

# SAGE Newsletter Winter 2020

### Season's Greetings!

The 2020-2021 academic year has gotten off to a strong start with two new SAGE Scholars beginning their studies at the University of Guyana. Read on to learn more about our new scholars and to get an update on exciting new ventures led by two of our graduates.

## **Our 2020 Scholars**

We are so proud of our new SAGE Scholars:

- Mohendra Callender, Industrial Engineering
- Asheanna Ramlakhan, Applied and Exploration Geology

Below, Mohendra and Asheanna share what being selected as a SAGE Scholar means to them.



## **Meet Mohendra!**

### What does being a SAGE Scholar mean to you?

To be a SAGE Scholar is truly an honor. To be able to pursue my goals at the highest level in my country, it's truly a wonderful opportunity. Being a Scholar distinguishes you from others. It basically tells you that you are not alone and you did not get here out of luck; you work hard and you are rewarded. I am proud to be a part of the SAGE family, and I am grateful for myself and fellow Guyanese to be given such a tremendous opportunity.



Meet Asheanna! What does being a SAGE Scholar mean to you?

Being selected as a SAGE Scholar is a great honor for me. This scholarship has given me the opportunity to move one step closer to achieving my goals. Receiving this scholarship did not just provide me with financial support but it also motivates me as it tells me that I am seen to have the potential for a brighter future. Through this scholarship, I am able to benefit greatly with financial aid, and it prevents me from taking student loans or putting my studies on hold. The SAGE scholarship inspires me to work hard and fulfill my responsibilities to represent society and give back to my country.

## **SAGE Graduates in the News**

After graduating from the University of Guyana, SAGE Scholars contribute to their country in exciting ways! For example, former SAGE Scholar Lynn Medford Ronnkvist and her start-up company El Dorado Tours are embarking on an impressive hotel and amusement park project. Learn more about Lynn and El Dorado Tours in this recent article from the <u>Stabroek News</u>. Meanwhile, former SAGE Scholar Tatyana Moore started her own business! Her new venture in the agriculture sector was profiled in the <u>Guyana Chronicle</u>. Congratulations to Lynn and Tatyana on their impressive endeavors!

#### 2021 Application Update

Spread the word! Our 2021 SAGE application will be available on our website in late winter. Check <u>here</u> for updates.

As you think about your end-of-year giving, please consider making a donation to SAGE.

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SAGE began in 2009 and continues to support scholars every academic year. To date, **23 deserving students** have received full scholarships to the University of Guyana, with majors including law, medicine, international relations, education, computer technology, and tourism.

Scholars are selected based on their academic record and dedication to making a positive impact in Guyana. SAGE is the only fully funded scholarship program for students in Guyana who want to attend the University of Guyana.







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