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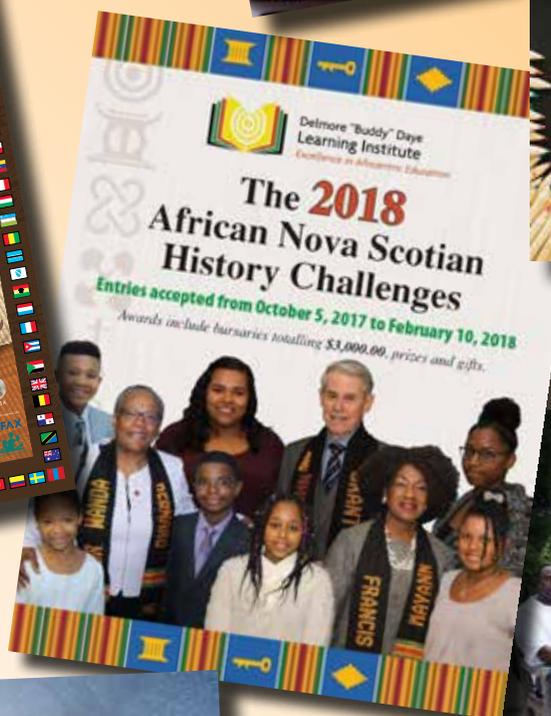
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## Community Update – Spring 2018



# Delmore "Buddy" Daye Learning Institute

*Excellence in Africentric Education & Research*



# Master of Education in Counselling Program – Cohort



As part of the mandate to develop educators that meet the needs of the African Nova Scotian community, the Delmore “Buddy” Daye Learning Institute partnered with Acadia University to deliver the Master of Education in Counselling program with a focus on Africentricity.



We are proud to announce that the Cohort members have completed the 3 year, part-time, nationally accredited program that was designed for teachers pursuing a career in school counselling and for individuals pursuing counselling careers in the agency environment. All participants are required to participate in a practicum and upon completion are fully qualified to begin their counselling career.



Participant quotes: “This is a great program that was very rewarding and should continue.”

“The experience of being in a cohort of all African Nova Scotian learners has been an invaluable and life changing experience both personally and professionally.”

## Congratulations, Graduates!

Congratulations to the following graduates who are now working in the field of counselling with the following schools as of the date of this publication:



**John Moshett**  
Joseph Howe & St Joseph’s A. MacKay



**Tracey Grouse**  
Ian Forsythe and South Woodside School



**Shawn Mantley**  
Bedford and Forsyth Education Centres (BFEC) - Dartmouth Campus



**Kelli Ross**  
Bicentennial School



**Danita Williams**  
Tallahassee School



**Robin Reid**  
St. Agnes School



## Chair’s Message: Jocelyn Dorrington

participation from parents and youth.

African Heritage month once again had a full slate of events that the DBDLI was proud to be part of. Journalist Desmond Cole, from Toronto, shared with us his thoughts and insights around social justice. The Honouring of African Nova Scotian Judges event, Cape Breton, Valley and South West Gala gave African Nova Scotians an opportunity to celebrate their heritage. Another edition of the African Nova Scotian History Challenges was successfully run. With participation increasing year after year, the program continues to impact and engage learners and educators in measurable ways.

I am also pleased to welcome a new member to our Board, Randy Headley. We are also pleased to welcome three new members to the DBDLI team: Victoria Lake is our Finance Officer,

Chanae Parsons is our Coordinator of Youth Initiatives and Projects and Samuel Provo-Benoit is our Administrative Assistant. You can learn more about our new team members in this edition.

We have moved into our new office location at 5450 Cornwallis Street, Halifax. Located in our same neighbourhood, the facility is a combination of office and community space and we are proud to call it our new home. Please mark your calendars as September 21, 2018 will be the date of our grand opening.

On behalf of the DBDLI, have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Welcome to this edition of the DBDLI Community Update. Over the past several months, we have been busy on many fronts developing programs, supporting initiatives and continuing the connection with our communities. We have also forged new relationships/partnerships with organizations and community groups that support our mandate and extend our reach.

