

#### Future Aces Newsletter

February 2022

To celebrate the new year, we here at Future Aces can not wait to continue to improve and find new ways to assist the young people!



## Letter from our Executive Director, Shelley Nicholls



Dear Future Aces Community,

February is here and we are looking forward to celebrating Black History Month, with you all. Check out our social media pages this month to learn more about Dr. Carnegie, other legends and some up-and-coming faces from across the African Diaspora.

In 2022 Future Aces will reach another milestone, 35 years of serving our community since our founding! We would love to hear from you if you received a scholarship, attended a conference, participated in an

assembly or remember the Future Aces song. So, pull out your favourite Future Aces memories and share them with us on our social media or email me shelley@futureaces.org. We will be featuring alums throughout 2022 and you will have a chance to win some limited-edition Future Aces swag.

We raised over \$8,000 in the first month of our \$20,000, matching gifts campaign! We thank the many generous donors who are supporting the campaign, especially the family, of Bertie Bacchus. Mr. Bacchus was a loving husband, father and grandfather who was committed to education and youth up to development. The funds raised on behalf of Mr. Bacchus will be used to fund a 2022 scholarship. More information is available about the scholarships program in the newsletter and online.

Thank you to our fall semester interns, Ish, Jimmy, Karen, Ruthba and Waad! The interns helped support the renewal of Future Aces from our website, fundraising, social media and education program. We appreciate their passion for the organization and the hard work they put into everything they did. We wish them all the very best in their future endeavors. Also, we welcome two new students Joey and Christine along with our Partnerships and Fundraising Lead Tina. We are excited to continue the Foundation's work and you can read more about our new team members below.

As we enter the third year of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are embracing virtual learning. With support from the Ministry of Education and our donors the Future Aces Education team is redesigning our programs to better serve youth in the classroom and beyond. Our Education team, led by Sakina Rizvi and Leland Harper, is working on great new modules that will build on our positive character development programs. Check out this newsletter to learn more about our education program.

Stay warm out there and take care.

Best,

Shelley Micholls

## Recent Donations

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Thank you all for your continued support and kind donations in the month of December. Heading into the new year we are in need of your support to help us reach our \$20,000 goal to complete a matching gift donation provided by one of our long-time donors.



#### We are currently at \$8,400

Donate today to make an impact!

**Click to make a Donation** 

All proceeds will be going towards our 2022 Future Aces Education Programs.

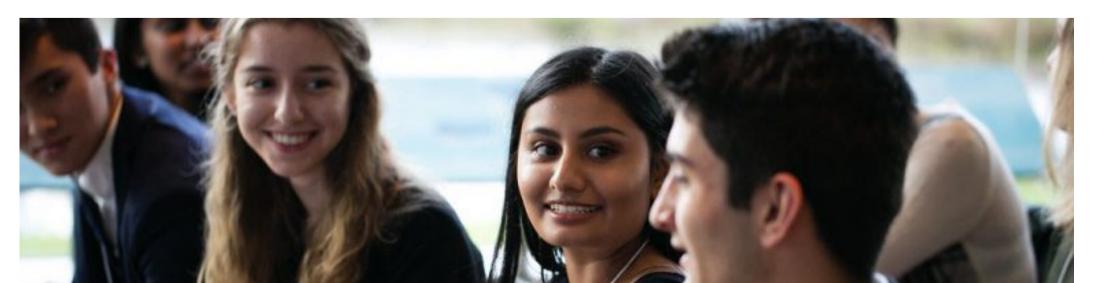
## In Loving Memory of Bertie 'Bert' Bacchus

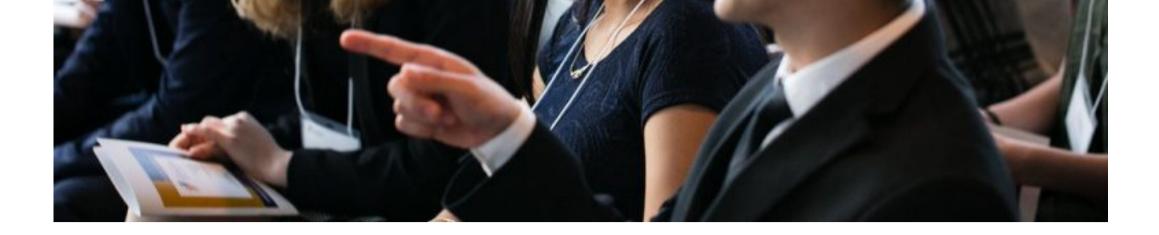


Future Aces would like to send our condolences to the family of Mr. Bertie Bacchus. We are grateful for the generosity and kindness of the Bacchus family and friends for thinking of the foundation during this difficult time.



