

FUTURE ACES NEWSLETTER

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LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Future Aces Community,

The Education team, and all of us at Future ACES, are excited to announce that the Future ACES character development program relaunches in May 2022! The Education team has redesigned and developed some amazing programming options for schools, community organizations, and more. To learn more check out our website www.futureaces.org or our social media soon for details. Many thanks to the Ontario Ministry of Education for their long-term support of Future ACES.

This month we put our alumnae spotlight on Krystiana Clarke, an amazing young leader who is the General Manager of the professional Women's Hockey team, the Toronto Six. Future ACES played a major role in Krystiana's early life including meeting Dr. Carnegie when she was in elementary school. We hope you enjoy our feature on Krystiana, and a fun fact Ms. Bernice Carnegie, Future ACES co-founder and daughter of Dr. Carnegie, is a part-owner of the Toronto Six.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped Future ACES raise over \$13,500 in the first four months of our \$20,000, matching gifts campaign! We appreciate the generous donations and are closing the gap with less than \$6,500 left to raise by May 31, 2022. We need your help raising funds and a fun way to show support is to check out and bid on items that are part of the Future ACES online silent auction. The auction site, hosted by Trellis, has a wide variety of great prizes packages including romantic dinners, golf, books, portraits, and much more! All funds raised will go towards supporting our scholarships and programming. So what are you waiting for, start bidding!

We thank the National Hockey League for presenting the NHL mobile Black Hockey History tour <https://www.nhl.com/fans/black-hockey-history/bus-tour>. Seeing and learning more about the contributions of Dr. Carnegie, Angela James, and other Black men and women over the last 100+ years in hockey is transformative. We applaud the work of the Black Girl Hockey Club, Hockey 4 Youth, and the Carnegie Initiative to name a few, for helping the next generation of hockey lovers take their places on and off the ice. I appreciate the work these groups are doing to help evolve hockey culture and our communities so that hockey can truly be for everyone.

Enjoy spring and take good care.

Best,

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FUTURE ACES IMPACT: REFLECTION BY KRYSTIANA CLARKE

Krystiana Clarke is our Future ACES alumnae for April and we are excited to catch up with her. Krystiana attended Alexander Stirling elementary school in Scarborough, where she was awarded the Future Ace certificate for success in the Future ACES program. The impact of the Future ACES program meant a great deal to her and her family growing up, so much so that Future Aces Creed can still be found hanging on the wall in her parents' house today! We sat down with Krystiana to discuss the impact that the Future Aces program had on her past, present and future, and her overall key takeaways from the program.



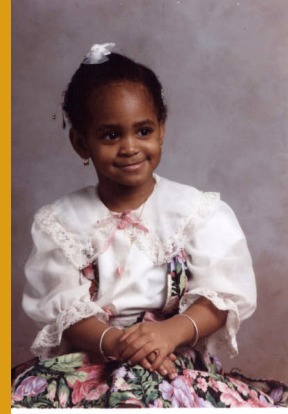
Krystiana was born and raised in Scarborough to Jamaican immigrant parents and is the youngest of four children. Clarke attended Alexander Sterling Elementary from 1994 – 2004, where she was first introduced to Future Aces. She recalls distinctive memories from the program, specifically the first day the program was launched. She said Dr. Carnegie was there in person to discuss the program with the students at a school assembly and it was her first time hearing his story. Future ACES school assemblies would happen a few times during the school year where a select few students would be recognized for demonstrating Future ACES attributes. Clarke was recognized on several different occasions. When we asked Clarke what about the program stood out to her the most, she talked about how the program brought relevance to racial injustice issues. Clarke said, "It brought it more home. You know like when they talk about MLK its like so in the past, and as a kid you're like the past is 100 years ago... but it brought it really home, it's like oh it's happening here, it's not just in America and it's not just elsewhere".



Clarke said that she was surprised to hear of Dr. Carnegie's experiences happening so close to home, but that she and her family were excited that efforts were being made to bring awareness, especially to children. She talked about how this allowed her to have such conversations with her parents that she otherwise wouldn't have been able to have.

FUTURE ACES IMPACT: A REFLECTION BY KRYSTIANA CLARKE

Today Krystiana works as the general manager for Toronto 6. The Toronto 6 team is owned by a group of BIPOC leaders including Dr. Carnegie's daughter Bernice Carnegie, and Future ACES co-founder. The Toronto 6 is a professional women's ice hockey team and Krystiana's role as GM is to make sure the players are taken care of. She talks about how the Future ACES program helped empower her and she has been able to empower, mentor and support others around her.