Back in December we held our first Black Scholar’s Summit in partnership with Mount Saint Vincent University. The gathering brought together research academics from across the province and was highlighted with the attendance of Senator Wanda Thomas Bernard and featured speaker Dr. Carl James from Toronto. The event heightened awareness around the work being done by Black scholars and laid the ground work for the establishment of the Network.

Early in the year we continued with our community consultation activities. The See-Hear-Count Data sessions took our message to the communities of North Preston, North End Halifax and Greenville in Yarmouth County.

The sessions provided up-to-date information on the assessment results directly related to African Nova Scotian learners, to share what we have heard from the community, learn about our learners’ progress in school, discuss ways to support their success and hear about DBDLI plans up to 2020. We were very grateful to have had

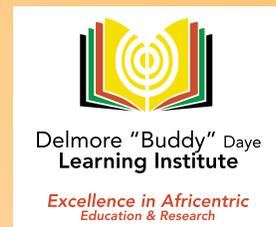


### OUR ROLE

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 and disseminate learnings from that research providing policy analysis that informs 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, programs and services.





This is the second year that the Institute has partnered with Mount Saint Vincent University Alexa McDonough Institute (AMI) and this year the DBDLI's Coordinator of Youth Initiatives and Projects was part of the organizing committee. The mission of the conference is to help this generation of Nova Scotian girls develop, appreciate and celebrate their own abilities and talents and those of other girls and women, as well as to help them to empower themselves, build confidence, and be a positive influence in their communities.

African Nova Scotian girls from across the province participated in this year's event in increased numbers and from more regions. The conference has always sought to attract African Nova Scotian youth through African Nova Scotian organizations, groups and individuals who support Africentric Learning.



Workshops were conducted by El Jones, Senator Wanda Thomas Bernard was a special guest speaker, and Cyndi Cain and her Know Thy Self (KTS) Stomp Group performed to an audience of 300+ female participants.

This year's conference gave participants the opportunity to engage in various workshops and activity sessions, which included confidence building, leadership skills, personal and professional growth, and developing stronger minds and bodies. They were also able to share their ideas and opinions while learning effective strategies for expressing themselves and new ways to explore making a difference in their communities.

The DBDLI also had a board member, Mukisa Kakembo, co-lead a workshop on mental health. This was the first time the topic of mental health was incorporated into the conference. The workshop discussed several aspects of mental illness in a safe space for the participants and conducted activities to help develop and enhance their understanding of mental health issues designed to decrease the stigma.



## Kuumba Cultural Project

The Kuumba Cultural Project brought community elders and youth together to share stories connected to their communities, and provided youth with the opportunity to illustrate those stories in art form. The project promoted Africentric Learning through story telling and folklore, the arts, cultural expression and illustration techniques.

By working with community artists the project provided participants with a unique way for youth and elders to engage in intergenerational learning that represents one of the historical and ancestral ways that communities share knowledge. The Kuumba project also gave the rural communities access to the experience of artistic engagement first hand. Artists shared techniques with all of the participants that were then featured in the stories.

By working with local community groups and organizations, the project presented Africentric values and co-learning activities for both the youth and the elder participants. The project also enhanced knowledge of historical and contemporary contributions of African Nova Scotians/ African Canadians.



## Judge Sparks Event

Halifax Central Library hosted the Honouring African Nova Scotian Judges event, that also celebrated Judge Corrine Sparks 30 years of Judicial Service, on February 9<sup>th</sup> in Paul O'Regan Hall.

The event was organized in partnership with the Dalhousie University Schulich School of Law Indigenous Black and Mi'kmaq Initiative, Halifax Public Libraries, Canadian Association of Black Law Students' Association and the Nova

Scotia Department of Justice.

The evening event was the first of its kind in honouring seven African Nova Scotian Judges and gave special recognition to Judge Corrine Sparks. The evening was a combination of poetry, art, recollection, commentary and thanks. The sold-out event was attended by community, lawyers, fellow judges, politicians and of course family members and friends.



