



THE GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

4th Annual Phoenix Awards

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF
RUTH BOWE DARVILLE

UNDER THE THEME:

Ashes to Achievement
A LEGACY OF PERSEVERANCE AND PROGRESS

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Government High School Class of 1976

TRIBUTE TO OUR *Phoenix Award Honorees*

The Class of 1976 of Government High School proudly

Congratulates

five of our distinguished classmates on the occasion of their well-deserved Phoenix Awards.



We Celebrate RHODA M. JACKSON GRANT, whose outstanding diplomatic career has represented The Bahamas with distinction around the world, including service as Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office at Geneva.



We Honor THE HONORABLE JUSTICE MILTON EVANS, whose exemplary legal career and leadership within the judiciary have strengthened the rule of law and justice in our nation.



We Salute PASTOR ERIC D. CLARKE, whose more than four decades of faithful pastoral ministry, humanitarian service, and leadership have touched lives across the Caribbean and beyond.



We Recognize VAUGHN P. R. ALBURY, whose remarkable career in broadcasting and storytelling helped bring Bahamian culture and national events into homes throughout the country.



We Commend PAUL FERNANDER, whose lifelong contributions to media, culture, labor advocacy, and community development have helped shape and celebrate the Bahamian spirit.

Your lives reflect the excellence, character, and commitment to service that define the legacy of Government High School. The Class of 1976 is immensely proud of each of you.

Congratulations, Classmates!

Programme

MUSIC BY GHS BAND MAGIC IVY

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
Mrs. Alanna Brice GHS Class of 1983

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Analise Simone GHS class of 2026

BLESSING OF 3RD ANNUAL PHOENIX AWARDS BY
Nathan Davis GHS Class of 2025

GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL PRAYER
Led by: Mrs. Alanna Brice GHS Class of 1983

Teach us, good Lord,
To serve thee as thou deservest;
To give and not to count the cost;
To fight and not to heed the wounds;
To toil and not to seek for rest;
To labour and not to ask for any reward
Save that of knowing that we do thy will.

GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL SONG
Analise Simone GHS Class of 2026

I vow to thee, my country, All earthly things above
Entire and whole and perfect, The service of my love
The love that asks no questions, The love that stands the test
That lays upon the altar, The dearest and the best.

The love that never falters, The love that pays the price
The love that makes undaunted, The final sacrifice.
And there's another country, I've heard of long ago
Most dear to them that love her, Most great to them that know.

We may not count her armies, We may not see her King
Her fortress is a faithful heart, Her pride is suffering
And soul by soul and silently, Her shining bounds increase
And her ways are ways of gentleness, And all her paths are peace.

WELCOME
Chairperson Vanessa Watkins Scott GHS Class of 1971

MUSIC BY GHS BAND MAGIC IVY

**AWARDS PRESENTED BY
TGHS PRINCIPAL
MRS. PAVIA ROLLE**

Johnny Kemp
Darold Miller
Rt. Hon. Theresa Moxey Ingraham
Kenneth Huyler Sr.
Kayla Lockhart Edwards
Justice Ruth Bowe-Darville (retired)
Rhoda Jackson Grant
Bishop Laish Boyd
Dr. Locksley Munroe
Dr. Conville Brown
Vernice Walkine

MUSIC BY GHS BAND MAGIC IVY

KEY NOTE ADDRESS

MUSIC BY GHS BAND MAGIC IVY

**AWARDS PRESENTED BY
PRESIDENT OF THE GHS ALUMNI CLASS OF 1982
MR. ROMELL KNOWLES**

Lynden Rose
David "Funky D" Ferguson
Sharon Brennen-Haylock
Dr. Geannine Rhodenwaldt Moss
Paul Fernander
Phillip Miller

Erica Watkins Laing
Pastor Eric Clarke
Mizpah Brown Rich
Patricia Hermanns
Pastor Dave Burrows

MUSIC BY GHS BAND MAGIC IVY

**AWARDS PRESENTED BY
CHAIRWOMAN OF THE PHOENIX AWARDS GHS CLASS OF 1971
MRS VANESSA SCOTT**

Ellison Greenslade
Sheryl Brennen-Wood
Vaughn Albury
Judy Deveaux
Justice Milton Evans
Dr. Sonia Hepburn-Marshall
Dr. Edwin Demeritte
Dr. Melony Thompson
Justice Gregory Hilton
Louise Barry
Hon. Desmond Bannister

MUSIC BY GHS BAND MAGIC IVY

THANK YOU

Mrs Doreth Campbell GHS Class of 1978

**BENEDICTION OF 4TH ANNUAL PHOENIX AWARDS
AND BLESSING OF FOOD**

Pastor Mr. Ellington Ferguson, President of GHS class of 83

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
Mrs. Alanna Brice Class of 1983

MUSIC BY GHS BAND MAGIC IVY



MESSAGE FROM

The Patron

Ruth M. L. Bowe-Darville
(1971 / 1973)

I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to the Government High School Alumni Association on its presentation of the 4th annual Government High School Alumni Phoenix Awards Ceremony.

I applaud the Committee's dedication, perseverance, and hard work. You have reached yet another milestone in celebrating the legacy of our great high school, The Government High School. These award ceremonies have engendered a new sense of pride in our alma mater and inspired the alumni.

This year's theme "From the Ashes to Achievement - A Legacy of Perseverance and Progress" represents the Phoenix, the rising symbol of our legacy. We continue to honor alumni who have made great achievements and contributions to our country and beyond. They have helped to shape our country, the Commonwealth of The Bahamas. I salute and congratulate the honorees for this year's awards. We were the Independence Generation! The New Bahamas.

The success of the Committee's programs and events is a true testament to its dedication, commitment, talent, passion and hard work. We, the alumni, owe you a debt of gratitude.

Ruth M. L. Bowe-Darville (1971/1973)



MESSAGE FROM

The President

Romell Knowles

Ladies and Gentlemen, esteemed alumni, honoured guests, and cherished members of the Government High School community,

It is with immense pride and profound gratitude that I serve you today as the President of the Government High Alumni Association. Our beloved Government High School is not merely an educational institution; it is a noble beacon of learning, a premier institution that has shaped countless lives and continues to illuminate the path of knowledge and excellence.

The legacy of Government High School is unparalleled. Evident in the distinguished scholars who have passed through its hallowed halls, this institution has impacted every sphere of our society—be it in science, arts, governance, business, or community service. The achievements of our alumni serve as a testament to the quality of education and the enduring values instilled within these walls. No other institution, past or present, can boast such a rich history and a tradition of excellence that transcends generations.

I take immense pride in this lasting legacy. It is more than a history; it is a living, breathing testament to what dedication, discipline, and a commitment to learning can achieve. Each one of us, as proud alumni, carries forward this torch, lighting the way for future generations to aspire and excel.

I am privileged to be part of such an august body, a community bound by shared memories, common goals, and an unwavering commitment to uphold the values of our alma mater. On this special occasion, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all those honored at these Phoenix Awards. Your achievements inspire us all and reinforce the strength of our shared heritage. I also wish to acknowledge and thank our patron, whose guidance and support have been instrumental in sustaining the spirit and success of Government High School.

As we celebrate today, let us renew our commitment to the institution that has given us so much. May we continue to support and uplift Government High School, ensuring that it remains a beacon of hope, knowledge, and opportunity for generations to come.

May God continue to bless the Government High School, its students, its faculty, and its vast network of alumni. Together, let us forge ahead with pride, purpose, and passion, carrying forward the noble legacy of our cherished institution.

Romell Knowles



MESSAGE FROM

The Chairperson

Vanessa Scott

Ashes to Achievement: A Legacy of Perseverance and Progress

The Government High School Alumni Association proudly extends heartfelt congratulations to all former graduates and the families of past students who have been honored with the 4th Annual Government High School Alumni Phoenix Award.

This distinguished recognition stands as a powerful testament to the enduring spirit, excellence, and impact of Government High School alumni across generations. Each awardee embodies the values of leadership, service, and achievement that define the proud tradition of our alma mater.

As we reflect on this moment of pride and accomplishment, we are reminded of the enduring ideals that guide us from the first line of our school song:

*“I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love...”*

And in the spirit of faith and purpose that has long been a cornerstone of our foundation from our school’s prayer:

*“Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest;
to give and not to count the cost;
to fight and not to heed the wounds;
to labor and not to seek for any reward,
save that of knowing that we do thy will.”*

As we celebrate this milestone, we are reminded that the Phoenix continues to rise—through every graduate who carries forward the legacy of excellence, resilience, and national pride.

Congratulations to all honorees. Your achievements inspire us all.

Vanessa Scott



MESSAGE FROM

The Principal

Pavia Rolle

Celebrating Excellence, Honoring Legacy

It is with immense pride and heartfelt gratitude that we honor the distinguished alumni of The Government High School whose lifetime achievements have strengthened and elevated our beloved nation, The Bahamas. Your dedication, leadership, innovation, and service across diverse fields have left an indelible mark on our communities and have brought distinction not only to yourselves, but also to your alma mater.

As former students of The Government High School, you carry forward a proud tradition of excellence, resilience, and integrity. From classrooms filled with promise to boardrooms, courtrooms, hospitals, universities, and public service, you have exemplified the very values instilled within these historic walls. Your accomplishments stand as powerful reminders to our current students that greatness is attainable through hard work, discipline, and faith.

Today, we celebrate not only what you have achieved, but also the pathways you have paved for future generations. Your mentorship, guidance, and tangible contributions continue to enrich the educational experiences of our young scholars. The legacy you are building inspires them to dream boldly and to serve our nation with purpose.

On behalf of the entire school community, I extend sincere thanks for your steadfast support—whether through scholarships, partnerships, volunteerism, or advocacy. Your commitment strengthens our programs and enhances opportunities for student growth and achievement.

As we honor your lifetime accomplishments, we also look ahead with hope. We warmly encourage your continued involvement and partnership with The Government High School. Together, we can preserve our proud heritage while advancing toward an even brighter future.

May your achievements continue to shine as beacons of inspiration for generations to come.

With deepest appreciation,

Principal Pavia Rolle



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History of The Government High School

Secondary education and public initiative joined hands at Nassau Court on April 27th, 1925 when the Colony, known as The Bahamas, formally opened its first fully government-sponsored secondary school, aptly naming it the Government High School. Prior to 1925, only privately organized institutions offered access to secondary education. Their school fee requirements essentially limited enrolment to students drawn from middle and upper socioeconomic classes. These secondary schools commonly applied racial and gender restrictions, moreover, excluding black or female pupils. In launching the Government High School, the Colony took an important step towards meeting a pressing need for secondary education for both black and white students of both genders within the society. As well, in placing the school at Nassau Court it exposed students to sociogeographical norms, settling a predominantly black student population within a stone's throw of racially segregated establishments in the community.

The Government High School began with only a handful of students and its population would remain low throughout the early years of the school. Access to the school required students to meet certain conditions including a satisfactory score on a competitive entry examination; a certificate of good character; and the payment of a school fee which in 1925 amounted to ten pounds, ten shillings. Also in the early years, all applications for admission had to be approved by the Colonial Secretary, who was the senior administrative official of the Colony. A small number of government scholarships were available each year, split equally



to meet the needs of deserving students from New Providence and from the Family Islands. Although resources were limited, the school employed a well-trained staff and met its mandate to provide a quality education for students who passed through its doors. The school's curriculum focused on topics such as English, Math, and Geography, preparing students to pass the University of Cambridge's Senior Certificate examination and later to embark upon careers as civil servants or as teachers. In many cases, students attending this highly selective school would go on to

attain ranking positions in business and the professions, in political and religious life, and in other areas of private and public endeavor.

The year 1959 saw the first major geographical transition for the school. It migrated from its Nassau Court campus to a new campus on Thompson Boulevard and Poinciana Drive, which is today the home of the University of the Bahamas. By 1961, the school that had opened its doors with but 5 pupils had grown to cater to 329 students, a population trend which would continue throughout the 1960s. The Education Act of 1962, Majority Rule, Independence, and more lenient admission policies, including the elimination of the school fee in 1967, would continue to promote an increase in enrollment which reach 725 in June 1975.

With the introduction of a mandate to provide secondary education to all Bahamians GHS had to be restructure to accommodate the changing educational needs. This concept did not sit well with the former students of the Government High School however it was a government decision and it was one that was not to be changed. In September 1975, the Government High School students changed from a Select Grammar school and assumed the form of a Comprehensive high school to accommodate the changing structure of education in The Bahamas.



G.H.S. Staff, 1974-5

In September 1975 there would not be form ones, no General six, Lower six or Upper Six. The three A level streams would migrate into the Collage of The Bahamas. Also, in September 1975 two hundred

new Students were allowed to enter the Government High School without taking the common entrance exam, the new students along with the returning new form 5, new form 4, new form 3 and new form 2 would make up the new school population. In September 1976 the institution would moved again geographically, this time to its current location on Baha Boulevard in Yellow Elder. An additional 600 students would be included to the school's population at the almost completed state of the art institution



ABOVE - GHS staff and Board of Governors - Mr. Hugh Davies Headmaster, (5th from right) 1963.

Since 1976 the Government High School has transformed into a Track and Field powerhouse producing scores of outstanding Bahamian athletes. As a Performing Arts secondary school scores of students have received international music scholarships due to the exceptional musical department that has been implemented.

Presently the newly appointed principal is embarking on setting a new trajectory for the Government High School with a program that is placing emphasis on education. The design of this program is to ensure that the majority of students that enters the school without any certificates enroll in the newly implemented afterschool BJC Program to achieve a minimum level of certification while attending school.

From 1925, the Government High School had molded itself to fit the evolving academic and social needs of The Bahamas. By the 1970s, the institution's flagship role in expanding educational

opportunity and opening the doorway to socioeconomic mobility for many of its students as well as the stellar caliber of its graduates had cemented its place in the history of education in The Bahamas. Now as the Government High School approaches the Centennial Celebration in April 2025 former and present students continue to stand on the rich legacy established and maintained by the distinguish students that continue to wear the Royal Blue and White.



CONGRATULATIONS TO GHS ON ITS 101ST Anniversary

FROM THE BRENNENS AND DEMERITTES



Our story begins with Edna Brennen who, after completing her Senior Cambridge (5th Form), was one of the first three students in the inaugural 6th Form - a two year Advanced Level Programme.

Edna with two others, Pauline Allen and Gary Minns, were the first students in the newly opened 6th Form; they graduated in 1959.

As relayed by Edna at the time...*a short man sabotaged me by riding his old bike to Nassau Court to inform Dr. Deans Peggs that there were no jobs out there for 15 year olds, "so he better find something for his daughter to do".*

Edna was summoned to the office later that day to be informed that Dr. A. Deans Peggs had long desired to start a 6th Form...

Edna Brennen-Perry



Ambassador
Sharon Brennen-Haylock



Sherrill Brennen-Wood



Dr. Edwin Demeritte



Nellie Brennen



Carl Brennen &
Michelle Smith-Brennen



Bishop
Michael Brennen



Hugh Brennen



Donald Demeritte &
Susan McPhee Demeritte



Denise
Demeritte-Couch



Debbie
Demeritte-Cross

Thank you **GHS!**

Edna Brennen-Perry 1958 & 1959

Nellie Brennen 1958 & 1960

Carl Brennen 1966 & Michelle Smith-Brennen 1968

Bishop Michael Brennen 1968, Hugh Brennen 1969

Sharon Brennen-Haylock 1973 & 1975

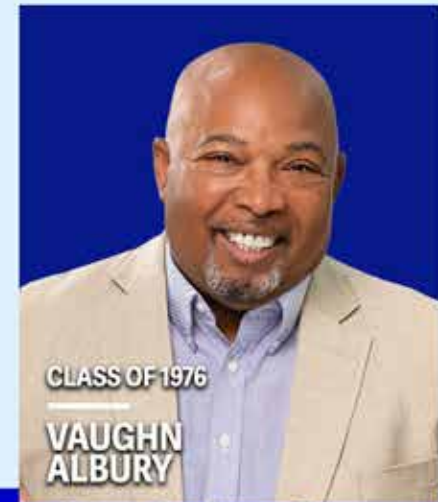
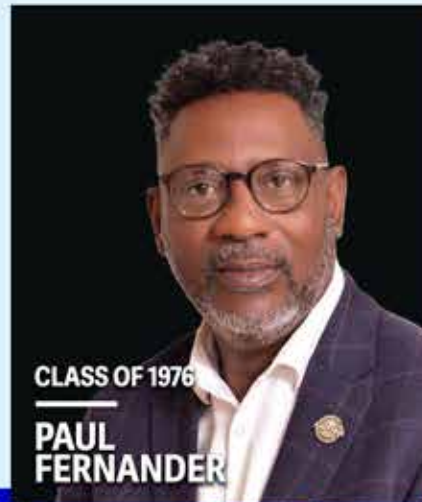
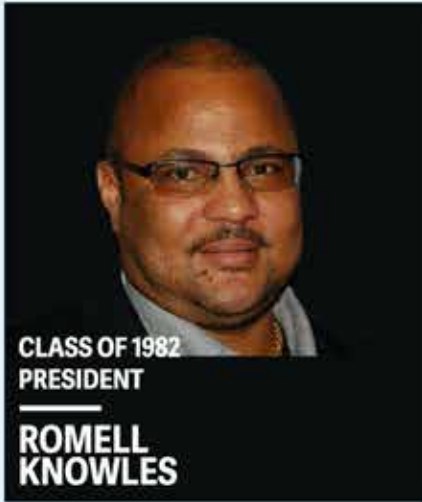
Sherril Brennen-Wood 1973 & 1975 & Arnold E. Wood 1972

Donald Demeritte 1974 & 1975 & Susan McPhee-Demeritte 1977

Denise Demeritte-Couch 1976

Debbie Demeritte-Cross 1977 and Dr. Edwin Demeritte 1979

GHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVES





GHS PHOENIX AWARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS



CLASS OF 1971
CHAIRPERSON

VANESSA
SCOTT



CLASS OF 1982
PRESIDENT

ROMELL
KNOWLES



CLASS OF 1978
VICE PRESIDENT

DORETH
CAMPBELL



CLASS OF 1983
SPECIAL PROJECTS

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BRICE



CLASS OF 1999

NERISSA
DORSETT



CLASS OF 1976

GRETCHEN
CARTWRIGHT



CLASS OF 1976
SECRETARY

RUTH
NEILLY



CLASS OF 2025
ASST. SECRETARY

CAITLYN
ADANSON



CLASS OF 1978
TREASURER

CAROLYN
CLEARE



CLASS OF 1978
ASSISTANT TREASURER

PAMELA
BULLARD



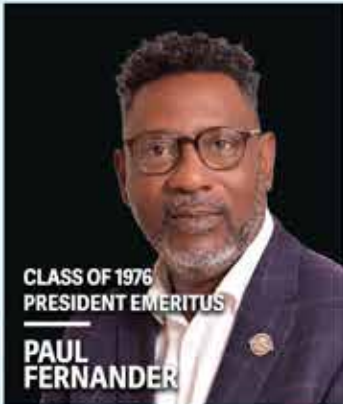
CLASS OF 1976

KENVA
JOHNSON



CLASS OF 2025
CHAPLAIN

NATHAN A.
DAVIS



CLASS OF 1976
PRESIDENT EMERITUS

PAUL
FERNANDER



CLASS OF 1976
VICE PRESIDENT EMERITUS

VAUGHN
ALBURY

GHS OLD SCHOLARS PLANNING COMMITTEE 2022





GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT VOLUNTEERS & COORDINATORS



FRONT ROW: FRANKITA SCOTT, BAANA JEAN, TALIAH CLARKE, KAMEAH BABBS, ANTONIQUE CLARKE,
ALICE ALGREEN, DIA GIBSON, JASMINE MILLER
BACK ROW: ANTONESHA KING, JAQUAN, NELSON CLARKE, ZION PETERS, SYNIAH ROLLE,
HENRIQUE FORBES, ALEXANDER MIDDLETON AND J'ELLE PAUL

BIOGRAPHY OF

Darold David Miller Sr.



