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Congratulations

Tribute to my sister, Alice Williams

My sister Alice is a force of nature. God outdid himself by creating her with a mind, body, and soul that is truly something to behold. I am one of her fifteen siblings, but as the one closest to her in age, I have enjoyed a special vantage point all my life.

If I had to describe Alice in a single word, it would be irrepressible. If I had to choose a phrase, it would be that she's like the Energizer Bunny. Alice possesses a rare combination of mental toughness, physical stamina, and spiritual faith that defies even Mother Nature's hurricanes, as anyone who watched her offer aid and comfort while rebuilding after Hurricane Dorian can attest.

Those celebrated monks who braved rain, sleet, and snow walking from Texas to DC for peace come to mind. But the dedicated members of her Mind, Body & Soul Fitness Center will tell you Alice shows that same perseverance every day when she turns up at 5:30 a.m., channelling a fusion of a high school teacher and military drill sergeant as she leads them through their workouts.

They will also tell you she exudes a conviction that every person deserves to think clearly, move freely, and live joyfully. And she has dedicated her life to making this possible for the people of Freeport, Grand Bahama.

Alice was a health and fitness pioneer long before the lifestyle became fashionable in The Bahamas. She has always been an instructor whose energy is, frankly, exhausting, but only in the best possible way. She inspires people not by lecturing them, but by showing them. She doesn't just teach fitness. She embodies it. People follow her not because she tells them to, but because she moves them to.

That spirit of leading by example is what drove Alice to open Mind, Body & Soul Restoration and Fitness Center. The name says it all. For Alice, fitness is never just about the body. It is about the whole person, nurtured and sustained together. In a world that too often reduces health to appearance, she understood that true wellness is an inside job.

Alice built a community around that vision. Conversation by conversation, class by class, she helped people in Freeport discover what their bodies were capable of, what their spirits could endure, and what joy feels like when you stop waiting for permission to pursue it.

That is the gift Alice keeps giving. Not just stronger bodies, but stronger spirits. Not just healthier habits, but a deeper belief that you are worth investing in, that your whole self matters.

Our mummy always told us to try to brighten your little corner where you may. Thanks to you, Alice, Freeport shines a lot brighter today. Everyone knows you'd never seek it, but this recognition is richly deserved. Congratulations, my darling. We love you, and we are so proud of you.

Anthony





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To every honoree of the Rising Voices Awards, grace and peace be multiplied unto you.

It is with deep gratitude and great joy that I extend this message as we celebrate five remarkable years of honoring purpose, service, and impact. What began as a vision has now become a movement, one that has recognized over 150 individuals who have dared to use their voices, their hands, and their resources to make a difference.

You are not here by accident. You are not being honored by chance. You are being recognized because your life has spoken.

Over the years, one truth has remained close to my heart, and I share it again with you: "You have made the wake-up list." That simple statement carries profound meaning. It is a reminder that every day you rise is a gift from God, an opportunity to live with purpose, to serve with passion, and to impact lives intentionally.

Many people woke up today. But not everyone will live today. You have chosen to live with intention. You have chosen to serve beyond convenience. You have chosen to make your life count. And for that, we honor you.

The Rising Voices Awards is not just about recognition, it is about revelation. It reveals that greatness is not reserved for a select few. Greatness is found in those who consistently show up, stand up, and give of themselves for the betterment of others.

As we commemorate this fifth year, I challenge you: Do not allow this moment to be a monument. Let it be momentum. Continue to lift your voice. Continue to extend your hands. Continue to steward your influence and resources in ways that bring transformation to families, communities, and the Kingdom of God.

Remember, every day you wake up, you are being given another opportunity to answer the call. So live with urgency. Serve with excellence. Lead with humility. And never forget—you are making a difference.

On behalf of the Rising Voices vision, I celebrate you, I honor you, and I thank God for you. Congratulations, and may your impact continue to echo for generations to come.

WITH HONOR AND BLESSING,

BISHOP GODFREY & MIN. IRIS WILLIAMS

Founders, Godfrey R Williams Foundation Rising Voices Awards



The Rising Voices Award is a testament to the grit, creativity, and spirit that define our island. This evening, we celebrate the individuals who refuse to be silent and who choose to lead through action.

I want to thank the Godfrey R. Williams Foundation. Your commitment to honouring excellence provides a platform for the very voices that will shape our future. By recognizing these honourees, you are investing in the heartbeat of our community.

To our awardees, you are the architects of the new Grand Bahama. Our island is rapidly evolving into a glory hub, and your contributions are the cornerstone of that vision. Whether you are driving the "Home of Maritime and Logistics," sparking new ideas in the "Home of Innovation," or setting the stage in the "Home of Events and Entertainment," your work is essential. You are the proof that Grand Bahama is not just a place on a map, but a destination for greatness.

The community needs and values your courage. We need your vision to ensure that our progress is felt by every citizen. You carry the baton for an island that is bold, direct, and unstoppable. Congratulations to each of you. Your journey inspires us all, and your success is Grand Bahama's success.

Let us continue to build, to innovate, and to rise, together.

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REV. DR. ADRIAN BETHEL
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Rev. Dr. Adrian Bethel was baptized at First Baptist Church under the ministry of the late Rev. Dr. G. L. Cumberbatch, who later commissioned him to plant a sister congregation.

He began his ministry as a youth worker, serving across the United States in small towns such as Newaygo, Michigan, and rural communities in southern Ohio. His pastoral journey extended into south Indiana, where he pastored two local congregations in North Vernon and Madison. (He likes to joke that if you can preach in a town where the cows outnumber the people, you can preach anywhere!)

After seminary, Dr. Bethel returned home to First Baptist Church, where he was ordained and later commissioned to establish a sister church. Following years of faithful ministry, he was recalled by the current pastor, Rev. Dr. Keith Russell, and—after a congregational election nearly a year ago—confirmed as pastor-designate to succeed Dr. Russell in leading First Baptist into its next chapter.

Rev. Dr. Bethel also holds a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Concordia University. A seasoned educator and adjunct professor, his ministry bridges the pulpit and the classroom, shaping hearts and minds for transformative impact.

Since August 1991, Dr. Bethel has been joyfully married to his wife and ministry partner, Stacy Bethel, celebrating more than 34 years of marriage. Their union has been blessed with three sons, and they now delight in the joy of three grandchildren. He often quips that grandchildren are God's reward for not strangling your own children when they were teenagers.

Driven by a passion for identity, restoration, and spiritual awakening, Dr. Bethel serves at the intersection of faith and education with a bold conviction and an unwavering hope.



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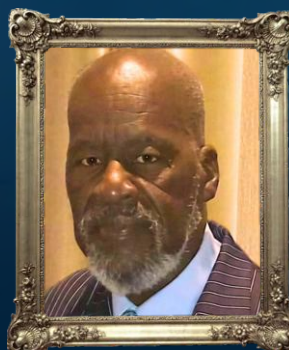
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We honor these distinguished individuals whose enduring service, leadership, and influence have helped shape the path for others. Their lives reflect strength, consistency, and unwavering commitment to purpose, carving a legacy that continues to inspire generations to rise, serve, and lead.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Rest in Purpose

The **Godfrey R. Williams Foundation** honors the indelible legacy, resounding impact, and unforgettable contributions to the community of these remarkable 'Risen' Voices and Pillars of the Journey.

May their enduring spirits and unwavering commitment to service remain a guiding light that continues to inspire others to carry forward their work and memories in our communities.

SABRINA BROWN

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RISING VOICES *Award*

The Rising Voices Awards honor individuals whose lives reflect a deep and unwavering commitment to service, leadership, and meaningful impact within their communities. Established in 2022 by The Godfrey R. Williams Foundation, this recognition shines a light on everyday champions—those who often work quietly, yet powerfully, to uplift others and create lasting change.

This year, we honor 46 remarkable individuals across a diverse range of categories, each representing key areas of influence including community leadership, youth development, education, arts and culture, justice, faith, business, health, environmental stewardship, and philanthropy. These honorees are being recognized not simply for what they have achieved, but for how they have lived—with intention, compassion, and a steadfast dedication to making a difference.

Their contributions remind us that impact is not always loud, but it is always significant. Through their resilience, generosity, and willingness to serve beyond themselves, they embody the true spirit of the Rising Voices movement.

We also pause to honor the memory of two individuals who were selected to receive this award but passed before the ceremony. Though they are not physically present, their lives and legacies remain an integral part of this year's recognition. Their impact continues to echo, and their contributions will not be forgotten.

Together, all 48 honorees represent a powerful testament to purpose in action—individuals who have chosen to not only wake up each day, but to live with intention, leaving a legacy that inspires others to do the same.

**Photos captured of 2026 Rising Voices Giveback events*

WHAT IS THE RISING VOICES AWARD?



RISEING VOICES HONOREES



ALICE *Williams*

Alice Williams is a dynamic entrepreneur, fitness leader, mentor, and community advocate whose mantra—*“Determination, Dedication, and Devotion”*—defines her life and work.

The ninth of sixteen siblings, Alice graduated with honors from Hawksbill High School and later married Howard Williams, affectionately known as “Sweet Brown Sugar.” She is the proud mother of Lekesha and Ava, beloved by her sons-in-law and admired by her grandchildren.

As proprietor of Mind, Body and Soul (MBS) Restoration and Fitness Center at RayVin Mall, Alice has earned the title “Aerobics Queen”, attracting participants of all ages with her high-impact classes, knowledge, and charm.

Her expertise in health and fitness has also allowed her to serve as a counselor, motivational speaker, and community mentor, positively impacting countless lives.

A faithful member of Community at Heart Tabernacle Church of God of Prophecy, Alice contributes to both the finance and protocol teams, embodying service and leadership.

Grounded in faith, she lives by Philippians 4:13 and believes our latter will surpass our past. Known for her energy, grace, and dedication, Alice continues to inspire, uplift, and lead her community, demonstrating that purpose and service know no bounds.



ANGELLA *Rolle*

Angella Rolle lives by the belief that “Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible,” reflecting her strong optimism and determination. As a proud Grand Bahamian entrepreneur, she has built a diverse career in fashion design, creative direction, brand marketing, digital media, and communications. Guided by her philosophy, *“Lead, follow, or get out of the way,”* she shows confident leadership and a commitment to growth in all she does.

She believes that charity begins at home and supports various organizations through giving and service. In 2017, she founded Women of Strength, a ministry focused on uplifting women and children, and she continues to empower women across The Bahamas by helping them build confidence

A proud alumna of the College of The Bahamas, Success College, Dudley’s University, and Hawksbill High School, she also gained experience in the financial sector as a former Licensed Financial Service Representative at Colina Insurance Company Ltd. Her marketing work includes collaborations with SuperBuck, Cool 96 Radio, Dove, and Love 97FM.

As Owner and CEO of OMG Couture Boutique, she led the business to national recognition, earning “The Favorite Women’s Clothing Boutique 2023.”

“Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible.”



CARLENE DAVIS *Williams*

Carlene D. Davis-Williams is a lifelong educator and dedicated community servant whose 30-year career has been driven by purpose, mentorship, and service. With over 20 years as a school counselor, she has guided countless students in uncovering their strengths, overcoming obstacles, and securing higher education opportunities, embodying education, mentorship, and youth empowerment.

Beyond the classroom, Carlene has devoted decades to community service. She is a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, celebrating 35 years of sisterhood, scholarship, and service, demonstrating leadership and civic engagement.

Her church involvement has been equally impactful; she served as Captain of the Girls’ Brigade 6th Company at First Baptist Church, mentoring young girls in faith, leadership, and discipline, and continues to support meaningful worship experiences on the church’s audio-visual team.

A devoted mother, Carlene draws inspiration from her late father’s example of dedication, integrity, and perseverance. Grounded in faith, resilience, and gratitude, she consistently uplifts others, leads with integrity, and leaves every space better than she found it. Through her professional, community, and spiritual contributions, Carlene exemplifies the spirit of leadership, service, mentorship, and lasting community impact.

RISEING VOICES HONOREES



PASTOR
CARLTON *McIntosh*

Pastor Carlton McIntosh, born in Cooper's Town, Abaco to the late Walter and Arlene McIntosh, is the fifth of seven children whose life reflects transformation, faith, and purpose. Once known for a troubled youth, his life changed profoundly during the Resurrection season when, after watching the crucifixion on television, he experienced a personal encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ.

From that moment, he committed his life to Christ, developing a deep love for the Holy Scriptures and growing in wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.

He faithfully served in his local church as a Deacon and Assistant Pastor, supporting Youth and Sports Ministries.

By trade, he is a skilled carpenter and contractor, and as proprietor of Carlton McIntosh Construction for over 20 years, he has contributed to major developments including Old Fort Bay, Lyford Cay, The Abaco Club, and Baker's Bay, guided by his slogan, *"We Take Pride in Our Work!"*

In July 2009, he answered the call to ministry, transforming his building into a place of worship and becoming the Senior Pastor of The Wisdom Changing Ministries International.

A devoted husband to Co-Pastor Lavinia, father, and passionate Bible teacher, he is known for his powerful faith and wisdom, often declaring, *"Don't put my God in a box, I serve a BIG God."*



CO-PASTOR
LAVINIA *McIntosh*

Co-Pastor Lavinia McIntosh, born Lavinia Tennelle Cartwright in New Providence to the late Purkiss and Oseta Cartwright, has lived a life marked by faith, perseverance, and service. Affectionately called "Cookie" by loved ones, her journey took a pivotal turn at age eleven when she moved to Abaco due to her mother's illness. Under the guidance of her grandmother, she developed a strong foundation in Christ, actively participating in church through choir, dance, and youth ministry.