## Congratulations to the African Nova Scotian Lawyers on their Queen's Counsel designations.

### 2017

**Candace L. Thomas QC,**  
Dartmouth

### 2018

**Alonzo C. Wright QC,**  
Halifax

**Denise Mentis-Smith QC,**  
Bedford

**Aleta C. Cromwell QC,**  
Truro

The QC designation is awarded each year to members of the legal profession to recognize exceptional merit and outstanding contribution to the legal community.

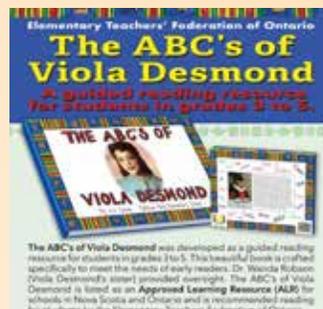
An independent advisory committee makes Queen's Counsel recommendations to cabinet. In addition to merit and legal contributions, criteria include a minimum of 15 years as a member of the Bar of Nova Scotia, demonstrated professional integrity and good character.

## ABC's of Viola Desmond

DBDLI expanded its sales efforts in February, attending one of the largest publishers and book conferences in Canada, 'Reading for the Love of It'. Held in Toronto, the conference was attended by more than 2500 teachers and school administrators from across Canada.

The ABCs of Viola Desmond proved to be very popular. Sales were made to many teachers and schools, primarily from Ontario, and contacts were developed for schools from other regions and jurisdictions in Canada.

The Ontario Black Educators Association invited us to attend and participate in their regional educator's conference. This strengthened our sales profile in the Greater Toronto Area. We are currently in discussions with the Durham Regional School Board about supplying their schools with learning resources that we have developed or are developing. Success with Durham may lead to similar opportunities with other boards in Ontario.



# African Nova Scotian History Challenges Award Recipients

The Honourable Arthur J. LeBlanc, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, presented awards to recipients of the 2018 African Nova Scotian History Challenges at a special ceremony held at Chebucto Heights Elementary School.

The Awards were presented to students whose submissions in various written and creative platforms best exemplified the contributions that African Nova Scotians have made to the history, heritage and culture of our province.

**Thank you to all the teachers and students that participated in making this year's Challenges a success and congratulations to all of the winners.**



## Challenge 1: News Reports

### Winner:

Duncan Chui

Grade 9 - Elizabeth Sutherland School

### Honourable Mentions:

Gabrielle McNeil

Grade 5 - John Bernard Croak School

(Newspaper report about Andrella David)

Grade 2 Class

Chebucto Heights (Video report about Viola Desmond)

Spenser Bond

Parker Collins

Lachlan Haws

Xavier Manning

Grade 6 - Kingswood School



## Challenge 2: Communities

### Winner:

Mercedes Seeton

Grade 5 - St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay

### Honourable Mentions:

Lazaihya

Grade 5 - Nelson Whynder Elementary

Cassie Riles

Grade 11 - Millwood High School

Grade 1/2 Class

LeMarchant-St. Thomas Elementary, taught by Sara McFarlane

Miguel Cull

Grade 9 - Caledonia Junior High

Ethan Kelloway

Grade 8 - Madeline Symonds Junior High

Grade 3 Class

St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay, taught by Katie Mott & Emily Johnson  
(Africville Reports using QR Codes)

Jenna Emanuel

Grade 8 - Madeline Symonds Junior High



## Challenge 3: Write About or Nominate a Notable Nova Scotian

**Winners:** Esther Oloyede & Mojola Akintokin - Grades 5/6 - Chebucto Heights

### Honourable Mentions:

Grade 6 Class - Kingswood School, taught by Kelly Cyr

Trinity Dlamini - Grade 6 - West Pictou Consolidated (Video about Dr. Carrie Best)