#### A New Look for Future Aces!





With the increased prevalence of COVID-19, the Herbert H. Carnegie Future Aces Foundation is currently working on transitioning our character development program to a virtual platform. Over the last few weeks, the education team has been developing positive character-building learning activities for schools and youth organizations. These activities are designed to prompt reflective discussions about racism and the systemic and institutional barriers that people of color encounter in their social, personal, and professional lives.

The Future Aces character development program is designed to provide educators with the tools and resources to employ antiracist pedagogies in their classes. We are very excited to share some of these new opportunities with you and will be providing more details soon, starting with new and expanded programming for our high school-aged participants. Soon after, we will be sharing some engaging new opportunities for middle school and elementary school-aged children. Stay tuned!

# Join us in Welcoming our New Team Members!

**Fundraising Lead** 

## Tina Amir-Ghasemi

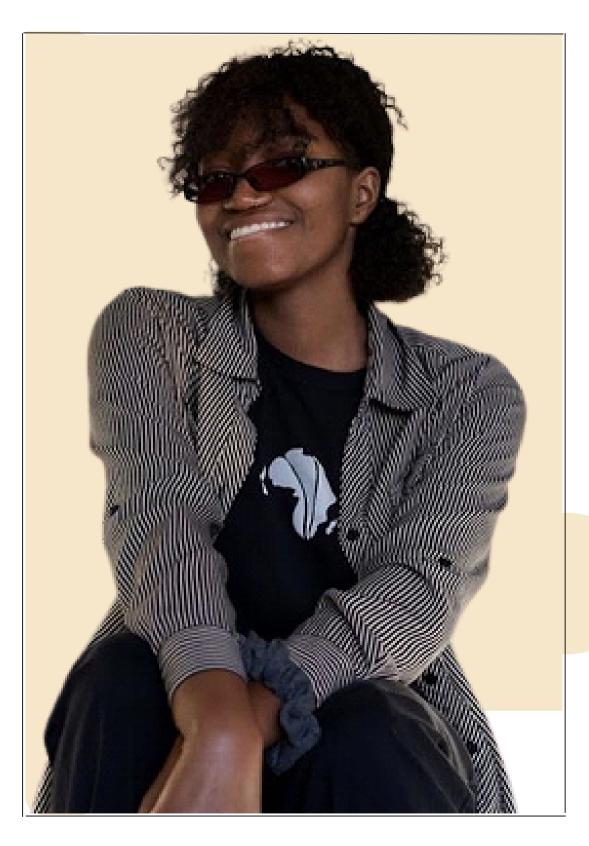


Born in Iran, spending my childhood in Sweden, and moving to Canada as a teenager, the immigrant experience sparked a fascination for different languages, cultures and helping others. As a result, I am deeply committed to building strong communities that celebrate diversity and inclusivity for all.

Like most educators, I have held various positions in a wide variety of settings: language instructor and camp counsellor in the Swiss Alps, Homeroom and Physical Education teacher in San Francisco, California, 5th grade teacher in Madrid, Spain and now a middle school teacher within the Peel District School Board.

In my free time you can usually find me outdoors enjoying hikes, bike rides or playing on my co-ed soccer and basketball teams. The mission and creed of the Future Aces Foundation are a wonderful match for my own values and I am very excited to join the team!