Darold Miller was born in Colonel Hill Crooked Island, on 21 July 1955, to Henry and Willamae Miller. His first year of formal education in 1960, was at the Cripple Hill All Age School in Crooked Island, headed by Cardinal E. Farquharson. He left Crooked Island for Nassau, when his parents moved to the capital, at the end of 1960, and a few years later, in 1966, he took the Common Entrance Examination for Government High School (GHS) and was enrolled as a student for the five following years.

After graduating from GHS, he spent a year in the Journalism and Communication Degree programme at Fisk University in Tennessee and then took up employment at the Nassau Guardian, where he started his career as a Sports Reporter under the watchful eyes of Fred Sturup. In 1978, he was hired as a reporter at the Broadcasting Corporation of The Bahamas by Fred Mitchell, the then Director of News and Public Affairs.

Over the decades, Darold had various stints at the Broadcasting Corporation of The Bahamas in the newsroom and hosting talk shows.

In the mid '90s he was made News Director at Jones Communications (Love 97 FM) by Wendell Jones, and remained there for some seven years, helping to develop the newsroom. His next move was as Chief Operating Officer of the newest radio station, GEMS, managed by Debbie Bartlett. Then, excited by the invite from Honourable Josephine Connelly of the Turks and Caicos Islands, to operate a new radio station there, he took on the new assignment outside the country.

He returned to The Bahamas and hosted a show on Guardian Radio, before eventually returning to The Broadcasting Corporation of The Bahamas, where he remained until his retirement in July, 2023. There he was the architect of the show 'Legends' which he hosted for 10 years before handing over the reins to his trusted friend, Anthony "Ace" Newbold.

Throughout his career, he distinguished himself in the media through his dramatic and animated coverage of a number of national events, including hurricanes and general elections.

Although Darold rubbed shoulders with diplomats, prime ministers, and heads of state - although he travelled the world- Darold never lost touch with the common man. He loved his audience, "his people", as he often referred to them.



BIOGRAPHY OF

Johnny Kemp

Jonathan Melchizedek Kemp Jr., the seventh of ten children was born on 2 August 1959 to Mochrie Cornell, a pastor's daughter, and Johnathan Melchizedek Kemp Sr. an entertainer. From this union of faith and artistry, Johnny developed a God-fearing spirit, deep love for family, and an extraordinary passion for music and performance.

From youth he had a dynamic personality, and a stunning singing voice. He was raised in a tightly knit Christian family. Johnny's mother was his greatest influence, and she ensured a Godly foundation for her son. His singing career began at the age of 7 in a small church in Coconut Grove, in New Providence. He and

his singing siblings would all amaze the congregation as their mother beamed with pride.

Word of his talent spread and "Little Johnny" began performing all over New Providence. He and his sister, Minerva, appeared in talent shows at the Government High & Garfunkel Auditoriums, the Banana Boat Nightclub, and the Central Highway Club, with entertainers like "Little Eddie", "Smokey 007", "Pricilla Rollins" and many others. He and his sister wowed the crowd at many night club 'Talent Night' competitions and would always walk away with the winnings! When he was eleven years, Johnny begun singing professionally in Night Clubs on Paradise Island where he first gained an income.

Johnny Kemp began Government High School in 1970. On the first day of school he met Conville Brown and Obie Pindling. Johnny felt like a star, as Obie would have his chauffeur transport Johnny and Conville to and from school every day. The three developed an unbreakable bond and agreed that they would be friends for life.

After relocating with his family to Grand Bahama in 1973, Johnny attended Freeport Anglican High School (now Bishop Michael Eldon), where his talent flourished. He was nominated Male Music Maker of the Year in 1976, appeared in Oliver Twist at the Regency Theatre, and performed at the Bahama Princess Resort and Casino, gaining international exposure, travelling the world performing.

By 1977, Johnny joined Joseph "Kinky" Fox and the Fox Fire Band, earning national acclaim, and the Music Makers' Best Group of the Year. He played to sold-out performances at Paradise Island's Lowe's Resort (now Atlantis). Performances in New York followed, and in 1981 Johnny launched a successful solo career in "The Big Apple". Johnny reached global fame with his 1988 hit "Just Got Paid," written by Kemp and produced by Teddy Riley, which topped Billboard charts and earned a Grammy nomination. Far beyond this signature song, Johnny's career included albums, film soundtracks, commercials, live performances, interviews and appearances with major artists.

In 2001, he co-founded Circle Entertainment and Mochrie Music in New York, later expanding the company to Harlem, where he mentored artists, developed talent, and continued creating music until his passing.

A devoted husband and father of two, Johnny cherished family and remained deeply connected to The Bahamas, returning home each summer and proudly representing his heritage on the world stage. A true ambassador of Bahamian culture, Johnny Kemp lived by his dream: to make good music, share love, and have fun doing it. His legacy continues to inspire generations at Government High School, in The Bahamas and beyond.

GHS Alumni Phoenix Award Honoree

We proudly celebrate...

Johnny Kemp Jr.

whose talent and perseverance took him from humble beginnings in Nassau and Grand Bahama to international acclaim - inspiring generations through his music. The GHS Alumni Phoenix Award honors his enduring legacy, his outstanding contributions to music, and the pride he brought to The Bahamas. Like the Phoenix, he rose and his legacy still soars - "Just Got Paid" Join us, his family, as we celebrate excellence, resilience, and the remarkable achievements of a GHS legend.



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Grandchildren:

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Keva, Ajoa, Bradley, Anya, Kryia,

Krystal, Dexter, & Kandeece



BIOGRAPHY OF

Kenneth Albert Huyler



Kenneth Albert Huyler was the first of six children born in 1915 to Prince Albert and Araminta Huyler. At the age of five, he entered Ms. Cato's School for Girls, located on Hospital Lane in Nassau. There he met his lifelong and best friend, Cleveland W. Eneas, along with Cecil and Horace Wright and Oswald Smith. A year later, he was sent to the Old Boy's Central School where he was taught by Mr. E. P. Roberts and Mr. T. A. Thompson. From 1924 to 1929, he attended the Western Senior School. In 1929 along with Cleveland Eneas and Orville Turnquest, he entered Form 3 of the Government High School and was taught by Mr. A. Woods, Fr. George & Mrs. George, and Ms. Molly Albury. Kenneth was an exceptional athlete who excelled in all subjects. He graduated in 1933, after passing the Cambridge Senior Examinations. The class of 1933 had the highest percentage of passes in the Cambridge Senior Overseas examination up to that time. After graduation, at the age of seventeen, he joined the Bahamas Board of Education as a teacher, and from 1933 to 1938, was the Assistant Head-Teacher at the Western Junior School in Nassau. Thereafter he was transferred to the Old Bight All-Age School in Cat Island where he served as Head-Teacher from 1939 to 1940.

In 1940, Kenneth resigned from teaching and entered the field of construction under Mr. Eddie Dillet. Kenneth soon realized that construction was not the career for him, and he returned to teaching in 1942 as the Assistant Head-Teacher at the Western Senior School in New Providence. A year later, he was promoted to Head-Teacher and over the next six years, he served at Southern Primary School, and then at Eastern Junior School. In 1949, Kenneth continued his education at Exeter University in London, England and completed a one-year course in Visual Methods in Education. After returning to The Bahamas, he became Head Teacher at the Eastern Senior School from 1950 to 1952 when he transferred to the Southern Senior School until 1954. Over the next ten years, he served as Assistant Head-Teacher at the Western Senior School before becoming its Head-Teacher. In 1964, Kenneth returned to London England to further his studies, this time at Reading University, where he again succeeded in his exams in Education Administration. After returning to New Providence in 1965, he was posted as Head-Teacher (later Principal) of Western Secondary School which was eventually renamed T. G. Glover High School. He remained in that position until 1972, when he was transferred to the Ministry of Education as Senior Education Officer in charge of Secondary Schools and remained in this position until he retired in 1975. Throughout his 43-year career, Kenneth was fondly remembered by his students as a compassionate teacher who, nevertheless, instilled discipline, using his cane whenever he thought necessary.

In his early years, Kenneth was an excellent athlete, becoming captain of his cricket and soccer teams, as well as excelling in track and field. He fell in love with Coral Russell, and on the 18th August 1943, they were married. The couple adopted Coral's four-week-old nephew, Russell, who became the first of Kenneth and Coral's children. He was followed by Denise, Nichola, and then Kenneth Jr.

Kenneth's had a passion for music. An excellent pianist, he and his youngest brother, Basil, a saxophonist, played in the Bradley Stuart Band, that performed in various hotels throughout New Providence. This band played from the treehouse stage overlooking the outdoor dance floor of the Royal Victoria Hotel in Nassau. Kenneth taught during the day, and played with the band at night until he retired in 1984. When Kenneth's beloved church, St. Agnes, decided to form a junior choir, Kenneth was chosen to assemble and lead it. He died on October 17th 1993, after ailing for several months. and was laid to rest in the grave of his mother and father in the Western Cemetery. He was seventy-eight years old.



BIOGRAPHY OF

Kayla C. Lockhart-Edwards

Kayla Lockhart was born on Ragged Island on 21 March 1946 to Capt. Kenneth and Naomi Lockhart. She was educated at the All Age School, Duncan Town, Ragged Island and Eastern Senior School, Nassau, Bahamas. In 1964 she entered the Government High School, Nassau, Bahamas. Later she obtained an Associate Degree, from West Indies College in Mandeville, Jamaica and in 1971 a B.Mus. (Hons) Degree from Hartt College of Music, University of Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut USA.

Between 1971-72 she was Head of the Music Department at C. C. Sweeting High School. She became a popular lecturer/motivational speaker and storyteller throughout The Bahamas and the Caribbean.

For the Ministry of Tourism, she coordinated Tourism Promotion Shows for the official opening of major international conferences.

She was a lecturer in Cultural Identity for the Bahama Host Programme as well as for foreign CEOs in the hospitality industry and other private sector corporations. Later she created and co-produced a Bahamian Jump-up, Junkanoo for the Disney Magic during its call at Nassau Harbour.

Kayla was a versatile singer of classical and folk music and appeared in 1971 throughout the United States, Europe, Middle East, Canada, the Caribbean and The Bahamas. In 1972 she founded the popular Chamber Singers which represented The Bahamas at the United Nations and at Colleges and Universities throughout the United States and the Caribbean. In 1975 she directed a 30 Member Folk Troupe for a US Tour to the United Nations, Florida International University and the universities of Fisk, Columbia and Howard. She directed a group of 70 Bahamian singers, dancers, Junkanoo artists and visual artists at Carifesta held in Jamaica where the group received rave reviews. As Director of Cultural Affairs in 1993 she led a delegation of musical tradition bearer to the Smithsonian Folklife Festival, Washington, DC.

Her presence was felt in national cultural affairs. As Assistant Cultural Affairs Office in 1973 she co-directed all national cultural programmes for Independence, including the cultural pageant at Clifford Park on 10 July 1973 with a cast of 500 singer and dancers. In 1989 she produced & directed "Dis We Tings I and II - Folk Revues"; in 1991 she created, produced and directed "Roots, Rhyme - a historical folk revue" and served as consultant to major talent competitions and cultural projects; in 1991 she created, produced and directed the first Bahamian Academy Awards Evening (DANSA); she produced and directed a segment of the Bahamas Twentieth Anniversary Independence at Clifford Park. She wrote and produced "Dis We Tings III" directed by Calvin Lockhart, which played at the Gusman Theatre, Miami, Fla., and the Dundas Theatre in Nassau. In 1993 as Deputy Director of Culture she revived the National Arts Festival and in 1994, spear-headed research of musical traditions of The Bahamas. She assisted in coordinating a Smithsonian Educational Cultural Kit that was placed in all Ministry of Education Schools.

In 1976 she created and hosted Family Island radio programs utilizing recorded performances obtained during National Arts Festival. The objective was to link the Bahamas through its cultural affinity. She created, produced, directed and hosted a half hour TV show "Mirror, Mirror" for; ZNS TV. In 1997 she was seconded to the Broadcasting Corporation of the Bahamas as Cultural Consultant, with responsibility for developing local programming. She directed all of the Bahamian artists in ABC TV's Perry Como Bahamas Special and was a featured singer with Loretta Switt and Captain & Tenniel.

From 1977 to 1979 Kayla was Cultural Attaché, United States Embassy, Nassau, Bahamas, organizing exhibitions, cultural exchanges and programs for the Embassy and in-service training in cultural administration. During this time, she founded the Institute of the Arts, a performing arts educational centre which also served as major showplace for visual art exhibitions and which enrolled up to 300 students. In 1985 she became Director, Arts International, production company and from 1987-1993, Manager, Desmond Edwards & Co., Chamber. In 1982 Kayla received the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Citizens Award, Performing Arts.

Kayla Edwards was married to Desmond Edwards and they had two children, Keysha and Marquinn, and three granddaughters.

BIOGRAPHY OF

*Rt. Hon. Theresa
Moxey-Ingraham*



Teresa was born on October 15th, 1953, on Augusta Street. Three years later, the family moved to Third Street in Coconut Grove. "Terry" as she was affectionately called, attended Mother Donaldson Pre-School, St Cecilia's Primary, Oakes Field Primary School, St. Anne's High School. She completed her A Level studies at the Government High School and later attended McMaster University where she was President of the Afro-Caribbean Student Association. She received a Diploma in Education from the University of the West Indies and a Master's degree from the University of Miami. She became a teacher at Government High School until 1981 when she moved to the Bahamas Hotel Training College.

In 1982 Terry worked with Resorts International, Paradise Island in Marketing, Food & Beverage and Training and became a founding member of the Bahamas Human Resources Development Association. During this time, she helped coordinate the (Hal Jackson's) Miss Bahamas Talented Teens Contest.

Terry was a civic-minded individual and started community activities early as a member of the Southern Youth Corps formed in Coconut Grove by the late Hon. Edmond Moxey; the Bahamas Federation of Youth; and the Inter-Denominational Youth Federation. She was a choir member of the Coconut Grove Choral and participated in the annual Coconut Grove Festival. As a community activist, she assisted with the first community-wide Summer Vacation program which provided free lunches for its participants. This program eventually had over 300 kids from across New Providence. It became the forerunner of the Ministry of Youth's Summer Program. She was a member of the National Youth Choir which performed at the Independence Ceremony on the eve of the new day of independence, the Bahamian American Federation, the National Dance School, the Bahamas Union of Teachers, and The University Players. In 1983 she joined the Business and Professional Women Club and served in many capacities including the Presidency from 1991-1992. In the mid-1980s she joined the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Around 1977, Teresa joined the Free National Movement (FNM) later becoming Vice President of its Women's Association and a Senator in 1987. Subsequently she joined and became VP of The Bahamas' chapter of the Caribbean Women for Democracy which prepared women for entering Caribbean front-line politics. She became MP for the Garden Hills (now Golden Gates) and served as Minister of Transport, Minister of Social Development, National Insurance & Housing, Minister of Health & the Environment and Minister Labor, Immigration and Training in the Ingraham administration.

