

THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

The Centre for Black Student Excellence Newsletter | June 2023

Please find below The Centre for Black Student Excellence June Newsletter.

We invite you to explore our online presence at www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence to:

- Access videos, resources and information about community partners.
- Learn more about our work to dismantle anti-Black racism, guided by our strategy.
- Celebrate Black excellence through video, feature stories, podcasts and more.
- Find out about programs available to Black students and families.
- Check out our new community newsletter.
- And much more.

Partners

The Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS) is committed to promoting well-being and excellence in achievement for students of African/ Caribbean heritage. You can follow them on Twitter [@AEBSyrdsb](https://twitter.com/AEBSyrdsb)

Learn more about Black community agencies that provide supports in your area:

[Aurora Black Community \(ABC\)](#)

[ANCHOR \(Formerly Vaughan African Canadian Association \(VACA\)\)](#)

[BYR \(Black York Region Youth\)](#)

[Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association \(MACCA\)](#)

[Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association \(NACCA\)](#)

[Parents of Black Children](#)

[The Black Foundation of Community Networks \(BFCN\)](#)

[York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities \(YRAACC\)](#)

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Upcoming Community Events

Black Foundation of Community Networks

We are happy to announce that the **2023-2024 BFCN Scholarships & Awards application process is now live!** All online applications and supporting documents must be submitted by July 31, 2023. This year BFCN will be awarding **six (6) \$1000** scholarships and awards. We will be once again awarding two scholarships to Black students pursuing graduate studies in addition to Black students pursuing undergraduate studies at accredited Canadian institutions.

[Join the application workshop !](#)



BFCN
Scholarship Application Workshop

A FREE online workshop to show Black students and their families how to search, prepare, and apply for scholarships and bursaries. If you are in high school or Grade 8, this workshop is especially for YOU!

Friday, June 2, 2023
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM | ONLINE (ZOOM)

Learn more and register at:
bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopJune2



For more information about the session or the Black Foundation of Community Networks contact Cheryl Yarde at info@bfcn.ca

Learn more about our work and how to support at bfcn.ca.

York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities

Come join us most Saturdays for family fun /food/games, African Drumming, and workshops to bring our community together.

[Register Now!](#)

Details: In person sunshine or rain

Times: 9:45 am to 1 pm

Dates: Most Saturdays June 9th, to September 9th, 2023

Location: Safety Village in Markham 3291 Stouffville Rd, Whitchurch-Stouffville, ON L4A 7X5



Sankofa Summer Program
Connecting with Nature, Rhythm and Community at the

YSS! **CSV** Community Safety Villages

For more info contact: gmrg@yorkregionaacc.ca

Location: Community Safety Village 3291 Stouffville Rd, Whitchurch-Stouffville, ON
Date: Most Saturdays
Time: 9:45 am - 1 pm

Outdoor Drumming With Negus Medhin
June 10 to September 9, 2023
Most Saturdays 9:45 am to 11:00 am

Field Trip
to discover local Black History
Location: TBD
July 15, 2023 - All Day

Family Sessions

June 10, 2023  Sept. 9, 2023

AND SO MUCH MORE

Fun/Food & Laughter  Cooking Lessons  AI Workshop 

Kite Making  Wellness and Family  Family Picnic 

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The activities include much more:

1. Fun, food, face painting and games
2. Cooking Session (Jollof Rice, Jerk Chicken and Puff Puff)
3. Artificial Intelligence Workshop
4. All-day trip to a historical site to learn about Black History in Ontario
5. Safety in our neighbourhoods (conversations with YRP and CAS)
6. Arts and crafts, performances and kite making.
7. Wellness – promoting healthy family relationships.
8. Family day picnic/Fall program launch

MACCA 2023 Scholarship

Our signature event is our Annual Scholarship Awards Gala and presentation, where we present scholarships to students in York Region demonstrating academic excellence and outstanding community engagement. Since our inception, we have provided 325 scholarships to the brightest students of African/Caribbean descent in York Region valued at over \$300,000. Each year MACCA provides scholarships to our students graduating high-school and going into a post-secondary program.

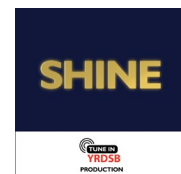
[Applications for 2023 are now open. Fill out your application today.](#)

For more information on future scholarships OR to find out how you can donate a scholarship contact info@macca1987.com or call (905) 946-9998

SHINE Podcast

Listen to the [SHINE Podcast](#)

In this episode of Shine, host Mawuli Chai welcomes Cecil Roach, Associate Director, Equitable Outcomes and Schools; and Darcie Sutherland, Principal, Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy to talk about the work of dismantling anti-Black racism. [Listen Now!](#)



To request support from a member of the Centre for Black Student Excellence team please email BlackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca