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REPRESENTING YOU(TH)

Contextualized to our location in Etobicoke, learn about trailblazing leaders who champion the people of Ontario, create civic opportunities and support intersectionality.



HON. DR. JEAN AUGUSTINE

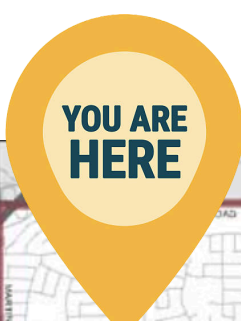


The first Black woman to be elected to Parliament, Dr. Jean Augustine represented the Liberals for Etobicoke–Lakeshore (1993). The Jean Augustine Centre for Young Women’s Empowerment was founded in her **constituency**. Jean Augustine championed establishing Black History Month across Canada. She is the former Ontario Fairness Commissioner.



MOHAMED FIRIN

A young Somali-Canadian, Mohamed Firin is the PC Member of Provincial Parliament for York South-Weston since 2025. He is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Ministries of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development as well as of Tourism, Culture and Gaming. He is the former Chair of the Premier’s Council on Equality of Opportunity, where he championed community voices to promote greater civic engagement and economic participation for Ontarian youth.



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CHAMPIONING ONTARIO

Just West of Toronto, you'll find fierce advocates of public education and women's rights representing Ontario at the federal level and internationally.



DR. AVIS GLAZE



Dr. Avis Glaze is a highly acclaimed and well-respected expert. She holds two Masters of Education and a Doctorate in Education. As Ontario's first Chief Student Achievement Officer, founding CEO of the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat, and former Ontario Education Commissioner (1994), she championed improving student achievement in Ontario schools. Dr. Glaze has been a Superintendent, Director of Education, Adjunct Professor, Education Officer, Teacher, Guidance Counsellor and mentor. Through her trailblazing work building capacity, Dr. Glaze pioneered character education in various school boards, including TDSB, and started daycares in schools so that pregnant teens were afforded the opportunity to complete their studies. Dr. Avis Glaze's enduring legacy has been to increase student achievement and equitable outcomes for all students, regardless of background factors or personal circumstances.



WHO INSPIRES YOU?

Write a **micro biography** about a trailblazer who champions the people of Ontario, creates opportunities, and supports intersectional identities.



HON. KARINA GOULD

She made Canadian history as the youngest female cabinet minister when she was elected as the Liberal Member of Parliament for Burlington in 2015. You may recognize her name as a candidate to become Prime Minister in the race against Mark Carney. Hon. Karina Gould champions equity for women and youth.

She is the Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance (FINA) and has held previous roles such as Leader of the Government in the House of Commons; Minister of Families, Children and Social Development; and Minister of International Development.