After leaving political life, Teresa became the Executive Director for Sojourner-Douglas College (SDC), Bahamas Campus for 13 years. During this time, she helped to form the Association of Tertiary Institutions of The Bahamas (ATIB) and served as its president.

Teresa was a founding member of The Bahamas Human Resources Development Association and the Business and Professional Women's Association. She helped to establish The Black Box Theatre at the Dundas Centre for the Performing Arts where she was a Board Member. In 2014 she became a Commissioner for The Bahamas Constitutional Commission and assisted in drafting proposed changes to the Constitution on gender equality. In 2017 she became Executive Chairman of the National Training Agency, a position she held until her death in 2018.

She has one daughter, Odia Alexis, born in 1979. From 1992 joined Christ The King Anglican Church and a confirmed Anglican.



BIOGRAPHY OF

Vernice Joanne Walkine

MBA

Vernice Joanne Walkine, the elder of two children, was born in Nassau, on 4 August, 1959, to Charles Franklyn Walkine (deceased) of Crooked Island and (Retired) Nurse Anginett Walkine of Staniel Cay, Exuma. She entered The Government High School in 1970 and went on to the College Of The Bahamas and graduated in 1977 with A Levels and an Associates of Arts Degree in French and Spanish Language. She went on to Elmira College, Elmira, NY, and attained a BA in French and Spanish, with a minor in German.

Vernice started her public service career at the Ministry of Tourism in 1979 as a Bi-Lingual Tourist Information Assistant. She moved steadily through the ranks of the Ministry of Tourism, while successfully pursuing her MBA with the University of Miami, which she achieved cum laude in 1986. At the Ministry of Tourism, Vernice has had responsibility for Marketing, Product Development, and Sales, and became Deputy Director General in 2001. In that year she was selected by Travel Agent Magazine as one of the 100 most influential women in travel worldwide, and she holds the distinction of Chairing the committee for the first ever Tourism Summit of CARICOM Countries. She has played a pivotal role in guiding the fate of the tourism and hospitality sector in The Bahamas during and following the most challenging events of 11 September 2001.

In 2005, Vernice became the first woman to be appointed to the highest technical post in the tourism industry, that of Director General. Under her leadership the industry achieved a number of firsts, including welcoming 5 million visitors annually, an important goal at the time. In 2008, she was at the helm to lead the Ministry of Tourism and its industry stakeholders through the worst of the recessionary conditions affecting the tourism sector.

Vernice held the post of Director General until October 2010 when she demitted office to take a position with Vantage Group, the Manager of the Nassau Airport Development Company (NAD), as Vice President of Marketing and Communications, the first Bahamian executive to be retained by the company. She was given the added portfolio of Commercial Operations in February 2012, taking the title of Vice President of Marketing & Commercial Development. On 1 February 2013, she became President & CEO the top position with the company, which was a first for a Bahamian and a female executive. She led the company through its important transition from construction to world-class operations at the largest airport in The Bahamas, the Lynden Pindling International Airport (LPIA). NAD secured the financing for LPIA without recourse to the Government and managed the development, the single largest infrastructure project ever undertaken in the history of The Bahamas. Under her leadership, LPIA has won numerous awards and has achieved many firsts in the region.

Ms. Walkine is a past Board member of a number of local and international strategic bodies, including the Council of the College of The Bahamas, the International Board of the Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International (HSMIAI), the International Hurricane Research Center in Miami, FL, the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Nassau Partnership. She currently serves on the Board of FINCO, and as the Vantage Director on the board of the Montego Bay Airport.

BIOGRAPHY OF

Paul Fernandez



Paul entered The Government High School (GHS) in 1971 from William Sayles Primary School. There he developed a passion for the arts and media. During this time, he was mentored in photography by Kenneth Huyler and later, Antoine Ferrier. Paul earned a distinction in the National Arts Festival for his rendition of Mark Antony's famous soliloquy in Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, and competed in House Sports as a sprinter and relay runner for Nassau House. After a strong performance in the 1976 Inter-School Track & Field Championships, he represented The Bahamas at the 1976 CARIFTA Games. Paul graduated in 1976, and studied Communications at The College of The Bahamas, and also completed studies in Basic Electronics at the C.R Walker Technical Campus. He went on to study communications at the Charlotte campus of the University of North Carolina.

Paul began his professional media career in 1979 at the Broadcasting Corporation of The Bahamas (ZNS), serving as Master Control Operator, VTR Editor, Television Producer, and Account Executive. He contributed to the expansion of Bahamian cultural broadcasting and national programming. He produced the first two-hour Trinidad Carnival television special, and co-produced numerous cultural documentaries and specials. He helped to coordinate the first live television broadcasts of National Family Island Regattas in Exuma and Long Island. He also created and led the popular "Dollars for Scholars" promotion and telethon, which provided Dell computers to primary schools throughout the Family Islands. In 1995 Paul joined More 94.9 FM as Manager of Sales, where he helped to launch several impactful community initiatives including the "Secret Santa" program for pediatric AIDS patients and the cancer-relief fundraiser "Operation Adam". He returned to ZNS in 2002 in a leadership role within the Sales and Marketing Department. As a strong advocate for workers' rights and Assistant Secretary General and later Secretary General of the Bahamas Communications and Public Officers Union (BCPOU), he played a key role in defending employee rights and strengthening labor solidarity within the national broadcasting sector. In 2012, Paul joined Guardian Media Group as Special Projects Coordinator, and led major community and humanitarian initiatives across its media platforms. He co-produced national telethons such as Help Us Help Haiti; Building Hope for the Cancer Society; and Rebuild Bahamas.

Beyond broadcasting, Paul has had a lasting impact on Bahamian culture and festivals. He founded and produced the Big Yard Music Festival in Andros, served as Public Relations Officer and Entertainment Manager for the All Andros Regatta, Crab Fest, and the Cat Island Rake n' Scrape Festival, and served as Master of Ceremonies for major cultural concerts. He also co-produced live Regatta broadcasts and Junior Junkanoo television specials, bringing Family Island traditions to the national audience. A lover of the arts, Paul appeared in television commercials and theatre productions at the Dundas Theatre, earning the DANSA Award for Best Supporting Actor for his role as Cyril in Trevor Rhone's Smile Orange.

Paul has always been civic minded, and actively involved in charitable and community work. He is "doer", contributing to disaster relief initiatives including Operation Joaquin Relief, personally enabling delivery of aid to hurricane-devastated communities in Acklins and Crooked Island. He helped to develop fundraising initiatives such as Operation Green with the Kiwanis Club of New Providence, supporting programs benefiting the Ranfurly Home and Adventure Learning Centre, and assisted numerous youth and community outreach projects. In sports and youth development, Paul has served as Public Relations Officer for The Bahamas Government Departmental Basketball Association, coached women's softball, and assisted with logistics for national track and field events, including the IAAF World Relays hosted in The Bahamas.

In 2022, Paul co-founded the Government High School Old Scholars Planning Committee, rejuvenating the Government High School Alumni Association which established the prestigious Phoenix Awards, honoring outstanding alumni, teachers, and administrators. As the Association's first President (2023-2025), Paul was indefatigable in assisting the current GHS. He presided over the 2025 GHS Centennial Celebrations. He is now President Emeritus, and in his retirement, spends his time writing and sharing stories from his upcoming book highlighting the unsung Bahamians who helped shape his life and career. He is married to the former Porcia Armbrister, and they have five children—Chase, Courtney, Marcian, Marcia and Paxton, and seven grandchildren.



Congratulations

The Executives and Members of the Government High School Alumni Association proudly extend heartfelt congratulations to our

PRESIDENT EMERITUS
Mr. Paul Fernander

on the distinguished honor of receiving the Government High School Alumni Phoenix Award.

We express our deepest gratitude for his unwavering commitment, visionary leadership, and enduring dedication to the growth and advancement of the GHS Alumni Association. His stewardship has not only strengthened our foundation but has also inspired a culture of service, unity, and excellence.

As aptly stated by James Poitras, "It is not enough to run the race. We must also pass our mission to the next generation. We must hand off the baton, at the right time, and do it well."

And as Dale Burke reminds us, "Nothing feels better than seeing a vision that you helped birth be passed on into the capable hands of others."

Indeed, each generation stands on the shoulders of those who came before. We are called not to dismantle, but to strengthen the foundation laid for us—an example President Emeritus Fernander has exemplified with distinction.

From President Romell Knowles, the Executive Team, and Members of the Government High School Alumni Association.





CONGRATULATIONS

The Principal, Administrators, Faculty, and Staff of The Government High School proudly extend warmest congratulations to

Mr. Paul Fernander

on the distinguished honor of receiving the Government High School Alumni Phoenix Award.

This well-deserved recognition reflects a lifetime of exemplary service, steadfast commitment, and enduring dedication to the ideals and legacy of our alma mater. Your leadership and contributions have not only enriched the Alumni Association but have also strengthened the bond between past and present generations of Government High School.

Your continued support and passion for excellence serve as an inspiration to our students, faculty, and the wider school community. We celebrate this milestone with you and commend the lasting impact of your work.

May this honor stand as a testament to your legacy of service and as encouragement for continued excellence in all your endeavors.

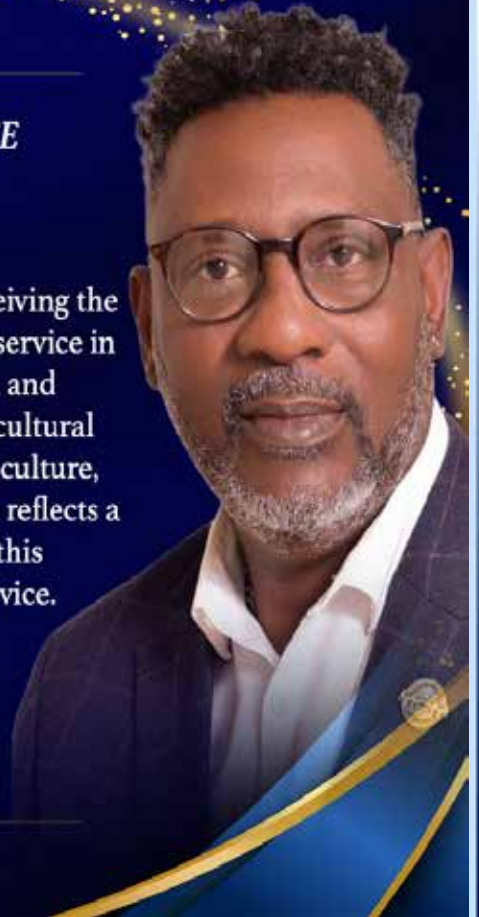
**With pride and appreciation,
The Principal Pavia Rolle,
Administrators, Faculty, and Staff
The Government High School**



WE ARE DELIGHTED TO CONGRATULATE

Paul Fernandez

a proud 1976 graduate of Government High School, on receiving the Alumni Phoenix Award. Paul's more than four decades of service in broadcasting, cultural development, labor leadership, and community advocacy have helped shape the media and cultural landscape of The Bahamas. His dedication to preserving culture, uplifting communities, and mentoring the next generation reflects a lifetime of passion and national pride. We celebrate this well-deserved honor and his remarkable legacy of service.



*The Rt. Hon. Bishop Walter S. Hanchell
& Elder Minalee Hanchell*



WE EXTEND HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO

Thomas Desmond Bannister

on receiving the Government High School Alumni Phoenix Award. From his humble beginnings in Staniard Creek, Andros, to his distinguished service as an attorney, parliamentarian, Cabinet Minister, and Deputy Prime Minister, Desmond's life reflects dedication, leadership, and a deep commitment to the advancement of The Bahamas.

His contributions to law, government, education, and athletics have left a lasting mark on our nation. We are honored to celebrate this well-deserved recognition of a life of excellence and service.

*The Rt. Hon. Bishop Walter S. Hanchell
& Elder Minalee Hanchell*



BIOGRAPHY OF

*Hon. Thomas Desmond
Bannister*



Thomas Desmond Bannister was born in picturesque Staniard Creek, Andros. He attended the all- age schools in Andros and Bimini before completing his primary school education in New Providence. Desmond earned a scholarship to The Government High School. After graduation he earned degrees from Miami Dade Community College; Grinnell College, Iowa; The University of the West Indies; and The Norman Manley Law School.

Mr. Bannister served as Crown Counsel in the Office of the Attorney General before moving into private practice. His commitment to service led him to give back to his profession as a part time Lecturer in Law at the Bahamas Bar, the Institute of Bankers, and the College of the Bahamas. Desmond has also served as an acting Stipendiary and Circuit Magistrate.

A lifelong sports enthusiast, Desmond was elected President of the Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations, where he pioneered numerous reforms. Under his leadership the Bahamas won its first three Olympic Gold medals in Athletics, as well as many other Olympic, World Championship and Commonwealth medals.

When he was drawn to the world of politics he joined the Free National Movement. Desmond's political service has included two stints in the Senate. As the elected Member of Parliament for Carmichael, he gave distinguished service to the Commonwealth of the Bahamas through his Cabinet service as Minister of State for Legal Affairs; Minister of Youth Sports and Culture; Minister of Education 2009-12; Minister of Public Works 2017 and Deputy Prime Minister 2020-2021.

Mr. Bannister is married to Donna Bannister nee Charlow. The couple are proud parents of Dominique and Danielle.



CONGRATULATIONS TO

T. Desmond Bannister

on receiving

THE GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI
PHOENIX AWARD.

From his humble beginnings in Staniard Creek, Andros, to his outstanding achievements in law, public service, and national leadership, he has demonstrated a lifetime of excellence and dedication. His contributions to the legal profession, sports development, and the governance of The Bahamas have left a lasting legacy. Wishing you continued success on this well-deserved recognition.

Arnold Forbes

Congratulations

Thomas Desmond Bannister

Rt. Hon Earl D Deveaux BJ Clancy-Deveaux & family.

Together with our siblings

Rev Dr. Kenris Carey OBE, JP, Mrs. Constance Munnings, Ms. Audrey Deveaux, Mr. Lavarity Deveaux JP, Mr. Steve Deveaux, Mrs. Deveral Ferguson extend warmest Congratulations to Desmond Bannister, a greatly beloved and admired friend and son of Staniard Creek Andros, which he represents with such distinction and honor.



BIOGRAPHY OF

*Rev. Dr. Sonia S.
Hepburn-Marshall D.P.*



Sonia was born to Rev. Dr. Prince Hepburn and Mrs. Lenora Dames, both now deceased. She has five brothers and four surviving sisters. She is a 1975 graduate of the Government High School and later obtained an Associate of Arts from the College of The Bahamas, a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the College of St Benedict/St. John's University, Minnesota and a Master's Degree in Biblical Hermeneutics from Principles of Life Bible College in 2002. In 2007, she received an Honorary Doctorate Degree from the BWR Ministries & Seminary in Richmond Virginia. In November 2021 she was appointed a Justice of the Peace of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

In 1983 Sonia joined the New Covenant Baptist Church. She accompanied Bishop Simeon B. Hall and the New Covenant Baptist Church Family on mission and evangelism trips to the Family Islands, Jamaica, Haiti, England, Ghana and to many cities in the United States of America. She believes that her role as a Disciple of God includes spreading the good news, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and bringing hope to all. In New Covenant Baptist Church, she is Lay Minister's Coordinator and Assistant Sunday School Teacher for the Women's Class; a Member of the Holy Communion and the Sick and Shut-in Ministries and a Counsellor. She has served as Deaconess Board Coordinator; President of the Usher Board Ministry; Public Relations Director; Cell Group Leader; Member of the Finance, Women's Fellowship, Family Life, Pulpit Aide and GEMS (Girls Empowerment Mentorship) Committee Ministries. She is also Bible Study Facilitator. In 2000 Sonia Hepburn Marshall was ordained a Deaconess, in 2002 commissioned as a Lay Minister, in 2017 ordained a Licensed Minister and in 2025, ordained a Reverend.

In 1995 Sonia Hepburn-Marshall received the Most Unselfish Mother Award from her church. Recognition followed by the church in 1996 recognition for her work in the Public Relations Ministry; by The Bahamas Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention for her work in the Ministry; and by The Young Adults of NCBC in 2000 for the positive impact on youth. Other awards followed - in 2001 by the Church for her faithful and meritorious service in the Family Life Ministry; in 2006, the Bishop Simeon B. Hall's Excellence in Churchmanship Award; in 2009, recognition for her work in the Sunday School Ministry; in 2011 an honour by the Usher Board Ministry; in 2012 by The Bethel Baptist Association ; in 2019 from the Bahamas League of Haitian Churches; in 2020, The Conquering Lion Award from The Big Harvest Community Sunday School and in 2022, on the church's 40th Anniversary.

Outside of church activities, Mrs. Hepburn-Marshall has also contributed to civic life in The Bahamas. She was a Director of the Star of the Bahamas Charity Guide #35 Annual Summer Camp for underprivileged Boys and Girls for more than twenty-five years. She has a passion for training and has mentored thousands of young ladies. She adopted the creed that "If I can help somebody as I go along, then my living shall not be in vain". She was also a member of the Sisterhood Arm of the Bahama Brotherhood, founded by her late father, which provided Christmas Treats for thousands of young people for many years.

Mrs. Marshall is presently the Outlet Administrator at Purity Bakery Limited.

Over the years, Dr. Marshall has been supported and encouraged in the ministry by her family. She is the proud mother of one daughter and one grandson, Annosh and Trevon Sweeting.