Academically advanced, she excelled in school despite personal challenges. Her life continued to unfold in purpose as she grew in faith and later married Carlton McIntosh in 1995. Dedicated to both ministry and personal development, she pursued studies in cosmetology, nail artistry, and computer technology, becoming an entrepreneur through Livey's Nail Care while also helping manage family businesses.

In ministry, she served faithfully as a youth leader, head usher, and praise dance instructor. In 2009, she stood alongside her husband during his ordination and the establishment of The Wisdom Changing Ministries International, later expanding her impact through early childhood education with the WCMI Daycare & Preschool.

Today, she serves tirelessly as Co-Pastor, administrator, and ministry leader, guided by her belief: *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*



CARMEL *Churchill*

Carmel Churchill is a distinguished hospitality leader, entrepreneur, and community advocate whose work has helped shape Grand Bahama's tourism and business landscape. As co-owner of DonCar Hospitality Management Services, she specializes in destination sales, marketing, and hospitality project management, offering strategic support to hotels, vacation rentals, and tourism-related businesses. She is known for her ability to revive struggling businesses and guide organizations toward sustainable growth.

Prior to this, Carmel served as Director of Marketing Services for the Grand Bahama Island Tourism and Promotion Board, where she played a key role in advancing tourism initiatives. She holds a Master's degree in Management with a concentration in Hospitality and Tourism, along with certifications from Howard University and James Madison University.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, she contributed to the Bahamas Tourism Readiness and Recovery Plan, helping to support the industry's safe reopening.

Committed to community development, she also served as Secretary and Director of the Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce, promoting local business growth. A proud Grand Bahamian, wife, and mother, she continues to inspire through her leadership, service, and dedication to national development.

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CARSON *Andrews*

Carson Andrews, a native of High Rock, Grand Bahama, is a dedicated roofer, home repair expert, and lifelong learner committed to serving his community. A proud graduate of Sir Jack Hayward High School, Class of 2001, he has spent his early adult years developing and refining the skills necessary to deliver quality roofing solutions across Grand Bahama and Nassau.

Through hard work and determination, he has built a reputation for reliability and excellence in his trade. Alongside his wife, Leona Andrews, he co-owns CLA Developers, a company that continues to provide high-quality construction and repair services. Beyond his professional work, Carson has made meaningful contributions to community life through sports.

For the past three years, he has supported the softball community by sponsoring the CLA Heavy Hitters all-men slow-pitch softball team, which has proudly secured gold for two consecutive years.

A devoted husband and father to Travis and Camilla, Carson balances family, business, and community involvement with purpose.

His commitment to craftsmanship and community development reflects a life grounded in service and steady impact.



CEDRIC *Delancy*

Cedric Delancy, raised in Pinedale, Eight Mile Rock, Grand Bahama, is a community leader whose life is defined by humility, family devotion, and service.

Coming from humble beginnings, Cedric developed a strong character and compassionate spirit, demonstrating kindness to people and animals alike for over 20 years.

He is a devoted husband to Stacey and proud father of three sons—Cedric Jr., Cameron, and Judah—and cherishes the support of his mother Monica, siblings, and extended family.

Known throughout the Grand Bahama community for his selfless assistance and unwavering support, Cedric has consistently participated in local initiatives, fostering connections and nurturing life in all forms.

His philosophy is rooted in integrity, compassion, and courage, echoing the values of everyday heroism and quiet leadership: "Courage. Kindness. Friendship. Character. These are the qualities that define us as human beings, and propel us, on occasions like these to greatness."

Cedric's life is a testament to resilience, gratitude, and service, proving that true greatness emerges not from status or wealth but from the enduring impact of everyday acts that uplift, inspire, and strengthen the fabric of community life.



CHAVAUGHNA *McMasters*

As a child, Chavaughna A. McMasters was known as a little girl with a big heart, often taking on the role of nurturer among her friends. From an early age, she showed compassion, leadership, and a genuine care for others. While serving as a camp counselor at the YMCA Summer Camp, she discovered her love for working with children.

Although she once aspired to become a pediatrician, she later embraced her true calling in education through growth, maturity, and faith.

Ms. McMasters attended Grand Bahama Academy of Seventh-day Adventists and graduated from Eight Mile Rock High School as Head Girl and Valedictorian, actively participating in academics, debate, and music. She earned a Bachelor of Education degree from the College of The Bahamas, Northern Campus in 2013.

She began her teaching career in Bimini as a Grade 6 teacher and Upper Primary Coordinator. After returning to Grand Bahama, she served seven years at Walter Parker Primary School, also working as Grade Level Coordinator and Focus on Youth Coordinator. She now teaches Music and Performing Arts, helping students develop their talents.

"If I can help somebody as I pass along... then my living shall not be in vain." - Harry Secombe Excerpt

RISEING VOICES HONOREES



CLEOPATRA BARRY *Cooper*

Cleopatra Janice Barry-Cooper, born in Nassau, Bahamas, is a highly skilled healthcare professional, entrepreneur, and community leader whose contributions have made a lasting impact. She earned her Associate Degree from Miami Dade College, graduating Magna Cum Laude, and completed her radiography studies at the University of the West Indies as Class Valedictorian, receiving the Pediatric Award. She holds certifications with the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, and is U.S. Board Certified.

With over 30 years of experience in radiography, Cleopatra has served with distinction at Lucayan Medical Centre for more than 23 years as Radiology Supervisor. She is skilled in multiple imaging modalities, including mammography, ultrasound, CT, MRI, and fluoroscopy. She also serves as Vice President of the Bahamas Society of Radiologic Technologists, demonstrating leadership and mentorship within her profession.

Beyond her clinical work, she has dedicated many years to Christian ministry, co-leading marriage initiatives and founding the Godly Widow Group to support widows through faith-based guidance. She has also served as an usher for over 21 years and has co-owned businesses that reflect her commitment to service. A devoted mother and grandmother, she continues to inspire through her excellence, faith, and unwavering dedication to others.



DARRELL *Sears*

Darrell Andrew Sears is a proud alumnus of Hawksbill High School, Class of 1989, whose love for basketball shaped much of his life. While his initial pursuit of basketball did not unfold as planned, he continued his education at Mt. San Antonio College in California, graduating in 1992 with an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts, and later earned a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Air Traffic Control from Central Missouri State University in 1995.

Excelling in track and field, he became a nine-time All-American in long jump and triple jump and was inducted into the university's Hall of Fame in 2002.

Returning home, Darrell embarked on a storied coaching career at St. George's High School, leading the senior boys' basketball team to historic success, including two national championships.

He also served as head coach of the Junior National Basketball Team, traveling internationally and mentoring young athletes.

In 2002, he founded the NCAA-certified Darrell Sears Basketball Showcase, helping over 130 student-athletes secure scholarships worth more than \$1.5 million. Guided by faith, Darrell cherishes his family: wife Deshann, and children Ebony, Damara, Darrion, and Damari; and lives by his testimony:

"To God be the glory for the great things He has done."



DAVID *Hield*

David Hield Sr. is a master plumber, entrepreneur, devoted husband, proud father of three, and loving grandfather. Originally from Grand Cay, Bahamas, he later relocated to Freeport with his mother and siblings, growing up in a home rooted in unity, resilience, and sacrifice.

From a young age, David developed a passion for plumbing, beginning his journey as a teenager and steadily building his skills through hands-on experience and determination. Over time, he earned a reputation for reliability, professionalism, and excellence in his craft.

His dedication led him to the Grand Lucayan Hotel, where he gained valuable experience while simultaneously growing a loyal client base through independent work. In 2012, after being laid off, he turned adversity into opportunity by fully committing to entrepreneurship.

This pivotal decision led to the creation of Plumbing Pros Company Ltd., now a trusted provider of residential and commercial plumbing services across the island.

Driven by his deep love for family, David's work ethic reflects his desire to build a lasting legacy. Beyond business, he is passionate about mentorship, taking pride in guiding and inspiring young men entering the trade. Through perseverance, integrity, and purpose, he continues to impact lives while building a strong foundation for future generations.

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DEANDRA *Sands*

Deandra Trinicia Sands is a woman of faith, purpose, and unwavering commitment—an educator, mentor, and community leader whose life's work continues to leave a lasting imprint. Born in New Providence, she is the youngest of ten children of the late Austin and Leola Sands, whose values of integrity, service, and perseverance shaped her journey.

Ms. Sands' educational path began at E. P. Roberts Primary School and C. H. Reeves Secondary School, later pursuing Commercial Skills at BTVI and graduating with honors from the University of The Bahamas, where she earned the Student Leadership Award for her dedication and influence on campus. Responding to a divine calling, she began teaching at St. George's High School, Freeport, in 2003. Over the past two decades, she has mentored countless students, earning recognition as Teacher of the Year (2017–2019) and District Winner at the secondary school level.

A versatile and inspirational leader, Ms. Sands founded the Ladies Club to empower young women, chaired major school events including proms, assemblies, and pageants, authored two activity workbooks, and continues to serve as a psalmist, praise leader, and former Youth Director. Guided by faith and service, she embodies dedication, mentorship, and leadership, leaving a meaningful and enduring impact on education, faith, and her community. *"If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living shall not be in vain."* — Alma Androzzo



ERNIE *Kemp*

Ernie Kemp, a native of High Rock, Grand Bahama, is a devoted family man, church leader, and community servant whose life reflects faith, humility, and generosity. Educated at High Rock All Age School and graduating with honors from Hawksbill High School, Ernie was raised by hardworking parents, Neville and Vernice Kemp, as the eldest of his siblings, learning early the value of responsibility and perseverance.

Married to Shanna Kemp, he is the proud father of Sandy, Shanari, and Shaunley, and a grandfather to seven grandchildren, all of whom he cherishes deeply and supports with unwavering love and guidance.

Since joining St. Paul's Methodist Church in 1982, Ernie has faithfully served in multiple roles, including the usher board, praise team, circuit youth choir, men's fellowship, and currently as captain of the 44th company of the Boys' Brigade, demonstrating a consistent willingness to serve and uplift others.

Known for his helpful heart and quiet strength, Ernie also balances a successful professional life as supervisor of the Lumber & Building Materials Department at Third Dimension, where he is respected for his leadership and dedication.

Guided by scripture, he draws strength from Psalm 121 and Psalm 27. His life embodies service, faith, and dedication.



EVADNE *McIntosh*

Evadne McIntosh is a devoted servant-leader whose life reflects unwavering faith, dedication, and service to God and community. Raised in the church, she has faithfully walked with Christ from an early age, serving in her brother's ministry at Universal Household of Faith, where she is now an elder. Known for her humility and consistency, Evadne has served behind the scenes, overseeing daily operations as Office Administrator since 2005 and managing local and international ministry trips with excellence.

Her early life was shaped by discipline and determination, attending Martintown Primary School, Bartlett Hill Primary School, and graduating from Eight Mile Rock High School in 1984. A gifted athlete in track and field and softball, she carried perseverance into her professional and spiritual journey, beginning in business and insurance before transitioning to full-time ministry.

Beyond the church, Evadne and her husband serve youth through the Basic Basketball Training Association, offering weekly clinics and tournaments to empower young people spiritually, mentally, and physically.

A devoted wife, mother of three, and grandmother of three, she is lovingly regarded as the "family CEO." Guided by Matthew 25:21, *"Well done, good and faithful servant"* and Proverbs 31:25, *"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come,"* Evadne exemplifies faith, leadership, mentorship, and community impact.

RISEING VOICES HONOREES



PASTOR
FREDDIE *Laing*

Pastor Freddie Laing Jr. JP is a vibrant, energetic, and anointed servant-leader whose life is dedicated to advancing the Kingdom of God and serving his community. As the third Pastor of St. Matthew's Baptist Church, Pelican Point, he has faithfully led the congregation since December 2012 under the motto, "A more excellent way." Pastor Laing also serves as District Superintendent of the Zion United District Convention, East Grand Bahama District.

A committed minister, he has held leadership roles including National Youth Director and Chairman of Outreach Ministry, while also serving on fundraising committees and mentoring young leaders. His ministry extends beyond the church through preaching and teaching across Grand Bahama, the Family Islands, and the United States. Pastor Laing is a musician with The Fabulous Cooling Waters and a leader of The Core Gospel Group, using music as a tool for worship and inspiration.

In times of crisis, he demonstrates hands-on community service, advocating for hurricane relief, including securing assistance from the Southern Baptist Fellowship to rebuild homes in Pelican Point after Hurricane Dorian.

Pastor Laing, husband to Min. Nicoya Laing and father of six daughters, exemplifies faith, leadership, mentorship, and community impact, inspiring hope, healing, and spiritual growth in his church, district, and beyond.



REVEREND
NICOYA *Laing*

Rev. Nicoya Bianca Laing, born in Freeport, Grand Bahama, to Bishop Edwin and Min. Alma Pinder, was raised in Pelican Point and nurtured by her bonus parents, Rev. Lawrence and Dec. Curlene Laing.

These early influences helped shape her strong faith, resilience, and deep sense of responsibility to others, which continue to guide her life and work. She is married to Pastor Freddie Laing Jr., and together they have built a loving, faith-centered family that remains a constant source of inspiration.

Nicoya is a graduate of the former College of The Bahamas, where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education. She has devoted over nine years to serving as a Special Education teacher, demonstrating a genuine passion for inclusivity, compassion, and meeting the needs of all learners. Her work reflects a deep commitment to helping every child reach their full potential in a supportive environment.

Beyond her profession, she serves as a Minister at St. Matthew's Baptist Church in Pelican Point and is actively involved in church leadership and outreach. She continues to uplift and inspire others through servant leadership, faith, and community engagement.

