

EMPOWERING BLACK EXCELLENCE

OUR STUDENTS, OUR FUTURE

MAY 30-31, 2025

Educators, students, and community advocates are invited to join The Ontario Alliance of Black Educators for their annual conference at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Toronto for an invaluable opportunity to be a part of systemic change.

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Empowering Black Excellence in Education: Join ONABSE at Our 2025 Conference

Equity, advocacy, and empowerment are three crucial building blocks to an education system with a lasting positive impact, and they are three things that the Ontario Alliance of Black School Educators (ONABSE) is proud to champion in Ontario.

Committed to dismantling barriers to access, ONABSE's mission is to ensure that Black students, families, and educators have the tools, resources, and support to thrive academically, socially, and professionally. Removing systemic barriers requires the entire community's participation. That's why the ONABSE is inviting the community to participate in the conversation at the highly anticipated 2025 ONABSE Conference, which will take place on May 30-31, 2025, at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Toronto.

ADVOCATES FOR EQUITY AND EXCELLENCE

Through advocacy, consultation, and professional development,



THREE ONABSE LEADERS: BOARD OF DIRECTORS: L TO R: DEBORAH BUCKWOLD (VICE PRESIDENT), FRANKINA HARRIS (DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT), AND JACQUELYNE WALKER (PRESIDENT).

ONABSE is dedicated to fostering an inclusive, culturally responsive education system that is committed to meaningful, lasting change. Their key areas of focus include:

- Advocacy & Consultation:** True change starts at the policy level, so ONABSE champions equitable policies and practices that uplift Black learners and educators, ensuring fair representation and access to quality education.
- Professional Development:** ONABSE programming emphasizes providing educators with the tools and training they need to foster effective learning. Their training programs equip educators to

create culturally responsive and inclusive classrooms.

- Affinity Spaces:** Schools are more than places for learning; they're also spaces for connection and community. ONABSE provides supportive networks where Black educators and allies can connect, collaborate, and build connections within their communities.

With these areas and an overarching vision of a system where Black students and educators are empowered to amplify voices and foster belonging, ONABSE is confident that the impact will spread and continue to drive impactful change across Ontario's schools. There's no better time to be a part of it!

WHY ATTEND THE 2025 ONABSE CONFERENCE?

- As the organization's flagship event, the annual ONABSE conference unites educators, students, policy-makers, and community leaders in a shared mission to advance educational equity. The 2025 conference promises to be an inspiring and collaborative gathering featuring:
 - Keynote Speakers:** Hear from leading voices in education, advocacy, and community leadership.
 - Workshops & Panels:** Engage in thought-provoking discussions and hands-on sessions focused on best practices in inclusive education.
 - Networking Opportunities:** Connect with like-minded professionals, students, and community advocates who are dedicated to shaping a more equitable future.
 - Specialized Symposia:** The Francophone Symposium and Student Symposium will

provide unique perspectives and tailored programming for diverse audiences.

BE PART OF THE MOVEMENT

ONABSE's annual conference is an important step toward a more inclusive and equitable education system. By attending, participants contribute to a collective effort to create systemic change, ensuring that Black students and educators have the opportunities they deserve.

Save the date: May 30-31, 2025, at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Toronto. Whether you are an educator seeking professional growth, a student eager to engage in critical discussions, or a community advocate striving for change, this conference is an invaluable opportunity to be part of the transformation.

Together, let's continue to empower, educate, and elevate. Register today and help shape the future of education! Visit onabse.org to get started.

Driving Innovation and Sustainability in the Automotive Industry

The path to a sustainable future is paved with innovation—across industries, creative minds are seeking out new ways to make little luxuries more accessible and more eco-friendly. In the car world, Wraptors Inc. is steering automotive customization into a greener future. And as the largest vehicle wrap specialist around the globe, they're the perfect choice to take the wheel. With over 16 locations in regions including Canada, Florida, South Africa, and Dubai, Wraptors Inc. is proving that sleek design doesn't have to come at a cost to the environment. That's why they're launching the world's first plant-based car detailing product line in 7-Eleven stores nationwide—custom vehicle design has never been more accessible or more eco-friendly.

But even before this launch, Wraptors Inc. has never been a stranger to turning heads. For over a decade, they've set industry standards in vehicle wraps, start-light installations, window tinting, and paint protection films. Led by Stanislav Kravtchouk and Christel Kravtchouk—fondly



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known as Mr. Wraptors—their expertise has garnered a clientele of car enthusiasts, celebrities, and professional athletes. Their mission is to innovate products that offer car enthusiasts eco-friendly alternatives without sacrificing performance or style.

A GREENER ALTERNATIVE

Car wraps are crafted from thin vinyl materials that conform to every curve of the vehicle, eliminating the need for multiple layers of paint. Unlike traditional paint jobs that often involve sanding off the old paint, vinyl wraps can be applied directly

over the original surface. Even better, removing your car wrap is simple and non-destructive, allowing for easy updates or changes without sanding or re-painting. Traditional car painting, with its energy-intensive processes and volatile organic compounds (VOCs), is a well-documented environmental offender. In contrast, Wraptors' vinyl wraps help minimize pollution and waste while conserving energy and water.

Now Wraptors Inc. is bringing sustainability directly to consumers with the release of their first plant-based car detailing product line. Easy to use

and environmentally friendly, it promises to be a game-changer for car enthusiasts looking to reduce their carbon footprint. "This partnership is about convenience and eco-consciousness," said Kravtchouk. "We want consumers to have easy access to products that support their environmental goals and their customized style."

It's part of their eco-friendly product line, which includes ceramic coating, tire shiner, interior shiner, glass cleaner, and car shampoo—all plant-based and all made in Canada. On top of that, the products are locally made and crafted at

the Wraptors Farah Co Packing Factory in Mississauga. It's a commitment to local that boosts job creation, while at the same time making a global impact in the world of luxury vehicles and custom creativity.

THE ROAD AHEAD

Switching to plant-based car detailing has countless potential advantages, ranging from lower air pollution to less plastic waste. As consumer awareness of environmental issues grows, this innovation could transform the automotive industry, inspiring a transition toward more sustainable practices in custom design.

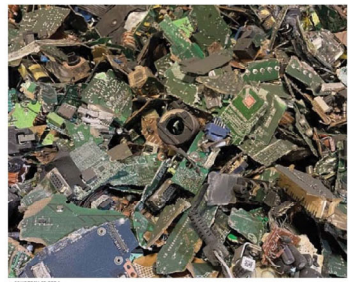
For their part, Wraptors Inc. isn't stopping with plant-based detailing products. Looking ahead, they plan to roll out additional eco-friendly innovations, including materials that further reduce emissions and waste. "This is just the beginning," said Kravtchouk. "We see ourselves as pioneers, not only in car customization but also in driving environmental responsibility in the automotive world."

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