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WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER
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KEYNOTE ADDRESS **EMIL B. SYMONETTE**
OFFERING
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF HONOREES
CLOSING REMARKS **BISHOP GODFREY R. WILLIAMS**



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Dear Rising Voices Honorees,

It is with deep joy and pride that we extend heartfelt congratulations to each of you on being named Rising Voices honorees for 2025. Your selection is no small achievement—it is a recognition of your faithfulness, resilience, and the impact you continue to make in the lives of others.

This year, as we gather to celebrate your journeys, the word that echoes throughout this moment is legacy. Not just what you've accomplished, but what you are leaving behind. It challenges us to ask ourselves, *"What will remain because I lived?"*

Each of you has already begun to answer that question through your service, your leadership, and your sacrifice. Whether in education, business, ministry, media, medicine, or community development, your efforts are planting seeds that will bear fruit for generations to come.

Legacy is not always loud—it is often the quiet, consistent choices to love well, lead with integrity, and live with purpose. It's in the lives you've touched, the burdens you've lifted, and the truth you've spoken, even when it was hard. And make no mistake: you are leaving a mark. Your lives are already telling a powerful story.

As you reflect on your journey, my prayer is that God will continue to establish and strengthen you in every season. May you leave behind more than accolades—may you leave behind light.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven." – Matthew 5:16

Thank you for saying yes to purpose. Thank you for showing up for your community. And thank you for reminding us that when we live with intention, we leave a legacy that heaven and earth will remember.

**WITH HONOR AND GRATITUDE,
BISHOP GODFREY & MIN. IRIS WILLIAMS**



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Congratulations to the thirty-seven distinguished honorees and six champions of legacy of the Godfrey R. Williams Foundation Rising Voices of Grand Bahama Gala!

Your remarkable achievements and spirit of excellence have inspired our people, contributed to the betterment of our community, and shaped the landscape of Grand Bahama and beyond.

Collectively, you embody the best of The Bahamas – innovation, determination, resilience, fortitude, and limitless talent. May your accomplishments continue to inspire generations to come, and may you always find the courage to rise above challenges and pursue your dreams relentlessly.

On behalf of the Ministry of Grand Bahama and the people of Grand Bahama Island, I congratulate you and celebrate your notable achievements. Cheers to each of you, and may your journey ahead be filled with even greater success and fulfillment.

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EMIL B. SYMONETTE
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Emil B. Symonette was born to the late Rev. Havard and Deacon Doris Minette Cooper, and is the beloved wife of the late Deacon Kenth Symonette. She is the youngest of five children, born and raised in the close-knit settlement of Pinder's Point, where her faith in God was nurtured from an early age. It was also in this nurturing environment that her early foundation in business was laid, working alongside her siblings in the family-owned store, The Island Market.

A proud graduate of Freeport Anglican High School, Class of 1977, Emil went on to pursue higher education at Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, Illinois, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. Deeply passionate about her faith, she later pursued and completed a second Bachelor of Science Degree in Theological Studies.

Emil returned home with a heart to support her father's entrepreneurial vision and served as Assistant General Manager of Doris Minette (Holding) Enterprises Ltd. from 1977 to 1993. Under her leadership, the company experienced significant growth and became the largest Bahamian-owned business in Grand Bahama, employing over 400 people.

Following a restructuring of the company in 1993, Emil and her husband Kenth embarked on their own entrepreneurial journey. Together, they grew their family business to employ over 100 individuals. Before his passing in 2023, Kenth and Emil successfully transitioned the business to their children, Fallon and Kenth II (Noah). Today, Emil continues to serve as a valued Consultant.

Her leadership and administrative gifts have blessed not only the business sector but also her church and community. Emil was ordained as a Deacon at Jubilee Cathedral, where she faithfully served on the Church Council and as a Sunday School teacher. She currently serves as Administrator and a Teaching Ministry leader at Central Zion Baptist Church.

In her civic life, Emil has served on various boards, including the YMCA, the Bahamas Hotel Training College, the Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce, and FOCOL.

