## **Adam Lake**

Adam Lake is a York University student, enrolled in the Specialized Honours BA program in Sociology and the Anti-Racist Research and Practice certificate program. Rather than being a victim, Adam has made the decision to use his voice as power, when it comes to voicing the various forms of discrimination that intersect.

As a future Black lawyer, his key professional goal is to combat social injustice and to work with law enforcement in order to eliminate the lack of community knowledge surrounding legal services and rights for the Black youth and young adults. This has further led into his passion for forming an affirmative observation of the African Canadian community.

Adam has joined organizations, becoming not only a mentor, but also a passionate, positive influence to the Black youth. Adam has also co-founded "Books Breaking Barriers" in 2016, allowing him to empower racialized and marginalized inmates through the experience of reading. Adam wants to make sure that detained youth have an opportunity to change their attitudes towards achievement, aspirations, and educational attainment. Adam aspires to be a force to be reckoned with in the Black community and especially the legal field.

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Adam to continue breaking barriers, allowing him to meet his educational and career aspirations.