Bishop Daye - Grade Primary - Rockingham Elementary

Ariel Lourde - Grade 2 - John W. MacLeod-Flemming Tower School



# African Nova Scotian History Challenges Award Recipients (Continued)

## Challenge 3: Write About or Nominate a Notable Nova Scotian

### Honourable Mentions (Continued):

Hillary Brown - Grade 11 - Millwood High School

Grade 2 - Basinview Elementary School, taught by Sheila McMullen (Display of Viola "Deconstructed")

Grade 4 - John Bernard Croak School, taught by Debbie MacDonald (Shower curtain "quilt" featuring Notables from Whitney Pier)

## Challenge 4: Top 10 ANS Sports Heroes/Artists

### Winner:

Grade 2  
Beechville Timberlea  
School, Taught by  
Sharon Paris



### Honourable Mentions:

Martina Redden  
Grade 9 - Elizabeth  
Sutherland School

Lochlan Kotzer

Grade 8 - Madeline Symonds Junior High

Carter Myra

Grade 3 - Chebucto Heights Elementary

## Challenge 5: A Day in the Life of a Black Loyalist, Refugee or Early Settler

### Winner:

Kareem Bouazin  
Grade 8 - Elizabeth  
Sutherland School



### Honourable Mentions:

Sydney Andrews  
Grade 11 - Millwood High  
School

Grade 5/6

Fairview Heights Elementary, taught by Cheyanne Tolliver

## Challenge 6: Express Yourself

### Winner:

Jaylin McDougal-Glasgow - Grade 5 - Nelson Whynder Elementary School

### Honourable Mentions:

Jah'Kieo Beals - Grade 6 - Nelson Whynder Elementary School

Zaria Upshaw Parris - St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay

Keziah Funk - Grade 11 - Millwood High School, taught by Sonya MacKinnon  
(Poem/Spoken word about Black Migration to Nova Scotia)

Sophia Wedderburn - Grade 10 - Citadel High

Raphaëlle Dupre, Danielle Wilson &  
Beth Savoie

Grade 8, Madeline Symonds Junior High

Grades 3 and 5/6 - St. Andrew's Consolidated  
School, Antigonish



## School Awards

(Schools with Multiple Winners Plus Caledonia)

John Bernard Croak, Glace Bay

Grade 4 - taught by Debbie MacDonald

Grade 5 - taught by Maralyn Delaney

Grade 4/5 - taught by Patrick Harroun

Millwood High School

Grade 11 - taught by Sonya MacKinnon

Madeline Symonds Junior High

Grade 8 - taught by Amanda Windsor  
and Cathy Munroe

Chebucto Heights

Grades 2-6 - taught by Ms. Brooks, Ms. Quinn,  
Ms. Colley and Ms. Radzikowski

St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay

Grades 2-6 - Katie Mott, Emily Johnson, Pauletta  
O'Connor, Emily Johnson, Tanya Deware, Christina  
Hickey, Ms. Young, Mercedes Seeton, both grade  
3s, Zaria Upshaw Parris.

Caledonia Junior High

Grades 8-9 - learning centre teacher is Kim Piccott

Elizabeth Sutherland School

Grades 9 - taught by Claire Barre

Nelson Whynder Elementary

Grades 5-6 - taught by Melissa Downey

# Souls Strong

The Souls Strong #KeepinItReal Youth Conference was held on March 8, 2018 at the North Preston Community Centre. Youth from the Dartmouth/Preston community participated in “real talk” discussions. Panelists included Trevor Silver, Corey Wright, Debra Paris, Corvell Beals, and Randall Thomas. The discussions engaged with the youth participants were about the lifestyle choices the panelists made and how they can have an impact on one’s life.

“I think it is very important for our youth to hear real stories and the challenges and successes that come with it. Our panelists imparted wisdom knowledge and experience on not only the young people but all those in attendance and sent attendees home with a unique perspective on life” said DeRico Symonds, Program Manager of the Youth Advocate Program of the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Chanae Parsons, DBDLI’s Coordinator of Youth Initiatives and Projects, was in attendance and stated “I appreciated the honesty and courage the speakers demonstrated. It is important that our youth hear authentic and powerful stories that they could potentially face. This experience was extremely necessary and impactful to all the attendees.”