A passionate reader, Emil co-founded a women's book club called FRIENDS—Friends Reading Instructing Encouraging Nurturing and Developing Spiritually. The group published a devotional titled *Fresh Bread Made Daily* and celebrates 20 years of sisterhood, spiritual growth, and personal development.

In her quiet moments, Emil enjoys cooking, her daily walks, and spending time with her cherished grandson Kenny—whom she adores and lovingly supports alongside his mother, Andrea.



RISING VOICES *Award*

Established in 2022 by The Godfrey R. Williams Foundation, the Rising Voices Award shines a spotlight on unsung, everyday champions who are making an impact in our community. In an effort to honor individuals whose contributions sometimes go unnoticed, we seek to remind them that their dedication and hard work are far from in vain.

This year, 37 honorees across 10 key categories—Community & Civic Leadership, Rising Voices Youth (Under 30), Education & Mentorship, Arts, Media, Sports & Culture, Justice & Advocacy, Religion, Business & Innovation, Health & Wellness, Environmental & Sustainability, and Philanthropy & Social Impact—are recognized for their leadership, service, and commitment to positive change.

These individuals embody the spirit of resilience, community, and legacy, each leaving a lasting imprint through their unwavering efforts.

CHAMPIONS OF *Legacy*

This year, we are proud to introduce a new distinction within the Rising Voices Awards—the Champion of Legacy honor. This special recognition is reserved for individuals whose enduring impact, visionary leadership, and unwavering dedication to community and national advancement have set them apart as true trailblazers.

These six honorees embody the very essence of legacy—shaping lives, transforming spaces, and inspiring generations to come. We are privileged to celebrate their extraordinary contributions and the indelible mark they continue to leave on The Bahamas.

WHAT IS THE RISING VOICES AWARD?

CHAMPIONS OF LEGACY HONOREES



BETTY *Kemp*

With over 35 years of experience in clinical nutrition, food safety, and public health, **Mrs. Betty Kemp** has devoted her life to transforming lives through the power of nutrition. Her career has taken her across the U.S., the Middle East, and The Bahamas, bringing global and compassionate leadership to every role.

A seasoned dietitian and educator, she has led hospital nutrition programs, trained healthcare professionals, and designed community-based health initiatives. Her work blends clinical excellence with a deep commitment to improving public health through education and access.

She is the author of *Making Nutrition Easy for a Healthy Bahamas*, a practical guide tailored to local needs, and a lasting testament to her passion for accessible wellness. From underserved communities to national platforms, she's helped countless individuals make healthier choices.

Mrs. Kemp's legacy is one of service, education, and advocacy. She continues to inspire a healthier Bahamas—one message, one meal, and one life at a time.



CHERYL *Bain*

A lifelong servant-leader, **Ms. Cheryl Bain's** legacy is defined by her unwavering commitment to community, faith, and nation-building. Born in the quiet settlement of High Rock, South Andros, she rose to become the youngest Principal Nursing Officer in the Bahamas, serving with distinction for 21 years until her retirement in 2023. Her four-decade nursing career—spanning from bedside care to shaping national health strategies—cemented her as a pillar of public health.

Beyond her professional impact, Ms. Bain is deeply rooted in faith and mentorship. Since 1986, she has served faithfully in the Christian Education Ministry at Jubilee Cathedral, mentoring generations through leadership training, youth development, and spiritual growth. She has championed community health, represented The Bahamas at regional health forums, and inspired others through a life steeped in service.

Ms. Bain's influence endures through the countless lives she has touched—as a nurse, minister, mentor, and leader. Her commitment to excellence and empowerment truly exemplifies what it means to be a Champion of Legacy.



EMRICK *Seymour*

A visionary leader, servant of the people, and nation-builder, **Mr. Emrick Kevin Seymour Sr.** embodies what it means to be a Champion of Legacy. From his distinguished service as Deputy Commissioner of Police to his current role as Director of The Bahamas Financial Intelligence Unit, his life's work has left an enduring mark on public safety, leadership, and community transformation.

