

The Honourable Dr. Jean Augustine P.C., C.M., O.Ont., C.B.E.

Jean Augustine immigrated to Canada in 1960 and worked as a nanny, teacher, principal, and later chair of the Metro Toronto Housing Authority while raising two girls. In 1993, she became the first Black Woman elected to Parliament.

Her distinguished tenure included service as Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister; Minister of State for Multiculturalism and the Status of Women; Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee; and Deputy Speaker of Parliament.

Her legislative successes include the historic Black History Month Motion; and the ground-breaking Famous Five Motion, which authorized the first and still the only statues on Parliament Hill depicting women - - other than Queen Elizabeth.

From 2007 to 2015, she served as Ontario's first-ever Fairness Commissioner.

In 2008, the *Jean Augustine Chair in Education, Community & Diaspora* was launched at York University to help advance education, equity and inclusiveness.

Also in her name are a *Girls' Leadership Academy* in Scarborough; a *Centre for Young Women's Empowerment* and a municipal park in Etobicoke; a *Secondary School* in Brampton, and a multi-purpose complex and district park in Vaughan.

A member of the Order of Canada, Order of Ontario and Commander of the Order of the British Empire, Jean Augustine holds honorary doctorates from the universities of McGill, Toronto, York, Windsor, Guelph, Trent and Ryerson; is a senior fellow at Centennial and Massey College; and supports scholarships at George Brown, Centennial and Humber College.

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