



Dr. Fae Samuels - CDEI

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Dr. Fae Samuels is a recently retired principal of St. Augustine Secondary School in Brampton, Ontario (2001-2008) and has been an administrator for the Dufferin-Peel District School Board since 1990.

Currently, Fae is a part-time instructor of Peace and Conflicts studies at Conrad Grebel University College on the campus of the University of Waterloo, Ontario and continues to do workshops and presentations in this area as a consultant. She is President of Conflict Resolution Services and a member of the Canadian Distance Education Institute (CDEI) curriculum development team and lead instructor on bullying and peer mediation.

Dr. Samuels holds a Doctorate in Education (Conflict Resolution, OISE/UT), Master of Science (C.W. Post, Long Island University, N.Y.), B.A. (U.W.I.), and the Superintendence course in Education (OISE) as well as a Diploma in Special Education (York University). She is also published and is in demand as a motivational speaker at community events, celebrations and churches.

As a principal, Dr. Samuels met and exceeded the challenges that came with the leadership position. She has received numerous awards not only for her educational and professional achievement but for her community service.

Most notably – a) the International Zonta Club of Brampton-Caledon selected Fae as the recipient of the 2007 Women of Achievement Award in the Category of Education, Training and Development; b) honoured as a premiere Member of Outstanding Career Achievements 2008-09 from Emerald Who's Who for Executives and Professionals (US); c) The City of Mississauga's Certificate of Recognition for her dedication to youth issues from Mayor Hazel McCallion in 1999; d) the Black History Makers Award in 2003 from Peel United Cultural partners in recognition for her personal achievements, talent leadership and on going service to the community; e) the Sisserou Cultural Club Youth Quake gave her two recognitions (2004 and 2006) for her unselfish contribution of time and talent and outstanding leadership and f) selected by Salt and Light Television and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board in October 2007 as a recipient of the *Safe School Principal Recognition Awards*. This award was given in recognition of her school's contribution to creating communities of compassion and service.

Dr. Samuels continues to make significant differences in the lives of others. She served as a positive role model for women in her school community and someone who 'walks the talk' in her leadership role within the Dufferin-Peel District School Board. It was under her leadership that The Fraser Report on education rated her secondary school as the most improved Catholic Secondary School in Brampton. Giving up her Saturday mornings, she made herself available to parents to meet with her at the school for workshops, discussions and information meetings about literacy tests, school discipline, expectations and support for parents.

Giving of her time on Saturday mornings was not confined to St. Augustine but some of these and other evenings of the week were spent serving with organizations in the local and other GTA areas. Beneficiaries of her generosity in time and expertise were local groups such as RESQ International and the United Achievers' Club. At the international level she volunteered teaching Conflict Resolution and Mediation in South Africa, Columbia, the Caribbean, and the United States and across Canada.

Fae has been a Director of the Conflict Resolution Network Canada. The directors are selected from active leaders in the field of conflict resolution from diverse sectors across Canada including government, academe, business, schools and the justice system.

Her work in Peer Mediation is very effective. Fae has implemented peer mediation programs in ten different schools in both the Catholic and the Public School Boards in Peel Region and Toronto. Fae mediated parent/teen conflicts in the homes of families referred to her by Peel Family Services, Brampton and Mississauga as well as mediating parent/teen conflicts in her school communities.

As a trained mediator, Fae has trained educators, students, lawyers, social workers, child and youth workers and others in Conflict Resolution and Mediation. She has trained participants in South Africa, Columbia, the Caribbean, United States and Canada. Fae has extensive workshop experiences and has presented more than sixty training workshops locally and internationally.