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### Black Students in Business Collective

Students in Grades 10 and 11 are invited to a virtual event on **May 12 and 26** from 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. featuring current students, staff and alumni from top Ontario business schools.

Toronto District School Board students who identify as African, Afro-Caribbean or with Black ancestry are invited to learn more about different career pathways in business, programs offered at the postsecondary level and to receive support with the business school application process. In addition, students will learn about opportunities for financial support.

This event is brought to you by the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement in partnership with Ivey at Western, Schulich School of Business at York University, and Smith School of Business at Queens.

[Registration](#) is now open. For more information contact Kai Gordon, Graduation Coach for Black Students, [kai.gordon@tsb.on.ca](mailto:kai.gordon@tsb.on.ca)

### Media and Data Privacy Career Workshop

Have you considered a career in Media Advertising or Data Privacy? Log-in on **May 5** from 4 p.m. to 5:30 pm to:

- Learn what it takes to be in Advertising & Marketing.
- Learn about the unknown world of Data Privacy.
- Learn how to develop campaign ads and strategies.

[Register now](#) and for additional information contact Keisha Evans, Graduation Coach for Black Students, [keisha.evans@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:keisha.evans@tdsb.on.ca)

*The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement is the first of its kind in public education in Canada. The Centre was established, with the explicit mandate, to dismantle anti-Black racism within the Toronto District School Board and to improve the experiences and academic outcomes for self-identifying African, Afro-Caribbean and Black students (ACB) while actively engaging with their families and the wider community.*

## Focus Groups – Call for Participants

The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement would like to invite TDSB students who self-identify as African, Afro-Caribbean and/or Black to participate in a virtual focus group on **May 17** from 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

To participate, complete the [registration form](#).

At the TDSB, we understand that all work to support ACB students must be grounded in the goals, strengths, and needs that students and their families identify. We are committed to creating opportunities to: i) learn about each student's unique aspirations and perspectives, ii) engage with student voices, iii) strengthen students' leadership and sense of agency, and iv) improve their academic outcomes, and their social and emotional health and well-being.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Grace-Camille Munroe PhD at [gracecamillemunroe@gmail.com](mailto:gracecamillemunroe@gmail.com).



## Coming Soon!

Join the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement for a virtual event this June.

This virtual engagement features information about the new Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement, guest speakers and performances.

Additional details and registration information to be circulated closer to the event date.



## Black Student Summer Leadership Program

The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement is engaging in the second year of the Black Student Summer Leadership Program (BSSLP). In this program, staff from the TDSB partner with participating organizations to match self-identifying Black TDSB students with experiential learning opportunities. This program will support students in developing their social and professional networks, transferable skills and in the long-term increase the visibility of individuals identifying as Black in careers in which they may be underrepresented.

Through this program, for-profit and not-for-profit organizations provide one-of-a-kind learning and employment experiences to secondary school students and introduce them to a wide variety of professional pathways. Students engaged in this program are paid for their contributions.

[Registration](#) is now open. Register by **May 15, 2021**.

For more information contact Kai Gordon, Graduation Coach for Black Students, [kai.gordon@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:kai.gordon@tdsb.on.ca)



## Faculty of Engineering Secondary School – spots available

The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement and the Faculty of Engineering Secondary School at the University of Ottawa offers high school students the opportunity to take courses with the University of Ottawa while gaining credits toward their Ontario Secondary School diploma.

Students registered through the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement and the Toronto District School Board will not have to pay to attend this program or for any of the course materials. Funding has been provided by the Education Equity Secretariat at the Ontario Ministry of Education.

Students from Grades 8 to 12 are eligible to apply. Students in Grade 8 require a letter of recommendation from their principal.

The courses offered to TDSB students this year are Exploring Technological Design (TDJ10) and Creative Computing: Introduction to Computer Studies (ICS20).

Spots are limited. [Register online](#) by **May 25, 2021**. For any questions, contact Richardo Harvey, Graduation Coach for Black Students, [richardo.harvey@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:richardo.harvey@tdsb.on.ca)



## Black Girls' Book Club

The Black Girls' Book Club is a space for Black girls to build community, explore new ideas, new stories and new ways of self expression. The club is well underway and is a forum to celebrate the voices and the stories of Black women writers.

Registered participants are provided with books at no cost.

Group meets weekly beginning Thursday, April 29 at 4:15 p.m.

To be a part of this program in the future and for additional information, contact Keisha Evans, Graduation Coach for Black Students, [keisha.evans@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:keisha.evans@tdsb.on.ca)



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