Federal funding for the Souls Strong program concluded on March 31, 2018. However, HRM has taken over core components of the Souls Strong program and the bulk of the work will now be carried out by the North Preston Recreation Centre.



# The Black Youth Education Council



**Are you interested in improving the educational experiences for learners of African ancestry?**

The Delmore “Buddy” Daye Learning Institute (DBDLI) is recruiting young adult leaders of African ancestry between the ages of 18 and 30, who reside in Nova Scotia, to form a Black Youth Education Council. The Council will provide insight and objective advice to the DBDLI Board of Directors as it relates to the experiences of learners of African ancestry in the education system, and opportunities to best support and engage these learners.

For additional details and an application, visit: [dbdli.ca/opportunities/black-youth-education-council/](http://dbdli.ca/opportunities/black-youth-education-council/)

# The Black Scholar's Summit - Research as an Instrument for Change

The Delmore "Buddy" Daye Learning Institute in partnership with Mount Saint Vincent University was pleased to host the first Black Scholar's Summit for African Nova Scotian/Canadian researchers on December 15, 2017.

The by-invitation summit brought together Researchers of African (Black) Descent, DBDLI Research Fellows, MSVU Africentric Support Group, Africentric MEd Cohort participants and students to share insights for Black research.

The goal of the summit was to promote a deeper understanding of the research that is being conducted by Black research scholars and to stimulate discussion around future research topics that impact African Nova Scotian/Canadian Students and communities.

The Keynote speaker, Senator Wanda Thomas Bernard, shared her perspective on the need for and relevance of the research that is and will be conducted by Black research scholars and the impact it can have.

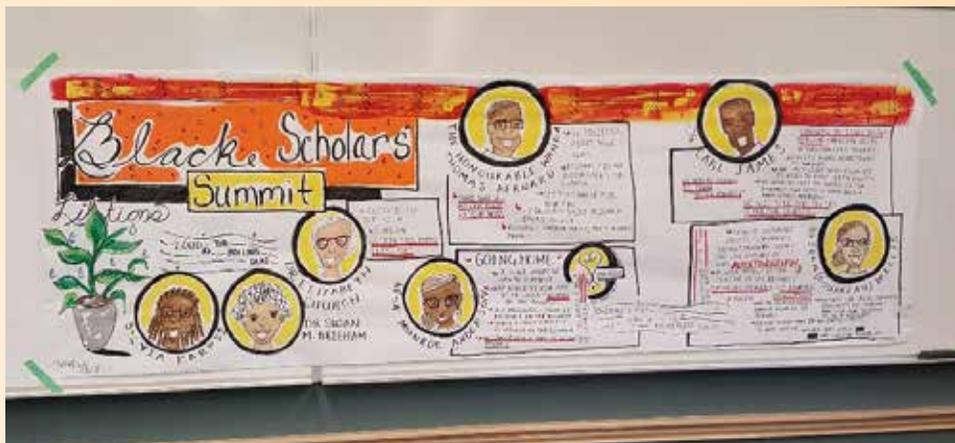
The Black Scholars' Summit also featured guest speaker Dr. Carl James, Jean Augustine Chair in Education, Community and Diaspora at York University. Dr James shared his in-depth qualitative and quantitative research approach, focusing on

issues and concerns related to marginalized people within a framework of equity, inclusivity, and social justice.

Some 60 participants participated in the event, starting with the keynote address and panel presentations along with networking

sessions and engaging with the featured speakers.

The Black Scholars' Summit has allowed participants to tap into the collective research knowledge to enhance their understanding of the issues.



# Acknowledgements

## S. I. Rustum Southwell: Honorary Degree Recipient - Doctor of Laws (honoris causa), Dalhousie University



As the first and founding CEO of the Black Business Initiative (BBI), **Rustum Southwell** has helped cultivate the BBI to become a well-respected organization and a leader in developing an entrepreneurial culture that is helping to drive economic vibrancy in Nova Scotia.

