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**The National Congress of Black Women Foundation is partnering with the Vancouver Maritime Museum to host our Annual Legacy Awards.**

A virtual Black History Month celebration that this year profiles Black Physicians in B.C. The two-hour event will occur on Saturday, February 27, just in time to close Black History Month 2021.

“Our Executive Director, Nalda Callender, advocates tirelessly promoting Black education and awareness. Her contributions span over thirty-five years. We hope this celebration serves to highlight the important contributions made by Black people in B.C. and connects us across the Canadian Landscape”  
National Congress of Black Women Foundation Team.

The Annual Legacy Awards highlights the ongoing contributions of some of B.C.’s Black doctors and healthcare professionals. This year, the NCBWF is premiering a “Community Member Honour Roll” to recognize frontline healthcare professionals and support workers from the Black community for their steadfast commitment. These individuals, nominated by members of their community, have been identified for their unwavering diligence. Also, in support, select Black-owned restaurants will be offering a 15% discount on orders placed on Saturday, February 27, 2021. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with music by D.J. Taz and visual imagery by David George. The evening highlights include a message from the Honourable Jean Augustine; a compelling presentation from Judi Lewinson; a Liza D’Aguiar production, featuring: Siobhan Barker, Candus Churchill, Marci T. House, Celeste Insell, CJ Jackman, Marion Landers, Angela Parsons, Lara Whyllie; and a Marion Landers original performance.

The night will honour the following five prominent Black doctors who live and work in B.C.

**Dr John Farley** (born in **Guyana**) Epidemiologist and Infectious Diseases Consultant. **Dr. Winston Gittens** (born in **Barbados**) Retired Active Neurosurgery, Medical Coordinator & Director at Royal Columbian Hospital. **Dr Gina Ogilvie** (born in **Jamaica**) Doctor, Public Health Scientist, Public Health Physician, Senior Research Advisor, Professor, UBC. **Dr Pascaline Mahungu** (born in **Democratic Republic of Congo**) Obstetrics, Gynecology, General and Family Practice at Surrey Grace Medical Clinic. **Dr. Vera Nyirenda** (born in **Zambia**) Family Physician at Chilliwack General Hospital.

For more information, visit the event page [Annual Legacy Award](#)

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