Pastor Trajean & Reverend Rhonda Jadorette

Along with the family of

New Covenant Baptist Church

Congratulate & Extend Best Wishes to

Rev. Dr. Sonia Marshall



On being awarded

The Phoenix Lifetime Achievement Award

for

Stellar Contributions to Nation Building over the Years.

“The LORD bless and keep you.” (Numbers 6:24)

“Continue to be a shining light!”

CONGRATULATIONS

Rev Dr.

SONIA HEPBURN MARSHALL

**"Who can find a virtuous woman?
For her price is far above rubies.
"Prov 31:10 "Her children arise,
and call her blessed."**

**Mummy, Grammy, you are a gem.
We have risen up and called you
Blessed.
Love, Annosh & Trevon**



**Sis, you are indeed a mighty Woman of God,
worthy of honour,
we love and appreciate you dearly.
May Almighty God continue
to richly bless you!!
Love, your Siblings and their offsprings.**



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BIOGRAPHY OF

Vaughn P. R. Albury



Vaughn was born January 1960 to Carl and Agnes Archer Albury. He is the sixth of seven children. Vaughn grew up in the communities of Lewis Street and Stapledon Gardens. Vaughn attended St. Agnes Day School, Woodcock Primary and Western Junior School (renamed T. Gibson Primary in 1970). He passed the Common Entrance Exam to attend The Government High School in 1971. In this he followed his father's sister Verenell Albury Armbrister, who was the first Head Girl in 1942 and his parents who both attended GHS in the mid 1940's. He was named Head Boy in September 1975 and graduated in 1976.

After leaving the Government High School, Vaughn worked at the National Insurance Board for one year and then in July 1977, joined The Broadcasting Corporation of The Bahamas. He quickly advanced to become the television director of the nightly national newscast, the Bahamas Tonight at the age of 19. General Manager Charles Carter remarked then that he was perhaps the youngest director of a national television newscast in the world.

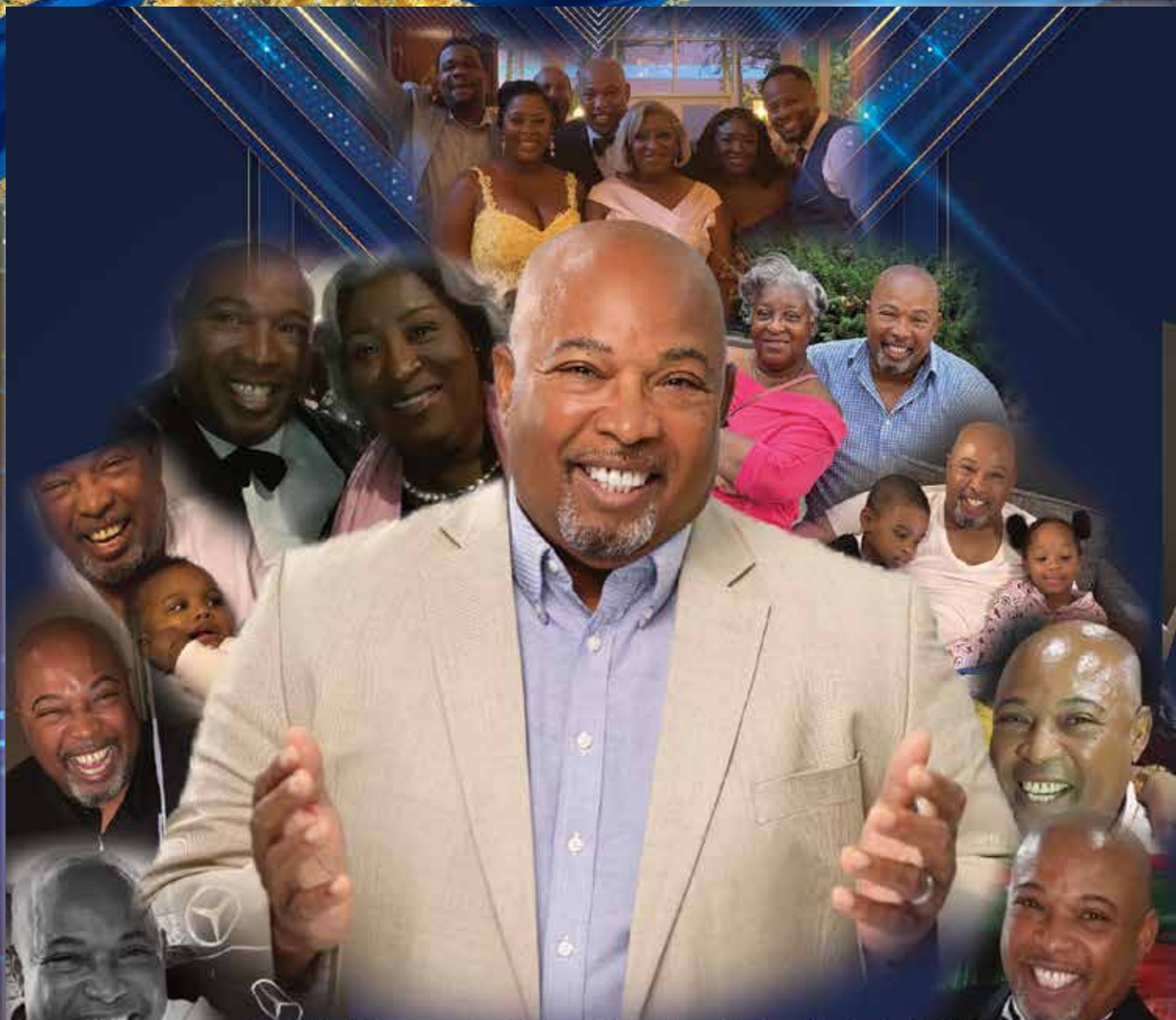
In September 1980 Vaughn left The Broadcasting Corporation of The Bahamas (ZNS) to attend Syracuse University, New York. There he obtained a Bachelors of Arts in International Relations in 1984. That same year, Vaughn was initiated into the Delta Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated at Syracuse University. He returned to ZNS in 1984 and enjoyed a thirty-five-year career in various roles. including News Producer, Director, Host and Producer of the "Island Life" television series. He is perhaps best known as the colour commentator of the annual Boxing Day and New Year's Day Junkanoo Parades. Vaughn retired in 2019 after a total of 39 years of exemplary service, with his colleagues hailing him as a national treasure.

From 2020 to 2023, Vaughn was a Communications Consultant in the Ministry of Education writing speeches and hosting the Ministry's television shows, Ed Talk, Ed Master Class and Ed Table Talk.

Vaughn is actively involved in various community initiatives of the local Delta Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. An active member of the Church of the Most Holy Trinity in Stapledon Gardens, he principally serves as an usher. He is also active in the Marriage Ministry and Cell Group Bible Study, and the soup kitchen.

Vaughn was in his senior year when The Government High School transitioned from a selective grammar school into a comprehensive high school and he presided over this transition as Head Boy. He is an active member of the GHS Alumni Association in its present form, serving as its Vice President. He is the charismatic Chairperson of its Phoenix Awards Ceremony and an indefatigable advocate for all GHS Alumni supporting the current school.

Vaughn is married to the former Vonya Fernander, a 1979 GHS alumna. They have two daughters, Ryan Hanna and Shari Lightbourne, and seven grandchildren.



CONGRATULATIONS

Vaughn Albury

We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished. Your strength, dedication, and love continue to inspire us every day.

With all our love,

*Your wife, Vonya (Class of '79); Children: Ryan & Doug and Shari & Gordon
and Your wonderful grandchildren*

BIOGRAPHY OF

*Ambassador Sharon
Brennen-Haylock*



Sharon Brennen entered the Government School in 1968, completed Form Five in 1973. She concluded her A Level studies in 1975. She has a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from Howard University and a Master's of Science in Management from New York University. She is a trained Ombudsman.

Sharon joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and was in The Bahamas Government's Foreign Service from 1981-2002. During that period, she was Vice-Chair of the Organization of the American States (OAS) Budget Committee (1992); Chairperson of the United Nations (UN) Development Fund for Women (1994), the UN Commission on the Status of Women (1996 & 1997) and on the UN 5th Committee (administration and budget (1998). She was The Bahamas National Coordinator for the Summit of the Americas (1999-2002) and on the UN Committee for Programme and Coordination (2001). As Undersecretary, she headed the International Relations Division.

Between 2002-2016, she was Senior Liaison Officer in the Liaison Office of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to the UN, New York, and later Director of the same Office. In that capacity, she promoted the broad mandate of the FAO to help build a world without hunger, in particular encouraging an understanding of agriculture and food security issues, as they pertained to the attainment of the sustainable development goals. She represented the FAO in a range of UN interagency meetings and other stakeholder meetings.

Effective January 2016, she was appointed Director-General of the Foreign Service of The Bahamas, with the rank of Ambassador, where she led the technical work of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and oversaw the technical intergovernmental work and interagency coordination in all areas. Ambassador Brennen Haylock was Director General until 31 December 2021.

From January to December of 2024 she served as Vice Chair of the Committee which gave advice to the UN General Assembly on proposals made by the Secretary General on the annual budget and related administrative matters, which examined the administrative budgets of UN specialized agencies, funds and programmes and considered related audits and investigations in order to make recommendations to the General Assembly.

Ambassador Brennen-Haylock has some 40 years of experience in diplomacy, international affairs, economic and social development, gender and management, and the banking sector. During her 25 year career in The Bahamas Public and Foreign Services, and her 14 years in the international Civil Service she has worked with the UN Development Group, the High Level Committees on Programming, and Management, the Organization of American States, the IMF, the Summit of the Americas process, the Caribbean Community, the Association of Caribbean States, the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Commonwealth and the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States. She also served at senior levels in The Bahamas Embassy in Washington, DC, the Permanent Missions to the OAS and the UN.

Ambassador Brennen-Haylock is the recipient of the Bahamas' Paul L. Adderley Award for excellence in the Foreign Service, and Officer of the Order of the Belgian Crown.

Effective 1 January 2022, Ambassador Brennen Haylock has been serving in an expert capacity as a member of the United Nations Advisory Committee On Administrative and Budgetary Questions.



BIOGRAPHY OF

Sherril Brennen-Wood

Sherril Brennen entered The Government School in 1968 and completed Form Five in 1973. She completed her A Level studies in 1975. Recognized as a leader, she served as a prefect and Deputy Head Girl in her senior year in Sixth Form.

Her interest in special education was shaped at an early age, while still a student at Government High School. Sherril, with the assistance of the school's guidance counselors, was afforded the opportunity to visit the Special Schools in Nassau. She knew immediately that working with children with hearing impairments was her calling. She used every platform and extracurricular club available to elevate the cause of persons with exceptional needs. She was a member of the Girl Guides, the Key Club, the school's newspaper, the Debates Club, the National Arts Festival and the School's Choir.

A pioneer in special education, she began her career with exceptional learners by bringing compassion, innovation, and purpose to those often overlooked. Her influence transcended traditional boundaries, enriching the lives of gifted students, adult learners, and aspiring educators alike.

Mrs. Wood's dedication extended beyond teaching. She helped shape national policy as Deputy Chairperson of the National Commission on Special Education and led impactful literacy programs, such as Programs for Adult Literacy (P.A.L) and Association for New and Established Writers (A.N.E.W.). Her legacy is equally rooted in faith and community, from guiding girls as a Girls' Guide Leader to nurturing spiritual growth as a Sunday School educator.

Her journey from classroom teacher to Deputy Director of Education reflects not just career progression, but a lifelong mission of empowerment, advocacy, and excellence. A Paul Harris Fellow and steadfast believer in God's calling, Mrs. Wood continues to inspire generations to pursue purpose with heart and integrity.

With more than five decades of unwavering service to education, Mrs. Sherril Wood stands as a true Champion of Nation Building.

BIOGRAPHY OF

Hon. Consul Lynden B. Rose



Lynden B. Rose was appointed to the University of Houston System Board of Regents by Governor Greg Abbott on December 12, 2025, marking his second term of service on the Board, which will run through August 31, 2031. He previously served as a Regent from January 2, 2004, through August 31, 2009, during which time he held numerous leadership roles, including Vice Chair of the Board of Regents and chair and vice chair positions across several standing committees.

An attorney and entrepreneur with more than 30 years of experience, Rose currently serves as Of Counsel at Hoover Slovacek LLP. His legal practice spans corporate law, sports and entertainment law, real estate development, construction, and infrastructure, representing governmental entities, domestic and international organizations, high-net-worth investors, and professional athletes. He has served as Honorary Consul for the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in the State of Texas since 2014.

Lynden entered the halls of The Government High School in 1972 and due to circumstances completed his high school education abroad. The foundation laid at The Government High School became the catalyst for his continued higher learning. A proud University of Houston alumnus, Rose earned his Bachelor of Science in Political Science and his Juris Doctor from the UH Law Center and was co-captain of the Cougar men's basketball team that reached the NCAA Final Four in 1982. He was drafted by the Los Angeles Lakers in 1982. He is the founder and chairman of National Education and Sports Solutions and the founder of the LM Rose Consulting Group. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of TDECU and is Vice-Chairman of the Board of Harris County Houston Sports Authority. He also serves on the boards of American Risk Insurance Company and the College of Biblical Studies.

He is married to Marilyn, and they have three children, Madelyn, Lynden Jr., and Lynnard.



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BIOGRAPHY OF

Ruth M. L. Bowe-Darville
(Justice retired)



Ruth Mary Lorraine Bowe was born on 3 June 1954 in Nassau, NP to Peter Maxwell Bowe and Mildred Bowe nee Johnson. She entered the Government High School in 1966, became the first Miss GHS in a contest held by the Class of '68, was Head girl during her senior year of "A" Level studies, and became the only female in the school's history to be awarded Dux, The Adderley Prize for Leadership. Ruth graduated from the University of Waterloo and York University in Ontario, Canada, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History (Latin American and Caribbean History).

Ruth joined the civil service in the Department of Public Personnel and later was an Assistant Archivist/Research and Records Management Supervisor in the Department of Archives. She has written or assisted with publications for the Department of Archives and The Bahamas Historical Society. In 1981 she began an articulated clerkship at Bostwick & Bostwick (B&B) and was admitted to the Bahamas Bar in 1985. From 1985-90 she was an associate attorney at B&B and from 1990-94 at Graham Thompson & Co. In 1994, she became Sr. Executive Assistant to Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham. Ruth returned to private practice in 1998 as managing partner at Commonwealth Law Advocates, formerly Bannister & Co. Ruth had begun her civic involvement from 1976 as a founding member of the Society of Free Thinker. From 1986-96 she was a member of Developing Alternatives for Women Now; and from 1990-94 with The Bahamas Association for the Physically Disabled.

Ruth practiced in the Magistrates Courts, the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal. Her law practice included civil litigation, family law (divorces, child protection and child abduction, adoptions and probates), commercial, property, transactional and banking law. In 2009 she was elected President of The Bahamas Bar Association and during her tenure, the Bar acquired premises at Mackey Street. She is a former Associate Tutor at the Eugene Dupuch Law School (2002 – 2018 and 2022-2023). From 1991 to 2005, Ruth served as Acting Stipendiary and Circuit Court Magistrate. In 2019, she was appointed a Justice of The Supreme Court. She demitted judicial office on December 3, 2021.

Mrs. Bowe-Darville has served on numerous government boards and non-governmental organizations and has been recognized for her commitment to gender equality. She has been an advocate for women's and children's rights and has written about the progress of Bahamian women and the Women's Suffrage Movement. Mrs. Bowe-Darville was a proponent of the 2002 Inheritance Act and the Status of Children's Act 2002. She served as Chairperson of the Women's Advisory Council, the Prices Control Commission and the Nursing Appeals Tribunal. She has written two papers presented at the College of The Bahamas, including in 1992, "The Role of the Worker – The Women's Movement 1942 - 1962". She also served on the Judicial and Legal Services Commission, the Hospital's Licensing Authority Board, the Shop and Liquor Licensing Board, the Securities Commission of The Bahamas, and the Bank of The Bahamas.

Following in the footsteps of her mother, Ruth became a Girl Guide. In her adult life, she assisted the Girl Guide Council as its Counsel and Attorney She also served as its Vice President. She provided legal advice for the revision of The Bahamas Girl Guides' Constitution, Policy Organization and Rules Manual, and in securing the lease of property and construction of the new headquarters.

A Meritorious Council Member (MCM) of the Free National Movement, she has been active in political life, serving in various capacities, including as the party's Acting Secretary General from 1992 to 1993. Ruth is a devoted Roman Catholic, serving in a variety of ministries over many years in her faith community. She worships at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral.

Ruth's other interests include reading, crafting, and gardening. She was married to the late Michael M. Darville, and has one daughter, Ian-Marie Darville Miller, and one granddaughter, Charlotte Miller.

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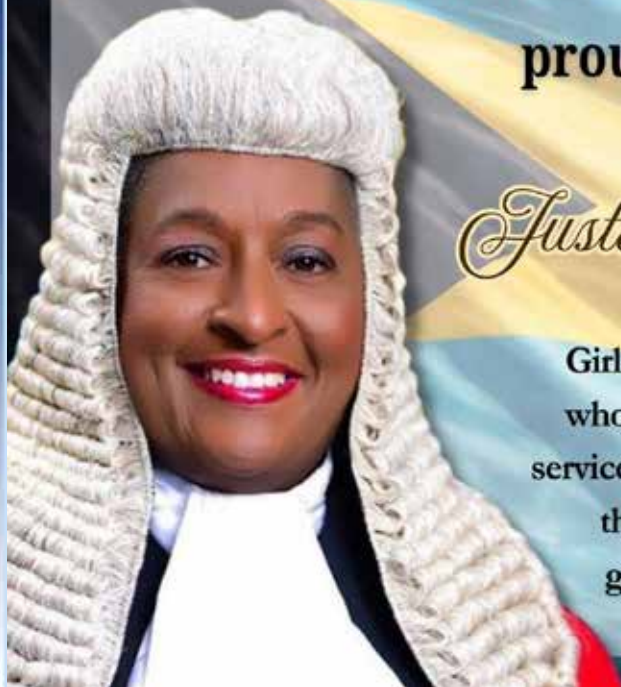
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BIOGRAPHY OF

Dr. Edwin Demeritte,
BSc., MBBS. M.D.



