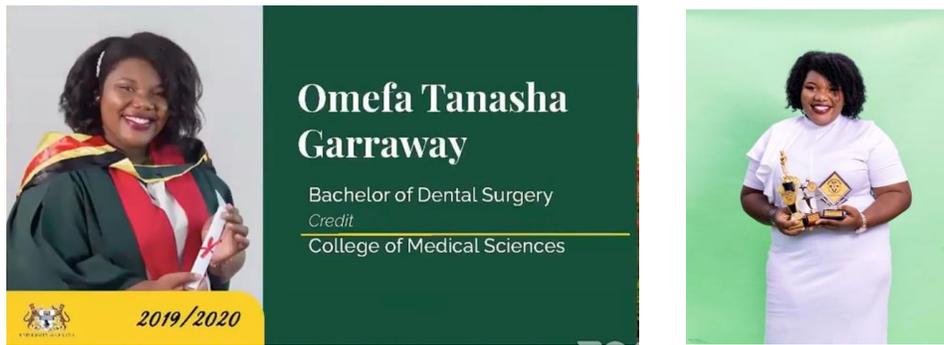


Brian Ramphal's Sponsorship of Dr. Omefa Garraway at University of Guyana



Guyanese born technology entrepreneur Brian Ramphal sponsored Omefa Garraway, a recipient of The Brian Ramphal scholarship award while she was attending the University of Guyana (UG). Omefa Garraway graduated as Dr. Omefa Garraway from the UG's School of Dentistry.

The Brian Ramphal scholarship was setup to transform lives for "*Generations to Come*". Individuals University tuition will be paid in full they remain in college and maintain standards. In turn. Graduate are expected to "*Pay It Forward*" as well.

Brian Ramphal commented as follows:

Methodology: I decided I will visit my Alama Mater, St. Stanislaus College in Guyana, and select two accomplished students to aid in their advance education at University of Guyana. St. Stanislaus College administrator and teacher assisted with identifying multiple students. I, along with St Stanislaus College principal and teacher, interviewed several students and narrowed down our selection to two students planning on attending University of Guyana. Omefa Garraway and another individual were awarded Brian Ramphal tuition scholarships with defined criteria.

Touching Moments: My most personal touching moment is when I received an email for Omefa's Mom, thanking me for helping her daughter achieve her dreams of becoming a Dentist. In 2020, Omefa Garraway became Dr. Omefa Garraway on her own.

Dr. Omefa Garraway's comments as follows:

How we met: We met through our mutual association with the St Stanislaus College. I was a final year CAPE student and a few of my colleagues and I were introduced to Mr. Ramphal since he was interested in sponsoring two students who were applying to the University of Guyana for the upcoming semester. I was then selected as a recipient a few weeks later.

My start date: I did a year of biology as a pre- requisite before I applied to the dental programme (2014/2015). I started the dental programme in September 2015.

My completion date: I completed the dental programme in November 2020. My experience: At the start of my journey I was expecting some amount of difficulty and challenges but what I experienced was much harder than I could have imagined. Being accepted to dental school was the first huge challenge, the dental programme only accepts an average of twelve students per year and I was competing with roughly one hundred other students but with lots of hard work and prayers I was accepted to my great delight. There were so many other ups and downs that occurred throughout the course of the five years but I was fortunate to be placed in a class with amazing people. We really banded together as a class and supported each other and I'm so grateful for that. Most importantly I'm grateful that I had my family's support, especially my mother and grandmother's prayers. I truly don't think I could have made it without them and the grace of God.

Gratitude to Mr. Brian Ramphal: I am also very thankful for Mr. Ramphal's help over the years, it was greatly appreciated and took away some of the extra strain that I would have had to face in those early years.

My motivation and what's next for me: From the age of seven I knew what I wanted to become, it took me all of two minutes to decide I was going to become a dentist. I have no idea why I chose dentistry since I hadn't had any great experience at the dentist up until that point in my life but that's what God placed in my heart. As I grew older my passion and interest only grew, I guess I'm one of those people that were quite fortunate to know exactly what they wanted to do from a very young age and never waver. When I entered dental school and started gaining firsthand experience practicing, my passion exploded, I fell completely in love with dentistry. Being able to help out people by taking away their pain or even, and most important to me, building their confidence by improving their oral health is truly an honour. We should never underestimate the power of having an amazing smile and the wonders it does for our self-esteem. My passion for helping people in this way was and definitely still is my motivation to continue studying and improving myself. I'm so excited to start my career as a dental surgeon, I know this new chapter of my life is going to bring new and exciting things as well as difficulties but I'm up for the challenge. I also definitely see myself continuing to study, I'm very interested in Humanities and of course continuing my dental education in a specialised field.

Brian Ramphal

Brian Ramphal, was born in Guyana, but now lives in Rancho Santa Fe, California, USA, He is now a technology entrepreneur with global experience in software development. Brian graduated from St. Stanislaus College in Georgetown. In 1979, Brian left Guyana 1979 to further his studies. Mr. Ramphal earned his MBA from Barry University.

Brian does "Pay It Forward". In fact, he generously contributed to several projects inside of Guyana including the Doobay Medical (Renal) Centre, Walter Rodney Archives, Students of University of Guyana (both Turkeyen and Tain Campuses), significant contribution to his alma mater St. Stanislaus College, Unity School as well as a Book on Dr. Cheddi Jagan on the Cold War, which is currently being authored by Professor Clem Seecharan.

Today, Mr. Ramphal focus on Angel Investor & VC investments in Cloud / SaaS based technology Mr. Ramphal served in leadership positions in several leading global companies where he played a pivotal role from start-up to publicly traded, acquisitions and diversification. Mr. Ramphal is a mentor with Connect in San Diego California. Mr. Ramphal serves on Cornell University Advisory Council.

Brian Ramphal is a life member of the Indian Diaspora Council and donates generously to needy causes and programmes globally.

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