 2019 BBPA National Scholarships. The BBPA National Scholarships provide financial assistance to Canadian students of African descent currently enrolled in post-secondary programs. Recipients were selected based on academic excellence, a demonstrated financial need and recognized contributions to their communities.

York University is pleased to join the BBPA National Scholarship Fund in hosting the 2019 BBPA National Scholarships presentation ceremony on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at the Tribute Communities Hall, 83 York Blvd, Accolade East Building, Main Floor at York University at 6:00 p.m.

“We are very proud of the young women and men who are receiving the 2019 BBPA National Scholarships,” said Luther Hansraj, Chair of the BBPA National Scholarship Fund. “They have achieved academic success while making significant contributions to their communities. These young people will be the future leaders that all Canadians can be proud of.”

The President of the BBPA Nadine Spencer shared; “The BBPA is inspired by the truly remarkable talents and resilience of our scholarship recipients. They represent the significant positive narratives in our community that are often overlooked and unpronounced. I am honored and humbled to have the BBPA and our donors demonstrate our commitment to their success.”

“Our government is proud to invest and celebrate these exceptional students, as we work together to ensure they reach their full potential in a province that recognizes the God given ability of every student. Their commitment to service, leadership, and learning is commendable, and underscores my confidence in the future of our country, democracy, and economy,” said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education.

The Black Business and Professional Association established the BBPA National Scholarship Fund, formerly entitled “the BBPA Harry Jerome Scholarship Fund” in 1986. The BBPA National Scholarships are made possible through the contribution of diligent sponsors and donors. Since the scholarship fund began, over 1000 post-secondary students from the Black community nationwide have been awarded scholarships totaling $3.7 Million.

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The 2019 BBPA National Scholarships recipients are:

Aaron Parry
Adara Harry
Aishat Bello
Amanda Owusu
Aniyah Stuart-Weira
Anthony Downy
Ayesha Hassan
Caila Palmer
Cameron Rodriguez
Carl Lamers
Chante Hamilton
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● To encourage and support the pursuit of entrepreneurship, business, professional excellence, higher education and economic empowerment.
● To facilitate access to ecosystems and resources.
● To identify and reward excellence in achievement.
● To establish linkages and co-operate with other organizations on matters pertaining to business, education, economic development and community wellness.

To build cross-cultural understanding and promote equity.

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