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." – 1 Corinthians 10:31 (KJV)



GEORGIA *Taylor*

Georgia Taylor, a passionate dancer, mentor, and cultural ambassador from New Providence, Bahamas, has dedicated her life to the performing arts. The third of five children, she discovered her love for dance at age nine in a class taught by Ms. Bass, sparking a lifelong journey in movement, performance, and teaching.

Her early dedication led her to become a student teacher in tap and acrobatics, reflecting her natural leadership and commitment to mentoring others from a young age. While attending St. John's College, she actively participated in the National Arts Festival, representing her school with distinction and winning multiple competitions.

Her talent opened doors to cultural exchanges, including performances in Chicago, Illinois, and Paris, France, where she proudly showcased Bahamian folklore and the arts internationally. Over the years, she has taken on leading roles in productions such as Peter Pan Returns, Black Magic, Alice in Paradise, and Tom Sawyer, contributing to the growth and visibility of Bahamian performing arts.

She has also hosted and mentored students from the Sammy Dyer School of Dance & Theater, fostering meaningful connections and guiding the next generation of artists. A devoted mother and grandmother, Georgia continues to inspire through her unwavering commitment to dance, education, and community.

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KATHY *Saunders*

Kathy Saunders is a Deputy Principal Nursing Officer with over 30 years of experience, including 20 years in Public Health, specializing in Psychiatric and Geriatric Nursing. She has led program development, policy implementation, and community health initiatives, strengthening healthcare services across Grand Bahama.

She has served as Nurse Manager in multiple clinical units and provided public health services to communities including West End, Eight Mile Rock, Sweetings Cay, and Grand Cay. Kathy is credited with establishing Geriatric Services in Grand Bahama, improving healthcare accessibility and quality.

An award-winning professional, she has received the National Award for Outstanding Performance in the Fight Against COVID-19 (2022), Community Health Services Nursing Officer of the Year (2015), and "Woman of the Decade" Award (2011) for community service.

Her academic achievements include a Master of Public Health from the University of the West Indies, multiple associate degrees, and specialized training in Ebola response, psychiatric nursing, and elderly care.

A committed mentor and civic leader, Kathy contributes to the Nurses Association of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, community initiatives, and faith-based service, embodying leadership and lasting impact.



LAVARDO *Braynen*

Lavardo Rashad Braynen is a devoted community servant, ministry leader, and advocate for health and wellness in the Bahamas. Raised in a home grounded in Christian values, he has dedicated his life to empowering others through ministry, mentorship, and public service.

His leadership roles include Children's Ministry Assistant, Youth Leader, Men's Ministry Vice President, Musician, and Public Speaker, serving at several faith-based organizations, most recently Kingdom Worship Centre Intl.

For over 15 years, Lavardo has worked alongside Pastor Elias Miller at the Kingdom-Kure Institute, providing scripture-based alternatives for those facing health challenges. He co-hosted the radio show Youth Expressions, inspiring Bahamian youth, and has served as a guest speaker for schools and community initiatives. Following Hurricane Dorian, he joined Team Restoration, trained in Skills for Psychological Recovery (SPR), conducting community walkabouts and supporting a 24-hour mental health hotline.

A skilled communicator and former VP of Public Relations for Toastmasters Club 1425, Lavardo exemplifies resilience, service, and leadership. As a devoted husband and father, he embodies the spirit of community impact and social good, inspiring others through his ministry, mentorship, and unwavering dedication to positive change.



BRENDIRA *Braynen*

Brendira Braynen, born July 30, 1988, in Nassau, Bahamas, is an educator, accountant, musician, and community advocate whose life reflects creativity, service, and faith. From an early age, she developed a love for music and the arts, serving in her church's praise team, choir, and dance ministry.

Brendira, wife of Lavardo Braynen and mother of De'Shan and Cayden, has over nine years of experience in business and accounting. She teaches practical skills and launched Business Teacher Pal in 2020 to help Bahamian students with BGCSE Office Procedures and Keyboarding. She also works with the National Training Agency, ZNS Freeport, and community groups to promote financial literacy.

As a worship leader and gospel artist, Brendira has spent over four years writing, recording, and performing gospel music. Her debut single, Running Back to You, won a 2025 Caribbean Gospel Music Marlin Award for Outstanding Jazz Recording. She also advocates for women and mothers, sharing her faith and resilience through Fertility Empowerment International.

Active in Kingdom Worship Centre International, she contributes to worship and children's ministry, shaping young lives through faith, guidance, and encouragement. Brendira embodies mentorship, creativity, service, and community impact, inspiring others through her dedication and purpose-driven work.

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LEDEDRA *Marche*

Lededra Marche is a native of Nassau, New Providence, and the eldest of five children. She has spent much of her life in Grand Bahama, where she developed a strong foundation in leadership, communication, and service.

Lededra earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and returned home in 1996 to begin an 18-year career in journalism at The Freeport News. During her tenure, she distinguished herself as a Feature Writer, Senior Reporter, Investigative Reporter, and News Editor, interviewing national leaders, diplomats, and entertainers, and delivering impactful coverage with accuracy and integrity.

Transitioning into public relations, Lededra founded Authentic PR Bahamas, providing strategic communications services while continuing to engage in journalism and broadcasting as a consultant and radio personality.

A passionate advocate for community service, she co-founded the Blood Donors Society of Grand Bahama in 2017 and serves as its President, mobilizing awareness and support for life-saving initiatives at Rand Memorial Hospital.

Lededra is also a devoted mother of three and a committed servant of God, using her voice and talents to inspire, mentor, and impact communities across generations, leaving a lasting legacy of service, faith, and leadership.



MALISSA *Cooper*

Malissa Cooper is a distinguished educator, mentor, and community leader with over two decades of service. She began her teaching career in 2002 at St. Georges' High School, where her passion and dedication earned her Teacher of the Year in 2008. Guided by Proverbs 16:3 and the motto, "Autograph your work with excellence," she consistently demonstrates commitment, innovation, and excellence in education.

Her leadership journey includes roles as Subject Coordinator, Clinical Supervisor, Senior Mistress, Vice Principal of Administration, and Vice Principal of Curriculum. In 2023, she was appointed Principal of Jack Hayward Senior High School. She has also developed and presented student enrichment, prevention, and intervention programs at the Ministry of Education's Administrators Conclave, reflecting her dedication to mentorship and professional growth.

As a devoted Christian, Malissa serves at Freeport Bible Church through dance ministry, nursery, and Children's Ministry. She is also an entrepreneur, owning Simply Blissful Decadent Cookies, where she blends creativity with service.

A proud mother of three, Malissa embodies leadership, faith, creativity, and community impact, inspiring others through her dedication and heart for service.



MATAYO *Minnis*

Matayo Minnis hails from Calabash Bay, Andros, and is the son of Georgie and Herbert Minnis and the husband of Ashanti Minnis.

From an early age, he displayed a natural musical gift, dedicating his primary and high school years to refining his talent and achieving notable success in various performances and school activities.

At just 16 years old, he stepped into the classroom as a Music Teacher, beginning a journey that continues to define his purpose and passion for education and mentorship.

Mr. Minnis earned his music degree from Full Sail University and later obtained his teaching certificate from Atlantic International University. His career has taken him to St. Paul's Methodist College, Freeport Bible Academy, and St. Andrew's Anglican School in Exuma, along with humanitarian work through IsraAID, where he used music to uplift and inspire vulnerable communities.

He also served as a Youth Ambassador of The Bahamas from 2018 to 2021, demonstrating a deep commitment to youth development and national service.

An active member of the Bahamas Brass Band, he shares his passion through performance. Currently serving at The Wilbur S. Outten Christian Academy, he lives by the scripture, "For with God all things are possible," guiding both his life and service.

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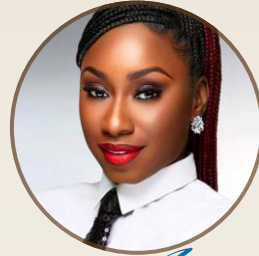
MICHAEL *Wilson*

Michael Lyndon Wilson is a man whose life reflects dedication, service, and excellence. Raised by Bishop Philemon and the late Lorna Wilson, he began his professional journey by joining The Royal Bahamas Police Force on December 12, 1990. During his tenure, he served in various capacities, including as a musician in the Royal Bahamas Police Force Band, and received specialized training from the Social Intelligence Branch to cater to VIPs.

In 1997, he married the love of his life, Cooley Mae Burrows-Wilson, and together they built a family blessed with three children. At Universal Household of Faith, he was entrusted with coordinating transportation for special guests at the Count Down to Glory Conference. This opportunity led to the birth of First Class Limousine and Private Charter.

Through continuous professional training in hospitality and protocol, including courses with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Tourism, he established a respected brand known for excellence. In 2023, his company received national recognition for outstanding contribution to transportation. He lives by the motto, "Where there's only one standard—the best!"

He also dedicates time to mentoring young entrepreneurs and supporting community initiatives, believing in the power of giving back. His leadership and generosity continue to inspire those around him.



NADIA *Andrews*

Nadia Andrews, a native of Grand Bahama, is a dedicated educator, mentor, entrepreneur, and community leader whose life is rooted in faith, service, and family. A loving wife to Kentrell Andrews and nurturing mother to Kaleb and Kamdyn, Nadia's commitment to others is evident in every aspect of her life.

With a Bachelor of Science in Education, she has served as an exemplary teacher for 14 years, teaching on Eleuthera and currently on Grand Bahama. Known for her creativity, dedication, and collaborative spirit, Nadia has held leadership roles including Lower Primary Coordinator, Grade Level Coordinator, and Junior Junkanoo Coordinator, supporting colleagues, motivating teams, and promoting innovation in education.

Beyond the classroom, Nadia passionately mentors youth through Sunday school, dance ministry, the P3 Princess Girls programme, and as a Christian mentor with C.R.E.W. under Jubilee Cathedral. She volunteers with the Sunland Baptist Academy PTA Fundraising Committee and supports environmental awareness through EarthCare.

Nadia brings creativity to life through event décor and founded Oh Brother Kids, a boy's clothing and accessory store. Anchored in faith, she lives by Psalm 46:5, trusting God's guidance. Nadia embodies leadership, mentorship, service, and community impact, inspiring others through her unwavering dedication to family, faith, and community.



NICOLA *Rahming*

Nicola Rahming was born on Grand Bahama, the fourth of five children, into circumstances that demanded courage and resilience. Her life has been shaped by sacrifice, faith, and the prayers of her late mother, whose unyielding love and determination provided the foundation for Nicola's journey.

Guided by faith and personal resolve, Nicola transformed her mother's prayers into purposeful action. Inspired by scriptures such as Mark 11:23 and Psalm 118:22, she faced obstacles with perseverance and turned belief into results. After high school, she boldly sought opportunities, starting as a receptionist in the maritime industry—a position that became the gateway to over twenty years of professional growth, culminating in her role as General Manager. Known for her integrity, discipline, and operational leadership, Nicola has shaped workplaces that prioritize professionalism, accountability, and excellence.

Beyond her career, Nicola is deeply committed to service and community. She serves as Head Usher at her church, organizes feeding programs, mentors young girls, and leads initiatives to support students and the elderly. From her work during Hurricane Dorian to her tenure as President of the Rotary Club of Sunset, she embodies "Service Above Self."

Nicola Rahming's life reflects resilience, faith, and transformative service, leaving a lasting impact on her community and inspiring generations to come.

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NICOLE *Morgan*

Nicole Morgan, born and raised in Freeport, Grand Bahama, exemplifies leadership rooted in empathy, integrity, and purpose. Guided by faith, service, and mentorship, she dedicates herself wholeheartedly to others, leaving a lasting impact on patients, colleagues, and the broader community.

A Registered Nurse with over twenty-seven years of experience, Ms. Morgan has served in multiple clinical areas, including Obstetrics, Pediatrics, Medicine, Accident and Emergency, and more recently, the Medical-Surgical and Infectious Units.

Her professional journey includes international clinical attachments at Hunan Children's Hospital in China and Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, broadening her perspective on compassionate, patient-centered care.

She earned her Associate and Bachelor's degrees in Nursing from the College of The Bahamas, and in 2021, completed a Master's in Business Administration (Health Management) from Edinburgh Napier University. She also serves as an adjunct lecturer at Terreve College University, mentoring future healthcare professionals.

A dedicated member of the Nurses Association of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and the Bahamas Nurses Union, Nicole continues to advocate for professional development and community wellness, making her a model of faith, service, and leadership.



PAMELA *Laing*

Pamela Princess Laing was born on September 10, 1961, in High Rock, East Grand Bahama, the seventh of eleven children to the late Rev. Arnold Pinder and the late Rev. Geleta Pinder. Her educational journey began at High Rock All-Age School and continued at Hawksbill High School in Freeport.

Pamela's life is rooted in faith, service, and leadership. She has served her church in numerous capacities, including Usher, Sunday School Teacher, Choir Member, Youth President for ten years, and Ladies Ministry Leader for eight years. For the past six years, she has trained as a Gospel Minister and is now a fully ordained minister at Emmanuel Baptist Church, demonstrating unwavering spiritual commitment and mentorship.

Her dedication to service extends into community and fraternal leadership. As Past Worthy Matron of Electra Chapter #18, District Deputy Grand Matron, Grand Conductress, and Past Illustrious Commandress of Kiki Zuki Court #202, Pamela has led initiatives in public speaking, event planning, counseling, and outreach.

A successful entrepreneur, she owns Pam's Kitchen and Catering, organizing regular food, clothing, and grocery drives to support those in need. Guided by faith, purpose, and service, Pamela Laing embodies leadership, generosity, and community impact. *"If I can help someone along the way, then my life will not be in vain."*



PATRICK *Pierre*

Patrick Pierre, born in Alice Town, Bimini, spent his early years developing a love for fishing, boats, and the ocean, while being known for his compassion and generosity—qualities that have remained with him throughout his life. In 1984, he relocated to West End, Grand Bahama, where he attended West End All Age School before moving on to Hawksbill Senior High School.