Edwin Leslie Demeritte was born to Mr. Edwin and Thelma Demeritte on 9th November 1962 in New Providence. He received his primary and secondary education in New Providence, and in 1973, he entered the Government High School on Poinciana Drive. Edwin excelled at TGHS where he was appointed Headboy in 1978. He is a member of the class of '79.

Edwin obtained his Bachelor of Science at the University of Windsor, Ontario Canada and his undergraduate medical degree from the University of the West Indies, Mona Kingston Jamaica in 1989. He completed a 2-year internship followed by 2 years serving as Senior House Officer before leaving to pursue postgraduate studies with a pediatric residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital/University of Miami in 1993. In 1995 he continued post graduate studies in Neurology at Detroit Medical Center/Wayne State University, graduating in 1998 with a degree in Adult Neurology with Special Qualifications in Child Neurology. During this time, he received the prestigious Neurology Resident Of The Year in 1997 given by the Child Neurology Society. He subsequently completed a 1-year fellowship in Neurophysiology at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan in 1999.

Upon his return to The Bahamas in 1999, Dr. Demeritte took a position with The Bahamas Government in its public hospital facilities as Pediatric Neurologist Consultant and subsequently developed the Neurodevelopment Clinic (NDC), the first public multidisciplinary assessment and rehabilitation clinic for children 0-8 years of age with, or at risk for, neurodevelopmental delays. He was Chairperson of the Neurodevelopmental Clinic (a multidisciplinary rehab facility for developmentally delayed children) from its inception in 2001 until 2012. The development of this public clinic was historic, as it was the first in the country and the first of its kind in the English-speaking Caribbean region. It remains the only such facility in the region to date. In the same year, he established the Bahamas Neurological Center, a private multidiscipline neurological assessment and treatment facility. Currently, The Bahamas Neurological Center (BNC) offers assessments in neurology, psychology, physical therapy and occupational therapy; neurodiagnostic testing, medical treatment and rehabilitation therapy. BNC's goal is to expand services to offer services in both pediatrics and adults throughout The Bahamas island chain as well as in designated countries within the English-speaking Caribbean region. Dr. Demeritte has been and is currently providing adult and pediatric neurology services in the Turks & Caicos Islands

Dr. Edwin Demeritte, the managing physician of the Bahamas Neurological Center (BNC) is one of three adult neurologists in The Bahamas and is the only one licensed to treat both adults and pediatrics. The discipline of neurology is a multi-disorder specialty and Dr. Demeritte has always been a strong proponent of the multidiscipline/inter-discipline approach in the treatment of neurological disorders/injuries. He has developed public and private outpatient tertiary multidisciplinary clinics to facilitate the treatment of both pediatric and adult neurological disorders/injuries including Autism, ADD/ADHD, Developmental Delays/Disabilities, strokes, Parkinson, brain injuries, traumatic nerve damage, epilepsy, migraines/headaches, sleep disorders, back and neck pain, nerve root compression, Multiple Sclerosis, and Myasthenia Gravis.

Dr. Demeritte's professional memberships include the American Academy of Neurology. In addition to tenaciously pursuing his education, he has been an avid proponent of research.



BIOGRAPHY OF

Philip Arthur Walter Miller

CD, JP

Philip Arthur Walter Miller was born in Colonel Hill, Crooked Island on 24 August 1951, to Henry and Willamae Miller. He was educated at Cripple Hill Primary School in Crooked Island, under the late Cardinal E. Farquharson. He entered the Government High School in 1963, where under the tutelage of Mr. C.V Bethel, Mrs. Anatol Rodgers, Dr. Keva Bethel, Mr. Hugh Sands and others, he obtained eight (8) GCE O' Levels and 3 A' Levels in 1970. He was appointed a prefect in Lower VI and Head Boy in Upper VI.

Three years later, in 1973, Philip graduated from the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad, with Second Class Honours in Agriculture. He then joined the Ministry of Agriculture in 1973 as a Research and Extension Education Officer, traveling to the major farming communities such as Long Island, Eleuthera and Exuma.

In 1976, he was recruited by Dr. John Knowles to join the Faculty of the College of The Bahamas, lecturing in Agriculture and Biology. In 1990, the then Minister of Agriculture, the Honourable Perry Christie, appointed him as Agricultural Specialist at The Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation. In 1993, the Right Honourable Hubert Ingraham enlisted him to assist in the establishment of The Bahamas Investment Authority in the Office of the Prime Minister, where he served as Deputy Director for ten years.

In 2003 Philip transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, whose Minister then was Hon. Frederick Mitchell and in 2006, was appointed to pioneer the establishment of a resident Embassy of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in Beijing, China, where he served as Chargé d'Affaires until 2008.

On his return to The Bahamas, he again joined the Ministry of Agriculture, this time as Under Secretary and worked closely with the Minister, the Honourable Larry Cartwright, in modernizing the management of agricultural lands throughout the country and in setting up the Farmers Market on Gladstone Road in Nassau.

In 2012, he returned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where he served as Permanent Secretary until his retirement in 2016. He received a 2023 Award Of Excellence as a retired Permanent Secretary and was invested as a Companion of the Order of Distinction in the National Honours.

Throughout his career, he has been a political and social activist, championing the cause of socio-economic development in the Family Islands, particularly in the areas of agriculture, light industries and local government. He is currently Chairman Foreign Service Committee, Department of Foreign Service, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He is the father of Accountant Reno Arthur Walter Miller and brother of former radio and TV Personality, the late Darold Miller. For much of his adult life Philip has been a member of Bahamas Faith Ministries, headed formerly by the late Dr. Myles Munroe.

BIOGRAPHY OF

H. E. Rhoda M. Jackson-Grant
Ambassador (retired)



Rhoda was born in Nassau, Bahamas in March 1960 to the Errol and Loletta Jackson (both deceased). She received her early education at the Government High School and proceeded to the College of The Bahamas in 1979, where she received her Associates Degree in French. She furthered her studies at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Canada and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in French with a minor in Economics.

From 1982- 1984, Rhoda worked at Pan American World Airways as a Reservations and Sales Agent and in October, 1984, she was employed as a teacher of French and Religious Knowledge in Freeport, Grand Bahama at Hawksbill High School and later in 1987, at C. I. Gibson High School in Nassau.

In 1988, Rhoda joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a Trainee Executive Officer and after several years at headquarters, and in August 1993, she was posted to the Bahamas High Commission in London, England. Subsequent postings included in 1997, The Bahamas Embassy and The Bahamas Permanent Mission to the Organization of American States in Washington, DC in August 2000, The Bahamas Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York. In 2004, Rhoda returned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' headquarters where she remained until January 2007, when she was appointed as Chargé d'Affaires and Deputy Chief of Mission at The Bahamas Embassy in Washington. In 2011, she transferred from the Embassy and was named Bahamas Consul General at The Bahamas Consulate General in Miami until her appointment in May, 2013, as the first resident Permanent Representative of The Bahamas to the United Nations Office in Geneva, pioneering the establishment of The Bahamas' first diplomatic mission on the European continent, serving as Ambassador to Switzerland and non-resident Ambassador to Belgium, the European Union and the Organization of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States in Brussels. Ambassador Jackson has represented the Government of The Bahamas at many international, regional and sub-regional meetings, seminars and conferences and across the Caribbean, Latin America, Africa, the Pacific and Europe, while serving as Chairperson for various United Nations agencies committees.

In September 2017, Ambassador Jackson returned to The Bahamas as Acting Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and later, in this same post, at the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture until the time of her early retirement from public office in December, 2019. In April, 2022 Ambassador Jackson was appointed as a Consultant to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where she served as Director General of the Foreign Service, with technical oversight of The Bahamas Foreign Service Policy, until June 2023, when she resigned and relocated to the United States.

Ambassador Jackson Grant is a born again believer and currently worships at Grace Gospel Chapel in Harlem, New York where she is involved several local ministries. She has participated in numerous Christian Women's meetings/conferences in Geneva, New York, Florida and The Bahamas and, on several occasions, she has served as the keynote speaker.

Ambassador Jackson Grant is married to Mr. Stephen Grant of New York and her hobbies include reading, fishing, listening to jazz and playing scrabble.

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BIOGRAPHY OF

Dr. Melony Thompson

Melony N. Thompson is a 1978 graduate of The Government High School. She is affectionately known as Dr. Mel, is a distinguished Bahamian educator, entrepreneur, community leader, and speaker with more than 29 years of experience transforming the lives of young people., she has dedicated her life to advancing education and empowering the next generation throughout The Bahamas.

She is the Founder and Principal of Atlantic High School and Atlantic College, and the visionary behind Gaithom Career Tech Academy, a specialized Allied Health high school designed to address healthcare shortages in the Bahamas through career-

focused training, certification pathways, and practical skills development.

She has been recognized for her innovative and results-driven approach to education and has helped countless at-risk and non-traditional students achieve success by earning national certifications, GEDs, and university placements both locally and internationally. Her work was featured in *The Tribune* by the late Nikki Kelly, who encouraged the Government to reconsider its approach to education and consider the model Dr. Thompson implemented to support struggling students. She has also been honored as a Bahamian Icon Award Nominee for Education and as a High Heel in High Places Honoree at the Annual Trumpet Awards in Atlanta, Georgia.

Beyond education, Dr. Mel is a prolific author, creative entrepreneur, and Justice of the Peace. She has written numerous books, including *Odessa and the Professor*, *Destined to Be*, *Falling Into Grace* which shares her personal journey of healing from a broken patella and *Berry and Bimini Islands Threads*, a 20-year research project exploring history and ancestral connections. Across her writings, she blends themes of faith, cultural heritage, mentorship, resilience, and personal transformation.

Dr. Mel is also an international speaker who has addressed conferences in The Bahamas, the United States of America and in Benin City, Nigeria. Her missionary outreach led her to Arua, Uganda, where she worked with Sudanese refugees who had walked from South Sudan into Uganda seeking safety and hope. She also served as a session representative (Valedictorian) at the Haggai Institute in Singapore, where she addressed 69 women from 26 countries, reflecting her commitment to global leadership and empowerment.

A gifted artisan, Dr. Mel also creates handcrafted seashell products and has made significant contributions to the creative economy of The Bahamas. During her tenure as President of the Bahamas National Craft Association, she helped train, mentor, and empower numerous artisans to create, brand, and market authentic Bahamian-made products, strengthening cultural preservation and economic opportunity.

Her passion further extends into mentoring programs for young women, cultural preservation initiatives such as Junkanoo-focused academies, feeding ministries, and youth empowerment projects that strengthen communities across the islands.

Through every role she undertakes, Dr. Mel embodies her life's purpose: helping young people discover their destiny, rise above challenges, and achieve greatness.

BIOGRAPHY OF

Mizpah Brown Rich



A proud Government High School alumna, Mizpah credits the educational foundation and formative experiences she received at this prestigious institution as an integral part of her life's portfolio, shaping her leadership, resilience, and commitment to service.

In early 2017, Mizpah and her husband founded Joshua's Gift Inc., motivated by a deep desire to create meaningful social opportunities, reduce isolation, and provide tangible support for families navigating the complexities of autism. It is a nonprofit organization inspired by her beloved son, Joshua, and driven by a mission to foster inclusion, connection, and support for families affected by autism and intellectual developmental disabilities (IDD). This non-profit organization was inspired by an experience with her son which became the catalyst for the creation of the CODE JOSHUA social justice initiative, a groundbreaking safety alert system and training program designed to educate and equip first responders to better recognize and respond to individuals with autism and IDD.

Through her leadership, the foundation has grown to offer not only funding and resources, but also community-based programs that bring families together in safe, joyful, and inclusive spaces.

CODE JOSHUA reflects Mizpah's unwavering commitment to safeguarding lives and ensuring that individuals with autism are not only understood but treated with dignity and care during emergencies. What began as a mother's response to protect her son has grown into a statewide movement across California, now gaining national attention and support.

Through Joshua's Gift Inc., Mizpah continues to advocate for equity, awareness, and system-level change that honors the humanity of her son and every person, regardless of ability. Her work stands as a testament to the power of love, purpose, and advocacy, and to the profound impact one family can have in transforming how communities respond to autism.



BIOGRAPHY OF

Dr. Locksley Munroe
BSc., MBBS, FRCSEd, D.M.(Gen.Surg)

Locksley Munroe was born in Duncan Town, Ragged Island in 1956 to Churton and Brunell Munroe. He attended The Ragged Island All Age School and in 1968, after passing the Common Entrance Examination, he moved to New Providence to attend The Government High School where he remained until 1975. While there, he was successful in the BJCs, GCE 'O' and 'A' Level examinations. Aside from academics at GHS, Locksley was an active member of the Key Club and a Prefect. Sports was of great interest and he was a part of the soccer, volleyball and cricket teams. He was the Senior Boys Athletics Captain of Nassau House and represented Government as a middle distance runner in the Inter High School Athletics Sports Meet, a forerunner of the Bahama Association of Independent Secondary Schools (BAISS) Track Meet.

In 1975, he was accepted into the faculty of Natural Sciences at the University of West Indies and a year later, transferred into The Faculty of Medical Science. Medical school was completed in 1982 and after five years of bonded scholarship he returned to Jamaica and in 1992 was the first Bahamian to qualify with the DM in General Surgery, completing the programme within the designated five-year period. While in the Doctor of Medicine (DM) programme, Dr. Munroe was accepted into the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburg in 1989.

From primary school and throughout his journey in education, Locksley won many prizes and honours, including inter alia, at GHS, Biology prizes; at UWI, The Noel Hayes Prize for Anatomy and The Chin Yees Prize for Surgery. After the 2nd MB in 1978, he was awarded a scholarship to pursue an Honours Degree in Biochemistry at the University of London. He has co-authored two papers published in the West Indian Medical Journal, made many presentations locally as well as internationally, moderated many sessions for the Medical Association of The Bahamas (MAB) and Society of Laparoscopic and Robotics Surgeons (SLS) and organized a workshop in Laparoscopic Surgery.

Dr. Munroe was instrumental in the transition of the Intern and Residents Association (IRA) to the Hospital Doctors Association (HAD) and served as its secretary, president and trustee. From its initiation in 2001 until 2020, he was president of the Consultant Physician Staff Association. He has served as Chief of Service for the Department of Surgery at the Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH), Director of operating theatre, and as a member of The Medical Association of the Bahamas (MAB) where he has served as secretary and trustee. He currently has memberships in the Society of Laparoscopic Surgeons, the Association of Surgeons in Jamaica, Caribbean Society of Endoscopic Surgeons(CASES), and the Caribbean College of Surgeons. He is an Associate Lecturer /Clinical tutor and regional examiner of UWI.

(Past) Deputy Chairman of the Hospitals and Healthcare Facilities Licensing Board, a past member of The Bahamas Medical Council and a Board Member of The Bahamas Anti-Doping Commission. He has also certified as a Doping Control Officer.

Some of the charities Dr. Munroe supports include BASRA, Sister-Sister Breast Cancer Support Group and the Cancer Society of The Bahamas. His recreational activities include boating where he is certified in Coastal Navigation, table tennis and gardening.

He is married (1981) to Marjorie nee Hernandez of Belize and has two children and three grandchildren. Dr. Munroe attends Christ the King Anglican Church Ridgeland Park West where he has been a member of the Vestry and presently serves on the Guild of Lay Readers.

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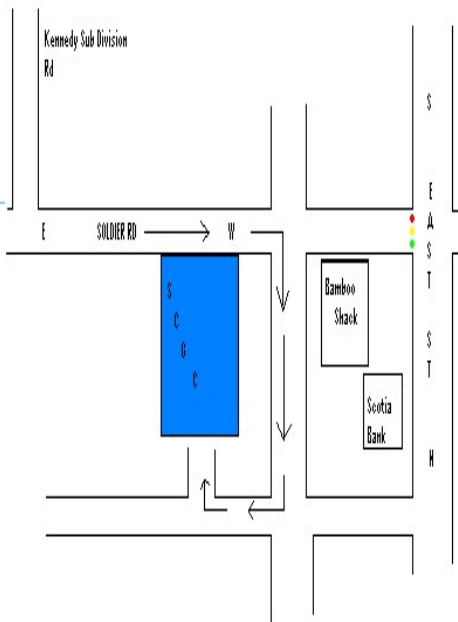
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BIOGRAPHY OF

Louise Barry
B.Sc., Dip.Ed., M.A.

Louise was born on 26th September 1954 in Dunmore Town, Harbour Island. She went to the Harbour Island All-Age School before entering the Government High School in 196-. She graduated in 19 and went on to the University of the West Indies. Several years later she obtained a Master of Arts Degree in Curriculum and Instruction (University of St. Thomas and spent forty-year as an educator.