As Commanding Officer for the Northern Bahamas District, he championed bold initiatives—leading to a 73% reduction in crime—and helped shape the future of policing with the development of two landmark facilities: the Gerald Bartlett Police Headquarters and the Sir Albert J. Miller Police & Fire Complex.

Beyond enforcement, his heart for people has defined his legacy. He has mentored generations of officers, uplifted the vulnerable through service to the disabled and displaced, and responded with compassion in moments of national crisis.

A man of faith, purpose, and principle, Mr. Seymour continues to inspire through action.

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EUDANE *Thompson*

Lenora Eudane Thompson stands as a radiant Champion of Legacy whose impact reverberates through churches, communities, and the nation. Hailing from West End, Grand Bahama, her life has been marked by bold leadership, fervent prayer, and a deep commitment to empowering others to walk in spiritual authority and purpose.

From her early days as the first Women's President at Calvary Temple Assemblies of God to founding Battle Axe Weapons of Prayer, Eudane Thompson has shaped generations through intercession, teaching, and prophetic declarations. Her leadership extended globally through Women's Aglow International and nationally with her historic organization of the first March for Jesus.

A matriarch in ministry and motherhood, her influence stretches from the pulpit to the prayer closet—and into the lives of her five accomplished children. Through her Daily Lenten Declarations, she continues to inspire resilient hope.

Eudane Thompson continues to leave a legacy of faith and transformation.



PAULETTE *Ritchie*

A trailblazer in law, compliance, and community service, **Paulette Osoria-Ritchie** exemplifies what it means to be a Champion of Legacy. Since relocating to Grand Bahama in 1997, she has dedicated her career to strengthening corporate integrity, and mentoring the next generation of legal professionals.

As Senior Legal Counsel and Head of Compliance at GB Devco, she has led impactful initiatives in anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing for more than two decades. Her work earned national recognition, including the 2011 award for "Outstanding Contribution in Elevating Compliance in a Non-Financial Institution" and her 2023 honor as one of the 25 Most Influential Bahamian Women in Business.

Beyond the boardroom, Paulette is a passionate educator, community volunteer, and woman of faith. From teaching law at the University of The Bahamas to serving on relief and environmental committees, she brings excellence and empathy to all she does.

A devoted wife, proud mother, and servant-leader, her legacy is rooted in her commitment to nation-building.



SHERRIL *Wood*

With more than five decades of unwavering service to education, **Mrs. Sherril Wood** stands as a true Champion of Legacy. A pioneer in special education, she began her career with exceptional learners by bringing compassion, innovation, and purpose to those often overlooked. Her influence transcended traditional boundaries, enriching the lives of gifted students, adult learners, and aspiring educators alike.

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

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



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ANDREW *Williams*

Andrew Tremain Williams is a devoted family man, community leader, and advocate for youth development through sports and service. A proud product of the Bahamian public school system, his leadership journey began early as Interact Club President, School Prefect, and basketball captain at Jack Hayward High School. His guiding principle, “We are always being interviewed,” reflects the integrity he brings to all areas of his life. Professionally, Andrew has worked at Buckeye Bahamas Hub since 2003, continually growing through further education and personal excellence.

Andrew’s passion for sports and community is evident in his leadership as President of the Air It Out Flag Football League, Vice President of the Grand Bahama Basketball Association, and founder of the Oilers Flag Football Team. He also hosts the Off the Bench Sports Podcast, using the platform to uplift and inspire. Grounded in his Christian faith, Andrew is an active member of Community at Heart Tabernacle Church and attributes much of his strength to the love and values instilled by his family. Andrew’s life exemplifies purpose, perseverance, and faith, making him a true Rising Voice.



ANISHKA *Wildgoose*

Anishka Wildgoose is a gifted chef, generous community member, and loving mother whose passion for food and people has made her a cherished presence in her community. With years of culinary experience, Anishka brings heart and skill to every dish she creates, blending diverse cuisines with a dedication to flavor and excellence. Her talents extend beyond the kitchen—she is also a soulful singer who brings harmony and joy wherever she goes.

