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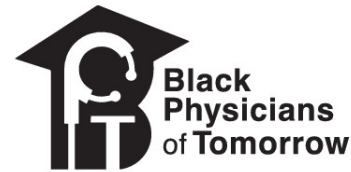
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Building Community at the Grassroots Level

"My sincere gratitude for your interest in the efforts of student volunteers. The spirit of community success: "all for one, one for all" is the driving force behind each and every one of us."

- Kimberly Ben Executive Director

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Black Physicians of Tomorrow exists to provide African, Caribbean, Canadian (ACC) individuals with the tools and resources needed to prepare for and attain, careers in the field of medicine and the allied health professions.

Many minority students applying to or pursuing a health related post-secondary programs are experiencing barriers and challenges, preventing them from entering into their desired health profession. Their academic journey is all too familiar to some of us, but change is underway to change this narrative.

Creating a New Culture

Our vision is to create a culture of positive self-image within the ACC community in Durham region. We want to revolutionize and awaken the minds of these individuals, and to inspire them all to foster a new perception of themselves as they genuinely become Black Physicians of Tomorrow.



**Every Saturday 10:00AM - 12:00 PM
Location: Sarah McDonald Place
1467 Whites Rd N, Pickering, ON L1V 6X1**

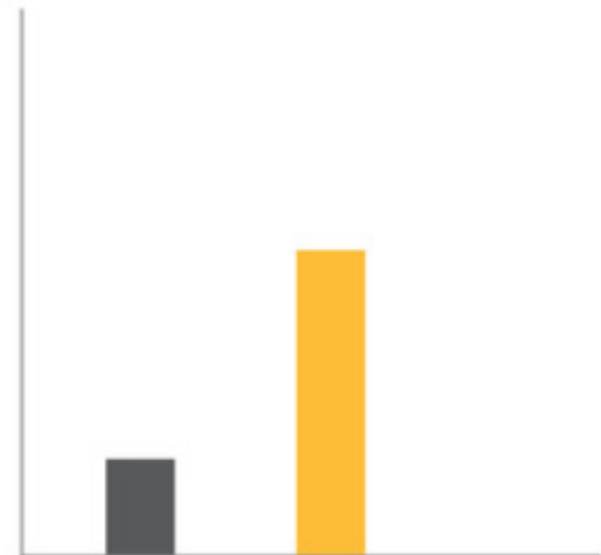
Our Programs and Services are needed

Our organization is uniquely positioned within the Durham Region to address the needs of high school & post-secondary black students as the number of black families migrating to Ajax, Whitby and parts of Oshawa steadily increases. (Compendium of Action for Black Student Success, 2017).

Through our **STEM Works Program**, we are focused on improving proficiency in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) subject areas to better equip black students who are pursuing careers in medicine and the allied health professions.

We are working in partnership with the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine Diversity Outreach Program initiatives and strategies to increase representation of underrepresented students in universities.

On average, only 1.2% of Black students are enrolled in each of Canada's 12 medical schools (Queens University, 2014).



Under Representation

There are many unique challenges to face as a minority student which are difficult to bear alone. By the year 2031, the Black population will make up nearly 8% of the Canadian population (Statistics Canada, Projections of the Diversity of the Canadian Population, 2017).

Research shows that the ethnographic makeup of medical students in Canada, does not reflect the diversity of the Canadian population.

Canada's Current Immigration Climate

We live in a period where thousands of immigrants are crossing Canada's borders seeking asylum and a better life. As they arrive, each family will have specific health care needs, but how will Canada's healthcare system support and serve them?

With immigration levels in Canada predicted to reach 413,000 per year by 2030, there is a demand for a healthcare system that reflects Canada's current diverse population growth (The Conference Board of Canada, 2016).