We asked her to identify the Future ACES attribute from the Creed that resonated with her the most and she shared that empathy was the most important attribute to her. As a former soccer player, she always looked at inequities in any individual sport as an issue in all sports, and no issue was separate from the next. She used this lens to put herself in the shoes of others. She goes on to say,

"I always made sure I put myself in their shoes and like what would I like, what would make me feel valued, what would make me feel good in this situation?"

Clarke discusses how this philosophy goes beyond sports into life. The importance of being empathetic to everybody despite our differences. Though displayed differently we all have and are deserving of empathy.

Krystie's advice for the up-and-coming youth today is extremely wise and something we should all put into practice. From the Future ACES program and the way she was raised at home, Krystie believes strongly in doing good for society. The best way to care for our community is by every individual taking the necessary steps to take care of themselves and better themselves. During our interview she said, "Just in terms of being a good member to the society is also just being good to yourself."

Finally, Krystie shared with us one random fun fact about herself. Back in the day she used to aspire to be a basketball star and would practice for hours on the basketball net in her family's driveway hoping to score a net every time a car drove by in hopes of being seen by the right person. With that, she also says to keep that mindset of performing your best always, because you never know who is watching.

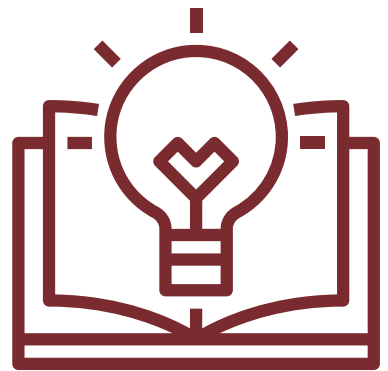
We are watching Krsystie and we appreciate all of what you are doing.

EDUCATION CONTENT UPDATE

The education team has continued to develop resources to support youth-serving organizations and schools. We have been expanding our content to address topics related to:

- Stereotype
- Bias
- Antiracism
- Positive character development
- Dr. Herbert H. Carnegie
- The Future Aces Creed

A preview of some of this content will be available on our website starting in May, with more added each week. So, be sure to check and to check back often!



We have also been working to create and deliver custom content for a wide range of organizations and communities. We look forward to sharing more information about these partnerships in the near future. And, as always, if you have connections to a youth-serving community organization where you think this kind of programming could be valuable, we would love to hear from you!

THANKS FOR JOINING US FOR GET MOVING!



On March 31, 2022 we had lots of fun hosting our first fundraising event for the year! Even our furry friends got in on the action! Sending out a huge thanks again to everyone who participated, donated or spread the word about the fundraiser.

An even bigger thank you goes out to our pilates instructor, Loana Wagner! She definitely got us moving and sweating for a great cause. If you missed it, don't worry! You will have a chance to bid on a pilates class package with Loana during our silent auction at the end of the month.

Link to bid: https://trellis.org/future-aces-silent-auction/auction/auctionItem_BRhkl3wAuL

SILENT AUCTION

Our team will be hosting our first silent auction for the year. All funds raised will go towards Future ACES annual scholarships and programming.

A promotional graphic for a silent auction. It features a central circular image of a woman with curly hair smiling and holding up a bid sign with the number '82'. Other bid signs with numbers '40' and '5' are visible in the background. The graphic is framed by yellow vertical bars on the left and right, and blue and yellow circles and lines on the top and bottom. The text 'SILENT AUCTION' is prominently displayed at the top. Below the image, it says 'Help us raise money for our Future Aces Foundation!'. A light blue box contains the dates 'Bidding start: April 22nd' and 'Bidding end: April 29th'. At the bottom, it says 'Stay tuned for more details about the auction items!' and includes a logo of a stylized person in a blue and yellow circle.

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Stay tuned for more details about the auction items!

Auction packages include gift cards for dinner for 2, VIP movie tickets, anti-racism book sets, electronics and more.

