



## École Royal Vale School

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Dear Royal Vale families,

The school administration is proud to provide Black History Month programming to the entire student body, from grade K to 11. As every year, we have sought out content that honours Black Culture and celebrates Black Excellence. The offerings will be presented during class time to reinforce to students that this is important learning.

Our students who identify with Black Culture are looking for more recognition and validation in the curriculum and school life. The BHM programming at Royal Vale School is part of striving toward a more equitable school culture. This is an issue that is important to the communities we serve therefore the school administration considers this important learning for our students.

Listed below is the slate of activities in our school in addition to in-class learning activities offered by our teachers. We hope this stimulates discussion for all our students and their families. Have a great month of February!

### [Kindergarten - Guest Speaker Valentia Levac on Feb 16th](#)

- Valentia is a teacher's aide and the daughter of veteran RVS teacher, Sylvie Levac

### [Elementary Cycle 2 and High School Sec. 2, 3, 4 - Guest Speaker Dwight Walton on Feb 20<sup>th</sup> \(Day 6\)](#)

- Dwight is a former professional basketball player and Canadian Olympian
- Learn more about *Dwight Walton* [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

### [Elementary Cycle 3 and ALL High School - Royal Vale Black Excellence panel discussion - Hosted by Rekeem on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> \(DAY 1\)](#)

- We will be welcoming several Royal Vale School graduates back to share their success stories in a panel discussion hosted by Coach Rekeem

### [High School Sec. 5 - Black Theatre Workshop presentation: 'Our Fathers, Sons, Lovers and Little Brothers' on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> \(DAY 3\)](#)

- Learn more about the *Black Theatre Workshop* and the play [HERE](#).

### [Elementary Grades 1-6 and High School Sec. 1 - Gumboots Dance Troupe on Feb 24<sup>th</sup>](#)

- Learn more about *Gumboots* and presenter *Just Aissi* [HERE](#).

Sincerely,  
RVS Administration

# RVS PROFILE OF BLACK EXCELLENCE

**SENIOR ADVISOR  
GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA**

Graceland University -  
Hon. BA in History & Poli Sci  
Black Student Union president  
Track & Field Team Captain  
Carleton University - MA Poli Sci

**LASHAUNDA  
YATES**

**CLASS OF 2012**

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# RVS PROFILE OF BLACK EXCELLENCE

BEHAVIOURAL THERAPIST  
YALDEI DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

Bachelor Arts Psychology, McGill  
Social Equity Undergraduate  
Research Award  
Recruiter at SmittyCitty after-  
school program

A circular portrait of Tayah Morris-Gabriel, a young Black woman with long, dark, wavy hair, smiling. She is wearing a black graduation gown with blue and white stripes on the chest and is holding a rolled-up diploma with a white cover and red and black stripes.

**TAYAH  
MORRIS-GABRIEL**

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# RVS PROFILE OF BLACK EXCELLENCE

SENIOR DATA ENGINEER  
TRAFFICJUNKY

BSci in Industrial Engineering  
Winner of many sustainability and  
optimization awards  
Coding Mentor, Black Boys Code

A circular portrait of Nathaniel Kennedy-Noble, a Black man with a beard and short hair, wearing a blue shirt and a patterned scarf. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile, resting his chin on his hand.

**NATHANIEL  
KENNEDY-  
NOBLE**

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**CLASS OF 2006**



# RVS PROFILE OF BLACK EXCELLENCE

FINANCIAL PLANNER, RBC

Concordia Stingers Men's Soccer  
BComm Degree in Finance  
Completing CFA level II certification  
Lasalle Soccer Association Volunteer

A circular portrait of Nathan Campbell, a man with a short beard and mustache, wearing a light-colored button-down shirt and a grey plaid blazer. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a blurred indoor setting with a green plant on the left and a window with a city view on the right.

**NATHAN  
CAMPBELL**

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