Under the guidance of the late Mary Nabb in the hotel and catering department, he discovered his passion for the culinary arts. He later attended The Bahamas Hotel Training College in Nassau, graduating in 1990 after two years of study. In November 2015, alongside his wife Roshel, Patrick opened Westside Grille, formerly Bonefish Folley Restaurant at Old Bahama Bay Resort.

Today, the business employs approximately 20 individuals, making it one of the largest employers in West End outside the resort.

Beyond business, Patrick is deeply involved in community outreach, supporting Urban Renewal feeding programs and mentoring aspiring chefs and entrepreneurs.

He is widely known for his generosity, compassion, and unwavering commitment to helping others both spiritually and physically.

His leadership and dedication continue to inspire young professionals and strengthen community initiatives across Grand Bahama.

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J. RICARDO *Martin*

Jermaine Ricardo Martin is a distinguished businessman, philanthropist, and community leader whose life's work has left an enduring imprint on Freeport and the wider Grand Bahama community. Born to Leonard and Maria Martin, he was raised on values of integrity, perseverance, and service. As a devoted husband to Shervonne Martin and proud father to Jeramine, Jervonne, and Justin, his commitment to family mirrors his dedication to community.

He has built and sustained multiple successful businesses, contributing significantly to the local economy while creating employment opportunities for many. Yet, his impact extends far beyond business. During Hurricane Dorian, he demonstrated courage, leaving the safety of his home to rescue victims, embodying true selflessness during one of the island's darkest times. His actions during that period stand as a powerful example of leadership and compassion in the face of crisis.

Through mentorship, he has invested in the lives of countless young men and women, helping them rise above their circumstances. He has also quietly supported families, especially single mothers and children, offering hope and resources where needed. His legacy is one of resilience and transformative leadership, reflected in a life committed to uplifting others. His continued efforts ensure that his impact will be felt for generations to come, inspiring others to serve and lead with purpose.



SAMANTHA *Colton*

Born in West End, Grand Bahama, Samantha Colton is a dedicated healthcare professional and community advocate whose work has left a lasting impact on women's health and wellness. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Radiography from the University of Nebraska and a Diploma in Radiography from Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital School of Radiography. She further enhanced her expertise in ultrasonography at the Burwin Institute of Ultrasonography in Canada, focusing on ultrasound and mammography.

Since 1998, Samantha has worked as a mammographer and sonographer, providing compassionate, patient-centered care, often handling sensitive and challenging cases that demand empathy, professionalism, and dedication. Beyond clinical work, she has served as Vice Chairman of the Mammogram Access Program, helping underprivileged women access life-saving screenings, and is an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Freeport and Yellow Elder ITC, demonstrating leadership, civic engagement, and mentorship.

Her commitment to health education, community service, and empowering others exemplifies the spirit of resilience, philanthropy, and social impact.

As a proud mother and grandmother, Samantha continues to inspire through her unwavering dedication to her patients, community, and family, leaving a positive and lasting imprint on all she serves.



SENECA *Pratt*

Seneca Pratt was born in Nassau, Bahamas, to Marvin and Sheila Pratt and spent most of her childhood in Freeport, Grand Bahama. She began her education at Mary Star of the Sea School and later attended St. Paul's Methodist College, graduating in 1991. She demonstrated early leadership and community spirit as Assistant Treasurer of the St. Paul's Gospel Choir, a member of the Class of '91 Prom Committee, and an active participant in the Interact Club.

Her passion for service extends deeply into her faith. Seneca volunteered as a Junior Usher at St. John's Native Baptist Church and later served for over 15 years in the Ministry of Helps Hospitality Auxiliary, continuing her involvement today through church volunteer work and small group fellowship.

Academically, Seneca earned an Associate of Science in Business Administration with emphasis in Travel and Tourism from City College in Fort Lauderdale, and later a Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management from Florida Metropolitan University.

Professionally, she has served the Grand Bahama community through hospitality and customer service and has been recognized for excellence in sales and outstanding customer service during her tenure at Kelly's Freeport Ltd.. A devoted mother to Gabrielle Jones, Seneca continues to serve her family, church, and community with dedication, kindness, and faith.

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SHALEA *Hendfield*

Shalea Natasha Hendfield, born February 23, 1981, is a devoted minister, musician, and community servant whose life reflects faith, leadership, and mentorship. Raised by Leviticus and Sharrell Wright and the late Joseph Whyte, she received a strong foundation in education and faith, attending St. Paul's Methodist College. She further broadened her horizons by living in Lyon, France, gaining fluency in French and embracing cross-cultural experiences.

Her God-given musical gift emerged at age eight in the St. Andrews Methodist Church choir, leading her to become one of the youngest members of the Methodist Circuit Mass Choir. Today, she serves as section leader for the Interdenominational Mass Choir, performing alongside notable local artists such as Simeon Outten, Oslien Jardote, and Brendi Be, as well as internationally acclaimed gospel singer Benita Jones.

Ordained in 2016 as Minister of Music at More Than Conquerors Ministries, Shalea also serves at New Destiny Kingdom Center as Financial Officer and Executive Assistant to Pastor Glen C. Russell, demonstrating leadership, mentorship, and stewardship. Professionally, she has over 25 years of experience in the banking sector.

A devoted wife to Bradley Hendfield and mother of Sion-Anthony, Shiloh, and Bree, Shalea embodies faith, service, resilience, and community impact, inspiring others to trust in God while nurturing their gifts and serving others with excellence.



SHEKEATHA *Thompson*

Ms. Shekeatha S. Thompson is a distinguished professional in business, finance, and ministry whose leadership and service span local, national, and international communities. She currently serves as Officer-in-Charge and Business Development Specialist at Fidelity Bank (Bahamas) Ltd., Marsh Harbour, Abaco, earning the Top Performers Best of the Best Award for five consecutive years. A proud alumna of Freeport Anglican High School with a degree in Business Administration, she brings over two decades of integrity, financial leadership, and client-focused excellence.

Deeply grounded in faith, Shekeatha has ministered for over 30 years through liturgical dance, youth leadership, administration, missions, and worship arts, serving at Calvary Temple Assemblies of God and Kingdom Worship Centre International, and currently at First Assembly of God, Marsh Harbour. She has traveled across five continents and participated in missions in The Bahamas, England, and the USA, using dance to uplift, inspire, and connect audiences to Christ.

A committed mentor and educator, she trains emerging liturgical dancers, integrating technical skill with spiritual formation. Guided by faith and shaped by mentors such as Mrs. La'Verne Gardiner and Dr. Ann Higgins, Shekeatha embodies leadership, mentorship, service, and excellence, inspiring professionals and worship leaders alike to live purpose-driven lives.



SHERELL *Bullard*

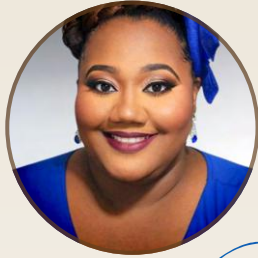
Sherell D. Bullard, BBA, MSc, is a finance professional, mentor, and community leader whose dedication, creativity, and client-focused approach have made a lasting impact in both the corporate sector and the Bahamas community. With expertise in corporate and commercial banking, she has helped organizations navigate complex financial landscapes while fostering sustainable growth.

Born in Freeport, Grand Bahama, Sherell's academic journey includes a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting, a Master of Science in Finance with a specialization in Financial Planning, and pursuit of a Doctorate in Education with a focus on Leadership. She also earned an international certificate in Innovation Management in the Digital Economy, strengthening her leadership, innovation, and intercultural collaboration skills.

Beyond her professional achievements, Sherell is deeply committed to service and mentorship. As Chaplain for Women's Ministry and Children's Ministry Assistant at Living Water Assembly, she nurtures confidence, character, and spiritual growth through prayer, Bible lessons, choir, and dance. She also volunteers at local schools, inspiring youth to grow personally and spiritually.

A devoted wife and mother, Sherell embodies faith, leadership, mentorship, and community impact, using her talents to inspire others and positively influence both her professional environment and the wider community.

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SHERICKA BASTIAN *Rolle*

Shericka Bastian-Rolle, affectionately known as Rika, is a devoted daughter, wife, mother, friend, and a woman of God whose life exemplifies service, love, and faith in action.

She serves The Bahamas as an Immigration Officer, where her professionalism, dedication, and exemplary customer service positively shape the public's perception of civil servants and demonstrate unwavering integrity in her work.

Beyond her professional responsibilities, Rika channels her creativity and generosity into entrepreneurial ventures, crafting gift baskets, unique trinkets, and performing sing-a-grams that bring joy and heartfelt messages to her community.

Known for her vivacious, warm, and sincere personality, she forms instant connections, inspires trust, and uplifts those around her. Family and faith remain central to her life, guiding her commitment to selfless service and the betterment of others. She approaches every task with intentionality, living consciously in alignment with God's plan, giving freely and quietly without seeking recognition or applause.

Through her consistent acts of kindness, devotion to her loved ones, and dedication to her community, Rika exemplifies how faith, love, and service can transform lives. She leaves the world brighter, more connected, and more compassionate with each life she touches and each smile she inspires.



SHERLOCK *Prince*

Sherlock Lynden Prince is a distinguished educator, spiritual mentor, and community leader dedicated to empowering others through knowledge, guidance, and service. One of nine children born to Joan and S. Lloyd Prince, he has pursued excellence throughout his academic journey, attending St. Roses High School, the Government Industrial Training Centre, Government Technical Institute, Critchlow Labour College, and Cambridge. He is currently furthering his education through the MBA program at Edinburgh University, exemplifying a lifelong commitment to learning that inspires those around him.

Professionally, Sherlock has served as Director of Unicom Business College, Administrator and Adjunct Lecturer at Terreve College, and senior instructor and recruitment officer at the Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute, teaching marketing and economics. His innovative teaching and mentorship foster a culture of excellence and personal growth wherever he serves.

He has contributed to business and community development as an executive with the Grand Bahama Christian Council, consultant for the United Bahamas Investment Group, and founder of the Apostolic School of Ministry, nurturing emerging leaders. Married to Charlyne Matthews-Prince for 29 years, they are proud parents to Charisma and Sherlock Jr. Committed to leadership, service, and uplifting others, Sherlock continues to make a lasting impact across Grand Bahama and beyond.



SHERYL MAE *Bastian*

Sheryl Mae Bastian was born on September 9, 1969, in High Rock, Grand Bahama, to Herman Emell and Rosie Nell Russell. A top student at Hawksbill High School, she graduated with honors, demonstrating early dedication to excellence and a lifelong commitment to personal growth and learning.

She met her husband, Reginald Bastian Sr., now Bishop of Higher Anointed Christian Faith Ministry, at Central Church of God, where they shared a love for music as members of the choir. Together, they are blessed with four children—Felicia, Reginald Jr., Reginae, and Rejee—whom she actively supports in academics, athletics, and every aspect of life, modeling devotion, guidance, and encouragement.

For 25 years, Lady Bastian has served faithfully at Higher Anointed Christian Faith Ministry as Senior Minister, Treasurer, and Sunday School Lecturer, consistently exemplifying leadership, mentorship, and spiritual dedication. Known for her love of children, she often cares for others' children as her own, earning the affectionate title "Mummy."

A skilled beautician and cook, Sheryl generously prepares meals for church members, school events, and her community, while also offering support to bereaved families through Yager Funeral Home. Her unwavering commitment to service and community, combined with her warmth and generosity, makes her a true role model and a deserving recipient of this honor.

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TAMMI *Mitchell*

Tammi Francesca Mitchell is a proud descendant of High Rock, East End Grand Bahama, born to Deacon Elgin and Rev. Marjorie Mitchell. Tammi's commitment to service and leadership began early, excelling academically and through extracurricular activities.

She holds a Diploma in Clerical Studies from Grand Bahama Business Academy and an Associate of Science in Business Administration from Success Training College. Tammi's professional journey spans broadcasting, administration, and disaster management, including historic service as the first Supplies Officer for NEMA outside Nassau, and her current role as Administrative Officer at the Ministry for Grand Bahama overseeing Disaster Management. A Certified Disaster Management Instructor, she has facilitated regional training across the Caribbean and holds multiple certifications in emergency response, logistics, and safety.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Tammi serves as a Justice of the Peace, Certified Youth Practitioner, and active member of the Rotary Club of Lucaya. Her tireless dedication over 25+ years to hurricane relief, youth development, and community service has earned her numerous honors, including Grand Bahama's Forty Gems (2013), recognition for Hurricane Dorian relief (2019), and the Paul Harris Fellow Award (2024). Her leadership, mentorship, and service continue to leave a lasting impact across Grand Bahama.



TERRI *Johnson*

Terri Johnson is an accomplished music educator, recording artist, vocal coach, and artistic director whose work spans both local and international stages. She holds a Master of Arts from Atlantic International University in Hawaii, a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education, and a Diploma in Music Performance from Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts in Jamaica.

Throughout her career, Terri has demonstrated a deep commitment to nurturing musical talent. She teaches at Sunland Baptist, where her students have consistently earned top awards at the Annual Schools National Arts Festivals and community competitions. As Artistic Director of Performing Arts Alive Theatre, she mentors young artists across diverse art forms, providing opportunities to showcase their talents locally and abroad through cultural exchange programs.

