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**PACE CANADA'S  
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**NOVEMBER 19, 2023**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Like me I'm sure, this is a moment we have all been waiting for, a return to our annual social event and fundraiser. So much has transpired over the last four years and affected us all in good and bad ways. But PACE Canada has continued to successfully support early childhood education through our signature Adopt-A-School program and the annual bursaries for student teachers at George Brown College.

This was made possible through the continued generous donations of our members and supporters who were also able to provide more funds for the new OneTab devices and school enhancements to meet required pandemic school enhancements.

I also extend a big thank you to our partners the Jamaica Early Childhood Commission and the National Education Trust who provided support for getting funds to schools and distribution of the OneTab devices to around 200 schools during these difficult times.

My thanks for the great support of the PACE Canada Executives and Board who were able to operate seamlessly in the required virtual environment for meetings, online member engagements and keeping our organization operating efficiently and financially sound.

This is definitely the start of our return to a new normal while still "Helping Young Children Succeed".

Diana Burke

President, PACE Canada

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## Greetings From ECC



Since 1987, PACE Canada has held a longstanding partnership with the Ministry of Education and Youth. In 2010 the management of the partnership transitioned to the Early Childhood Commission (ECC); the special body with direct responsibilities for the coordination of all early childhood activities and the development of appropriate plans and programmes for the early childhood sector, as guided by the Early Childhood Commission Act 2003.

We commend PACE Canada for sponsoring over 300 of Jamaica's early childhood institutions catering to children 3–5-year-olds. Over the years, PACE Canada has made significant contributions to the ECD sector through its Adopt-A-School Programme, Back to School – School Supplies Initiative, the Early Childhood Development Teacher Scholarships, the mobile computer lab called “Tech de Bus” (that visited early childhood institutions across the parishes of Jamaica providing young children with interactive experiences with computers); the One Laptop Per Child Initiative and Community Leadership Awards for Stellar Services to the early childhood sector.

In 2021, PACE Canada donated 1,000 One-tab devices in support of the Ministry of Education and Youth's, One Laptop or Tablet Per Child Initiative. The distribution of the OneTab devices occurred within the 14 parishes in which the tablets continue to provide developmentally appropriate activities with a focus on literacy and numeracy. In 2022 PACE Canada launched a culturally based ECD competition entitled 'Jamaica Strong'. The competition was created to celebrate 60 years of Jamaica's Independence and showcase the valour of the country and its people. Five early childhood institutions were victorious, they exhibited the theme: 'Jamaica Strong', through the arts. Since the start of 2023, PACE Canada has assisted 198 ECIs financially across the early childhood sector.

The Early Childhood Commission expresses heartfelt gratitude to PACE Canada for supporting early childhood development in Jamaica for 36 years. We look forward to our continued collaboration in promoting quality education and services through the Twelve Operating Standards for Early Childhood Institutions. We applaud PACE Canada for their commitment to partnership for the development of young children in Jamaica.

Congratulations! and we wish you a successful in person Sunday Social.

## Keynote Speaker



Hon. Dr. Jean Augustine P.C., C.M., O.Ont., C.B.E. is the first African-Canadian woman to be elected to the House of Commons. She was elected in the riding of Etobicoke-Lakeshore in 1993 and sat in Parliament until 2006. During this time, she served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, Minister of State and Deputy Speaker.

In 2007, Dr. Jean Augustine was nominated by the Government of Ontario as Fairness Commissioner, a position created to advocate for Canadians with foreign credentials. Dr. Augustine retired from the position of Fairness Commissioner in March 2015.

Among Dr. Augustine's many achievements and honours includes leading the motion that allowed for the placement of the Famous Five statue on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, and the motion that created Black History Month in Canada.

Dr. Augustine has received honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from seven universities.



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## Event Program

M.C. - Arlene Amitirigala

Anthems - Ken Bowen

Welcome - Diana Burke

Grace - Dr. Vincent Conville

Lunch

Greetings - Jamaica Diplomats

Keynote - Hon. Jean Augustine

George Brown Update - Cecile Kim

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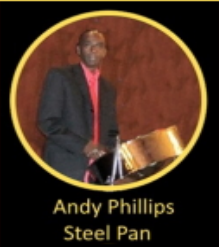
Thank You - Mary Long-Bishop

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