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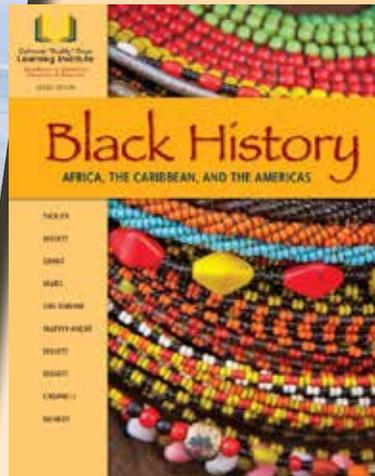
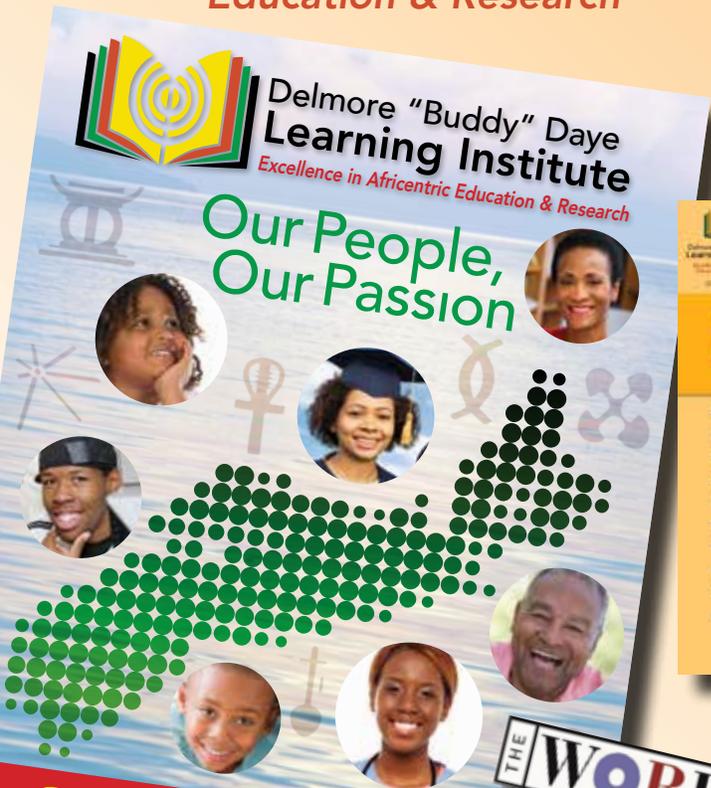
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Community Update – Fall 2018



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THRIVING COMMUNITIES

ACADEMIC SUCCESS THROUGH CAPACITY BUILDING SUMMIT

Do you want to learn more about the various African Nova Scotia organizations and resources available to African Nova Scotian/Black learners within Nova Scotia?

The Delmore “Buddy” Daye Learning Institute is hosting a regional summit to expose African Nova Scotian learners and communities to the African Nova Scotian/Black organizational resources that exist provincially and locally which can build capacity and agency within communities and invigorate learner success.

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 17, 2018
10AM – 4:00PM

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Chair’s Message: Jocelyn Dorrington

Welcome to this edition of the Delmore “Buddy” Daye Learning Institute’s Community Update. We continue to develop and implement initiatives designed to fulfill our mission of improving the educational experiences, opportunities and outcomes for Nova Scotian learners of African ancestry and their communities. The DBDLI continues to demonstrate innovation and creativity to deliver our initiatives.

We kicked off this past summer with the Ancestral Roots Awards in June, which showcased African Nova Scotian young adults who were acknowledged for their leadership and contributions to their communities. This was followed by our annual Report to the Community. Both events were held in Halifax and were well attended by community, partners and those we serve.

In September, we held our Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting of our new office/community space, which is located at 5450 Cornwallis Street. The event was truly a celebration, with approximately 200 people in attendance. In the spirit of Sankofa, we acknowledged the contributions of those who came before us and on whose shoulders we stand. We acknowledged the contributions from grassroots community engagement and the dedicated work that paved the way for us today.

Our participation at the Word on the Street Festival (September 2018), held at the Halifax Central Library, marked our third year as part of the event. The team promoted the work we do while selling our resource materials to a large and receptive crowd. Wanda Robson was in attendance, signing autographs for the “ABCs of Viola Desmond”.

In October, we launched the 2019 African Nova Scotian History Challenges and have been providing copies of the Challenges Magazine, in French and English, to all the schools across the province. The Challenges, one of our flagship education initiatives, continues to grow annually and we look forward to even more amazing submissions from students and schools. With a closing date of February 8th, preparations are well underway for the awards ceremony in the spring.