A passionate performer, Terri has shared her vocal talents internationally in Jamaica, The Bahamas, London, Canada, Antigua, Trinidad, the Cayman Islands, the USA, and Guam. She also coaches aspiring singers in schools, churches, and community groups, while supporting ministries by enhancing dance teams, praise groups, and choirs with her expertise. Guided by her faith, Terri embodies mentorship, leadership, creativity, and service, inspiring others through her music, teaching, and unwavering dedication to cultivating talent and uplifting communities.



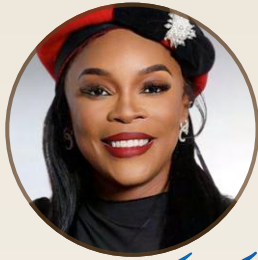
TONY *Lowe*

Tony Lowe, born and raised in Grand Bahama, has captivated audiences with his smooth, effervescent vocals since the age of seven. A multi-talented artist, he blends a spirited personality, humility, and impassioned performance, leaving every audience inspired. While academically accomplished, earning a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Michigan Technological University, Tony's true calling has always been music.

His artistry has garnered national recognition, including the 2013 National Arts Award in the Open Class Gospel Category and the 2016 Island FM Inspirational Song of the Year for his original composition, "There's Still Hope." He has performed at prestigious events as a sought-after National Anthem vocalist and opened for gospel artists Jonathan Nelson and Tasha Cobbs, further cementing his reputation as a powerful and versatile performer.

In addition to performing, Tony mentors emerging artists as a vocal trainer and recording engineer, guiding many to local and international awards. His professional career extends beyond music to brand representation, quality analysis, and civil engineering, reflecting his discipline and versatility. A gifted dancer, he earned a scholarship at fourteen, demonstrating early dedication to the arts. Tony embodies a rare harmony of intellect, artistry, and faith, inspiring others to rise, create, and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

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TOQUELL *Major*

Toquell S. Major, born in Freeport, Grand Bahama, is a professional Graphic Artist, Photographer, and Entrepreneur recognized for her creativity, leadership, and unwavering faith. In 2016, she founded Creations by Timeless, offering innovative visual solutions to clients across industries while making a lasting impact on her community.

Academically accomplished, Toquell earned an Associate of Science in Computer Information Systems as Salutatorian in 2014, receiving the Highest Achievement Award (CIS) from BTVI, and later graduated Summa Cum Laude in IT Management (AAS) in 2024. Her commitment to excellence extends to professional development through workshops and tradeshow, including Graphics of the Americas, Imaging USA, WPPI, and advanced photography training at Queen's College Centre for Further Education.

As a member of New Life Worship Center, she has served in the Media Ministry, contributed to Women, Business, and Dance Ministry, and led church and community outreach projects as a 3rd Quarter Leader. She also volunteers her talents in schools, churches, small businesses, and nonprofits to uplift and empower others.

Toquell is a proud mother of two sons, Toqwann and Xander Lightbourne, nurturing their spiritual, academic, and artistic growth. Through faith, creativity, and resilience, she continues to inspire and positively impact her community.



VITO *Patrick*

Vito Angelo Patrick is a marriage coach, ministry leader, and professional dedicated to strengthening families and communities in Grand Bahama and beyond. He co-founded Unique Couples, offering workshops, teaching, and faith-based resources to help couples build stronger marriages and healthier relationships.

At his church in Eight Mile Rock, Vito serves as Youth Ministries and Family Life Leader, overseeing Family Life Ministries, Treasury, and church programs. Through his mentorship, he has strengthened youth and couple-focused initiatives, fostering Christ-centered relationships.

Professionally, he is the Senior Generation Planner Specialist at Grand Bahama Power Company, contributing over 25 years to reliability improvement, outage coordination, and generation planning. Married to Linda Wright-Patrick, with whom he co-authored 7 Pillars to Strengthen Your Marriage, he is a devoted father to Vittoria, Vito II, and Victory-Kay Patrick. Together, they host workshops and interactive events locally and internationally, equipping couples to communicate, commit, and grow.

A member of Destiny Lions Toastmasters Club, Vito exemplifies mentorship, service, and leadership, inspiring families toward hope, healing, and wholeness.



LINDA WRIGHT *Patrick*

Linda Wright-Patrick, from Eight Mile Rock, Grand Bahama, is an educator, speaker, and mentor dedicated to strengthening families and communities. With degrees in Education, Counselling, and Special Education, she serves effectively in both professional and ministry roles.

Linda is the co-founder of Unique Couples, a platform she shares with her husband, Vito Angelo Patrick, offering workshops, virtual sessions, and resources to strengthen marriages, relationships, and families. She is also the co-author of 7 Pillars to Strengthen Your Marriage and engages couples locally and internationally through seminars, interactive experiences, and social media platforms including Facebook, YouTube, TikTok, and Instagram. Linda serves as Children and Adolescents Ministries Director for the North Bahamas Conference, leading programs such as Vacation Bible School, Pathfinders, and Family Life Ministries. She also mentors women through her "Being You" program, empowering them toward personal growth and relational excellence.

Beyond ministry, she contributes to the community through hurricane relief, back-to-school initiatives, and charitable outreach. Guided by faith and a passion for service, Linda exemplifies leadership, mentorship, innovation, and community impact, inspiring countless individuals and families to live intentionally, faithfully, and with purpose.

RISEING VOICES HONOREES



VERONIQUE *Martin*

Veronique “Nicky” Martin is a dedicated entrepreneur, educator, mentor, and community advocate whose life reflects over 45 years of service and excellence. Beginning her career at just 14 and becoming a certified specialist and business owner by 19, she has consistently demonstrated a commitment to personal growth and community impact.

As owner of Crocasack Tings and a Certified Haircare and Hair Loss Recovery Consultant, Nicky has transformed lives through her expertise while mentoring cosmetology students since 1984. Her passion for education also led to 18 years of service in Catholic schools, shaping young minds as a teacher and continuing to contribute through lectures and professional development, including the PACE Program.

Deeply rooted in service, she has been a Juvenile Panel Member since 2015 and currently coordinates Junior Local Government at Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Academy. Guided by her belief that “Education is to be shared. Everyone is somebody. Give, never looking for something in return,” she exemplifies purpose, generosity, and leadership.

Married for 45 years to her husband, James, Nicky is a proud mother and grandmother. Even in semi-retirement, her legacy of mentorship, education, and community service continues to inspire countless lives.



SABRINA *Brown*

Sabrina Arlene Brown was a veteran journalist and broadcaster at The Broadcasting Corporation of The Bahamas for over two decades. She began her career as News Editor and later became Manager of the Marketing Department at the Northern Service in April 2022, eventually serving as Director of the Radio Department. She also hosted The Sabrina Brown Show, which aired live every Tuesday.

Sabrina made a lasting mark in journalism, gaining international recognition as the reporter who broke the story of John Travolta’s son’s death in West End in 2009. Her reporting led to interviews with senior journalists at the BBC, CBS Evening News, Access Hollywood, and Entertainment Tonight, and she produced a special live segment for NBC’s Today Show with the then Commissioner of Police.

She studied English at Cambridge College and held certifications in Human Resource Management. Passionate about mentoring young girls, she founded the Aim High Girls Club. Sabrina also owned Lush Perfumeria and served on the boards of Bishop Michael Eldon School and The Kiwanis Club of Freeport.

A devoted member of Upper Zion Baptist Church, she was married to Duane Brown and was the proud mother of Tyla Brianna. Sabrina faced breast cancer with faith and courage, always believing that nothing was impossible with God.



KENRICK *Blatch*

Kenrick Omaha Blatch was a man of quiet strength, unwavering dedication, and extraordinary impact. Known for his humility and integrity, he approached every space with purpose, leaving a lasting mark on the lives he touched. Kenrick’s commitment to excellence was evident both in his professional career and his lifelong devotion to the performing arts.

From his early days at Sir Jack Hayward High School, where he helped found the Concert Band, to his celebrated work with Freeport Players’ Guild, Agape House’s Liberal Arts Ministry, I.D.Entity Productions, Island Dreams Productions, Shauna Joseph Productions, and Gea Pierre Productions, Kenrick infused every project with discipline, creativity, and heart. As an actor, director, technical coordinator, and mentor, he uplifted productions and people alike, shaping the next generation of performers and techs with patience and vision.

Beyond theatre, Kenrick excelled professionally, serving as Operations Coordinator at AmSpec and inspiring colleagues through humility, dedication, and consistency. He was a devoted husband, father, and faithful member of Freeport Bible Church, grounding his life in service, faith, and love.

Kenrick lived intentionally, always giving of himself fully. His legacy endures in the lives he touched, the stages he elevated, and the spirit of service, purpose, and excellence he embodied—truly a Rising Voice whose influence will resonate for generations.



15+ YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO

Sunland Baptist Academy

This year, the Rising Voices Awards proudly recognizes a special group of honorees whose impact has been shaped not only in communities at large, but within the classroom. Under the leadership of Godfrey R. Williams Ministries, Sunland Baptist Academy has long stood as a pillar of academic excellence and spiritual foundation, nurturing generations of students with knowledge, discipline, and purpose.

In this year's celebration, we pay tribute to five exceptional educators who have faithfully served for 15 years or more. These honorees are being recognized for their enduring commitment to education, their unwavering dedication to student development, and their steadfast role in shaping lives both academically and spiritually.

Teaching is more than a profession—it is a calling. These individuals have answered that call with consistency, compassion, and excellence. Over the years, they have gone beyond lesson plans and classrooms, becoming mentors, role models, and pillars of strength for countless students. Their influence extends far beyond the school walls, leaving a lasting imprint on families, communities, and future generations.

Through seasons of change and challenge, their commitment has remained firm. They have poured into young minds, instilled values, and helped to cultivate purpose in those entrusted to their care. Their legacy is not only measured in years of service, but in the lives they have helped to shape and the futures they have helped to build.

Today, we honor these five educators for their longevity, their faithfulness, and their immeasurable contribution to the mission of education. Their voices, their service, and their impact truly embody the spirit of the Rising Voices Awards.

EXEMPLARY SERVICE HONOREES



ELSIE *Swain*

Mrs. Elsie Mae Dean-Swain exemplifies a life devoted to education and faith, leaving a profound impact on generations of students and her church community. For over five decades, she has served as a passionate High School English Language and Literature teacher, spending 43 years at Sunland Lutheran School and Sunland Baptist Academy.

Her dedication extended beyond the classroom as Lower School Head, and she played a pivotal role in establishing Sunland's Learning Centre for at-risk students. Under her guidance, students achieved remarkable results in GLAT and BJC exams, and the school earned top placements in the Grand Bahama Spelling Bee. Elsie's mentorship extended through cultural excursions and her work with the Rhoer's Club of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, fostering holistic development in young women.

Academically accomplished, she holds a teaching degree with distinction from the Bahamas Teacher's College, a degree from the University of the West Indies, and a master's in Curriculum Development and Supervision from the University of Miami. Her unwavering faith has been equally central to her life; a Jubilee Cathedral member since 1982, she serves as Sunday School Superintendent and hosts regular classes, receiving formal recognition for her spiritual leadership.

Mrs. Dean-Swain's enduring legacy reflects dedication, excellence, and service that will resonate for generations.



TANGELEE *Symonette*

Tangelee Symonette has devoted over 26 years to early childhood education, including 21 years of faithful service at Sunland Baptist Academy as a Teacher's Assistant.

From the beginning, she recognized her God-given calling to nurture young children, particularly in the preschool setting, where her passion for guiding little ones continues to flourish. Anchored in faith, Tangelee describes God as her strength, rock, and shelter, allowing her to approach every day with joy, patience, and dedication.

She holds both an Early Childhood Teaching Certificate and an Early Childhood Development Certificate from The College of The Bahamas, equipping her to provide formative learning experiences that shape children's early growth. Beyond the classroom, her nurturing spirit extends to baking and gardening, reflecting her creativity and warmth.

Guided by her favorite scripture, Psalm 100:1-5, Tangelee serves with gladness, modeling the values of kindness, patience, and excellence.

Through decades of consistent service, faith, and love for children, Tangelee Symonette has become a steady and compassionate presence in early childhood education, leaving an enduring imprint on both her students and the wider school community.



NOVLET *Smith*

Novlet Smith, a devoted educator at Sunland Baptist Academy, has spent over 25 years shaping young minds with dedication, care, and passion.

Born and raised in Jamaica, she was inspired by the strong values of community, family, and learning that surrounded her, cultivating a lifelong commitment to teaching.

Inspired by her own mentors, she pursued a career in education, moving to The Bahamas to embrace new opportunities and challenges. Adjusting to a new culture and educational system, Novlet quickly established herself as a valued teacher, creating classrooms that are dynamic spaces of encouragement, growth, and critical thinking.

Over the years, she has guided generations of students, instilling confidence, fostering love for learning, and helping them achieve academic success. For Novlet, teaching is more than a profession; it is a ministry, a calling, and a source of joy.

Her perseverance, dedication, and genuine care continue to leave an indelible impact on her students, ensuring that her influence extends far beyond the classroom and inspires those she mentors to pursue their fullest potential.

EXEMPLARY SERVICE HONOREES



TANYA *Bain*

Tanya Bain is a devoted educator whose career reflects passion, purpose, and an unwavering commitment to nurturing the next generation. From her early academic achievements through primary and secondary school, Tanya's dedication to learning guided her path to college in Georgia, where she further honed her skills.

For the past 27 years, she has served at Sunland Baptist Academy, first in the classroom and now as Elementary Department Administrator, shaping children's lives while mentoring staff and fostering an environment where every student can thrive. Tanya views education not merely as a profession but as a calling, guided by compassion, integrity, and a belief in every child's potential.