At the 2018 Spring convocation, Rustum was presented with an Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) from Dalhousie University. Dalhousie presents Honorary degrees to people who've "demonstrated inspirational leadership in, or in service to, society, outstanding contribution to a field or discipline, and/or outstanding contributions to the university."

## W. Dean Smith Receives the Jed Ritcey Award - Volunteer of the Year (Hockey Nova Scotia)

Dean Smith was this year's recipient of The Hockey Nova Scotia, Jed Ritcey Volunteer Award. His service included:



- Co-Chair, Celebrating Diversity Through Sport, Jamaican Olympic Ice Hockey Exhibition Tournament
- Lead Instructor, Black Youth Ice Hockey Initiative
- Lead Instructor, Canadian Tire First Shift Program
- Assistant Coach, Chebucto Minor Hockey Association

The award was instituted in 1999 in honour of HNS Past President Jed Ritcey, to recognize an outstanding volunteer who has contributed to amateur hockey and HNS. Volunteer service may include years of participation, administrative contribution or innovation towards the advancement of amateur hockey. The award is presented to an individual who has dedicated him/herself to the

ideals of HC/HNS and who has worked tirelessly for the improvement of the association.

## Cynthia Dorrington Becomes New Chair of the Board for Halifax Chamber of Commerce

In April, Cynthia Dorrington took over the role as Chair of the Board of the Halifax Chamber of Commerce. In taking the role she made history by being the first African Nova Scotian to hold the position.

Being “the first” is something that is not new to her, it is part of her, it is in her DNA and she plans to take that approach to make the Chamber more inclusive. Her background and experience have prepared her to take the Chamber to its next phase.



## Késa Munroe-Anderson

Késa Munroe-Anderson, a DBDLI Research Fellowship ‘fellow’, recently successfully defended her dissertation entitled “Set our spirits free: Exploring the role of spirituality as an anti-oppressive agent in the formal education of African Nova Scotian learners”.

Dr. Munroe-Anderson is also the first person of African descent to graduate from the Inter-university doctoral program at Mount Saint Vincent University. Her work makes an important contribution to the field of education.

## Aleta Williams Receives the Atlantic Journalism Award

Edna Aleta Theadora (Johnston) Williams, 94, passed away on April 4, 2018.

On April 28th, she was honoured posthumously, by the Atlantic Journalism Awards (AJAs), for her 40 years as a journalist with The Evening News in New Glasgow.

Ms. Williams was the first African Nova Scotian woman to work in the province’s mainstream journalism industry. She was a talented journalist who was respected by the legions of people she wrote about and those she worked alongside during her time as family editor then columnist.



## Juanita Peters Appointed General Manager of the Africville Heritage Trust

The Africville Heritage Trust is pleased to announce the appointment of Juanita Peters as the General Manager of the Africville Museum. Ms. Peters has strong connections to the African Nova Scotian community.

Her production works have touched on the African Nova Scotian experience in amazing ways, particularly through film. That, combined with her professional experience in project management and communications, make a perfect combination for the Museum, to tell the story of a community that met the indignities of racism with grace and faith.



## Dr. Afua Cooper Appointed Poet Laureate for Halifax

On April 24th, 2018 Dr. Afua Cooper was appointed Poet Laureate for Halifax. The most recent James R. Johnston Chair in Black Canadian Studies at Dalhousie University was appointed to the two-year post. As the City's Poet Laureate, she will be an advocate for literacy, literature and the arts.

Dr. Cooper was instrumental in the development of Blackhalifax.com, with the DBDLI. The innovative, interactive multidisciplinary project celebrates Halifax's vibrant Black community that has flourished since the 1700s. She is Halifax's seventh poet laureate.



## New DBDLI Board Member and Staff

### Randy Headley - DBDLI Board Member (2018-Present)



Randy Headley is currently the Graduate Admissions Officer at Mount Saint Vincent University. He has over ten (10) years of experience working in the post-secondary environment.

He is the founder of the MSVU Africentric Support Group (ASG). He also coordinated activities for Black students through the ASG from 2013-2017 and continues to advocate on their behalf.

