

## IMHOTEP'S LEGACY ACADEMY – TIMELINE OF DEVELOPMENT

Year	Events
1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1-day workshop organized at Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC – themed “<i>Imhotep’s Legacy</i>”, included a Magic Show/Activities and a profile of African Canadians in science</li></ul>
2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1-week <b>Afrocentric Science Academy</b> held at Saint Mary’s University</li></ul>
2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Kevin Hewitt accepts Assistant Professorship in Dalhousie University’s Department of Physics and Atmospheric Science</li></ul>
2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• piloted the <b>Saturday Summer Science School</b> – themed “<i>Imhotep’s Legacy</i>”</li></ul>
2003/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Imhotep’s Legacy After School Science Project conceived by Wayn Hamilton, Dr. Barb Hamilton-Hinch, and Dr. Kevin Hewitt</li><li>• Imhotep’s Legacy: After School Project III pilot – Caledonia Junior High School</li></ul>
2004/05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Imhotep’s Legacy: After School Project IV pilot – Saint Patrick’s-Alexandra School included</li></ul>
2005/06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ILA’s website is launched</li><li>• Imhotep’s Legacy: After School Project V – decision is made to expand provincially</li></ul>
2006/07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Imhotep’s Legacy After School Project is expanded to Truro Junior High School in Truro, NS</li><li>• Activity plans developed</li><li>• <a href="#">SuperNova</a> contributes 10 scholarships to their Summer 2007 Science camp</li></ul>
2007/08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Imhotep’s Legacy Academy (ILA)</b> name adopted</li><li>• Virtual High School Project planning underway</li></ul>
2008/09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Imhotep’s Legacy After School Project is expanded to Whitney Pier Memorial Junior High School in Sydney, NS</li></ul>
2009/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Virtual School Program implemented (online tutoring via the Marratech Video Conferencing platform)</li><li>• ILA moves to the Killam Library office space</li></ul>

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2010/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Imhotep's Legacy After School Program is expanded to Oxford Junior High School in Halifax, NS, and to Saint Andrew Junior School and Dr. John H. Gillis Regional High School in Antigonish, NS</li><li>• TD Canada Trust provides a \$1,000,000 endowment to Dalhousie University for ILA scholarships (Feb. 11, 2011) – ILA-TD Bank Opportunity Scholarships</li><li>• Virtual School Program migrates to Dalhousie University's Blackboard Collaborate system for online tutoring</li><li>• ILA organizes a <i>FIRST</i> LEGO League (FLL) Robotic Summer Camp at Dalhousie University for its 5 target sites (Halifax, Dartmouth, Truro, Antigonish, Sydney)</li><li>• Summer Student Research Scholarships are created in partnership with Dalhousie University's Faculty of Science and Faculty of Medicine</li></ul>
2011/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summer Student Research Scholarship created in partnership with Dalhousie University's Faculty of Engineering</li><li>• The first ILA-TD Bank Opportunity Scholarships are awarded to three student participants</li><li>• ILA's <i>FIRST</i> LEGO League (FLL) Program implemented in Halifax, Truro, and Antigonish</li></ul>
2012/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ILA's <i>FIRST</i> LEGO League (FLL) Program implemented in Sydney</li><li>• ILA's FLL teams win awards at the regional and provincial competitions:</li><li>• Sydney FLL team wins <i>Core Values</i> Trophy at regionals</li><li>• Truro FLL team wins <i>Presentation Award</i> at regionals</li><li>• Halifax FLL team wins the <i>Judges Choice Award</i> at regionals, and the <i>Technical Award and Mechanical Design Award</i> at provincials</li></ul>
2013/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summer Student Research Scholarship created in partnership with Dalhousie University's Faculty of Health Professions</li><li>• Virtual School Program migrates to ILA-Skype for online tutoring</li><li>• ILA's Truro FLL team wins <i>Mechanical Design Award</i> and Truro FLL Volunteer Coach wins <i>Outstanding Coach Award</i> at provincial competition</li></ul>
2014/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Two new STEM-initiatives launched:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• STEM Project Challenge</li><li>• Science Quest Quiz Tournament</li></ul></li><li>• <i>ILA's Halifax FLL team wins Enthusiasm and Spirit Award at regional competition</i></li></ul>
2015/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ILA develops and implements a suite of science activity plans for Grade 6 students. These activities are implemented at the Truro, Antigonish, and Sydney sites.</li></ul>