I am pleased to announce the release of 2 new publications: “The International Day of the Girl Child”, an illustrated poetry book and “Black History - Africa, The Caribbean, and The Americas”, an educational resource. These two publications expand our resource offerings in both the children and youth categories.

We have continued our youth initiatives and engagement activities through the development of such initiatives as the Early Investment In African Nova Scotian Communities professional development

workshop and the Thriving Communities: Academic Success Through Capacity Building Summit. Both projects address important aspects of youth, community growth, and leadership development.

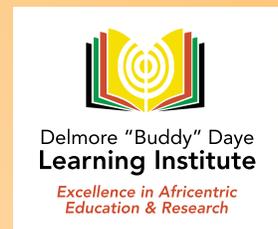
On the research front, we have been working in collaboration with the Tri-County Regional Center for Education and Dalhousie University on a research collaboration to explore student engagement and the impact felt by the “Attendance and Engagement Policy”. We look forward to sharing preliminary findings in late November.

As we move toward the close of the 2018 calendar, I extend heartfelt wishes for a Happy Kwanzaa, a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.



OUR ROLE

As an Africentric Institute, the DBDLI creates educational change and genuine opportunities for learners and communities of African ancestry to reach their full potential.



Educational research is vital to achieving our vision. We conduct, research and disseminate findings that inform policy makers, educators, parents and the general public on how to best improve educational opportunities and outcomes for Nova Scotian learners of African ancestry.

The Institute works directly with African Nova Scotian / Canadian organizations, communities, government partners, and educational institutions to identify, develop and implement educational and community capacity enhancement policies, initiatives and services.



The Ancestral Roots Awards celebrated and honoured African Nova Scotian youth who have made and continue to make significant contributions to their communities. Honourees were recognized in 12 categories;

Justice, Education, Performing Arts, Written/Visual Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Business/Entrepreneur, Community Service, Developing Young Leaders, Spirituality, Science and Technology.

Many strengths and assets are apparent within African Nova Scotian communities and the Ancestral Roots Awards paid tribute to underacknowledged, yet exceptional, young adult (19-30) leaders of African descent.

An Awards night was held in Halifax, with more than 200 people in attendance for the announcement of this year's recipients. The evening also included a fashion show, spoken word poetry, dancers and keynote speaker DeRico Symonds.

The Ancestral Roots Awards were regarded as the premier event for Youth this year and the DBDLI was proud to make it happen.



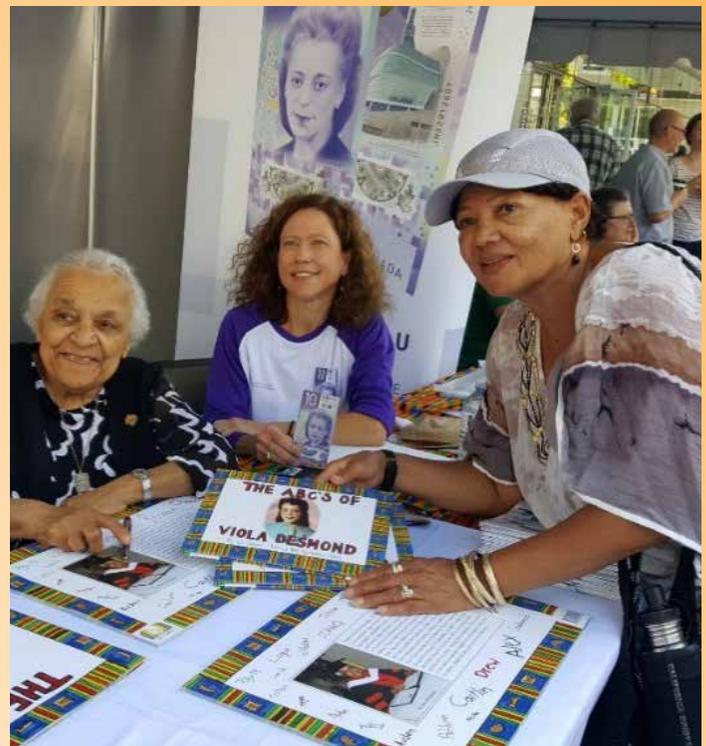
2018 Ancestral Roots Awards Winners

THE WORD ON THE STREET

HALIFAX BOOK & MAGAZINE FESTIVAL

The Word on The Street Festival took place at the Halifax Central Library on Spring Garden Road. This is the third year we have hosted an exhibit and sales booth.

