



## SAGE Newsletter

### Summer 2020

#### Hello from SAGE!

We hope this newsletter finds you safe and healthy. In this edition, we share how our scholars are continuing [their learning](#) during challenging times, check in with a [SAGE graduate](#), and provide an update on our [2020 applications](#). Thanks for reading!

#### Scholar Perseverance During Challenging Times

The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the closure of the University of Guyana's campus this spring, and SAGE Scholars were forced to continue their studies online. Below, we share some of their experiences:

*"It's hard, given that no one expected this, and it took a lot of time to adjust from classroom learning to online, especially the courses that are comprised mainly of reasoning and calculations. But I've put myself forward to face these challenges and complete all of these courses." -SAGE Scholar*

*"Even though difficulties arose due to internet problems, blackouts, and personal obligations, I will be able to complete all of my courses for this semester." -SAGE Scholar*

*"Even though there was the closure of UG, my courses were very active, there was even one point in time when I had to submit about four assignments in one week. This had become troublesome, but I fought it the best way possible." -SAGE Scholar*

We are very proud of our scholars' perseverance during these challenging times. Their commitment to their education is inspiring. Click here to learn more about the impact of [COVID-19 in Guyana](#).

#### SAGE Graduate Kevin Morgan



Former SAGE Scholars are contributing to Guyana in important ways. For example, SAGE graduate Kevin Morgan works in the Legal Division of Guyana's Ministry of the Presidency, which is responsible for the administration of the country's developing oil and gas sector. Prior to joining the Ministry of the Presidency, Kevin worked at the Ministry of Social Protection where he collaborated with the UN Office for International Migration.

Kevin reflected on how his education at the University of Guyana impacts his professional life: "The principles, theories, approaches and methods learnt at the University of Guyana through the kind support of the SAGE family and our generous donors, have allowed me these opportunities to continue to contribute to the development and improvement of the lives of not only Guyanese, but those from our neighbour [Venezuela], fleeing the unfortunate political turmoil in their country."

Kevin's work highlights the importance of SAGE's belief that change occurs when young people with drive and talent have opportunities to develop the skills needed to turn their passion into action.

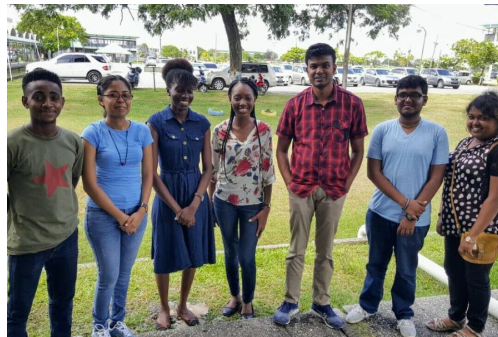
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### **2020 Applications**

Our 2020 application window closed in June! The board is now busy reviewing dozens of incredible applicants. Applicants will be informed of our decisions in the next few weeks. Click [here](#) to find out more about our application process.

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### **Support Our Work**



There are many ways you can support SAGE. Want to make a longer-term commitment to a specific SAGE scholar? Become a sponsor! On average \$8,000 funds a full 4-year education at the University of Guyana. This relatively small amount can change a student's life in Guyana. Learn the details of our sponsorship program [here](#).

### **Our Impact**

SAGE began in 2009 and continues to support scholars every academic year. To date, **21 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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