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2021 CLOSING CEREMONY AGENDA

Online via [Microsoft Teams](#)

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Host – **Sidney Idemudia**, ILA Executive Director

- 1:05 p.m. Opening Prayer
Eriana Willis-Smith: *Lift Every Voice and Sing*,
Welcoming Remarks
- 1:10 p.m. Remarks from **Mr. Andy Fillmore**, MP
and The Honourable **Tony Ince**, MLA,
Minister of African NS Affairs
- 1:15 p.m. Guest Speakers: **Dr. Ronke Olabisi**
and **Dr. Ernest Korankye**
- 1:45 p.m. Video overview of ILA's programs
- 1:50 p.m. Presentation of Awards
- ILA-TD Opportunity Scholarships
 - Summer Student Research Scholarships
 - Students of the Year
 - Mentors of the Year
 - Graduating Mentors and Participants
- 2:10 p.m. Student Testimonials
- 2:15 p.m. Sponsor Appreciation
- 2:20 p.m. Closing Remarks – **Dr. J. Pemberton Cyrus**, ILA Chair

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dr. Ronke Olabisi earned a Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering from MIT, completed two master's degrees in mechanical and aeronautical engineering at the University of Michigan, and earned her PhD in biomedical engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is the recipient of several science awards: in 2019 she was named a Biomedical Engineering Society *Young Innovator in Cellular and Molecular Bioengineering*. In addition to her research in tissue engineering and regenerative medicine, she is a member of the 100 Year Starship initiative.

Dr. Ernest Asante Korankye was born in the Ashanti region of Ghana. In Accra he earned a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture with a major in Molecular Biology. He taught one year in Ghana then received a full scholarship to complete his Master's in Plant Physiology at the former Nova Scotia Agricultural College in 2010, subsequently earning his PhD from Dalhousie University's Faculty of Agriculture, in Truro. He is the founder, President & CEO of the successful Asante Logistics Group which ships products across the globe.

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ILA CODING

- Olashile Adebimpe
- Chiyedza Mugavazi

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

Jadesola Emmanuel, Marketing Specialist, Co-op
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Joshua Tynes, Eng/Sci Activity Developer
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UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Tarmy Abbot, Chemical Engineering
Ikeoluwa Adebola Bello, Chemical Engineering
Akili Cyrus, Mechanical Engineering
Cyerra Gibson, Civil Engineering
Ziel Jones, Animal Science
Seyitan Moritiwon, Master of Journalism
Chiyedza Mugavazi, Computer Science
Taylor Murphy, Nursing
Faidat Olatunbosun, Psychology with Neurotechnology and Intercultural Communication
Ariel Provo, Medical Sciences
Corey Sawyer, Mechanical Engineering
Sungwoo Song, Neuroscience
Kiara Williams, Business Administration (Finance)
Success Wokili, Industrial Engineering
Mariam Wurie, Nursing

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY SUMMER STUDENT RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

Ariel Provo is a fourth year Medical Sciences (Honors) student at Dalhousie University. She will be working in the Marignani Discovery Research Laboratory under the supervision of Dr. Paola Marignani, Professor in the Department of Pathology, to further her research in inhibiting and treating breast-cancer-related tumor growth. She will also contribute to pre-clinical trials and deepen her understanding of fundamental components of technologies and scientific concepts. (In Fall 2021 Ariel will commence her studies at the Dalhousie Medical School.) (\$6500)

Tata Othow is a second year Computer Science student at Dalhousie University. She will be working to further her research in HCI, Visualization & Graphics under the supervision of Dr. Rita Orji, Associate Professor in the Faculty of Computer Science, Dalhousie University. (\$6500)

Mary Lukindo is a third year Medical Sciences student at Dalhousie University. Her research title is: *Measuring the Prevalence and Impact of Menstrual Poverty in Adolescents in Nova Scotia*. She will be working under the supervision of Dr. Victoria Price, Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at Dalhousie University specializing in the Division of Hematology-Oncology. The objective of this research project is to assess the prevalence of menstrual poverty among adolescents aged 11 to 18, with the hope of using this data to inform the advocacy initiative of free menstrual products at the IWK Health Centre. (\$5000)