She taught Biology, General Science, Health Science, Physics and Chemistry. She also provided free afternoon tutorials for students as well as BJC Health Science and GCE Human and Social Biology classes for adults. Her performance as a classroom teacher and contributions to the life of the school, were recognized as in 1993

she was selected as Teacher of the Year at the H. O. Nash Secondary School. She became Head of Department (Subject Coordinator) for science for seventeen of the twenty-three years spent as a teacher. She was also a marker for BJC Health Science and Chief Paper-setter and later Chief Examiner for Biology for the first thirteen years of the BGCSE. For seventeen years she was an Education Officer and Senior Education Officer for High School Sciences in the Ministry of Education.

She supervised the science instructional programme in schools throughout the islands, the institution of “March with Science” student competitions, the conception and implementation of four magnet science programmes as well as meaningful and relevant professional development activities. During this period, she produced fourteen (14) high school science curriculum documents.

Ms. Barry served as an internal moderator for COB/UB for pre-service science teachers, and was on the Homeschooling Committee. She set and maintained high quality standards in Science Education for teachers as well as students. Post retirement, she presently serves as a lead assessor of teachers who apply for promotions in the Career Path System for public school teachers.

Ms. Barry’s passion for science education was matched by her love for Girl Guiding. She has spent forty-five years as a Guide Leader. During those years she was an Assistant District Commissioner, District Commissioner (Eastern New Providence), Assistant Chief Commissioner (Administration & Programme), Trainer, Training Commissioner, Deputy Chief Commissioner (responsibility for Family Islands) and Chief Commissioner. Her most notable feats, apart from positively impacting girls and young women, are the supervision of preparation or revision of the critical documents - Policy, Organization & Rules (twice), Training for Adults Syllabus, the first local Girl Guide Programme (for four age groups) and its 2019 revision. Ms. Barry has represented the Bahamas Girl Guides Association in Grenada, Trinidad & Tobago, Canada, the USA, Chile, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Singapore and the Philippines. As an experienced camper, Ms. Barry has led three national camps, two international camps hosted by the Bahamas Girl Guides Association (BGGGA), as well as taken Ranger Guides to international camps in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada and in Connecticut, USA. While camping affords opportunities for forming friendships and developing skills, Ms. Barry’s leadership in chairing two BGGGA National Conclaves for Ranger Guides and two BGGGA National Assemblies provided fora for girls’ voices to be heard.

Ms. Barry presently serves as the chairperson of the Programme Committee and the Membership Committee in BGGGA. Under her leadership, BGGGA received an award for increase in membership in 2023 and in 2024. This growth is inclusive of Guiding in the Family Islands.

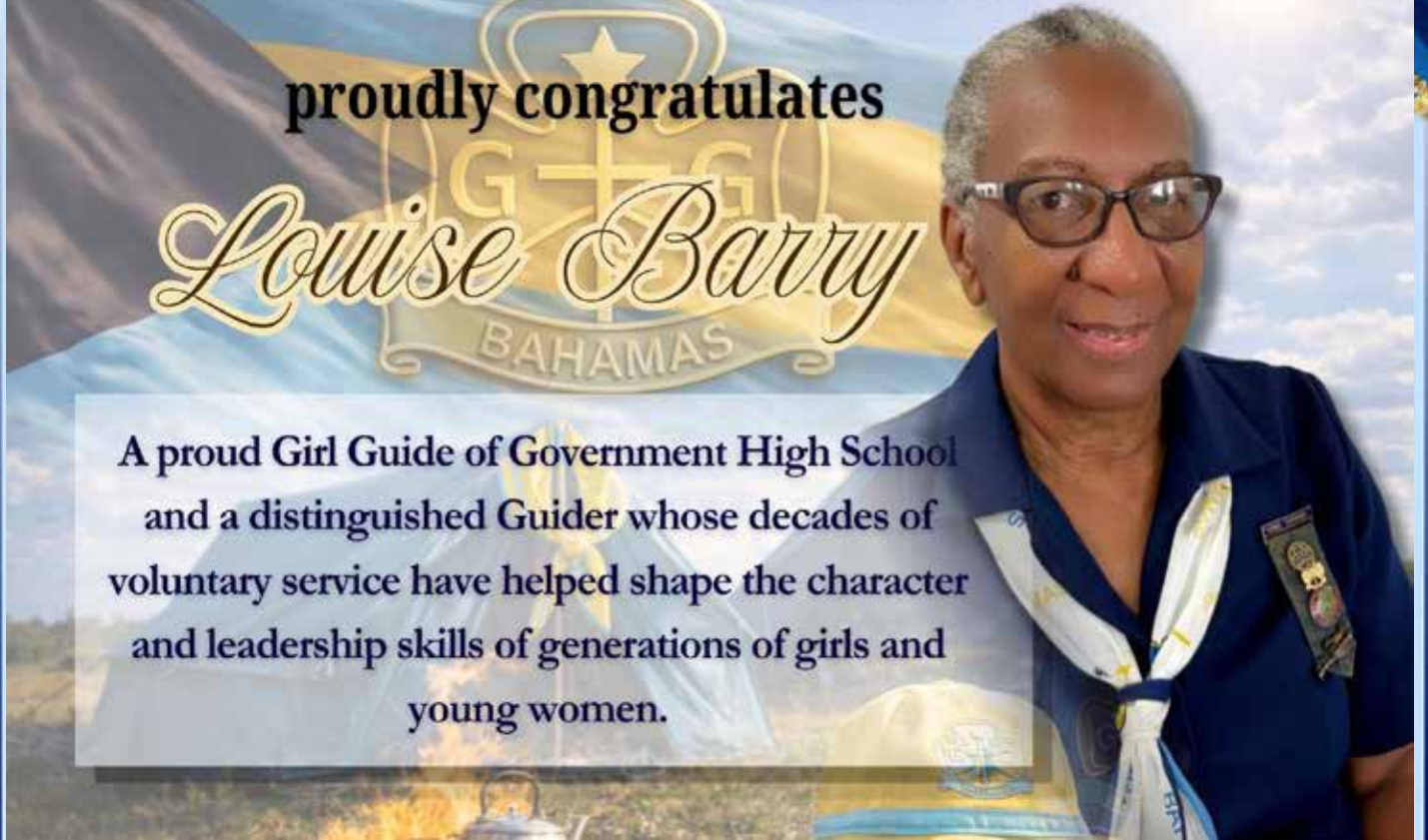
Ms. Barry is a devout Anglican who worships at St. George’s Anglican Church where she has served at various times as Chairperson of the Pastoral Care Ministry. Throughout these activities she finds time for relaxing with relatives and friends.

The Bahamas Girl Guides Association

proudly congratulates

Louise Barry

A proud Girl Guide of Government High School and a distinguished Guider whose decades of voluntary service have helped shape the character and leadership skills of generations of girls and young women.



CONGRATULATIONS!

The Hon. Mr. Justice

Milton Evans

Abundant Life Bible Church proudly celebrates you on your invaluable service and contributions to the growth and development of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

Your unwavering commitment to upholding justice and safeguarding the rule of law inspires us all. We pray for your continued success and thank you for making a lasting impact!

Blessings,
The Pastors & Members
of Abundant Life Bible Church



BIOGRAPHY OF
The Hon. Justice
Milton Evans
MB JA

Milton was born in Nicoll's Town, Andros, and received his education in Andros and in New Providence at The Government High School and The College of The Bahamas (COB). After graduating from COB in 1978, he joined the Public Service in the Supreme Court Registry and the Court of Appeal as a Court clerk, on a full time basis until 1982. Thereafter he worked on a part time basis until 1987.

Milton received an LLB (Honours) from the University of the West Indies in 1986, went on to the Norman Manley Law School and was called to the Bahamas Bar in 1988. Milton practised in both the private and public sectors. He served nine (9) years in the Office of the Attorney General ending as Deputy Director of Legal Affairs in 2003. He is experienced in both criminal as well as civil litigation, is a former tutor at the Eugene Dupuch Law School and also served as a member of the Rules Committee of the Supreme Court. Milton was a partner in the law firm of Evans & Co from 2003 until August of 2011.

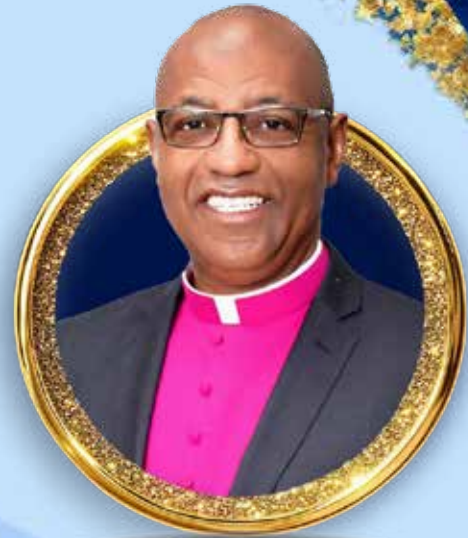
Milton is a former member of the Board of the Deposit Insurance Corporation and was appointed by the Government to serve as a member of the Social Security Reform Commission as well as the Judicial Review Commission. Milton served as an Acting Justice of the Supreme Court from February 1, 2011 to May 8, 2011. On August 16, 2011, he was appointed as a Justice of the Supreme Court at which time he relinquished the position as Insurance Commissioner. AS a Justice, Milton was assigned to the Civil Division of the Supreme Court for four and a half years and then in the Criminal Division since March of 2016.

In December of 2017, he was appointed as an Acting Justice of the Court of Appeal and substantively in March of 2019. In October, 2024 he was invested as a member of the Order of The Bahamas (MB). He was sworn in as President of the Court of Appeal on the 27th January, 2025.

Justice Evans is a member of the Abundant Life Bible Church where he served as a Teacher and now President of the Abundant Life Church Association. His hobbies include reading and chess and incidentally he is a former National Champion of the Bahamas in Chess. He is married to the former Patrice Ramsay of New Providence and they have three children and one grandchild..

BIOGRAPHY OF

The Rt. Rev. Laish Boyd



The Right Reverend and The Right Honourable Laish Boyd
Bishop of the Diocese of The Bahamas and The Turks and Caicos
Islands

Bishop Laish Boyd was born in New Providence, Bahamas and received his early childhood education at Mother Donaldson Nursery School, on the grounds of the St. John's Native Baptist Church, Meeting St., Quarry Mission Primary School, Wilton Albury Primary School, and Cathedral Day School, which became St. John's Prep School. He attended Government High School and graduated from St. Andrew's School in 1977.

He is the son of the late Chief Inspector of Police Wilton Edward Boyd. His mother is the late Ruth Carmel Boyd, nee McNeil, an alumna of The Government High School, who attended at the Nassau Court location.

Bishop Boyd holds degrees from the University of King's College at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada; from Codrington Theological College, St. John, Barbados; and from the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados.

He was ordained deacon in 1986 in St. Agnes, N.P., and ordained priest in 1987 in Christ Church Cathedral - both ordinations performed by the late Bishop Michael H. Eldon.

Bishop Boyd served as Curate of Christ the King Parish, New Providence; Rector of the Parish of Our Lady and St. Stephen, Bimini; Priest Vicar at Christ Church Cathedral, Nassau; and Rector of Holy Cross Parish, New Providence.

He also served as a Director of Acts 29 Ministries in Atlanta, Georgia from 2002 - 2007.

Bishop Boyd has a Doctor of Divinity degree from King's College, Halifax, conferred in 2008.

Bishop Boyd is committed to the health, vitality, and social witness in The Bahamas and The Turks and Caicos Islands, to sound teaching and preaching, as well as to the Church's ministry in education.

He was elected Bishop Coadjutor of the Anglican Diocese on 24th February 2006, and consecrated bishop on 29th June 2006. He became the Diocesan Bishop on 1st January 2009.

In 2024, he was made a Companion of the Order of the Bahamas.

He is married to the former Joann M.A. Gray. The couple has 3 sons: Zane, his wife Trenee and their son Zayden; Joash and Nathan.

His hobbies include personal development, meeting people, and scrapbooking.



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BIOGRAPHY OF

Patricia Darville-Hermanns

MBA

Patricia Darville was born in 1955 to Bloneva and George Darville. She entered the Government High School in 1966 and is a member of the Class of '71. She returned for "A" Level studies and was appointed Deputy Head girl in her senior year, and graduated in 1973. Patricia obtained her bachelor's degree in Economics and Spanish at New York University and an MBA from the University of Miami. She also studied at the University of Madrid earning a diploma in Hispanic studies. She is fluent in Spanish and has a working knowledge of French.

Patricia started her career in international banking with the Royal Bank of Canada International in The Bahamas and served in managerial capacities in both the international and domestic arms of The Royal Bank of Canada before transitioning to the life and health insurance sector in 1989. During her tenure in the insurance sector, she held the position of President and CEO of two publicly traded insurance companies consecutively, becoming the first woman to do so in each instance.

In other areas of her professional life, Patricia served as a member of the government's steering committee for assessing the feasibility of a local securities exchange and was its first Deputy Chairman of the Bahamas International Securities Exchange (BISX), launched in 1999. She served as Deputy Chairman of the Securities Commission of The Bahamas, Director of Bank of The Bahamas, and Director of Bahamas Electricity Corporation / Bahamas Power and Light. She currently serves as a Trustee of the Anglican Diocese Pension Fund.

Ms. Hermanns became Chief Executive Officer of the National Insurance Board of The Bahamas, managing an organization with assets exceeding B\$ 1 billion. As CEO, she oversaw the management of the national pension scheme including its unemployment and occupational health and safety benefits and she managed the delivery of those benefits throughout The Bahamas. In 2019 she was appointed as Chairman of University Residence Services Ltd., a company charged with the expansion of the physical plant of the University of The Bahamas.

In May 2022, Ms. Hermanns was appointed by the Government of The Bahamas as Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Geneva, a position she currently holds. Since her appointment she has served on numerous international bodies and committees and has chaired numerous high-level meetings including the Human Rights Council Forum on Democracy and the Rule of Law. In 2024, Ambassador Hermanns was unanimously selected to represent the Group of Latin America and Caribbean States (GRULAC) as a member of the Consultative Group of the Human Rights Council and to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee for the selection of Deputy Director-General of the International Organization for Migration.

In 2025, Ambassador Hermanns was selected by the President of the Human Rights Council to serve on the Gender Advisory Board of the Council. She was elected to represent GRULAC, as chair of the Meeting of UNCAT States Parties and was the first Caribbean representative on the Committee Against Torture. She has served as Chair of the Caucus of Ambassadors of Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Member States in Geneva, as well as coordinator of GRULAC Ambassadors for the International Organization for Migration and for the UN Office at Geneva. Ambassador Hermanns currently serves as focal point Ambassador for CARICOM on human rights matters and is a core State Ambassador of the Convention Against Torture Initiative.

In Geneva she has also participated as a high-level panelist and invited speaker at numerous formal dialogues on topics including human rights, sustainable development, climate change, international cooperation in tax matters, sovereign debt and the reform of the international financial architecture, financing for development, gender equality and the rights of persons with disabilities. Additionally, she has served on high-level Ministerial delegations including to the 2022 Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) in Bucharest, Romania and the 2025 Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development held in Sevilla, Spain.

Ms. Hermanns has one daughter, Christina.



CONGRATULATIONS *Mom!*

This award is a testament to your talent,
passion, and hard work.

MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU
NOW AND ALWAYS.

from your daughter,
Christina



The Darville Family
CONGRATULATES

Patricia Hermanns
on receiving the Phoenix Award from
the Government High School Alumni
Association.

Her leadership, creativity, &
community impact continue to
inspire all who know her.

We could not be more proud to
celebrate her remarkable
achievements and the legacy she is
building.

from:
THE DARVILLE FAMILY



BIOGRAPHY OF

*Dr. Geannine Renee
Rhodenwaldt-Moss*

Geannine Moss entered the Government High School in 1973 and graduated in 1978. She is an alumna of the University of The Bahamas, where she earned an Associate of Arts Degree in Computer Data Processing in 1993; Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where she obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Business and Professional Management in 2004. She has a Master's Degree in Business Administration (2006), a Master's Degree in Public Administration (2007), and a Doctorate in Organizational Leadership and Human Resources Development (2010). She is also a certified Project Management Professional (PMP), accredited by

the Project Management Institute.

She began her professional in the Bahamas Customs Department in 1980 as a Trainee Customs Officer and progressed steadily through the ranks, earning promotions to Grade Two Officer in 1982, Grade One Officer in 1993, and Senior Customs Officer in 2003. In 2009, she was fast-tracked to the rank of Superintendent of Customs. In January 2012, Dr. Moss was promoted to Assistant Comptroller of Customs and joined the Department's Executive Leadership Team as its only female member. She was the first woman in the then 99-year history of the Customs Department to attain this senior rank after entering the organization as a Trainee Officer.

Throughout her career, Dr. Moss has served with distinction in numerous critical operational and strategic roles, primarily in Nassau. She headed the Entry Management Section, Aided Industries, the Training Division, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Modernization Project, and Cargo Operations. She also holds the distinction of being the first female Customs Officer posted to an exclusively privately owned Family Island resort, Chub Cay in the Berry Islands, in 1998. During her five years there, she served concurrently and with distinction as both Customs and Immigration Officer.

In August 2017, Dr. Moss achieved another historic milestone when she was appointed Comptroller of Customs, becoming the first female to hold this office since the establishment of the Bahamas Customs Department in March 1914. As Comptroller, she led an organization of over 1,000 officers and staff charged with safeguarding national borders and administering the collection and protection of Customs revenue and other mandated taxes. The Customs Department accounts for approximately 60 percent of the nation's total revenue intake, including the collection of Value Added Tax (VAT) at the borders, with operational responsibility across 36 ports of entry throughout The Bahamas.