His thesis “The learning experiences of members of an Africentric Support Group at a small urban-based Nova Scotian university”, provided solutions for an equitable and inclusive learning experience for Black students at post-secondary institutions in Nova Scotia.

### Victoria Lake - Finance Officer



As the Finance Officer for the Delmore “Buddy” Daye Learning Institute, Victoria oversees the Institute’s budgeting, accounting, auditing and financial reporting responsibilities.

A proud Nova Scotian, hailing from Bridgetown in the Annapolis Valley, Victoria holds an MBA and a Master’s in Accounting from Nova Southeastern University in Florida as well as a Bachelor of Science in Accounting – Summa Cum Laude – from Fayetteville State University in North Carolina, and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick.

Victoria has worked locally, here in Halifax, and abroad, in the United States and in the Caribbean, for several companies and organizations in various accounting roles including Accounting Assistant, Corporate Accountant and as a Forensic Accountant. She has also worked as the Assistant Director of Tourism for Antigua and Barbuda.

In addition to her accounting skills and depth of experience in management and marketing, Victoria is known as a hard worker with a positive attitude and an expert problem solver with sharp project management skills.



## Chanae Parsons

Chanae is an African Nova Scotian woman indigenous to the Black community of Lucasville. She is a Dalhousie University graduate specializing in Social Work and is an experienced African Nova Scotian Policy Researcher.

In her role as Coordinator of Youth Initiatives and Projects, Chanae will develop and lead the execution of DBDLI youth centered projects. She will also be instrumental in the

Institute's formulation of the Yuri Baraza (Youth Council).

Chanae is an active member of the Nova Scotia Association of Black Social Workers where she assists in delivering community workshops and provides clinical counselling. She is passionate and is experienced working with diverse and vulnerable populations in areas of youth, research, program development, and group facilitation.

## Samuel Provo-Benoit

Samuel was born in Halifax, NS and raised in the Community of North Preston. He is a graduate of Auburn Drive High School, Class of '08. In 2016, he graduated from The Eastern College Paralegal Program.

In his role as Administrative Assistant, Samuel will provide support to the members of the Institute's management team and overall office operations. He is well versed in the necessary software applications and has extensive customer service experience. He has held positions in the Department of Justice and with a corporate law firm.

Samuel has strong community ties through his church, St Thomas Baptist church, where he is a member of several choirs and committees. He has also volunteered his time with a local Youth Group, that supports shelters in the Dartmouth and Halifax area. Samuel also volunteers with the Heart and Stroke foundation and during Christmas time he volunteers his time at Feed Nova Scotia, with the packaging and distribution of Christmas boxes to those that are in need in his local Community.

Samuel is the proud father to two beautiful twin girls.





## OPENING DOORS TO EDUCATION

Do you work with young people and individuals facing barriers and challenges?

The Donald R. Sobey Endowed Bursary Fund and Awards, a new program at Nova Scotia Community College, can help.

Valued at \$2,000 per student, the Donald R. Sobey Bursaries are now available to Nova Scotians who have not considered a college education attainable.

NSCC is working with community organizations and law-enforcement agencies to identify and recruit talented individuals who need extra financial assistance and other supports to complete a potentially life-changing education.

We know that education improves lives and builds communities. That's why donors like the Donald R. Sobey Foundation support students on their NSCC journey.

For more information about the Donald R. Sobey Bursaries, visit [nsc.ca/Sobey](https://nsc.ca/Sobey)

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# Grand Opening

The Delmore "Buddy" Daye  
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invites you to attend the  
Grand Opening of its new offices at  
5450 Cornwallis Street, Halifax NS

Please join us on

**September 21, 2018**

**2:00pm – 4:00pm**

*Refreshments will be served.*

**RSVP: [contact@dbdli.ca](mailto:contact@dbdli.ca) or 902.407.3200**



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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.

Call us at **902.407.3200**, or check out our website at **[www.dbdli.ca](http://www.dbdli.ca)**