

# TEAM DAMAS

Léon-Gontran Damas was a French poet and politician. He was one of the founders of the Négritude movement during the 1930 along with Aimé Césaire and Senghor. Damas explored the internalized racism and oppression that occurred within the diaspora. In the 1970's Damas moved to D.C. He taught at Howard University and served until his passing as acting director of the African Studies program.



**TEAM CAPTAIN  
GARIMA ROKAYA**

As a Captain, I understand the importance of striking a harmonious balance between my duties as a leader of the Flagship Ambassadors and my personal and professional growth. From a young age, I have held the belief that a true leader is inseparable from their team. Therefore, my approach to working with my team members revolves around embracing my authentic self and creating a nurturing environment where they can also express their true selves. We proudly bear the name of Léon-Gontran Damas, a remarkable individual who excelled as a poet, politician, diplomat, cultural theorist, leader, and professor. His unwavering commitment to serving his community serves as an enduring source of inspiration for me and my team. Recognizing the immense potential within each member, I wholeheartedly encourage them to embrace their unique abilities and contribute their irreplaceable talents to our collective effort.



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