Committed to public service development and education, Dr. Moss served as a member of the Ministry of Public Service Facilitators and Trainers from 2008 to 2013. She has also contributed extensively to tertiary education as an Adjunct Professor with the University of the West Indies Open Campus, Southern College, and Bahamas Baptist University College in Nassau, lecturing in leadership, public administration, human resource management, conflict resolution, business ethics, marketing, and industrial relations.

Dr. Geannine Renee Rhodenwaldt-Moss's career stands as a testament to excellence, resilience, and trailblazing leadership, and her legacy continues to inspire generations of public servants across The Bahamas.

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Dr Geannine Rhodenwaldt-Moss

**on her achievement as a recipient of
the 4th Annual Phoenix Awards
of
The Government High School**



CONGRATULATIONS



Geannine Moss

From “boring old Chub Cay” to the top of the world. Geannine, you’ve always been a **leader** and a **superstar** now the rest of the world gets to see it too.

Congratulations on your remarkable achievement.

- Mark

BIOGRAPHY OF

Justice George Gregory Hilton

George Gregory Hilton was born on 25 August 1961 to the late Trafford Langton Hilton himself a GHS Alumnus (former Solicitor General of the Bahamas) and Eva Louise Hilton nee Godet (Retired Educator). He has five (5) siblings – brothers: John (deceased), Philip, Deryck, Stephen and his only sister Elizabeth Burrows.



Gregory attended three primary schools in Nassau: St. Anne's Anglican School, Queens College and Cathedral Day School. He attended two high schools: The Government High School (1972-1976) and St. Andrew's High School where he graduated in 1977 obtaining 7 General Certificates of Education (GCE). He obtained his Bachelor of Law degree (LLB Hons) from the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados in 1983 and the Certificate of Legal Education (CLE) from the Norman Manley Law School, Kingston, Jamaica in 1985. During his summer breaks from University, Gregory worked in the Supreme Court Registry and in the Magistrate Court as a Clerk.

On completion of his studies, he joined his father's Law Firm, T. Langton Hilton & Company, where he worked closely with him for nine (9) years before accepting an appointment as a Stipendiary and Circuit Magistrate for five (5) years. During this period in 1996, he had a two-month appointment as a Stipendiary and Circuit Magistrate in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Gregory rejoined his Father's law firm in 1999, where he worked with his brother Philip, practicing criminal defence law, Conveyancing and family law. In 2012, after his father's retirement, Gregory established Hilton & Hilton, where he practiced law until his appointment as Acting Justice of the Supreme Court in March 2015. He was confirmed as a Supreme Court Judge on 1st November 2016. In March 2025, Gregory was appointed Acting Justice of the Court of Appeal. In June 2025, he was appointed Senior Justice of the Supreme Court.

Gregory is married to Sharlene (nee Winder), and has two daughters Dr. GeAnne and Kayann and one son, Lawrence, and a daughter-in-law, Rostrovia. He is the proud grandfather of LaElle, Lai'Than and LeiArra. His hobbies include tennis, reading and fishing. He attends Holy Cross Anglican Church, where he is a former member of the Vestry. He also served as a Past President of St. John's College Parent and Teachers Association. Additionally, he is a former Director of Awana Pioneer Club.

Gregory lived and embodied the words of the great English poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (which was adopted by the Hilton Clan).

“The heights by great men reached and kept
were not attained by sudden flight
but they, while their companions slept
were toiling upward in the night.”



BIOGRAPHY OF

Erica Anne Watkins Saing

Erica was born in Nassau as the ninth child of Pearl and Errington Watkins. She entered the Government High School in 1974 among the last group to enter after passing the national Common Entrance Exam. Erica was active in school life. She was a member of the Kiwanette Club, the Junior Red Cross, the Drama Club and the Debate Club and she represented the Government High School on its winning “It’s Academic Team”.

A graduate of The Bahamas Government High School in 1979, she began her professional journey at the age of sixteen and has since built a distinguished career supported by extensive training and certifications in Human Resources, Training, Project Management, Information Technology, eCommerce, and AI for Marketing. A trained Human Resource Consultant, Erica serves as Executive Director of Administration and Finance for TIG Investments Limited. Her belief in the power of unity, purpose-driven leadership, and service to others inspired the creation of the TIG Charitable Foundation, whose vision is to transform lives by uplifting individuals, strengthening organizations, and enriching communities.

Erica is a seasoned professional and humanitarian whose life’s work is guided by faith, service, and a deep commitment to leaving a meaningful legacy. For more than twenty-five years, Erica -both individually and through the Foundation - has faithfully supported local and international charities including the AIDS Foundation, the Red Cross, the Cancer Society, the Bahamas Humane Society, and Doctors Without Borders, along with numerous educational, sporting, and community initiatives.

Rooted in her faith and a strong sense of calling, Erica serves not for recognition, but from a conviction that she was purposed to make a difference, to be a voice for the voiceless, and to give generously without counting the cost. Her legacy is reflected not only in the organizations she supports, but in the countless lives touched by her quiet, consistent compassion. Her life is one of continued service.

Married with one son, Erin, Erica values family, enjoys reading, listening to classical and jazz music and travel. She is a food guru and enjoys experimenting with new dishes. Erica treasures meaningful connections with people from all walks of life.

She is a faithful and devout Roman Catholic and worships at St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church.

Erica lives a life giving “.....without counting the cost...laboring without asking for any reward, save that of knowing that we do thy will.....”.



Congratulations



Erica A. O. Watkins-Laing

Your family is proud of everything you've achieved. Your kindness and generosity reach far beyond our family, touching the entire community. Your humility and faith inspire us all. You're a true Phoenix in every way, and we hope you keep rising and soaring.

Vanessa, Rochelle, Scottie and Celine



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IMPACT THAT WILL
CONTINUE TO RISE
FOR GENERATIONS.*





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Congratulates



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Your journey is a testament to enduring strength, quiet leadership,
and a legacy that will continue to inspire long after today.

BIOGRAPHY OF

David Jonathan Ferguson
"Funky D"



David Ferguson was born 1st June 1958 in Nassau Bahamas. He began his education in 10964 at William Gordon Primary where he remained until 196. He entered the Government High School in and graduated in 1974.

He always loved music and was inspired by the singing of his mother Ellamae Ferguson who was a singer and the choir director at the Annex Baptist Church. He started singing professionally with the "Sweet Love Band" in 1979. He was an original member of "Back Stabbers" musical group in 1981 which toured the United States and Resorts Intl. Casino in New Jersey.

In 1991 he started a solo career as Funky D and won the Entertainer of the Year awards in 1991, 92 and 93. He had single hits such as "Crazy Boyo", "Start Me Up" and "At the Center".

Since August 1995, Ferguson and the Summer Breeze Band have held residency at Super Clubs Breezes, performing six nights a week and entertaining visitors from around the world. While he appreciates the stability of a full-time engagement, he insists that performing never feels like work. For local audiences, fan favorites like "Crazy Boyo" are non-negotiable; for tourists, particularly the ladies, "The Ways of a Woman" remains a standout.

From 1997 to 1985 he was employed in the Department of Legal Affairs as a clerk, as a Legal Assistant and as an Accounts Clerk. He started at the Bank of Montreal (now Bank of the Bahamas) in 1985 as a Fixed Deposit clerk and while there he held the positions of Central Processing Supervisor and compliance supervisor. He retired from the Bank of the Bahamas in 2014.

A proud advocate for indigenous Bahamian music—whether rake n' scrape, Junkanoo, or Goombay—Ferguson embraces change while remaining rooted in tradition. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he partnered with producers Campbell Forbes and Maitland Thompson to release "Feel the Summer Breeze (Down in The Bahamas)," a song crafted to deliver positivity during uncertain times. Calling it "musical medicine," he says it is designed to lift spirits and instill pride.

David Ferguson is married to Andrea Williams Ferguson

With Love & Pride



Congratulations!
**DAVID "FUNKY D"
FERGUSON**

**ON RECEIVING
THE GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL PHOENIX AWARD.**

We are so proud of your incredible journey—sharing your gift of music with passion, energy, and purpose for over four decades. You have inspired so many, and to us, you are not only a remarkable performer, but a loving husband and devoted father.

Your dedication, strength, and love continue to uplift our family and all who experience your talent.

We celebrate you today and always.
KEEP SHINING AND DOING WHAT YOU LOVE!

*With all our love,
Your wife Andrea &
your kids, Davard and D'Andra*

BIOGRAPHY OF

Ellison Greenslade
CD QPM Dr.h.c. MBA



Ellison Edroy Greenslade was born in Nassau, Bahamas in 1964 and attended primary schools in Cedar Harbor Abaco; Lovely Bay Acklins; Kemp's Bay Andros; Knowles, Cat Island; Stephen Dillette and Jordan Memorial Schools in Nassau. He received his secondary education at the S.C.Mcpherson Jr. High and Government High School.

In 1979 he entered the Bahamas Police Academy, and in November, he graduated top of his class and won the coveted Baton of Honor. After graduation, he continued studies on a part time basis and obtained an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from The College of The Bahamas. He completed executive level professional studies including: in 1994, Senior Police Administration, Canada; in 1997, International Commanders Programme, Bramshill United Kingdom (UK); in 2000, the International Strategic Leadership Programme, Bramshill UK as well as a wide range of other Law Enforcement courses in The USA. In 1997 he obtained a Master's Degree (Honours) from the University of Miami. In 2011 he obtained a postgraduate certificate in police management and criminal justice from The University of Leicester, UK. He was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree by Sojourner- Douglas College, Baltimore, USA.

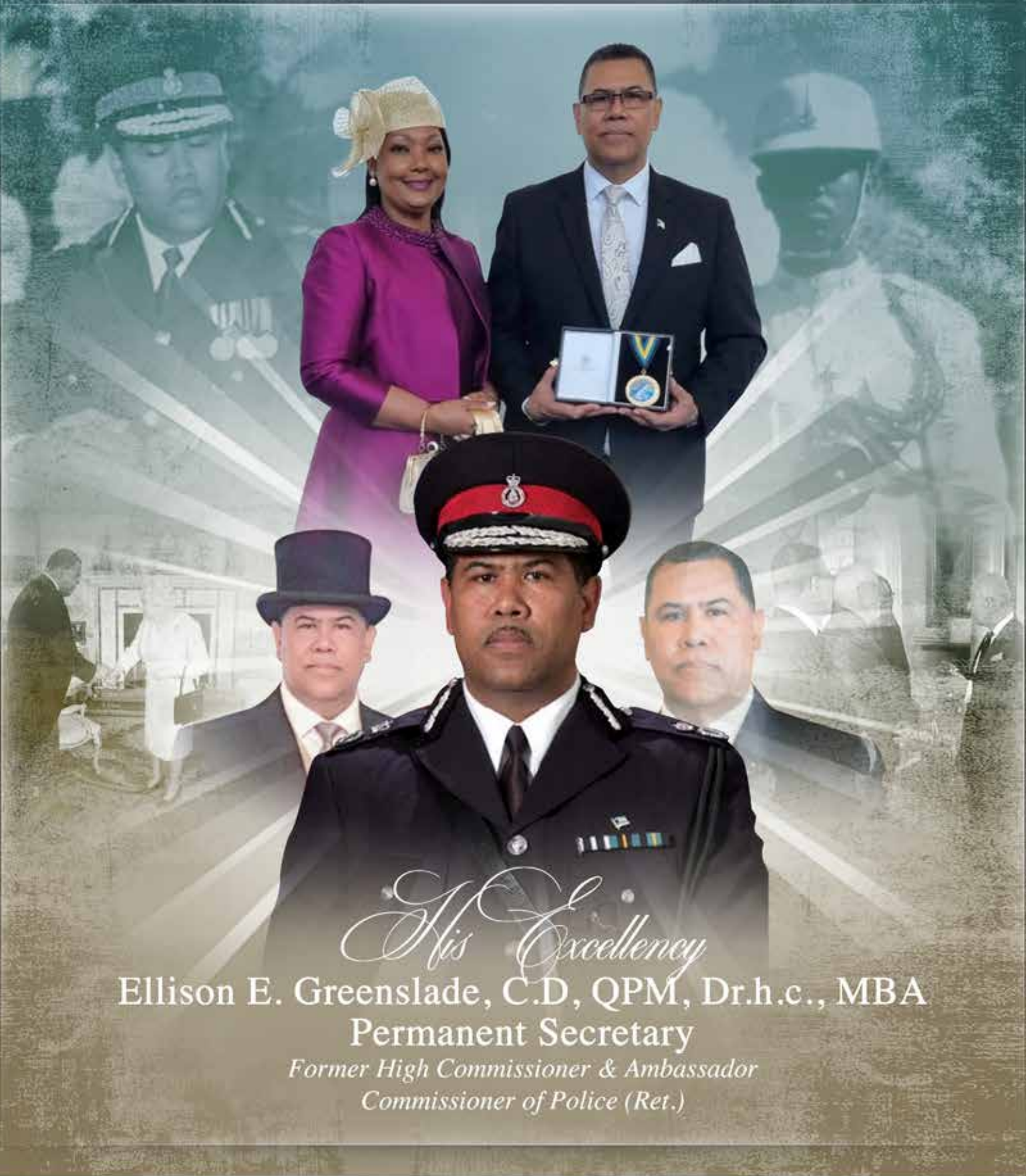
In July 2000, Elliston Greenslade was promoted Assistant Commissioner of Police and served in a number of Divisional command position before joining the Senior Executive Leadership Team. He was transferred to Freeport, Grand Bahama, where his portfolio included Grand Bahama, Abaco, Bimini, and The Berry Islands. The longest serving District Commander for The Northern Bahamas, he is remembered for pioneering the automation of the RBPF, and assisting in investigations into the 2004-5 disappearance and search/rescue of five young boys in the aftermath of Hurricanes Frances, Jeanne and Wilma.

In 2010 after a one year secondment to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Elliston Greenslade was appointed the sixth Commissioner of Police in an independent Bahamas, a post he held until 2017. He has served as President of the Association of Caribbean Commissioners of Police and had membership in the International Association of Chiefs of Police. In October of 2017 he was appointed as the International Vice President of that distinguished law enforcement organization – a first for The Bahamas and the Caribbean. He also previously served as a Trustee with the Royal Bahamas Police Force Dependents' Trust and a member of the Advisory Board of The Salvation Army. He is credited with the design and production of the first credit card size driver's license for The Bahamas.

In 2017, retired Commissioner of Police Greenslade began a four-year assignment to the UK as resident High Commissioner for Great Britain and Northern Ireland and non-resident Ambassador to South Africa, Germany, France, Italy, Sweden, Greece, Malta, and Ireland. In 2022 he served as the non-resident Ambassador Designate to South Africa and the south eastern African Countries until 2024 when he was appointed Permanent Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister and deployed to the Ministry of Immigration and National Insurance

Elliston Greenslade has received many honors throughout his career. In 2003, he was selected Boss of the Year, Grand Bahama, and in 2005 as a Distinguished President of the Kiwanis Clubs of The Bahamas, he received the Kiwanian of the Year Award. In 2006 he received the Communications and Leadership Award from Toastmasters International. In that same year he was commended by the Governor General for his service in saving lives during a natural disaster. He has received the Queen's Police Medal (QPM) for distinguished police service, the Prime Minister's "Above and Beyond award." And the Police Force's Force's medals for gallantry, meritorious service, long service and good conduct. In 2022 he was invested as a Companion of the Order of Distinction in the Bahamas' 2022 National honours.

Mr. Geenslade is married to Kimberley Michelle Greenslade, nee Morley, and is the proud father of one (1) daughter and four (4) sons. They worship at Holy Cross Anglican Church..



His Excellency
Ellison E. Greenslade, C.D, QPM, Dr.h.c., MBA
Permanent Secretary
*Former High Commissioner & Ambassador
Commissioner of Police (Ret.)*

CONGRATULATIONS

on receiving the Phoenix Award for extraordinary achievements and life long contributions which have helped to build The Commonwealth of The Bahamas and the wider global community.

From your wife, Kimberly, your children, and grandchildren



Congratulations

Permanent Secretary Ellison E. Greenslade, C. D., QPM, Dr.h.c., MBA

On behalf of the **Hon. Alfred Sears**, the staff of The Bahamas Department of Immigration, the National Insurance Board, and the Ministry, we extend heartfelt congratulations to our Permanent Secretary for his stellar years of service to our nation's development and growth.

Your leadership has helped shape a stronger Bahamas, and today we celebrate not just your achievements, but the lasting impact of your service.



About The Ministry of Immigration and National Insurance

The Ministry of Immigration and National Insurance plays a crucial role in shaping the economic and social landscape of The Bahamas by managing and safeguarding the movement of people within our borders and protecting the welfare of our citizens through the NIB programme, which contributes to the development and orderly growth of our society.





BIOGRAPHY OF

Eric Dannie Clarke, OM

Eric D. Clarke is a seasoned minister, and community leader with over 44 years of full-time ministry as a Pastor. His ministry spans the Bahamas, the Cayman Islands, Jamaica, the wider Caribbean, Africa, and North America. His life's work reflects a deep commitment to spiritual leadership, nation building, youth development, family life, and humanitarian service.

The Government High School (Class of 1976), has had a profound impact on his life. The school taught him discipline, responsibility, honesty and respect. Eric, a native of Exuma, came to GHS, via the Common Entrance. It was the first time away from home, and the first time on a mail boat.

Nation building was integrated in the morning assembly and especially the songs (I Vow to Thee my Country), which still resonates 50 years after graduating from GHS. He learnt cleanliness as a result of having to wear a white pants for several days and keep it clean.