Beyond her professional life, she is a devoted mother to Denzel and DeEricka and a proud grandmother to Daylon, Bailee, Aiko, Devin, and Brooklyn. Grounded in faith, she credits God's grace for her journey and stands on Romans 8:28, trusting that every step and season is part of a greater plan.

Tanya's life embodies service, leadership, and the transformative power of education as a vessel to love, uplift, and empower the next generation.



CHARLEEN *Hamilton*

Coach Charlene Hamilton is a devoted Physical Education teacher and coach whose 25-plus years in education—including 19 years at Sunland Baptist Academy—reflect a lifelong commitment to developing young people through sport and physical activity.

Beginning her career in Jamaica, Coach Hamilton has passionately leveraged Physical Education to foster discipline, confidence, resilience, and character in her students. Guided by her belief that *"every child can learn; every child must learn,"* she balances high expectations with encouragement, ensuring that students of all abilities feel valued and engaged.

Beyond teaching, she has led teams in local and national competitions, integrating sportsmanship, accountability, and leadership development into every program. Recognized for innovation, she incorporates technology and student leadership to make physical education meaningful and relevant, preparing students not only for athletics but for responsible citizenship. Rooted in faith, Coach Hamilton draws strength from Philippians 4:13: *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,"* which underscores her perseverance, dedication, and service.

Through her expertise, mentorship, and genuine care, Charlene Hamilton continues to make a lasting and transformative impact on students' athletic and personal development.



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Congratulations **ANGELLA ROLLE**

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Congratulations, Angella. God has seen your works, your faithfulness, and your heart. May He continue to bless and enlarge your territory.



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Angella, this success showcases your brilliance and boundless potential. You are always ready to take on the world. Your kindness and genuine love for people will take you far on this journey of life.

From the Ladies of Freeport, a sisterhood built on love, we extend our heartfelt congratulations on this prestigious honor — a true reflection of the charity, compassion, and love you have so generously given to others.

Well-deserved and beautifully earned!



Congratulations **ANGELLA AROLLE**



Your dedication, excellence, and unwavering commitment truly set you apart. The brilliance you bring to everything you do continues to inspire those around you, and we could not be prouder.

Please accept our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for continued success.

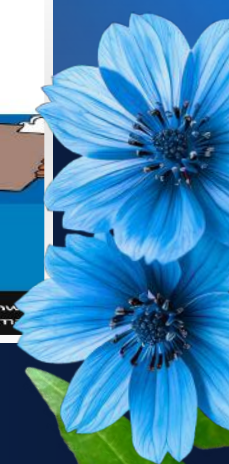
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*Incredible job! This is what dedication looks like
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Angella, you are brilliant! Your achievement inspires everyone around you. You have a heart of gold, always giving selflessly behind the scenes and touching the lives of women all around The Bahamas.

This is so well deserved. Congratulations!!





ANGELLA
Rolle

You are truly an amazing woman, and I thank God that you came into my life. Your heart for people is something special. You give so selflessly to those in need—feeding those who are hungry, clothing those who lack, and always showing up for your community with love and compassion.

You're not only generous, but you're also a true fashionista—using your gift and style to uplift and empower others. Grand Bahama is blessed to have you, and so are all the lives you've touched.

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"Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." – Proverbs 31:28

ANN Hall

With hearts full of gratitude and admiration, we honor a truly remarkable woman, our beloved mother, Ann Hall. Today, we celebrate a woman of strength, grace, and unwavering devotion. She has always been the foundation of our family. From the very beginning, she carried the responsibility of caring for those she loved with a willing and selfless heart. She did more than provide, but she nurtured, guided, and poured into us time and time again. Her love is not only spoken but consistently shown.

Our superwoman has demonstrated this through early mornings, late nights, and countless sacrifices made without ever seeking recognition. She has always ensured that her family was cared for, protected, and surrounded by love. For her, caring for her family has never been a duty, but it is simply who she is.

Our mother believes in order, discipline, and doing things the right way. She carries herself with dignity and holds herself to a high standard. Her home has always been a place of warmth and structure, a true reflection of her values. She is, without a doubt, a virtuous woman; strong yet gentle, firm yet loving, and always present when we need her most.

Her legacy is not only in what she has done but in who she is: a woman of faith, resilience, and unconditional love. Today, we celebrate your sacrifices, your strengths, and the many ways you have shaped our lives. We thank God for blessing us with you. Your love has guided us, your wisdom has grounded us, and your example will continue to lead us. We love you, Mommy.



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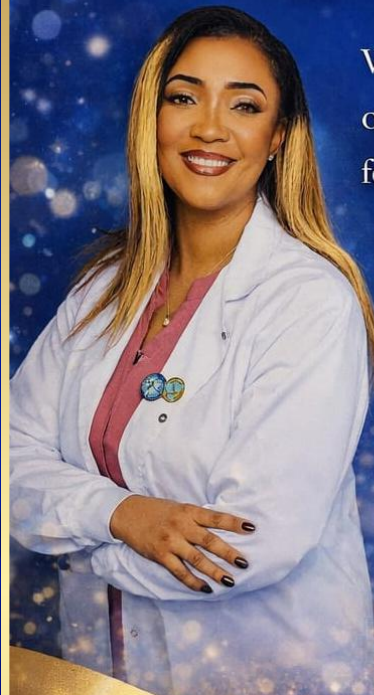
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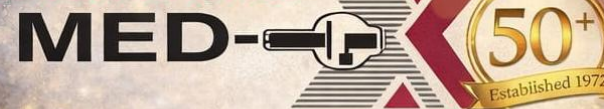
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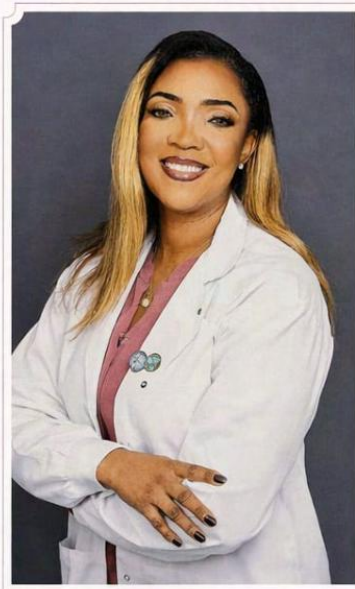
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from your wife, kids, and grandchild

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DEANDRA *Sands*

YOUR LIFE REFLECTS, FAITH, DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO OTHERS. YOUR EXAMPLE REMINDS US THAT WHEN WE SERVE FAITHFULLY, GOD USES OUR LIVES TO BLESS MANY.

“Well done, good and faithful servant.” – Matthew 25:23

FROM YOUR SIBLINGS, ESPECIALLY

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MAY THE LORD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU AND ENLARGE YOUR INFLUENCE

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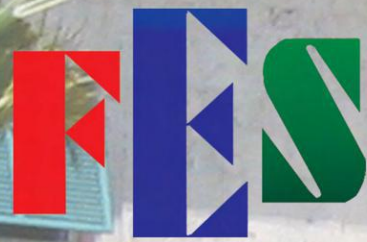
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We salute you for your faithfulness and your commitment to training generations of Bahamians. Love your family in the United States:
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"Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech".

TITUS 2:7-8

**"To give real service you must add something
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*We Salute You
Mrs. Mac!!!*



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to your dedication, integrity,
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May God continue to enlarge your territory and
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your influence for His glory.

with love and pride,

Bishop Edwin Pinder & Rev'nd Alma Pinder
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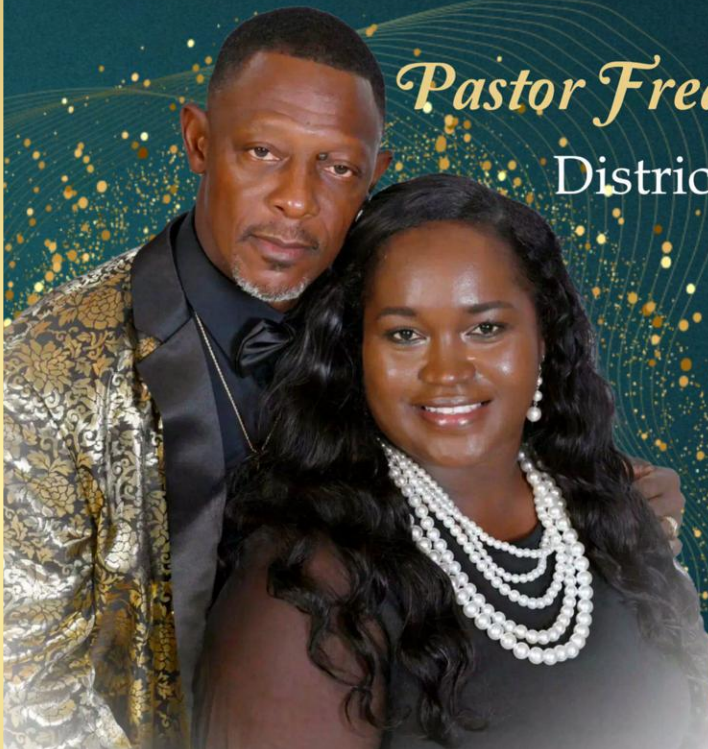


As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. GALATIANS 6:10

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Love Alicia, Alichiere & Tiffany



Congratulations

to Kathy for giving her very best to the Grand Bahama community. Your dedication, compassion, and hard work make a real difference in the lives of so many. The impact you've made through your service and commitment is truly inspiring.

Thank you for being such a positive force and for helping Grand Bahama. Continue to thrive !

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Congratulations to

Ms. Kathy Saunders

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The Nurses Month Committee proudly celebrates Ms. Kathy Saunders for her outstanding achievement in being honored with the Rising Voices Award.



Her passion, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the nursing profession have not gone unnoticed. Ms. Saunders continues to inspire colleagues, uplift patients, and strengthen the voice of nursing leadership. Through her tireless efforts, she has become a beacon of excellence and a role model for future generations of nurses.

This award is not only a recognition of her remarkable contributions, but also a celebration of the impact she has made in advancing healthcare with compassion, integrity, and vision.

We salute Ms. Saunders and extend our warmest congratulations on this well-deserved honor.

With admiration and pride, Nurses Month Committee





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CONGRATULATIONS

to Deputy Principal Nursing Officer

Kathy Saunders

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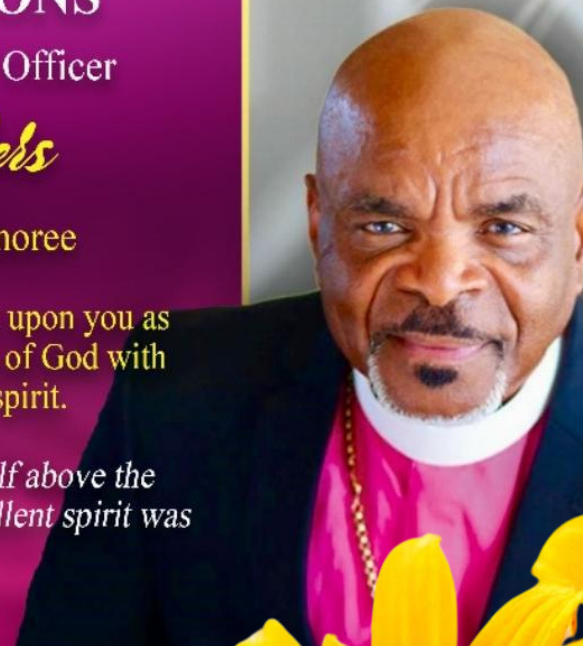
Choice blessings and divine favor rest upon you as
you continue advancing the Kingdom of God with
grace, peace and an excellent spirit.

*"...Then Daniel distinguished himself above the
governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was
in him..." Daniel 6:2-3*



GENESIS 12:2 (AMPC)

"And I will make of you a
great nation, and I will bless
you [with abundant increase of
favours] and make your name
famous and distinguished,
and you will be a blessing
[dispensing good to others]."





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AND KEEP YOU AS HE ELEVATES YOU FOR MORE!

FROM YOUR LOVING FAMILY

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MS. MALISSA COOPER

2026 RISING VOICES AWARDS HONOREE

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Principal
MS. MALISSA COOPER

for being selected as an

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2026 Rising Voices Awards.

She is lathed in excellence and crowned in achievement,
Ms. Cooper exemplifies visionary leadership, unwavering dedication,
and a powerful voice for progress in education.

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and strengthening our Wildcat legacy continues to inspire us all.

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Congratulations
TO

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& All the Honourees of the
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May His word always be a lamp to your feet and a
light to your path.- Psalm 19:105





*Perseverance in doing good,
even when it's challenging,
will lead to a harvest of
blessings in God's timing.
We should not lose
heart but continue to
work diligently for the
Lord.*

Proverbs 12:24

*To our CEO Michael Wilson,
we extend congratulations
to you!*

Congratulations

Mr. Michael Wilson



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Throughout her many years of dedicated service, Nicola has demonstrated exceptional leadership, unwavering professionalism, and a steadfast commitment to excellence.

Her vision, integrity, and ability to lead with strength and purpose have played an instrumental role in the continued growth and success of King Ocean.

Nicola's leadership not only drives our organization forward but also inspires those who work alongside her. Her passion for service, commitment to high standards, and dedication to her team truly embody the spirit of this honor.

We celebrate this remarkable achievement and commend Nicola for the impact she continues to make within our organization and the wider community.



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Nicola Rahming

ON THIS WELL-DESERVED RECOGNITION

Your leadership, professionalism, and commitment to excellence continue to inspire those around you and strengthen the partnerships you build throughout our community.

We are honored to work alongside you and celebrate this remarkable achievement.

