



Paul Nguyen – Paul Nguyen is a Canadian filmmaker and social activist. Paul was born and raised in the Jane and Finch area of downtown Toronto. He attended York University and graduated in 2004 with a Bachelor of Arts in Film. In response to constant negative media coverage of his cultural community, Paul created Jane-Finch.com, a website that spotlights the rich culture and history of his community. On this website, Paul provides updates on community events, and shares art, poetry, and music. The website and Paul’s work have received positive national media attention, including being featured on the Global National and Sounds like Canada. In 2008, Now Magazine recognized the website among “9 things we love about Jane-Finch”. In 2010 and 2011, the website received awards from the Canadian Ethnic Media Association and Heritage Toronto. Paul has also received the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship and Paul Yuzyk Award for Multiculturalism in the outstanding achievement category. In 2012, Paul was honoured with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his work with at-risk youth in his community.



Jagmeet Singh – Jagmeet Singh has served as the leader of the federal New Democratic Party since 2017. He is the first person of South Asian descent to lead a major political party in Canada. Jagmeet earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Western Ontario, and a Bachelor of Laws degree from Osgoode Hall Law School. Jagmeet was called to the Bar in 2006 and worked as a criminal defence lawyer in Toronto. Jagmeet began his political career in 2011 when he became a Member of Provincial Parliament. In October of 2015, Jagmeet introduced a motion to end arbitrary street checks, or carding, by police services in Ontario; this motion passed unanimously. In April of 2019, Jagmeet authored a memoir *Love & Courage: My Story of Family, Resilience, and Overcoming the Unexpected*. It is an honour to spotlight the amazing work that Jagmeet Singh has done in Canada during South Asian History Month.