His family was a part of his journey and knew all the songs and can share stories about the Principals (Mrs. Anatol Rodgers, Mrs. Keva Bethel and Mr. Eris Moncur) and teachers who all were, or became national figures. In a real way, Eric attributes successes in his life to his educational journey at GHS.

When he travels, speaks, or ministers, he tries to represent his Alma Mater and the pride instilled in him for nationhood. Like many others, he is grateful for this historic School which was instrumental in his serving in leadership roles, including President of the North Bahamas Conference, President and Education Director of the Cayman Islands Conference, and Executive Secretary of the Bahamas Conference.

Having served as a Lay Magistrate on the Juvenile Panel, Chaplain for the Public Hospitals Authority, Founder of the Eminent Orators Toastmasters Club in Grand Cayman and chaired or served on multiple Boards of Governors, including Bahamas Academy, Grand Bahama Academy, Cayman Academy, and Northern Caribbean University, Eric says he lives a life of servitude and discipline.

He personally experienced the disaster of Dorian and led recovery efforts that included the construction of a hurricane shelter capable of housing and serving 300 persons.

In recognition of his outstanding contribution to church, community, and national development, the Commonwealth of The Bahamas awarded Pastor Clarke the Order of Merit (OM) in 2025.

He is married to Patrice, a Midwife and Nursing Sister and the proud father of three adult children, Daran, Dannaia, and Danesha and 4 grandchildren. His personal interests include photography, volleyball, chess, and checkers.

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.” Proverbs 3:5–6

BIOGRAPHY OF

Dr. Conville Samuel Brown,

MD, MBBS, FACC, FESC, PhD, CD.

Bahamas Golden Jubilee Independence Award Of Supreme Honour (Med).



Conville was born in 1958 to Lawrence and Virginia Brown. When he was 4, he went to Annie Russell's Kindergarten School and thereafter to Southern Junior, Stephen Dillette, Ridgeland Primary and Yellow Elder Primary from which he passed the Common Entrance Exams for entry into The Government High School. He was active in sports, representing Nassau House in Athletics (as a sprinter in 100, 200m, relay and in the long jump) soccer and volleyball. He was active in the arts too, winning the High School Music Competitions (guitarist) with Obi Pindling & Co. Conville graduated in 1975 and went off to Acadia University, Dalhousie University, then in 1978 to medical school at the University of The West Indies in Jamaica. He graduated in 1982 and after internship, pursued Postgraduate Specialty Training at the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey through 1990. He returned to The Bahamas after 15 years of study as a Specialist Internist and Sub-Specialist Cardiologist, and is the 1st Bahamian Fellow of the American College of Cardiology (FACC) and The European Society of Cardiology (FESC).

In 1990, Dr. Brown founded The Bahamas Centre for Heart Disease, Ltd., (The Bahamas Heart Centre), and as Physician-In-Chief, has engineered, via private and personal investments, several firsts for the Bahamas and Caribbean: - color echocardiography, pacemaker implants, SPECT nuclear cardiology and telemedicine. He has supported open heart surgery, cardiac catheterization, coronary angiography, angioplasty, stenting, defibrillators and resynchronization therapy. He pioneered 16-Slice CT scanner, radiation therapy with IMRT, digital mammography and digital haemodialysis services at The Medical Pavilion Bahamas. This facility is home to the Heart, Chest, Cancer, Imaging, Breast, Dialysis and Stem Cell Centres and was the site of the first ethical cardiac stem cell implant in 10/11/2012. It also houses The Partners Clinical Research Centre (CAMELLIA TIMI 61 Trial, NEJM); The Specialists' Centre; The Bahamas' and Caribbean's first Ambulatory Surgical Hospital and Interventional Centre (ASHIC); The Cancer Centre Bahamas and it was the only American College of Radiation Oncology (ACRO) accredited Cancer Centre in The World Outside of The USA for almost 19 years.

Dr. Brown and colleagues developed this in 2004. All of the ten distinct specialist medical centres at The Medical Pavilion Bahamas, practise Dr. Brown's Signature Partnered Care Model 5.0 – a unique Penta-Partite public/private partnership with private, government, user, industry and philanthropic sectors, all sharing the healthcare burden, thereby assuring access to ALL for advanced medical services, irrespective of ability to pay. Similar plans exist for his new Collins-on-Sixth Hospital Facility, expected to further development Nassau's "Over-The-Hill" medical, hospital, commercial & residential communities.

Dr. Brown has received many honours including: in 2009 the Jones Communications Network's Civil Society "Person of The Year" Award; in 2015 The Bahamas' Icon Award for Health; in 2016 The Caribbean Cardiac Society; in 2017, Doctor of Science Degree (PhD.) by Acadia University at which time he delivered the Convocation Address. In 2021 he was featured in the 99th Issue of The Business Beyond! Magazine as One of "The 10 Most Innovative Business Leaders to Follow". Dr. Brown was invested as a Companion, Order of Distinction, CD, in the 2022 Bahamas national honours. In 2023 he received The Bahamas Golden Jubilee Independence Award of Supreme Honour, for his contributions in medicine.

In 2009 upon the invitation of Prime Minister Baldwin Spencer of Antigua and Barbuda, Dr. Brown built The Medical Pavilion Antigua, Home to The Cancer Centre Eastern Caribbean for The Organization of Eastern Caribbean State (OECS) which is its first sub-regional specialist medical centre. He is a founder, developer, owner, and principal of The Partners Interventional Centre, Jamaica, (PICJ), which provides cutting-edge cardiology services in Jamaica.

Dr. Brown is married to Dr. Corrine Sin Quee-Brown, a Paediatric Haematologist Oncologist, and they have three children: Conville Stephan (IT), Corey Samuel (Law), and Dr. Chelsea Samantha (Medicine), and two grandchildren, Caiden Stephan and Caleb Solomon Brown. He is a devout member of Christ The King Anglican Church.



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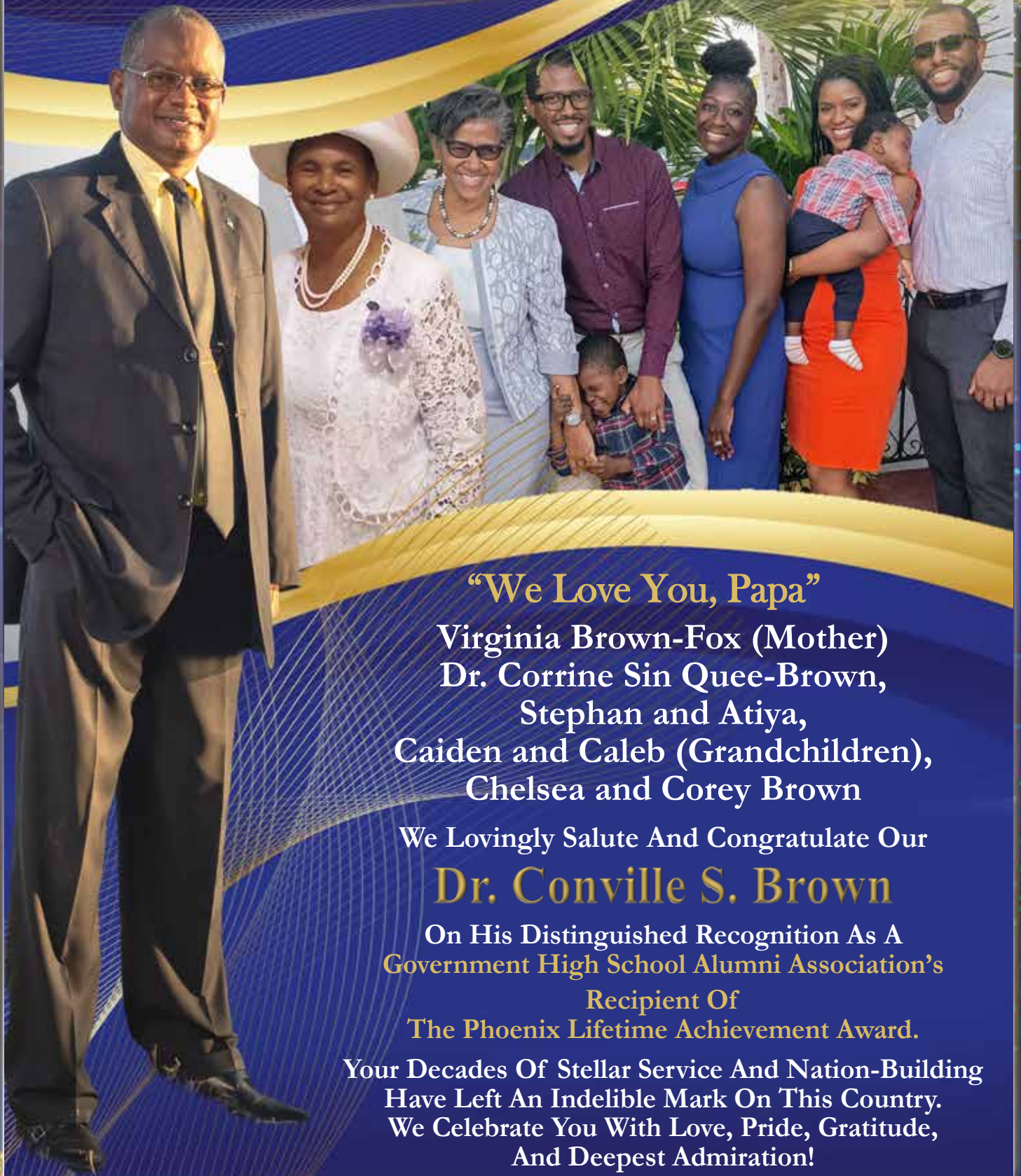


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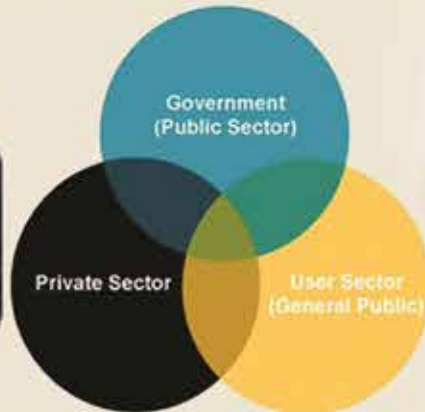
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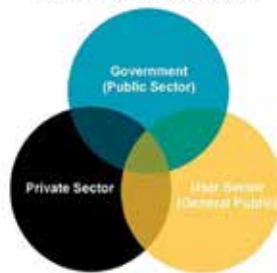
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BIOGRAPHY OF

Dr. David M. Burrows



Dave Burrows currently serves as Senior Pastor of Bahamas Faith Ministries International church and as President of its nonprofit both of which he co-founded with the late Dr. Myles Munroe whom he succeeded.

Dr. Burrows is a global youth and family specialist, ministry and business consultant and inspirational and motivational speaker. He has served as advisor to the Bahamas Government as Chairman of the National Youth Advisory Council on two occasions and as a member of the National Crime Advisory Council and as Chairman of the Family Life and Health Council on two occasions.

He served as Parliamentary Chaplain to the Bahamas Government and holds board positions with Empowered 21 Global, the International Third World Leaders Association and as President of the International Association of Kingdom Churches and Ministries (IAKCM). He has been recognized as a National Hero in the Bahamas, and received the Presidential Lifetime Achievement award from the President of the United States and was appointed as a UN sanctioned Global Peace Ambassador.

Dr. Burrows spent his teenage years on the streets as a troubled youth exposed to violence and the perils of the streets. Despite his struggles he graduated from The Government High School in 1974 where he was awarded as most improved student for his turnaround. He later experienced a further dramatic turnaround in College which saw him graduate from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa Oklahoma earning a Bsc degree in Social Work. This propelled him into ministry to troubled youth and gang members. His work with gang members was recognized by the Bahamas Government and led to global consultancies in several countries.

Pastor Burrows has published twenty three books including *The Laws of Good Success*, *Following a Legend*, *Transformational Leadership* and *Kingdom Parenting* which he co-authored with Dr. Munroe.

He has appeared on international television programs hosted by TBN, TD Jakes Potters Touch, Armstrong Williams and others and has spoken at universities and churches in the USA and globally including Oral Roberts University, Prairie View University, The Potter's House Denver, Crenshaw Christian Center (Dr. Fred Price), West Angeles Church of God in Christ and many others. He has conducted ministry, leadership and business seminars extensively in the USA, Caribbean, Canada, The United Kingdom, Europe, Australia, Israel, New Zealand and Africa.

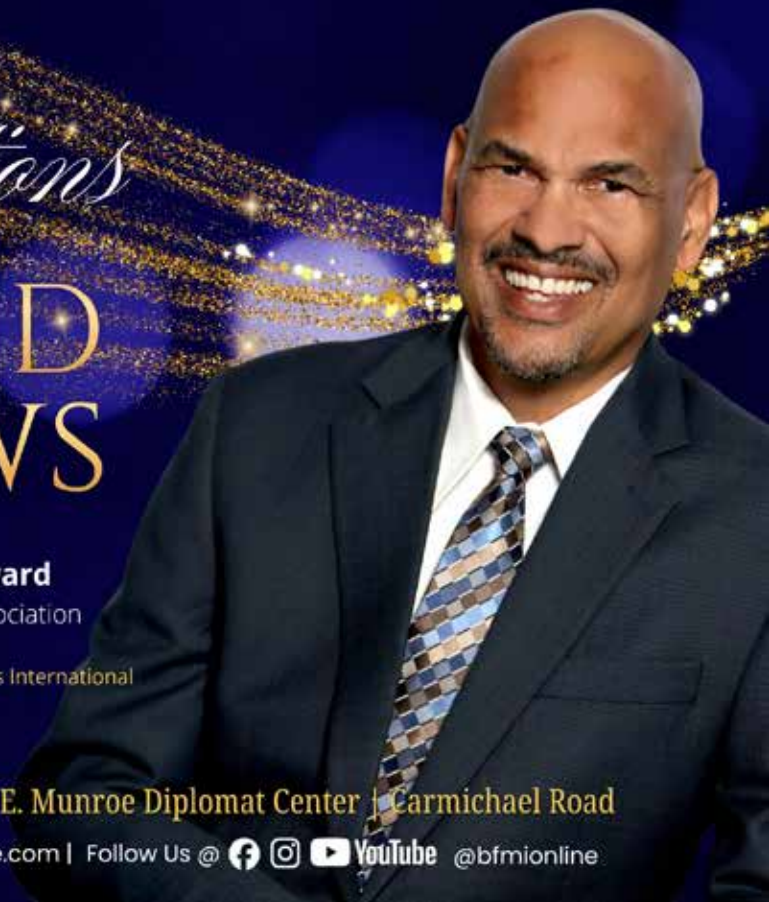
Burrows has also served as a leadership, business and technology consultant for many local and international organizations and currently serves as founder, President and CEO of Megabyte Computers and One Rib Publications. www.davidburrowsinternational.com, pastordaveburrows@hotmail.com, 954-815-1538



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Judy E. Munnings-Deveaux
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Judy Munnings attended Southern Senior School and spent a short stint at the Government High School before continuing her education at West Indies College in Jamaica. From 1966 to 1970, she studied nursing at the Princess Margaret Hospital in Nassau and completed her Registered Nursing Certificate there. She became a Registered Midwife in 1972. Judy continued her professional development, at Florida International University Mrs. Deveaux and in 1975 completed a Course in Communication Process. In 1979 she earned certificate credits in Operating Room Nursing. In 1996, she expanded her expertise into real estate, obtaining certifications as a Real Estate Saleswoman, Broker, and Developer, along with designation as a Certified Residential Specialist (CRS).

Judy's professional career is both diverse and distinguished. From 1970 to 1985, she served as a Registered Nurse and Registered Midwife at the Princess Margaret Hospital, where she made invaluable contributions to patient care. Her commitment to excellence in nursing led her to participate in advanced operating room observation courses around the world, including Manila, Singapore, Bangkok, Tokyo, Hong Kong, and Honolulu. She also attended the World Conference of Operating Room Nurses in 1978, gaining international exposure and insight into best practices in surgical care. During this period, Judy in 1976, founded It's A Small World Nursery & Pre-School. As owner and director for forty years, she played a pivotal role in shaping young minds and supporting families, establishing the institution as a trusted and respected center for early learning until 2016.

Since 1995, Judy has served as owner and president of J. E. Munnings Real Estate and skillfully expanded it into a diverse and valuable real estate portfolio. She is a member of numerous professional and charitable organizations, including the Association of Operating Room Nurses (AORN), the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI), the Bahamas Real Estate Association (BREA), and the Council of Residential Specialists (CRS). She has served as President, Vice President and Public Affairs Officer of the Bahamas Child Care and Pre-School Association.

Judy Deveaux is an active member of St. Michael's Methodist Church, serving in the choir, on the Board of Education for St. Michael's Methodist Pre-School, on the Board of Children, Youth, and Young Adults of the Bahamas Methodist Conference. Her humanitarian work includes membership with UNICEF, the Chamber of Commerce and the Women's Coalition Against Violence for Women. Judy's life reflects resilience, faith, and an unwavering commitment to community development and service, demonstrated by decades of meaningful contribution to healthcare, early childhood education, and social advocacy in The Bahamas.

Judy is a devoted Methodist, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, healthcare professional, educator, entrepreneur, and civic leader. She is a soldier in the fight against cancer, resolved to live purposefully and to give back generously.

Judy is married to Lavarity B. Deveaux, and they have raised four children. They have nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



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