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CBC News at Six is a proud media sponsor of the 2008 Harry Jerome Awards.

The awards were presented on Saturday, April 26th, 2008 in Toronto by the Black Business and Professional Association.

The awards are named after the late Harry Jerome, an outstanding sprinter who set several track-and-filed records during the 1960's and represented Canada in the Olympics, Pan-American Games and Commonwealth Games.

Meet the Winners!

Academics Award

Vera Manu was awarded the York University Award of Achievement for Academic Excellence, was on the Dean's List and graduated with distinction. She is now in her second year at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto. This is quite an achievement for a young woman who grew up in Toronto's Jane-Finch community and had to repeat the first grade. She gives back to the community as a mentor.





Vera Manu

Arts Award

Cheryl Foggo is an author and playwright in Calgary. Her lifelong passion for her ancestors' distinctive history compelled her to research and write her first book *Pourin' Down Rain* which chronicles her family's journey. She is the author of more than 40 articles on local, national and international topics.

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Athletics Award

Anne Ogundele started playing goal with the Dixie Soccer Club at the age of 8 and never looked back. Scouts noticed her stand out performances with the U17 Provincial Team and Team Ontario





Cheryl Foggo

Anne Ogundele

at the 2001 Canada Games.

Today she is with the University of Kentucky where she continues to rack up wins, awards and honours.

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Community Service Award

Roger Rowe completed his LLB at Osgood Hall Law School in 1987. He is a founding member of the Canadian Association of Black Lawyers and volunteers with several non-profit organizations and charities. He is also the immediate past president of PEACH: Promoting Economic Action and Community Health, a non-profit organization that runs programs for high need youth in the Jane and Finch community.



Roger Rowe

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