We were especially proud to have had in attendance Viola Desmond's sister, Wanda Robson, who graciously signed copies of our publication, *The ABC's of Viola Desmond*. Her engaging personality made it hard for passersby not to stop at our booth. We were also fortunate to have a representative of the Bank of Canada at our booth with the new \$10.00 note on which Viola Desmond is featured. Our booth was one of the most visited stops at this year's festival.



(L-R) Wanda Robson, Bank of Canada Representative Monique LeBlanc & Community Member Velma Skeir.

Report to the Community 2018

This year's Report to the Community (RTC) was held on June 21, 2018 at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel. Committee reports were provided along with the Chair's report, Financial report and community updates. They are available on our website.

This year's RTC was well attended by the African Nova Scotian community as well as some of our partners and organizations that share our commitment to the community.

The student youth group, Know Thy Self (KTS), directed by

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Ms. Cyndi Cain and performed several of their stomp/ spoken word pieces including the women's commemoration performance entitled "Roll Call".

We also marked some milestones at the RTC. Ms. Ramona Hill was presented with her 5 year award. Ramona has been with the Institute since before its doors opened. Special recognition awards were also presented to Ferdinand Makani and James Mackonyere. Both supported the DBDLI by providing bookkeeper services.



Jocelyn Dorrington presents James Makonyere his Thank you for service Award



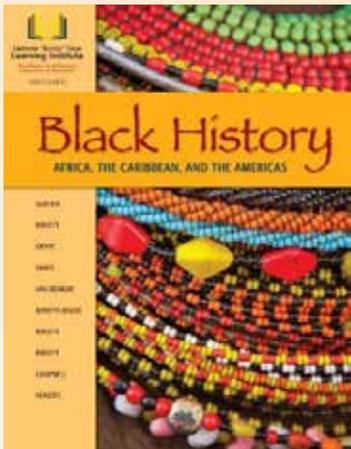
Sylvia Parris-Drummond and Sheila Lucas-Cole present Ramona Hill with her 5 year Award



Jocelyn Dorrington presents Ferdinand Makani his Thank you for service Award



Resource Publications



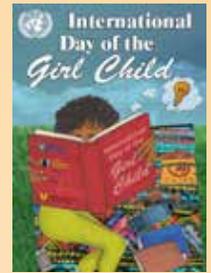
Black History: Africa, the Caribbean, and the Americas

The revised edition of *Black History: Africa, the Caribbean, and the Americas* is now available for distribution. This important resource was compiled with input from teachers of African Canadian Studies and

will replace the current edition used in the course African Canadian Studies 11. The revised edition contains much more information about African Nova Scotian history and culture and is also recommended as a valuable teaching resource for Social Studies, Geography and other core subjects.

The International Day of the Girl Child

In October, the Alexa McDonough Institute at MSVU held its second celebration of the International Day of the Girl Child. In support of the inaugural event, the DBDLI published a special publication that combined the talents of local writer and spoken word performer, El Jones, and Illustrator Bria Cherise Miller.



El's poem acknowledged and focused on the fact that every girl has talents and that they can be whatever they want. They are beautiful, no matter the colour of their skin, the size of their bodies or the texture of their hair. Bria transformed El's words into beautiful pictures that depict the diversity of girls. The message of this inspiring little book is that girls should never underestimate how amazing they truly are.

Every participant of the International Day of the Girl Child received a copy of the book.

African Youth Conference

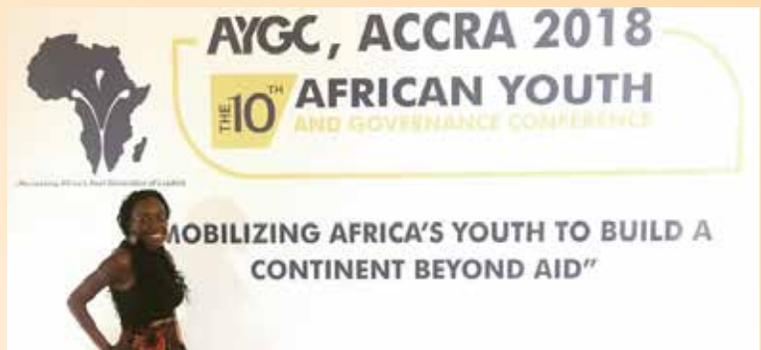
In August, the DBDLI was proud to help support our youth Board member participate in the African Youth & Governance Conference (AYGC) from August 4th-12th 2018, organized by the Youth Bridge Foundation.

The theme of the conference was "Mobilizing Africa's Youth to Build a Continent Beyond Aid". Apart from the conference, additional activities were added for the African Nova Scotian Delegation to enhance their experience in Ghana and have them engage more directly with Ghanaian history and culture.

