

# FUTURE ACES

Happy Holidays

Merry Christmas



## \$20,000 Matching Gift Donation

The Funding will help support the organization's 2022 program relaunch and our scholarship program that has provided about \$900,000 to students over the years.

Donate and support us in reaching our \$20,000 goal!

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Thanks to the generosity of our donors we have already raised \$7,550!

## CURRENT COUNT \$7,550



Help us reach our \$20,000 goal

**\$20,000**

**\$7,550**

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*Thank you for your donations*

# Meet The New Education Leads!



## **Leland Harper** (He/him/his)

### INTRODUCE YOURSELF.

I am a philosopher, originally from Vancouver but now living in the GTA. My role here is to look at the content and delivery methods of some of the programming of Future ACES and see how we can make it more useful, more engaging, and, ultimately, of greater value to more students.

### WHERE DID YOU COMPLETE YOUR EDUCATION?

I did my BA at Kwantlen Polytechnic University, my MA at Ryerson University, and my PhD at the University of Birmingham.

### WHAT EXCITES YOU THE MOST ABOUT YOUR ROLE OR THE ORGANIZATION?

I look forward to helping to create and deliver resources to a lot of students who otherwise may not have access to those resources. Helping students find their purpose, interests, voice, and sense of self is something that I am very excited to take part in.

### WHAT'S AN ASSET YOU THINK YOU BRING TO FUTURE ACES?

Having lived, studied, and worked in a number of countries in a number of capacities, I think that I bring an ability to speak to students from many different perspectives - be it as an international student, a first-generation post-secondary student, a student-athlete, a student struggling with student debt - I've been there and done that. I have that lived experience that I think may resonate with some folks.

## **Sakina Rizvi** (She/her)

### INTRODUCE YOURSELF.

My name is Sakina Rizvi, and I am the Education Lead at Future Aces. I have a Master of Education degree in Curriculum Studies & Teacher Development from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), a Master of Arts degree from Middlesex University, and I am currently pursuing my doctorate degree at McGill University. My research is centered around positive self-efficacy development and accelerated education models. I look forward to working with Future Aces to redevelop their character education programs for the next school year.



### WHAT EXCITES YOU THE MOST ABOUT YOUR ROLE OR THE ORGANIZATION?

I am excited about collaborating with schools to implement the Future Aces Creed through workshops, webinars, and conferences. I believe that it is critical to create learning environments that reinforce positive character traits and look forward to developing materials that structure nurturing spaces for growth.

### WHAT'S AN ASSET YOU THINK YOU BRING TO FUTURE ACES?

Over the last couple of years, I have worked with various organizations on character development programs. In my role as an educational consultant, I led a character development initiative to help high school students inculcate character traits that are critical for success in postsecondary education. I presented seminars on opportunities for growth and development in various fields and discussed the importance of maintaining a balance between social, personal, and academic aspirations. I plan to draw on my past experiences with developing character education programs as I work with Future Aces.



## Letter From Director

DEAR FUTURE ACES COMMUNITY,

Thank you for your support of the Herbert H. Carnegie Future Aces Foundation. It has been an amazing opportunity getting to know more about the Future Aces community from alumni, parents, teachers, donors and so many more. The impact of the Future Aces program and the commitment of the community to donate has been incredible. In just over 3 weeks we have received over \$6,000 in gifts ranging from \$5 to \$2,600. We are getting closer to our goal of \$20,000 that will help ensure the launch of our new virtual programming in 2022.

In this newsletter you will get a chance to learn more about our new Education Leads Sakina and Leland, the 2022 Scholarship program, our website and much more. We hope you enjoy catching up on what we are doing and that you will drop us a line.

I look forward to connecting with more of you in 2022 and wish you all a safe and joyful holiday season.

Sincerely,

*Shelley*

## Have you seen our new website?

The future aces website has been completely revamped this year, made more accessible and easier to navigate.

Donations can be made under the "donate now" tab on the first page

Get to know the team and board members through our website as well!

Our website can be found at [www.futureaces.org](http://www.futureaces.org)



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# Scholarship Opening Soon



As many of you may know, we are preparing to launch our scholarship applications for the 2022 school year. Applications open in January 2022. Successful applicants will have demonstrated their contribution to society by having exhibited good citizenship through extensive volunteerism, community service or character-building initiatives and by participating in humanitarian causes (minimum 150 hours). The minimum amount of the scholarship is \$1,000. We strongly encourage students to apply for our scholarship and look forward to reading your applications!

## ELIGIBILITY

- Hold Canadian citizenship, permanent resident status, landed immigrant or refugee status
- Be in the graduating year of uninterrupted full-time studies in high school or CEGEP
- Exceptions may be considered for those who have undertaken a gap year for academic pursuits or community service-based activities
- Be between the ages of 16 to 24
- Financial need is taken into consideration

## HOW TO APPLY

- The application package will be posted in word doc form on our website at [www.futureaces.org](http://www.futureaces.org) under the "scholarships" tab
- Some questions have word limits, please do not exceed them
- we ensured that the package is straight forward and easy to understand but if you require further assistance, please email [scholarships@futureaces.org](mailto:scholarships@futureaces.org)

**To learn more about how to sponsor a scholarship please contact [shelley@futureaces.org](mailto:shelley@futureaces.org)**

## What is your favorite Christmas movie?

We asked our Interns and here is what they had to say:

- Home Alone
- Ice Age
- Jingle All The Way!
- A Santa Clause

Let us know your favourite on any of our social media accounts!

