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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Congratulations! Your child has been selected to participate in the Black Futures experience at the University of British Columbia. This opportunity is exclusively for students who identify as Black to support their transition from high school to post-secondary life. The programming has the objective to support students as they complete their secondary education and identify avenues of study and or work as they begin planning for the next phase of their lives. Your child does not have to aspire to attend UBC in the fall to participate. Our intention is to highlight the many options that are available to students and identify resources to support the accomplishment of their post-secondary goals.

The program will span the 2022-2023 school year and will be hybrid in its delivery. There will be 4 Zoom meetings and 2 campus experience days. Your child may receive credits towards their Capstone CLC course if they participate in all 6 events (Zoom meetings and campus experiences). The Zoom portion of the programming will serve to launch the Black student experience and support students as they begin their application processes and post-secondary planning. The campus visits have been divided into 3 categories: *U Belong Here* (UBC campus experience), *Your Mind Matters* (mental health focus), *Step Up* (post-secondary planning), and a celebratory graduation luncheon. Each theme will allow participants to explore their interests, meet with mentors, hear from Black leaders from diverse fields and work backgrounds and connect with young Black youth from across the lower mainland. See below for a sample outline of a campus visit day. Students will also have the unique opportunity to participate in a survey about their academic interests, career aspirations and student experiences. The survey is completely voluntary. The purpose of this study is to improve to the program for future cohorts and to add Canadian-centered research to the discussion on the Black student experience in secondary and post-secondary environments. (See attached form.)

Sample shape of the day:

9:15 am:	Arrival
9:30 am:	Morning motivation
10:00 am:	First activity
11:30 am:	Lunch
12:15 pm:	Afternoon activity
1:45 pm:	Real talk
2:00 pm:	Feedback

Transportation will be available for students living outside of Vancouver and there is no cost associated in participating in the UBC Black Futures experience. We hope you will encourage your child to participate in this unique opportunity to explore their passions, create community and set the foundation for their future. If you agree to have your child participate in UBC Black Futures experience, please return the following by **November 10th, 2022**:

1. Student, School and Transportation Information form
2. Parent form
3. Student form
4. Use of image form

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Annette Henry or Dr. Bathseba Opini at UBC.BlackFutures@ubc.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Annette Henry', is written over a light beige rectangular background.

UBC Black Futures Program Team



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Dear _____,

Congratulations! You have been selected to participate in the *BLACK FUTURES* experience at the University of British Columbia Vancouver Campus.

The Black Futures experience is a unique opportunity and the first of its kind specifically for young Black teens from across the lower mainland. This is your chance to explore your passions, hear from young Black leaders, find out what campus life is really like and meet Black teens (grades 11, and 12) from across the lower mainland.

Unsure if post-secondary is for you? No worries! There will be many activities for you to choose from and people to speak with who can identify all the possible routes you can take after high school.

What's the commitment ? 2 campus visits and 4 Zoom sessions. If you participate in all 7 events, you will get credit for your CLC course. (Plus a celebratory graduation luncheon in May)

What's the cost ? Completely free. No cap.

Will there be food ? Of course! You'll get to enjoy all the food spots campus has to offer

What's the catch ? None. Make friends, do things you like, get credit for school.

Typical campus day

9:15am	Arrival	Via transit or transport provided: arrive on campus and settle in
9:30am	Morning Motivation	Engage, motivate and empower each other. Conversation starters (and snacks) will be provided to spark the dialogue
10:00am	Activity one	Based on the day's theme, you will choose an activity based on your interest

11:30am	Lunch	Fine dining provided by the Student Union Building...pick whatever peaks your interest
12:15pm	Activity two	Same theme as the morning
1:45pm	Real Talk	Dialogue with Black leaders working in fields associated with the day's theme.
2:30pm	Head home	Via transit or transport provided

You in ? Great! Have your parents fill out all the forms attached and have them mail it back to UBC attn: Dr Annette Henry.

Have questions ? Reach out to Dr. Henry using the email - UBC.Blackfutures@ubc.ca.

See you on November 24th, 2022 at 4:30pm for the first zoom,

Black Futures Team

Black Excellence *noun* : The quality of being extraordinary, embodying brilliance and greatness in the highest form. A mindset and understanding meant to uplift black culture. ***We are the epitome of Black Excellence.***

-Marini Naturals



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Student, School and Transportation Information Form

Student name _____

School name _____

Guidance Counsellor's name _____

School phone number _____ Principal's name _____

Student email address _____

Medical concerns we may need to know (optional)

Parent/Guardian name _____ Phone number _____

Emergency contact name _____ Phone number _____

Preferred mode of transportation to UBC

Private (your car, etc.) _____

Public transit _____

School bus _____

Dear Parent/ Guardian of Grade 11-12 students. The *UBC Black Futures* experience has been developed to support your child's post-secondary transition planning. This program supports the learning goals of their Career Life Connections (CLC) course.

The program takes place on the following dates:

- Thursday November 24th, 2022, 4:30 pm Zoom session
- Thursday January 12th, 2023, 4:30 pm Zoom session
- Thursday February 16th, 2023, 4:30 pm Zoom session
- Thursday March 9th, 2023, 9:30 am UBC Campus visit
- Thursday April 6th, 2023, 4:30 pm Zoom session
- Thursday May 4th, 2023, 9:30 am UBC Campus visit and Graduation/Celebration

Questions? Contact UBC.BlackFutures@ubc.ca



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Parent Form

I consent for my child _____ to participate in the UBC BlackFutures experience in the 2022-2023 school year.

____I understand that participation is voluntary and includes missing 2 formal school days over the course of the year.

____I understand that all school rules and behaviour expectations will be in place for the duration of all activities and my child is to adhere to them at all times. Should my child not follow the safety rules in place, I understand it will be my responsibility to come and pick up my child.

Parent name printed

Date

Parent signature



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Student Form

I _____, agree to participate in the Black Futures experience at UBC for the 2022 - 2023 school year.

I understand that my participation requires attendance at 4 Zoom meetings at all 2 campus experience days.

I agree to follow all behaviour rules and expectations and understand that failure to do so will result in no longer being able to participate in the program.

___I understand that I can choose to participate in a survey about academic and career. aspirations and interests. If I do, my privacy and confidentiality will be maintained. My real name will not be used.

Student name printed

Date

Student signature

Email address for zoom sessions



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UBC Black Futures:

Consent for use of images, video and sound recordings

I give permission to the organizers of *UBCBlackFutures* to use photographs/video/sound recordings of me to be captured and used in printed and electronic media, including the internet, for teaching and presentations about the program.

I understand that some images or recordings may be selected for permanent preservation as a record of the project and kept in the research team's database and may be used for publication, lectures, and broadcasting.

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____