But it’s Anishka’s generosity that truly sets her apart. She regularly donates meals and clothing to those in need, using her culinary gifts to nourish not just bodies but spirits. Guided by her favorite quote—“Never look down on anybody unless you’re helping him up”—she lives a life rooted in compassion and service. A devoted mother, Anishka balances entrepreneurship and creativity with raising her daughter, passing on values of resilience, kindness, and purpose.

Anishka Wildgoose is more than a chef—she’s a nurturer, an artist, and a community pillar. We proudly honor her as a Rising Voice for her unwavering dedication to uplifting others through food, music, and love.



DR. ANTHIA FORBES *Carey*

Dr. Anthia Forbes-Carey is a dedicated pediatrician, humanitarian, and advocate for child health in The Bahamas. She earned her medical degree and Spanish Language certification in Cuba, followed by her Doctor of Medicine in Pediatrics from the University of the West Indies. Her research on the prevalence of adverse childhood experiences in urban communities highlights her commitment to improving the lives of children.

Board-certified by the Caribbean Association of Medical Councils and the Medical Council of Canada, Dr. Forbes-Carey is the founder of Hunt For Care Medical and Pediatrics, where she provides exceptional care to young patients. Beyond her medical practice, she is an active member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and The Pilot Club of Lucaya, organizations that focus on community service.

A devoted wife and mother of three, Dr. Forbes-Carey balances her professional and personal life with grace. In her free time, she enjoys reading, boating, and cultivating her love for Phalaenopsis Orchids. Dr. Forbes-Carey’s dedication to pediatric health, service, and community make her a true inspiration.

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ASHLEY *Carroll*

Ashley Carroll is a dedicated legal professional, leader, and community advocate whose commitment to justice has made her a rising voice in The Bahamas. Born in Nassau and raised in Grand Bahama, she excelled academically, graduating as Valedictorian from Alpha Omega Christian School and later earning degrees in Law from the University of The Bahamas and Northumbria University in England.

As a Senior Prosecutor at the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in Grand Bahama, Ashley prosecutes serious crimes, reflecting her unwavering commitment to justice. Guided by her faith, she upholds the belief in Isaiah 42:1, which inspires her work.

Outside of law, Ashley is an accomplished playwright and director, with her play "GRACE" receiving critical acclaim.

Married to Detective Sergeant Cruz Carroll, Ashley is the proud mother of two daughters, Alaina and Aria. Her dedication to law, leadership, and service continues to inspire, making her a true rising voice in her community.



BILLYJANE *Ferguson*

BillyJane "Miss Sunshine" Ferguson is a compassionate caregiver, dedicated Rotarian, and community leader whose life reflects service, resilience, and love. With over two decades in the medical field, she currently serves as a caregiver at Sunshine Senior Care & Services, having previously worked alongside renowned doctors like Dr. Harvard Cooper and Dr. Kevin Bethel.

A proud mother of four and grandmother of nine, BillyJane also embraces the role of bonus mom to many, embodying love and inclusivity. She has been an active member of the Rotary Club of Lucaya since 2006, holding numerous leadership positions, including President, Assistant Governor, and Area Governor. Under her leadership, the club constructed a state-of-the-art playground at Beacon School and played a key role in rebuilding Grand Bahama after Hurricane Dorian, assisting in home reconstruction and community restoration efforts.

Guided by her faith, BillyJane lives by her personal motto, "Be God's Hands Extended," and is an active member of Agape House Ministries. Her unwavering commitment to service, faith, and community continues to inspire and uplift everyone around her.



BONNIELYNN *Coakley*

Bonnielynn Coakley is a dedicated healthcare professional and community servant whose 11 years in the healthcare industry have made a lasting impact on Grand Bahama.

Bonnielynn earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the College of The Bahamas and began her career at Rand Memorial Hospital in 2013. She found her passion in neonatal care, serving as a special care nurse for infants over the past nine years. In 2015, she earned a Pediatric Critical Care certification in Hunan, China.

In 2019, Bonnielynn completed a postgraduate degree in Healthcare Administration from the University of The Bahamas and is currently pursuing a Master's in Healthcare Administration at Walden University. A respected leader, she is known for her unwavering commitment to quality patient care.

