SAGE Newsletter
Fall/Winter 2022

Season's Greetings

The fall 2022 semester at the University of Guyana got underway in early September. This academic year, we have four SAGE Scholars enrolled. Last spring marked the completion of studies for five of our scholarship recipients, and they are participating in UG's convocation ceremonies this month.

Below, we celebrate those graduates! We also share an exciting update from a SAGE alum and bid farewell to two of SAGE's founding board members. We also ask that you consider supporting SAGE during this Season of Giving!

Hilton Chester

Uvannie Roopram

Our 2022 Graduates

Hilton Chester was selected for SAGE in 2017 and earned a Bachelor of Medicine (Surgery). Upon reflecting on his SAGE scholarship, Hilton

said, "Being a SAGE Scholar means what would have been seen to be the 'impossible' is now the 'possible'...It means that I can go ahead and aim to achieve all the great things life has to offer as a Scholar."

Kasha Fraser was awarded a scholarship in 2019 and graduated with a Bachelor of Laws. According to Kasha, "The best part of my university experience was learning about the different areas of law and seeing how far the law has come and is striving to go."

Awarded a SAGE Scholarship in 2020, **Asheanna Ramlakhan** will graduate with an Associate of Science (Geology). She plans to get a job working in her field of study.

Uvannie Roopram became a SAGE Scholar in 2018 and earned a Bachelor of Computer Science. When asked about SAGE she noted the sense of community amongst Scholars and said, "Being a SAGE Scholar itself has been so rewarding. The group of Scholars has been very supportive in all I have done, and they gave good advice when I needed it."

Selected as a SAGE Scholar in 2016, **Natifa Vieira** earned her Bachelor of Medicine (Surgery). Natifa now plans to apply to the Medical Internship Program at Guyana's Ministry of Health and looks forward to becoming a fully registered practitioner.

We wish each of these talented individuals the best as they begin the next phase of their lives. They have made us proud!

Lisa Hussain (photo cred: Phenomenal Shots Photography)

Alumni Update

We are so proud of SAGE alumna Lisa Hussain and her efforts to end period poverty in Guyana. Lisa graduated from UG in 2018, where she earned a degree in economics. Lisa went on to participate in MCW's Young Leaders Fellowship in 2021.

Lisa's organization Period Positive aims to destigmatize cultural narratives about menstruation in Guyana by creating platforms to foster conversations and raise awareness. Click here to learn more about Lisa's vision for the organization.

A Fond Farewell

2022 marks the end of an era at SAGE, with two founding board members moving on from the organization. For the past 15 years, Molly Pileggi and Dan Gershman have devoted their time and many talents to SAGE.

Both Molly and Dan fostered a connection to Guyana as teachers with WorldTeach in 2006-2007. In Guyana, Molly taught math and information technology in Mabaruma. Dan taught math, integrated science, and home economics in Port Kaituma.

Molly and Dan each held leadership positions at SAGE over the years and were particularly instrumental in creating and managing our application

process. We will miss Molly and Dan and wish them the best in their future endeavors!

The Season of Giving!

Please consider supporting SAGE! Since 2009, SAGE has supported scholars every academic year at the University of Guyana. To date, **26 deserving students** have received full scholarships to pursue a wide range of majors.

SAGE Scholars are selected based on their academic record and dedication to making a positive impact in Guyana.

To help more talented students like our recent graduates, consider making a contribution to support our important work! Click **HERE** to learn more about how you can support SAGE.

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