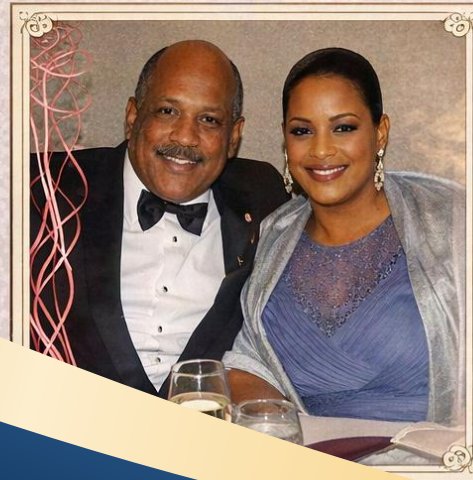
CONGRATULATIONS
to
NICOLA RAHMING
on being a
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We are incredibly proud to celebrate you
on this special recognition.

Your strength, leadership, and the
impact you continue to make inspire so
many.

Your dedication, grace, and commitment
to excellence have always shone brightly, and
it is wonderful to see you honored in
such a meaningful way.

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and a remarkable force for positive
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and the profession sets the gold standard
for teaching excellence.

*Continue to leave a legacy
that shapes the future.*

From

"Friends for Life"

Collette, Rose-Patricia,
Pamela, Claudette, and Inez



Congratulations **Ms. Novlet Smith!**

Thank you for the incredible impact you have made on our family
by teaching all four of our children at Sunland Baptist Academy.
Your dedication, patience, and genuine care have helped shape their growth
and confidence. We are forever grateful for the love and excellence
you bring to your classroom.
You are truly appreciated.



Congratulations from the Rolle Family

Novlet Smith is a **Rising Voice Honoree**
for her years of service at Sunland Baptist Academy



WE SINCERELY
CONGRATULATE
Novlet Smith

**IN RECOGNITION OF HER DEVOTED
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Teaching is a work of the heart, and you have sincerely led from the heart. For 25 years, you have made a tremendous, meaningful difference in the lives of so many of your students.

With your support and encouragement, you have inspired them to be resilient and to excel. You have helped them to prepare for challenges and to utilize constructive solutions to problems.

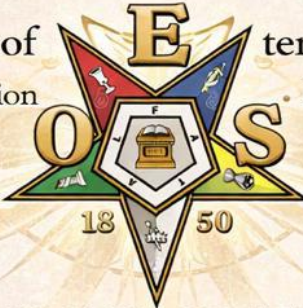
Throughout your career, you've reached out to parents, family and friends warmly and generously. You have accomplished a lot and given a great deal. We appreciate you, we applaud you, we honor you for all you do in the classroom.

So here's to you and all the things you are. You deserve this special recognition for your hard work and perseverance.

**WISHING YOU THE BEST,
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& ANGELA**



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 **PAMELA LAING** 

Honoree – Rising Voices 2026

On behalf of Lily of Bimini Chapter No. 7,
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Sister Pamela Laing on this well-deserved honor.

Your leadership, dedication, and voice
continue to inspire our Order and community.

*This recognition is a reflection of your strength,
your voice, and the meaningful impact
you have made.*

We celebrate you and this well-deserved honor.

With Sisterly Love and Esteem,
Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Officers & Members
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Congratulations!

Samantha Cotton

We celebrate you and the incredible example you are to all who know you. Your servant's heart, deep faith and tireless generosity reflected

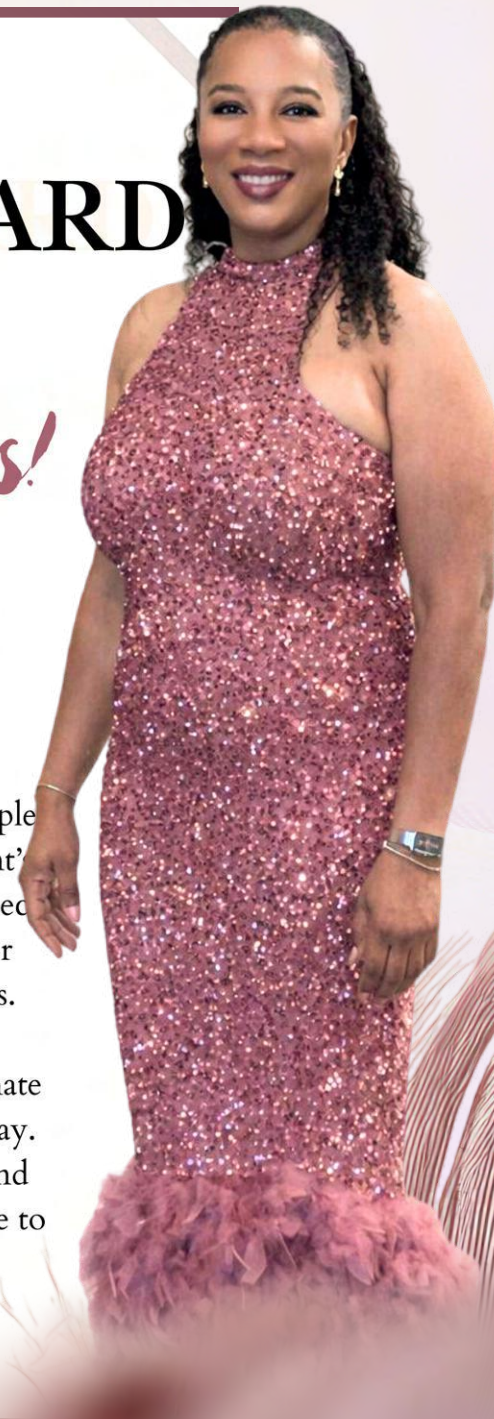
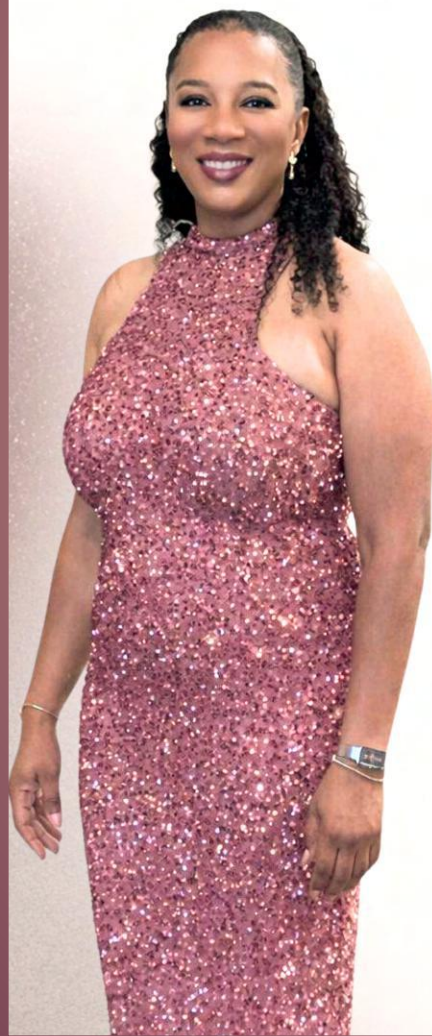
God's love in action, and your passion for helping others has touched countless lives.

Whether as a devoted mother, proud grandmother, faithful friend or compassionate advocate, you uplift and inspire us every day.

We are truly blessed to walk beside you and honor the beautiful difference you continue to make.

Love,

Rebekah, Yasmin & Erin





Congratulations

MINISTER SHALEA HENFIELD

We celebrate you on being selected as an honoree for the 2026 Rising Voices Awards! Your faith, passion, and dedication continue to glorify God and inspire those around you.

Your New Destiny Kingdom Center family rejoices with you in this incredible honor. Your commitment, discipline, and perseverance are a testimony of God's faithfulness in your life. May He continue to elevate you, expand your influence, and use your voice for His glory.

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Shekeatha Thompson

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This honor reflects not only your accomplishments, but the impact you continue to make. We celebrate this milestone and wish you continued success and purpose in the years ahead.

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bless you in all of your endeavors.



Congratulations

On this great well-deserved honor!
TODAY I HONOR YOU AND YOUR ACHIEVEMENT.

Shekeatha, I am beyond proud. I have watched you as we went to Freeport Anglican High School (Warriors for Life). Then we went to Valdosta State University and on to employment and to where you are now Officer in Charge of Fidelity Bank Abaco Branch.

I am beaming with pride and joy as I have witnessed you living your life as a billboard for our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. The anointing God has placed on your life is seen in your dance ministry and your life as a whole.

The songwriter says, "May the work I do speak for me", Keata the work you do privately and professionally speaks volume of greatness, integrity and commitment.

Thank you for inspiring me. As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

LOVE YOUR FRIEND, CHINELLO

Proverbs 17:17a – "A Friend Loves at ALL Times"



Congratulations



Mrs. Sherell Bullard,
BBA, MSc

ON BEING A 2026 RISING VOICES AWARDS HONOREE

We are so incredibly proud of you and grateful for the gift God has placed inside of you. Your voice, dedication, and passion continue to inspire so many, and this honor is truly well-deserved.

May God bless you abundantly and continue to let your light shine bright for all to see. We love you deeply and stand with you always.

WITH ALL OUR LOVE,
YOUR HUSBAND, LAVARDO BULLARD, AND YOUR CHILDREN,
LAURYN, LANAE, AND CELINE BULLARD



Congratulations SHERELL

We joyfully celebrate your achievement as a 2026 Rising
Voices Award honoree!

*With love from your parents: Vernon Sr. and Debbie
Grant; your squad and siblings: Sharvone & Alvin Stubbs
and Vernon Jr. & Mia Grant; and your darling nieces and
nephews: Alivia, Jesse, Mina, and Milo.*

We are all cheering you on! May God abundantly bless you
and your future endeavors. Keep shining, dream boldly,
and reach for the skies.

We love you dearly!



Congratulations Rika *Gherika* Bee

FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, we have watched you grow into the strong, compassionate, and impactful person you are today. To see you recognized for using your voice with purpose and power fills our hearts with so much pride.

You have always stood tall, spoken with conviction, and carried yourself with grace. This honor is not just a title; it is a reflection of your resilience, your leadership, and the light you bring into every space you enter.

As your Mom (Sheryl), your brother (Shavado), and your Aunt (Sheena), we celebrate not only this achievement but the journey that brought you here. Keep rising. Keep speaking. Keep shining. We are extremely proud of you and we love you beyond words.



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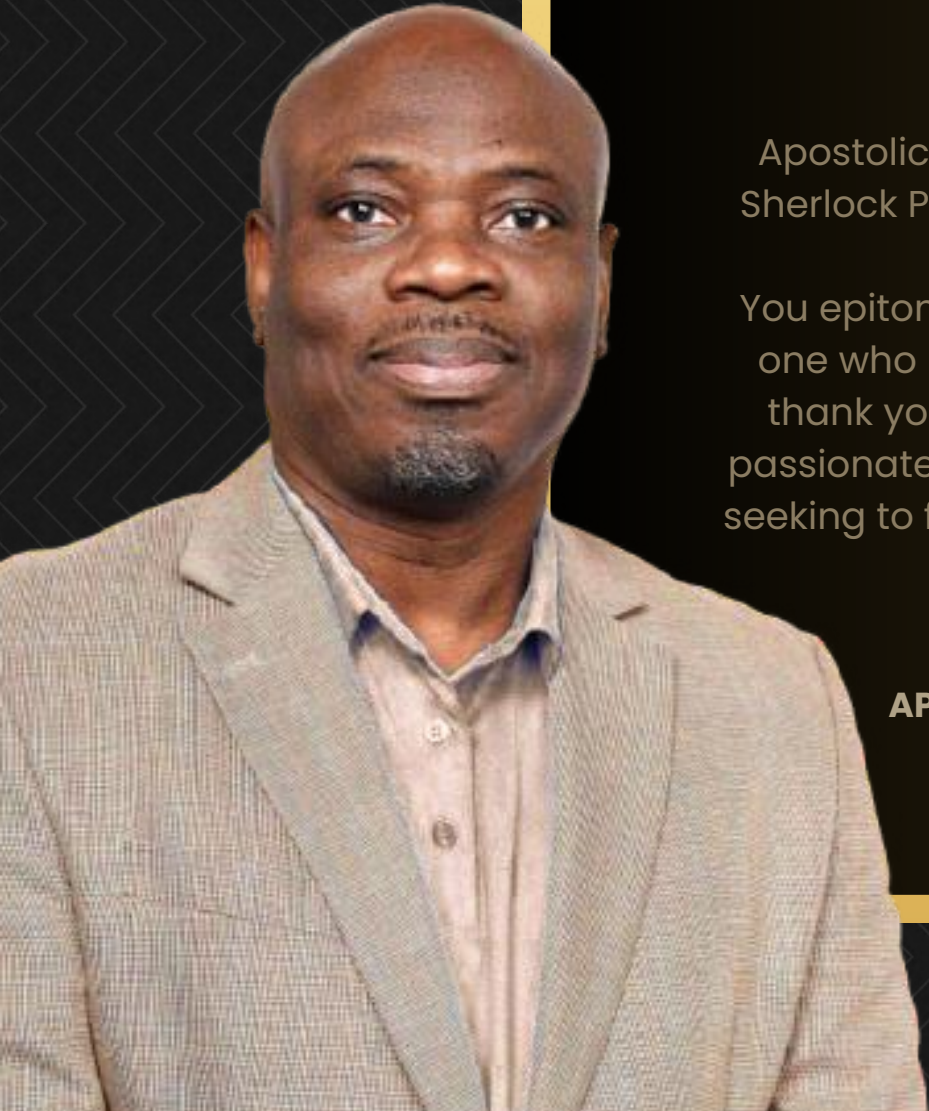
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TO
Elder Sherlock Prince
ON A WELL-DESERVED RECOGNITION

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Apostolic School of Ministry salutes you, Elder Sherlock Prince. A man well deserving of honor.