### Christine Williams



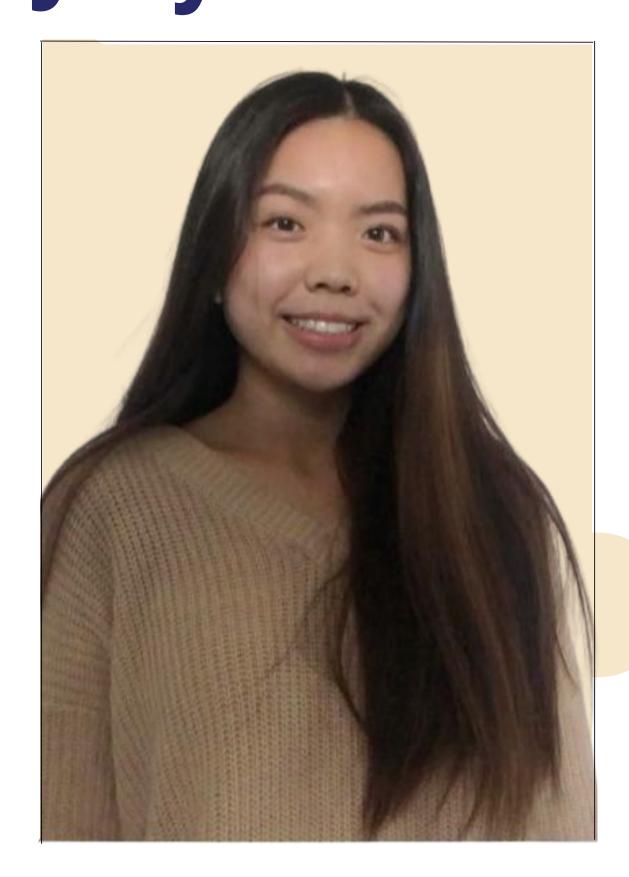
Hi everyone, my name is Christine Williams, and I am the new Fundraising Associate for this term. I have recently finished my third year of my undergraduate degree in Honors Health Studies and will be on to my fourth year in September. I have also maintained a position on the university's Dean list since 2018.

I enjoy contributing to my community in ways that meet my interests; participating in food deliveries to congregate care homes as well as assisting with Toronto's vaccine roll out to name a few.

Outside of school I train in dance professionally and assist in efforts to promote Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) within the Toronto dance industry. During this internship I am hoping to diversify my skill set and expand my knowledge of EDI.

**Education Associate** 

Joey Ou



Hello, my name is Joey.

I am currently a third year student studying psychology with a minor in social development studies at the University of Waterloo.

My hobbies include watching T.V and movies, listening to music, going on daily walks, drawing, and trying new foods.

I have a huge obsession with animals especially cats and dogs. So if you want some animal memes, I got you!

I may be shy at first but I will definitely open up and be the easy going person I am. I look forward to working with the Future Aces Foundation!

# We are now Accepting Scholarship Applications for

#### Herbert H. Carnegie Future Aces Foundations Scholarship 2022

The Herbert H. Carnegie Future Aces Foundation scholarships are awarded annually to applicants that demonstrate the values of the Future Aces Creed. Successful students contribute to society by having exhibited good citizenship through community service, character-building initiatives and/or by participating in humanitarian causes.

The foundation has provided support to close to 900 students with \$1,000 scholarships

Applications open on January 17,2022, and close March 31, 2022.

#### Applicant Eligibility:

- · Hold Canadian citizenship, permanent resident, 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.
- Student between the ages of 16 to 24.
- · Financial need is taken into consideration

#### How To Apply:

- Download the application package
- · Some questions have word limits, please do not exceed them.
- The package is designed to be straight-forward and easy to complete. In the event that you require further assistance please don't hesitate to email scholarships@futureaces.org

Download Application Package

# Deadline to Submit is March 31, 2022

Check out all the details on the Scholarship Section of our Website today.

Simply click the button below to begin your Scholarship Application today!

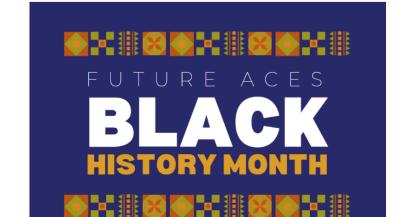
**Apply Here!** 

### Looking Ahead at 2022!















Head over to our social media right now to learn more about our Swag Giveaway and Alumni Outreach! Keep an eye out this month for our Black History Month posts, appreciation and events.