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## **Tamil Students Association @ York University Endorses Team Unity**

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National Council of Canadian Tamils (NCCT) is an organization composed of democratically elected Canadian Tamils. Their focus is to strengthen the Tamil community and make them be recognized throughout the Canadian multicultural community. The NCCT will work to empower Tamil Canadians and make sure that our voices are heard and our heritage and identities are preserved. On June 20<sup>th</sup> 2010, for the first time in history, an election of such magnitude will be held; and we are proud to announce that three of our very own YUTSA member/York University students will be taking part in the elections. Krisna Saravanamuttu, Siva Vimalachandran, and Darshika Selvasivam, known as Team Unity!. Nancy Kamalanathan and Ashok Nithiananthan are also active YUTSA members and they too are running for the position of Ontario Youth member at large, and we are proud to endorse our active YUTSA members who will take part in this momentous occasion.

As many of us already know, Krisna Saravanamuttu is the President of York Federation Students at York University. He has worked hard and dedicated so much of himself to ensure that all students at York University are treated justly. Krisna is an inspiration to many and a role model for all. He has personally been a tremendous help to YUTSA. Krisna did a great deal in helping with the raising of our National Flag at York University. Whenever he is needed, he will be there to lend a hand. He has helped YUTSA achieve many goals throughout the year. He is a true leader and a dedicated member of the Tamil Community. Earlier this year, Krisna had also won the Role Model award from YUTSA to commemorate his actions within York and also the entire community.

Darshika, as we all know is Vice President Campaigns and advocacy at York University. She too is an award winner earlier this year from YUTSA. As suitable to her position, she had won the Advocacy Award. Darshika, too has helped YUTSA overcome many struggles over the past years, and I believe will continue to guide us on the right path. Darshika was also a National spokesperson for the Vattakottai Resolution Elections. Some of us may remember her during the times of protests downtown and others may have seen her on the news when talks about security at York University arose after the sexual assault news broke out. Whatever the case may be, Darshika is a leader who doesn't stand back and watch the action, but she is there in the front lines, manning her post. Whether it be the Tamil community, or the York University community as a whole, she has always been there to show her support.

Siva Vimalachandran is the current Student Center Chair at York University. Siva has also always been there to help out YUTSA. He has always been there to do all the little things that needed to be done in order for the whole picture to come to view. Siva is also an active member of the Tamil community and gets involved anywhere he can. He has been a great asset to have as a YUTSA member, and also as a member of the York Federation of students. There are nothing but high hopes for Siva, who has accomplished so much at such a young age.

The York University Tamil Student Association (YUTSA) endorses these three members of Team Unity, and would like to personally congratulate Darshika Selvasivam for becoming the first female in history to be a part of NCCT. For all the support that YUTSA has received from these three, it is only right that YUTSA supports Team Unity.



Empower Through Unity, to Strengthen & Preserve Tamil Identity

“Empower through unity to preserve and strengthen Tamil Identity” is YUTSA’s slogan and Team Unity has done nothing, but help the preservation of YUTSA’s identity. Without unity, YUTSA would not be what it is today. It is a club known throughout campus as champions and true contenders. YUTSA came in first place over all to a “Freedom” themed Multicultural week. How can YUTSA lose when a theme is something that all the members live for and dream of? But nevertheless, without unity and identity, YUTSA could not stand proudly today. And YUTSA would like to thank Team Unity for its support, and wishes them good luck! YUTSA will not only endorse Team Unity, but will also campaign for them, so that they can help the Tamil Community be united as YUTSA is today. YUTSA encourages the Tamil Community to go out and vote for Krisna Saravanamuttu, Siva Vimalachandran, and Darshika Selvasivam, Nancy Kamalanathan and Ashok Nithiananthan who will continue to push forward with our struggle.

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