Katiana Ash-Mckesey is a third-year Health Promotion (Honors) student at Dalhousie University. Through her research she will conduct a study to improve access to physical activity for African Nova Scotian children with disabilities. She will be supervised by Dr. Sarah Moore, Assistant Professor in Health Promotion, Kinesiology, and Recreation and Leisure Studies, Dalhousie University. (\$6500)

ILA-TD OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

New Secondary-school scholars

Inioluwa Adara (\$500), Sacred Heart School of Halifax, Gr. 7 (potential: \$5000/yr for 4 years)
Lemuela Ajuwon (\$500), Sydney Academy, Gr. 10 (potential: \$3500/yr for 4 years)
Elsa-Kaze Twagirayezu, (\$1000), C.P. Allen High School, Gr. 11 (potential: \$3000/yr for 4 years)
Keandre Beals, (\$2000), Auburn Drive High School, Gr. 12 (potential: \$2000/yr for 4 years)

Secondary-school scholars

Tjasa Allen (\$1500), Halifax West High School, Gr. 10 (potential: \$4500)
Emtenan Al-Taher (\$2000), Citadel High School, Gr. 11 (potential: \$4000)
Mourisia Campbell (\$2000), CEC, Gr. 11 (potential: \$4000)
Obed Harun (\$1500), Rocky Lake Jr. High School, Gr. 9 (potential: \$5000)
Rachel Lavers (\$2000), CEC, Gr. 11 (potential: \$4000)
Ethan Metzger (\$1000), Fairview Jr. High School, Gr. 8 (potential: \$5000)
Omolola Oshikoya (\$2000), CEC, Gr. 10 (potential: \$5000)
Joshua Paris (\$1000), Halifax West High School, Gr. 10 (potential: \$4000)
Eve Wedderburn (\$2000), Citadel High School, Gr. 10 (potential: \$5000)

Post-secondary scholars

Elisabet Astatkie (\$2000), Engineering, Yr. 1
Jasmin Desmond (\$2000), Psychology, Yr. 3
Kareem El-Beshbeeshy (\$4000), Engineering, Yr. 1
KaiLun Grant (\$4500), Biology and Psychology, Yr. 2
Mary Lukindo (\$2000), Medical Sciences, Yr. 3
Carmahn McCalla (\$4000), Applied Computer Science, Yr. 2
Oluwatobi Oshikoya (\$4000), Engineering, Yr. 2
Jesimiel Ugbebor (\$2000), Mechanical Engineering, Yr. 3
Monique Wright (\$2000), Health Promotion, Yr. 2
Aisha Yaffa (\$2000), Nursing, Yr. 3

ILA SCHOLARSHIP

Oluwatomisin "Tomi" Akinkunmi (\$1000), Nursing, Yr. 2

STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

Inioluwa Adara, Sacred Heart School of Halifax, Gr. 7
Joseph Astatkie, Bible Hill Junior High School, Gr. 8
Amalia Nahimana, École Secondaire du Sommet, Gr. 8
Cairo Simmons, Nelson Whynder Elementary, Gr. 6
Zachary Shiferaw, Sandy Lake Academy, Gr. 12

MENTORS OF THE YEAR

Tarmy Abbot, VSP Tutor
Ikeoluwa Adebola Bello, VSP Tutor
Leon Fearon, VSP Tutor
Cyerra Gibson, VSP Tutor
Patrick Nnoka, VSP Tutor
Faidat Olatunbosun, ASP Coordinator & VSP Tutor
Ariel Provo, ASP Mentor, ASP Coordinator (French) & VSP Tutor
Sungwoo Song, FLL Mentor
Brenda Wambui, ASP Coordinator
Success Wokili, ASP Coordinator & VSP Tutor