The 10th Annual African Youth and Governance Conference took place in Accra, Ghana. There were two youth summits incorporated into the conference. One was the Diaspora Youth Summit – Building Dynamic and Mutually Beneficial Links with African Diaspora Youth. The other was the Youth Economic Summit – Africa Beyond Aid on the Heels of Digitized Entrepreneurship Development. The experiential, cultural, and emotional learnings from this conference were invaluable and what was learned will be incorporated into our youth leadership initiatives.



The Nova Scotia AYGC contingent



Mukisa Kakembo at the AYGC



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Grand Opening September 21, 2018

The Delmore "Buddy" Daye Learning Institute (DBDLI) officially opened the doors to its new home on September 21, 2018. Located at 5450 Cornwallis Street, this first-of-its-kind Institute is focused on excellence in Africentric Education and Research to improve the experiences, opportunities and outcomes of learners of African ancestry.

Over 200 members of the Community, education partners and supporters were part of the celebration. The event included the Honourable Tony Ince, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs, past members of the Black Learners Advisory Committee, representatives of the Council on African Canadian Education, Deputy Minister, Cathy Montreuil of the Department of

Education and Early Childhood Development; municipal and federal level government officials and members of the Institute's Board.



(L-R) Dr. Susie Brigham, DBDLI Chair- Jocelyn Dorrington & Gilbert Daye

Located in the same neighbourhood as its previous office, the newly renovated facility is a combination of office and community space with a library and art wall that showcases locally-authored publications and local artists. Influenced by elements of African design along with energy efficient upgrades, the Institute is a warm and inviting location for the community to gather and provides the Institute with space for future growth.

Special thanks to the business and community partners who donated their resources, services and time.



Wayn Hamilton performs the Libation ceremony



(L-R) Samuel Provo, Hon. Min. Tony Ince, Jocelyn Dorrington, Irvine Carvery, Gilbert Daye & Chanae Parsons

Launch of the 2018-2019 African Nova Scotian History Challenges

The African Nova Scotian History Challenges and Awards is a collaborative initiative of the Delmore “Buddy” Daye Learning Institute, Regional Education Centres and various partners in education from across the province. The goal of these Challenges is to encourage discussion and learning about African Nova Scotian history in all our schools.

The 11th annual African Nova Scotian History Challenges were launched in October. This year’s Magazine (available in both English and French) was distributed to all schools in the province. It is also posted on our website.

Last year’s Challenges had more than 3200 separate entries from 50 different schools, including many entries in French.

As in previous years, the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia presented the top prizes for the best school submissions.

Submissions will be accepted until February 8, 2019. We look forward to recognizing this year’s outstanding submissions at the African Nova Scotian History Challenges Awards ceremony in the spring of 2019.

For additional information about this year’s African Nova Scotian History Challenges visit our website at www.dbdli.ca



DBDLI Partners with the Research Update



DBDLI in collaboration with Tri-County Regional Centre of Education (TCRCE) and Dalhousie University (through Dr. Joyline Makani) is involved in research designed to develop an understanding of how the current Attendance and Engagement policy is working in schools, particularly, the impact of the policy on African Nova Scotia students.



This is a Participatory Action Research (PAR) that we expect will provide findings to inform the development of capabilities within TCRCE for the successful implementation of the policy.



The research involved interviews with teachers, principals and administrators in TCRCE that are responsible for the implementation of the policy.

An important component of the study is a research forum that will take place on November 23, 2018 at DBDLI where we will have the opportunity to engage research participants in a discussion of our initial findings.

Community Engagement

As part of the DBDLI community engagement mandate, members of the DBDLI headed to Sydney, Cape Breton in August. Dr. George Frempong and John Wedderburn connected with members of the Sydney community at Menelik Hall. The objective of the meeting was to first introduce the community to the DBDLI, its mandate, its initiatives and to invite them to be a part of our research network.

The session provided insights into the experiences of the community. Attendees highlighted the resources that they have developed to address the issues they face and how the DBDLI can offer assistance.

Darnell Kirton was our summer intern in Sydney and managed the logistics for the session that was held at Melenik Hall. His knowledge of the local area was invaluable. As he heads off to university, we wish Darnell good luck on his studies at Memorial University in Newfoundland.



