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MISS LOU TO BE HONOURED BY YORK UNIVERSITY

TORONTO, May 27 (JAMPRESS):

Jamaica's Ambassador of Culture, Hon. Louise Bennett-Coverley (Miss Lou), will receive an honorary degree from York University in Toronto, Canada on June 10.

Miss Lou will be presented with the Doctor of Letters degree at the University's Spring Convocation. In attendance will be Jamaica's Consul General to Toronto, Herman LaMont and Mrs. LaMont.

York University, the third largest in Canada with 40,000 students, is recognising Miss Lou for her "achievements as a poet, dramatist and storyteller and for reminding everyone of Jamaica's great contribution to Canadian and world culture".

Former President, Susan Mann, said York University is also celebrating Miss Lou's "commanding presence in Jamaican and Caribbean literature and the performing arts, and her international reputation as a poet and folklorist".

Miss Lou who now resides in Toronto, said she was surprised and very proud at the news, because although she had participated in two conferences at York University in the past, she had no idea they had followed her career so closely.

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