You epitomize the heart of a true Shepherd and one who rightly divides the Word of Truth. We thank you for continuing to encourage us to passionately pursue God and the importance of seeking to fulfill the purposes of God in our lives .

**FROM YOUR FAMILY AT
APOSTOLIC SCHOOL OF MINISTRY**





Congratulations TAMMI MITCHELL

It is with profound pride and a deep sense of shared achievement that I congratulate Tammi Mitchell on being named an honouree for the 2026 Rising Voices Awards. As the Minister for Grand Bahama, I have witnessed firsthand the undeterred loyalty and relentless drive she brings to our mission.

Tammi, you are a cornerstone of our efforts to transform this island into the home of events and entertainment and a global leader in innovation. Your work does not just fill a role; it builds a legacy. You have walked alongside this administration with a spirit of excellence that resonates throughout our entire community.

The Godfrey R. Williams Foundation has chosen wisely. In honouring you, they honour the very essence of Grand Bahama... resilience, dedication, and a heart for the people. This milestone is a celebration of your journey and the many lives you have touched along the way. Our island needs your voice. We need your vision. You are a shining example of what happens when passion meets purpose.

Congratulations, Tammi. This moment is yours, and it is a testament to a career defined by integrity and impact. We stand behind you as you continue to rise.



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Congratulations

Tanya Bain

To our mother...



Mommy,

Growing up, you challenged and pushed me but I now understand it came from a place of love and purpose. You were shaping me, teaching me strength, discipline, and that with faith in God I could overcome anything.

I watched you dedicate yourself to the school system for decades, pouring your heart into students and families. The same love, guidance, and care you still give today is truly remarkable.

I'm grateful that now I get to call you not only my mom, but my best friend. You deserve every good thing that comes your way.

Love you to the moon and back.

—DeEricka

Mom,

I just want you to know how proud I am of you and how grateful I am for everything you've poured into me. You taught me the meaning of hard work, how to be resourceful, and how to stay strong no matter what life brings. More than that, you showed me how important family truly is.

All of my accomplishments are really a reflection of your love, your sacrifices, and the example you set for me every day. You pushed me to grow into the man I am, and none of this would be possible without you. I hope you always know how much you mean to me.

I love you so much.

— Denzel





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FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS, STAFF, AND STUDENTS



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Toquell Major Nicola Rahming

*Continue to be the shining examples that you
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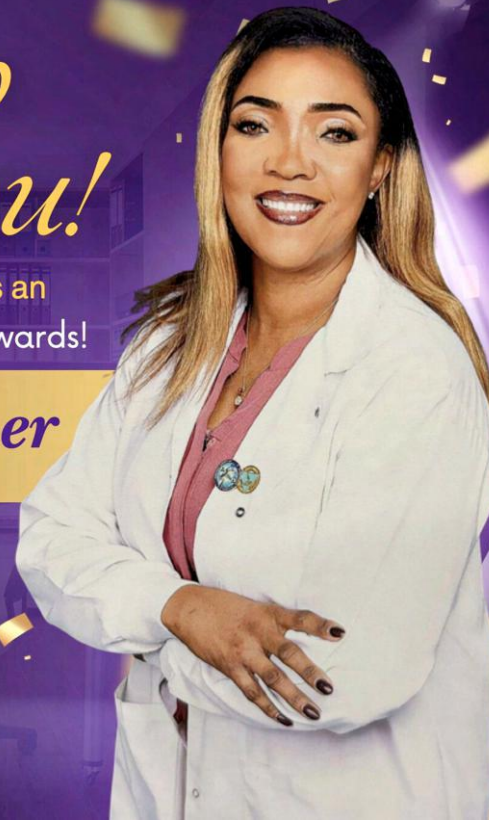
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Mrs. Cleopatra Cooper

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**Deshann, Ebony, Darrion,
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A huge congratulations on your recognition. We are so very proud of you! Your hard work, dedication, and talent has never ceased to amaze us. This remarkable achievement is well-deserved. Cheers to you on your well-deserved accomplishment. Your determination is inspiring.

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Congratulations! David Hield

Today, we gather with full hearts and overwhelming pride as we honor you as a recipient of the Rising Voices Award. This recognition is not just about your achievements. It is about your character, your perseverance, and the light you pour into every room you enter.

As your sister, I have had the privilege of watching you grow, push through challenges, and rise above every obstacle placed in your path. Your determination, integrity, and unwavering faith in yourself and others have always set you apart. You have never been afraid of hard work, and you have never forgotten where you came from.

This award recognizes your professional growth and the bright future ahead of you. But for me, you have always been special. Your resilience, your compassion, and your commitment to excellence shine in everything you do.

I am so proud to call you my brother. May this Rising Voices Award be just one of many milestones in your journey as you continue to reach new heights. Keep shining, keep rising, keep being you.

WITH LOVE, PRIDE, AND ADMIRATION

Your Sister, Daphne Pinder



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Georgia Taylor

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You are an icon. You are an example of what it means to use the gifts that God has blessed you with, to bless the World. We honor you today and thank God for you.

**Love,
Davia**



GEORGIA *Taylor*

To our Yaya, we are so proud of your accomplishments and grateful to call you our Yaya. You have taught us how to bake, cook, dance, sing, and so much more!

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Niecy & Winna

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Love, Barry, Brenda and Brahnae



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on your special consideration. God has shined His light on both of you. Continue the good work that you are doing. We are rooting for you.

Love, Roderick and Helen.



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- **Chris and Monique Leary**
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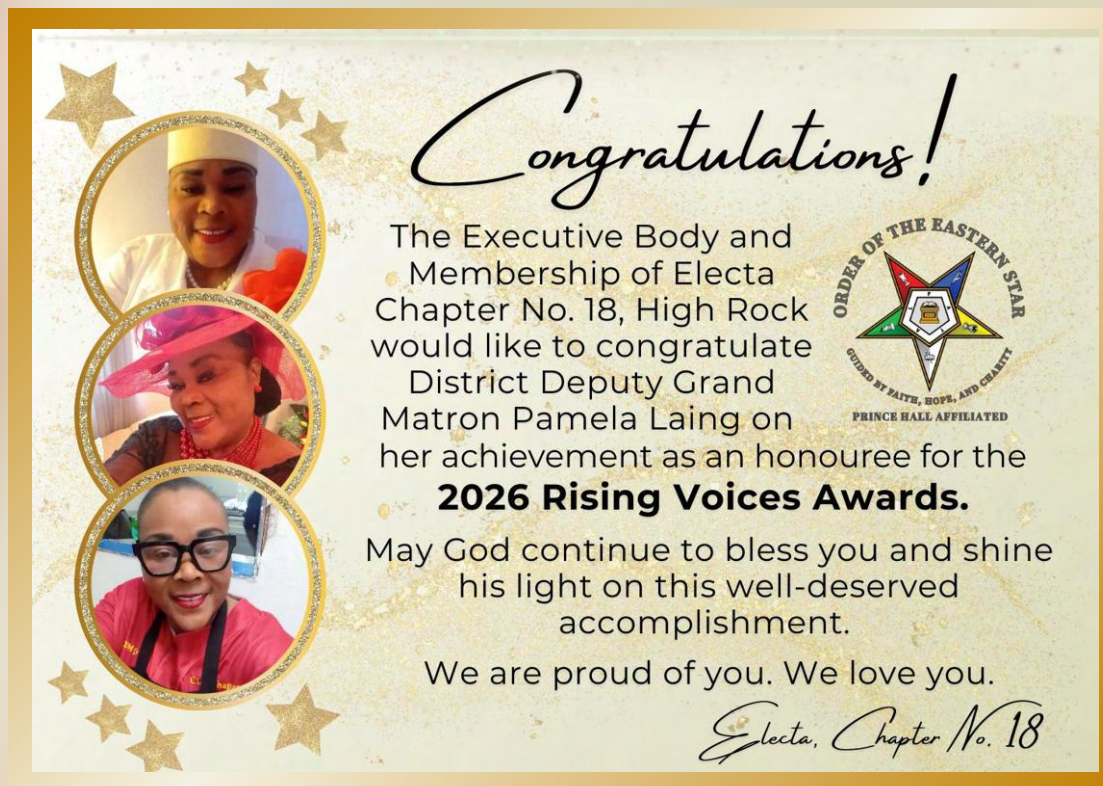
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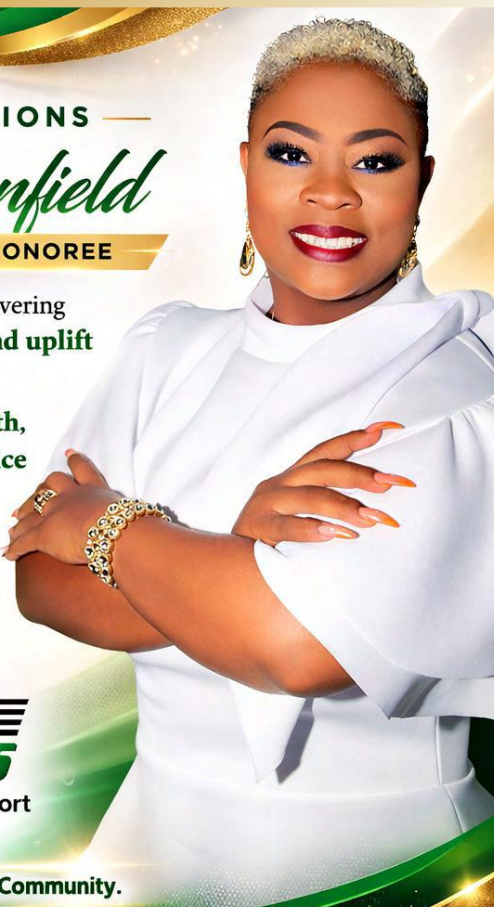
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Congratulations on this well-deserved honor!

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Congratulations



Mrs.

Rolle



On behalf of your entire staff, we want to extend our heartfelt congratulations on this incredible and well-deserved recognition as a Rising Voice.

Your leadership inspires us daily. You lead with courage, clarity, and compassion; never afraid to speak truth, advocate for others, and stand firmly in your purpose. Your voice creates change, opens doors, and empowers those around you to rise higher.

We are honored to work alongside someone who not only leads with excellence but also listens with intention and uplifts with grace. This recognition reflects the impact we see you make every single day.

Congratulations on this milestone. We are proud of you, we celebrate you, and we look forward to watching your voice continue to transform lives.

With admiration and appreciation,
Your Enrollment & Triage Team ♥

CONGRATULATIONS



SHERIKA BASTIAN-ROLLE

Watching you be honored with the Rising Voices Award fills my heart with so much pride. I have always known the power of your voice; your strength, your compassion, and your unfaltering courage to stand for what matters and what is right.

To see you being recognized for what I witness every day is truly incredible. You don't just speak... you uplift. You don't just show up... you lead. Your resilience, especially through every season, inspires me more than you know.

I am honored to walk beside a woman who uses her voice to create change and light. Congratulations, my love. This award is only the beginning of what God has in store for you. I celebrate you today and always.

With all my love,
Travis 💍

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Congratulations
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TO OUR DEAR SISTER

We salute you for your dedication and
commitment to such a noble profession.

FROM SOPHIA THOMPSON
AND FAMILY



Being recognized as a 2026 Rising Voices Award recipient is such a beautiful and well-deserved honor. From our days as high school friends to watching you become the incredible second grade teacher who shaped all three of my children, I have had the privilege of seeing firsthand the heart, passion, and dedication you pour into everything you do.

You have always been more than an educator; you are a champion and a cheerleader. You are a steady source of encouragement not just for your students, but for families like mine. The way you continue to show up, uplift, and inspire speaks volumes about your character and your calling. Our community is better because of you, and so is my family.

Congratulations *Tanya*

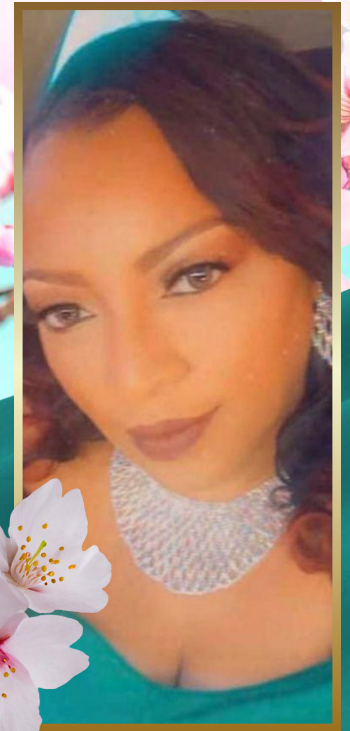
I am beyond proud of you and so grateful for the lasting impact you've made on our lives.

Congratulations again on this incredible achievement—you truly deserve it!

With love,
Shinka, Kiara, Kenadee,
and Eric (TJ) Russell



TANYA BAIN



CONGRATULATIONS

We have seen your love and commitment to your school and your students over the years. We know about all the hard work and dedication you've put into each of your students. You have touched and impacted so many lives in a positive way.

Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition.

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Donald & Deborah Archer

I am honored to be sending a congratulatory message to my two dear friends - *Novlet Smith and Charleen Hamilton*; two hard-working teachers at Sunland Baptist Academy.

Over the years, I have seen these two young ladies pour their heart into their daily work, dedicating their life in shaping and inspiring young lives, to excel in whatever they do.

As your friend, I applaud and celebrate this honor given to you, which you both well deserve.

May God continue to BLESS YOU BOTH.



CONGRATULATIONS,
my friends!
from
Carrol Bennett



Congratulations

to

**Carmel Churchill
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