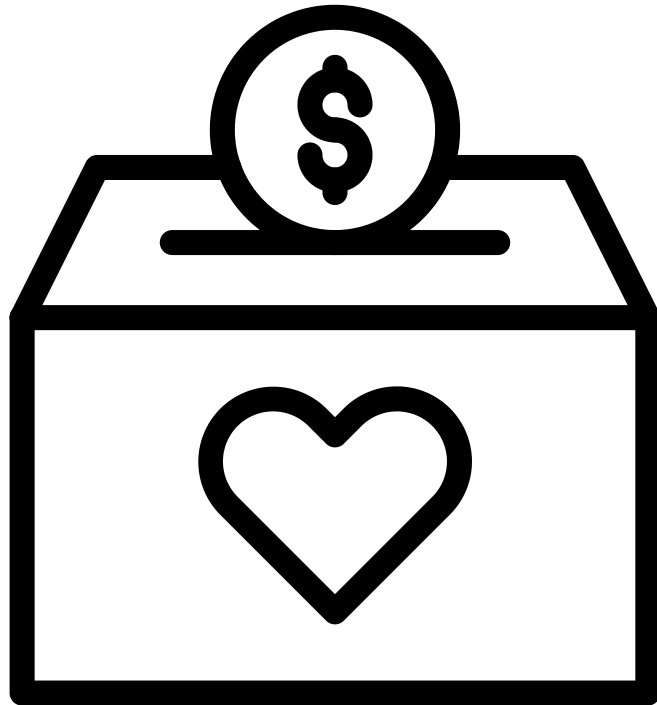
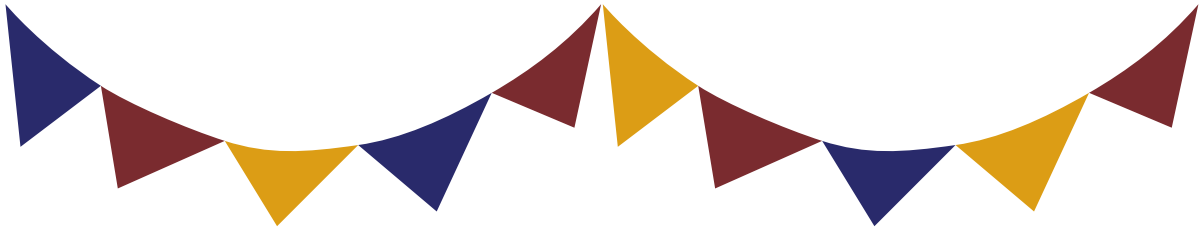
Bidding started on April 22nd, 2022. Check out our trellis website for more details about our auction items and how to bid!
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GOLF TOURNAMENT VOLUNTEERS

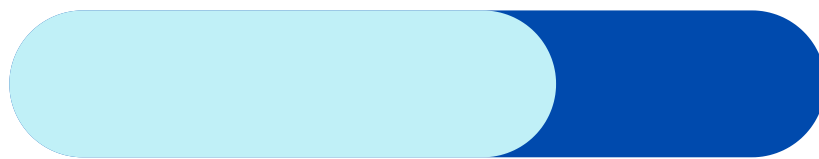


Our foundation is coming back with our annual golf tournament for the first time in three years! We are excited to connect with volunteers and golfers, beginner to pro, at our golf event tentatively scheduled for October 5, 2022. For more information and on how to help out, please send an email shelley@futureaces.org.
Thanks in advance for your help!

DONATE TODAY!



\$13,500 of our \$20,000 goal!



Our current goal is to reach \$20,000 and earn the full matching gift. Help us reach our goal and fulfill Dr. Carnegie's dream of creating a world where youth can reach their highest potential!

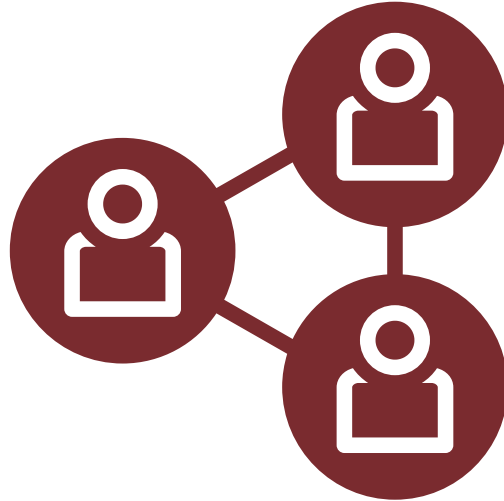
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE IN!



Scholarship application submissions closed on **Monday April 18th, 2022**. Thanks again to all of our hard working applicants that took time to put their applications together and submit them by the due date. We're looking forward to reviewing everyone's applications, and wish you all best of luck as we wait to announce our 2022 Future ACES scholarship winners.

Calling all Alumni...

Connect with us!



If you have been a part of Future Aces or experienced our work at any point over the past 35 years we want to hear from you. We're hoping to get feedback about how we can make our programs and services better by individuals that have experienced it first hand.



In connecting with us, you will also be entered in a draw to win and rep brand new Future Aces swag designed by members of our team! For more information about how to connect with us on send us an email at shelley@futureaces.org. Looking forward to hearing from you!