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# Celebrating Excellence

Presented by Bikila Award

## Bikila Award Ceremony and Dinner Gala

September 27  
Starts at 6pm Sharp  
Daniels Spectrum

Dinner, Jazz Music,  
Entertainment,  
Raffle, Door Prize

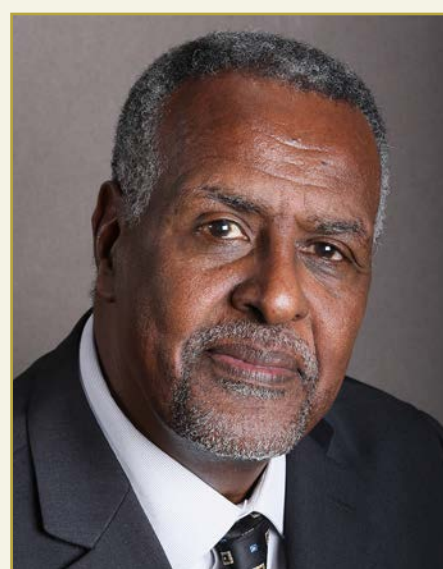
585 Dundas St. East  
Toronto, ON  
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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**Hon. David MacDonald**

Served as a Member of Parliament from 1965 to 1980 and from 1988 to 1993. Secretary of State and Minister of Communications in the late 1970's; and Canada's Ambassador to Ethiopia and the Sudan in the late 1980's. For the past decade he has been deeply immersed in the creation and work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.



**HONORARY GUEST**

**Dr. Gebisa Ejeta**

Distinguished Professor of Plant Breeding & Genetics and International Agriculture at Purdue University. Among his many awards, Gebisa Ejeta was the recipient of the 2009 World Food Prize. His research work has led to the development of weed resistant sorghum cultivars in African and South America.

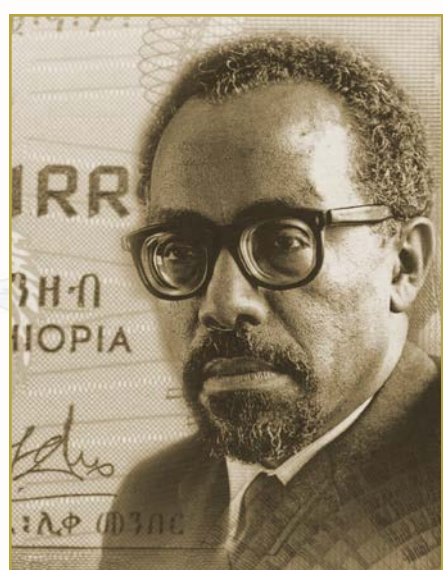


**HONORARY GUEST**

**Dr. Membere Aklilu**

Overcame difficult circumstances in her earlier life. She made an epic journey from being homeless in Italy to become a successful business woman and recipient of Honorary Doctorate in America. She has compassion for the homeless and makes generous donations to worthy causes.

## The 2014 Bikila Award Winners



**Dr. Taffara Deguefe**

**Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient**

Distinguished Contribution to the Establishment of Banking Services in Ethiopia. The First Director of the Civil Aviation Authority in Ethiopia and Exemplary Life Experiences.



**Dr. Kibret Mequanint**

**Professional Excellence Award Recipient**

Professor in the Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering & Graduate Program in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Western Ontario. Distinguished contribution to Biopolymer Technologies and the application of Chemical Engineering principles to medicine.



**Dr. Clare Pain**

**Professional Excellence Award Recipient**

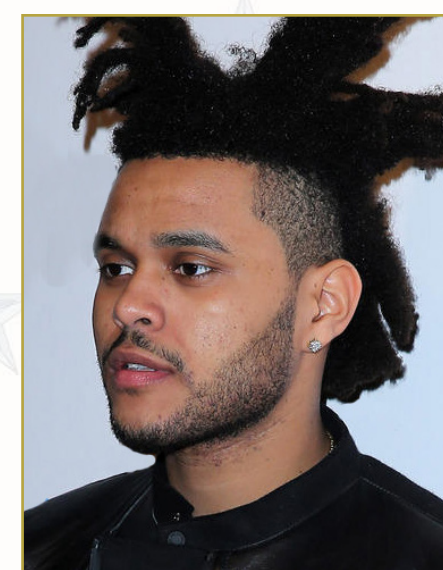
Director of the Toronto Addis Ababa Psychiatry Project (TAAPP) and Co-ordinator of the Toronto Addis Ababa Academic Collaboration. Besides her excellence in her profession as a psychiatrist she has made exemplary contribution to the development of mental health services in Ethiopia.



**Dr. Gelila Tilahun**

**Professional Excellence Award Recipient**

Doctor of Statistical Sciences at the University of Toronto. Outstanding research work focused on developing statistical methods for calendaring texts. She recently completed a post-doctoral fellowship in bioinformatics at the University of Toronto.



**Abel "The Weeknd" Tesfaye**

**Professional Excellence Award Recipient**

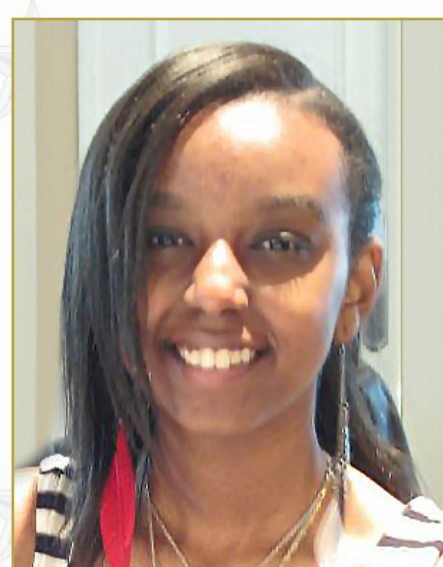
Abel Tesfaye, known as by stage name "The Weeknd" is a Grammy and Juno Award winning singer-songwriter and producer. He will be awarded for tenaciously pursuing his dream and becoming a breakthrough award-winning artist.

## Bikila Award Winner Students



**Alpha Abebe**

**Academic Excellence Award Recipient**



**Martha Gebreselassie**

**Academic Excellence Award Recipient**



**Heran Genene**

**Community Service Award Recipient**

Two of these three students will also receive Scholarship Funds.



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- **Rendez-Vous Restaurant Bar and Café**  
1408 Danforth Avenue
- **Kabul Market**, 4403 Kingston Road.
- **Sheba Restaurant**, 418 College Street

Tickets may not be available at the door, get yours today.



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