

Debbie Miller

Debbie Miller is a police officer with the Ottawa Police Service. She was born in Jamaica, and immigrated to Canada when she was just three years old. Debbie's love for policing began in 1993, when, during the third year of her Sociology /Anthropology program at Carleton University, she competed for, and became, the first recipient of the Thomas G. Flanagan Scholarship Award.

A trailblazer, Debbie broke through the glass ceiling of the Ottawa Police Service in 1994 to become one of the first five black women police officers hired. She became involved in the annual process for the Thomas G. Flanagan Scholarship Award. As the spokesperson and primary ambassador for the Award, she works tirelessly to encourage women from visible minority and aboriginal backgrounds to consider a career in law enforcement. In 2003, Debbie was assigned to develop a policy position on the issue of Media Violence and its impact on youth and children. Debbie put forth a proposal that saw all the stakeholders working together to help raise awareness about the possible impact that violent video games, music and television can have on youth and children. This proposal was accepted. For the first time in Canada a police organization was publicly addressing the issue of Media Violence.

Debbie's tenacity comes from her passion for positive change. As a visible minority woman, she has overcome tremendous odds to become the leader that she is today. As a Sergeant on patrol she is well respected by those she leads. She is an advocate and role model for others.