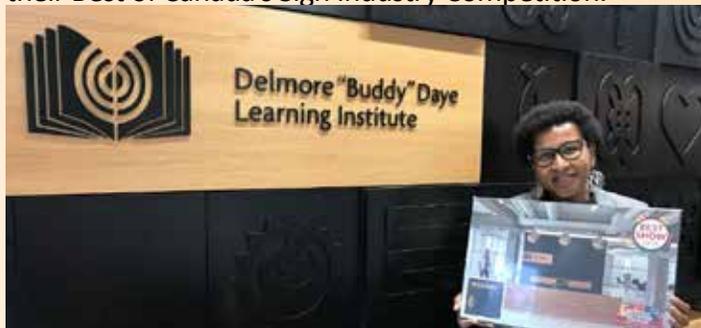
Dr. George Frempong, Darnell Kirton & John Wedderburn



(L-R) KiLee Fraser, Bradley Sheppard, Chester Borden, Noreen Mackinnon, Lillian Marsman, Darnell Kirton, Dr. George Frempong, Tiffany Perry & Lisa Oakley

Form+Media Wins BOSCI Award for Delmore “Buddy” Daye Learning Institute Signage.

On Friday, September 21, 2018, the Sign Association of Canada (SAC) held a gala event to honour and celebrate the Canadian sign industry. The event provided an opportunity for SAC/ACE to announce the winners of their Best of Canada’s Sign Industry Competition.



Form+Media entered two projects and it was announced that the signage at the Delmore “Buddy” Daye Learning Institute won “Best in Category” for Sign Systems category. It also won “Best in Show”.

The Best of Canada’s Sign Industry Awards honour the top work of sign companies and related organizations across the country, with winners selected by an expert panel of independent judges. The awards program is jointly managed by Sign Media Canada and Sign Association of Canada.



OmiSoore Dryden

Meet the Candidates for the James R. Johnston Chair in Black Canadian Studies

The Delmore “Buddy” Daye Learning Institute (DBDLI), in its capacity as the Africentric education and research Institute and in partnership with Dalhousie University hosted three African Nova Scotian Community Meet & Greets for each of the candidates for the James R. Johnston (JRJ) Chair in Black Canadian Studies.



Winston Husbands

The JRJ is an Endowed National Senior Academic Chair, established in Halifax to honour and recognize the unique historical presence of African Nova Scotians. The Chair’s mandate is to further develop and mobilize research on Black peoples in Canada, and to create a bridge between the academy and the wider African descended communities.



Ingrid Waldron

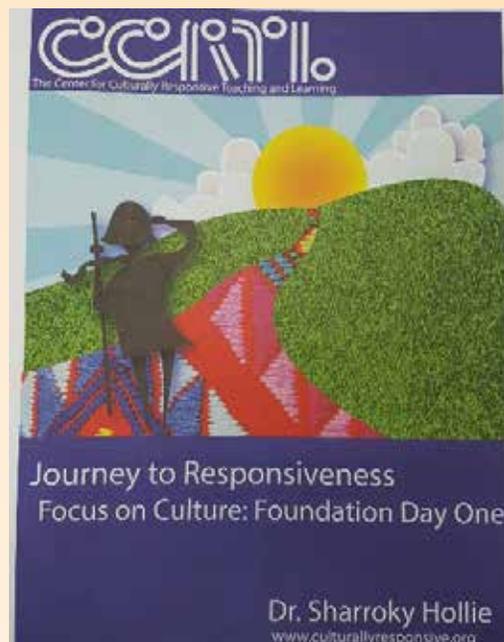
Dalhousie sought community input in the selection process by providing an opportunity for the community to meet the candidates, hear how they view their engagement with our community and to talk about their research approach to community health needs. Each of the evening events included a brief self-introduction from the candidate, with most of the time allocated to community questions and networking.

Journey to Culturally Responsive Pedagogy

Sylvia Parris Drummond, CEO was joined by Chanae Parsons, Coordinator of Youth Initiatives & Projects to participate in the Journey to Culturally Responsive Pedagogy professional development offered by Dr. Sharroky Hollie.

The program gave participants the opportunity to co-learn, with public school educators and senior staff, on ways to enhance the knowledge base of culturally responsive pedagogy and how to apply it in their practices.

There were a great many insights and practical references offered. Participants came away excited at the possibility of continuing to work collaboratively with EECD and the Regional Education Centres.





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The 2019 African Nova Scotian History Challenges

Entries accepted from October 19, 2018 to February 8, 2019

Awards include bursaries totalling \$3,000.00, prizes and gifts.



Kwanzaa was created to introduce and reinforce the
Seven Basic Values of African Culture
 which contribute to building and reinforcing family, community and culture.



Umoja
Unity



Kujichagulia
Self-Determination



Ujima
Collective Work
& Responsibility



Ujamaa
Cooperative
Economics



Nia
Purpose



Kuumba
Creativity



Imani
Faith



From the Board & Staff



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If you have an interest in knowing more about the DBDLI and what role you can play in helping to improve the academic achievement of African Nova Scotia learners and educators, contact us.

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