



## Meet the new 2011 SAGE Scholars!

At SAGE, we are very excited to welcome not one, not two, but **three** new scholars to our family! Marcella Gonsalves, Kaveta Mohammed, and Kevin Morgan all began their studies at the University of Guyana on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011.



*Marcella Gonsalves (left), Kevin Morgan (center), Kaveta Mohammed (right)  
2011 SAGE Scholars*

Read on to find out a little more about each of our new scholars and look out for more in depth articles about each scholar in the coming months. As always, it is only through your generosity that we are able to fund these scholars so we thank you for your continued support!

### What's inside?

- An introduction to our 3 new 2011 SAGE Scholars!
- An update on our 2009 SAGE Scholar – Patricee Douglas!
- How to make a donation!



*“It was such a joy to watch the happy faces of the children as they enjoy their lunch once more...”*



*Marcella Gonsalves, 2011 SAGE Scholar*

Marcella Gonsalves attended Anna Regina Multilateral School in the Essequibo Coast, Region 2, which is west of Georgetown, Guyana, along the coast of the Atlantic Ocean. Her strong academics and demonstrated financial need made her a strong candidate in the competitive pool of applicants. However, it was the experience she described in her essay that set her apart. Marcella described her work to rebuild a feeding program in her community that was shut down due to inadequate conditions of the old, deteriorating building where it was housed.

When the program was shut down, Marcella and a few other members of her church organized a fundraiser to make repairs on the building so the feeding program could be reopened. Through this experience, Marcella learned about the power of motivation and cooperation. She found it took only a small group of motivated people to get everything started and once it was, many hands pitched in to work towards the same goal for the “good of their community”.

Marcella’s “goal in life” is to be “of service to humanity”. The experience rebuilding the feeding program was one step in her journey. She is now working towards a degree in Medical Technology with which she plans to work in various hospitals in Guyana, especially those in the more remote areas.



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The academic achievements and leadership abilities of Kaveta Mohammed from Guyana’s capital, Georgetown, illustrated her great potential and earned her a SAGE Scholarship. Kaveta chose to pursue a degree in International Relations because she has noticed how globalization has affected Guyana. Through her experiences, Kaveta realized that Guyana is “no longer that little country hidden away in South America,” and that the country’s “potential is being recognized by [Guyana’s] continental neighbors.” As such, Kaveta desires to become a translator to help build Guyana’s relations with the World.



*Kaveta Mohammad, 2011 SAGE Scholar*

Kaveta’s scholarship was fully funded by an individual donor, who empowered SAGE to award 3 scholarships this year. An email from Kaveta shows the meaning of this particular donation and of the SAGE Scholarship for her, writing, “As excited as you are to have me as a SAGE Scholar, your feelings cannot match the gratitude that my family and I have towards you, all the members of SAGE and especially towards my donor for this opportunity, you have lifted a great burden off our shoulders. Thank you is all I can say for now, two little words that I hope can convey the world of appreciation for what you have done for me. These words hold the truth of what I feel.”



***“Every child must be given equal access to education resources...”***

"Imagine a textbook written in an indecipherable language, a blackboard without chalk, or four students sharing a desk... this is my story," writes SAGE Scholar Kevin Morgan. "Every child must be given equal access to education resources, forging a spirit of hope and prosperity."

Kevin's passion and enthusiasm distinguished him from SAGE's large applicant pool this year. Inspired by Mahatma Ghandi, Kevin hopes to 'be the changes he wishes to see,' fighting inequality in his community and his country. Starting the Law program at the University of Guyana this fall, Kevin will be equipped for the front line of that battle, where he plans to become not only involved in the legislative process, in order to sculpt 'laws that are aimed at alleviating the plight and condition of the poorer class citizens,' but to continue to serve in his community by tutoring young students who are reading below their level.

"...the challenges tomorrow will bring Guyana's way are the greatest of its 45 years and my lifetime. These challenges must be met with optimism, unyielding hope, and a strong bond of affection between each and every single Guyanese..." We welcome Kevin to the SAGE scholarship program, and look forward to watching his bright future unfold.



*Kevin Morgan, 2011 SAGE Scholar*



## Scholar Update - Patricee Douglas, 2009



Patricee, now beginning her third year as a SAGE scholar and second year UG's medical program, took a few moments to reflect on college life thus far:



### **On her favorite thing learned...**

*Patricee Douglas, 2009 SAGE Scholar*

*I have learnt how wonderfully constructed the human body is! I knew before that the human body is amazing, but my first medical year helped me to come to the realization that our bodies are complex--all organs are interdependent on each other.*

### **On what she believe she needs to succeed...**

*Determination, commitment, and discipline. Sometimes as a medical student you will have to sacrifice your time and recreational activities to complete your work. Anything worth achieving is worth working hard for!*

### **On what she's looking forward to this school year...**

*I am looking forward to learning even more about the human body, diseases that affect man, and lots more.*

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