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2016/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ILA begins the creation and cataloguing of science activity videos for its full suite of science activities in grades 6-9. Videos are posted on the Imhotep's Legacy Academy YouTube channel: <a href="http://bit.ly/ILAscience">http://bit.ly/ILAscience</a></li><li>• ILA's Halifax FLL team wins a <i>Robot Design Award</i> at the NSCC Regional Qualifier</li><li>• ILA's Halifax FLL team wins the <i>Project Innovative Solution Award</i> at the provincial championships held at Acadia University</li><li>• ILA's Halifax FLL team is selected to attend the <i>2017 Global Innovation Awards</i> in Washington, DC (June 18-21, 2017)</li><li>• Imhotep's Legacy After School Program is expanded to the Annapolis Valley Region: Kings County Academy in Kentville, NS and Northeast Kings Education Centre in Canning, NS (ASP sessions begin in January 2017)</li></ul>
2017/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• During the African Heritage Month 2018 celebration on the Dalhousie University campus, ILA is acknowledged for its contribution to <i>Black Excellence: Community to Academia</i></li><li>• ILA partners with the Black Business Initiative's Business Is Jammin' Society under sponsorship of RBC Royal Bank, to launch the iCode+ Program (on Saturday, March 24, 2018) to provide African Nova Scotian youth (ages 16-19) with computer programming experience. Sessions are held from 11am-1pm at the Halifax North Memorial Library and the Captain William Spry Library.</li><li>• ILA is awarded the <i>President's Award for the Advancement of Equity, Diversity and Inclusiveness</i> at the inaugural <a href="#">Dalhousie Legacy Awards</a> ceremony.</li></ul>
2018/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On November 19, 2018, ILA moves its Headquarters/Learning Centre from rooms G40M/N of the Killam Library to space on the Sexton campus, providing a <b>state-of-the-art Learning Centre, Makerspace, and office space</b>. The new ILA Learning Centre (J134) and Makerspace (A103) were officially opened via a formal ceremony held on January 23, 2019.</li></ul>
2019/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ILA's Halifax FLL team "Reveles" wins the <i>Project Presentation Award</i> at the provincial championships held at Acadia University</li><li>• ILA partners with the African Canadian Services Branch (ACSB) for the online delivery of two summer programs:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ <i>Roots-to-STEM Reading Series</i> – for gr. 3 students</li><li>◦ <i>Summer Scholar Online Academy in Mathematics</i> – for gr. 4-6 students</li></ul></li></ul>
2020/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ILA delivers its secondary school programs (After-School Program, <i>FIRST</i> LEGO League Program, and Virtual School Program) entirely online via Microsoft Teams (in response to COVID-19 restrictions).</li><li>• ILA holds its third annual <b>STEM Quiz Tournament</b> and the first online implementation (via Microsoft Teams) of the event (in response to COVID-19 restrictions).</li></ul>

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- 2021/22**
- Start of the Sprouting Science Summer Camps in partnership with the Discovery Centre (summer 2022)
  - ILA's implements its first **STEM Essay Writing Contest** and hosts the **African Canadians in Science, Technology, and Innovation Exhibit** as part of the *A Black People's History of Canada's* inaugural conference Past/Future: African Canadian History, Arts and Culture in STEM Education Conference held July 26-28, 2022
  - **ILA's holds its first** Young, Gifted & Black Future Physicists Summer Camp **from July 25 - 29, 2022**
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- 2022/23**
- Start of Culture of Growing initiative in November 2022
  - ILA holds its first **Young, Gifted & Black Science Fair** and hosts the CBSN Regional Science Fair competition on April 1st 2023.
    - **Three participants advance to the Canada-wide Science Fair and win national awards.**
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- 2023/24**
- ILA's Legos R Us team wins the *Core Values Award* and places third (3<sup>rd</sup>) at the [FIRST LEGO League provincial championships](#) on February 17, 2024
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