Bonnielynn is also an active member of the Nurses Association GB Branch, where she serves as Secretary. Outside of her career, she is a devoted wife to Lenryck Coakley and a loving mother to their daughter, Lynnaeh. Her dedication to healthcare, service, and lifelong learning continues to inspire those around her.

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CALVIN *McIntosh*

Calvin McIntosh is a man whose life reflects dedication, service, and a commitment to excellence. His educational journey began at Hawksbill All Age School, Freeport Primary School, and Catholic High School, where he graduated with honors. Initially aspiring to be an electrician, he pursued a career in technology, earning an associate's degree in Electronic Technology and a bachelor's degree in Electronic Engineering from Tampa Technical Institute, graduating summa cum laude in 2003.

Calvin has spent over two decades at the Grand Bahama Airport Company, rising from trainee to Supervisor of Communication, Navigation, and Surveillance, describing his journey as rewarding and humbling. Beyond his career, he is a devoted father and mentor. Since 2009, Calvin has coached St. George's High School's senior boys' basketball team, impacting over 400 young men, instilling discipline and growth under his motto: "Building the Whole Man."

Guided by Proverbs 14:23, Calvin believes success comes from hard work and service, leaving a legacy of leadership, mentorship, and community dedication.



CASSIETTA *Pelecanos*

Cassietta McIntosh-Pelecanos is a distinguished attorney and partner at McIntosh & Co., a law firm established in 2007. The firm offers a range of legal services, including family law, estate planning, and civil litigation, serving both local and international clients.

Cassietta earned her Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) and Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) from the University of Keele in England and completed the Bar Vocational Course at the University of Nottingham and was called to both the English and Bahamian Bars in 2001.

Committed to her community, Cassietta offers public education on legal issues through free speaking engagements. She also spearheaded the McIntosh Family Give Back in February 2024, distributing over 400 food parcels to families in need. Cassietta serves as Deputy Chairman of Lucayan Renewals Holdings and is a board member of the Freeport Airport Development Company, focusing on Grand Bahama's revitalization.

Above all, she cherishes time spent with her sons, Theophilus Jr. and Andreas, and remains committed to the memory of her late husband, Theophilus Sr.



DANE *Strachan*

Dane Strachan is an entrepreneur, musician, and community leader whose life combines faith, creativity, and service. As the founder of The Cutting Edge Barbers and Supplies, he has spent 25 years in the grooming industry, turning his barbershop into a community hub. He also created "Shop Talk," a visual podcast that focuses on men's issues and youth mentorship, showing his commitment to empowering the next generation.

A talented songwriter and artist, Dane has created impactful music like "Jah Love Never Fail" and "Today is a Good Day." As a member of the Lion of Judah unit, his work has left a lasting mark on Caribbean music. His creativity continues to inspire.

Faith and family are central to Dane's life. A devoted husband and father of two, he also serves as a sound engineer at his local church. Through his business, music, and mentorship, Dane encourages others to pursue their passions and make a positive impact on their communities.

Dane Strachan's journey exemplifies how one person can use their talents to uplift others and inspire lasting change.

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DR. DARIO *Roberts*

Dr. Dario Bradley Roberts is a pioneering entrepreneur and leader in blockchain technology and FinTech. Founder, chairman, and CEO of Virsymcoin Virsympay and Bahabeach Global Solutions, he has over 40 certifications in computer and software engineering from top institutions like Microsoft, Adobe, and Cisco. Dr. Roberts holds a Doctorate in Computer Science from Colorado Technical University.

In 2021, he was recognized by Yahoo News as "The FinTech Entrepreneur Who Is Redefining the Financial Services Industry." In 2023, the London Journal named him one of the "Top Finance Entrepreneurs and Influencers to Follow."

Beyond his entrepreneurial success, Dr. Roberts advises governments, corporations, and prominent individuals on blockchain and financial technologies. He is also a devoted family man, married to Aisha since 2008, with four children: Tenisha, Kelson, Daisha, and Darisha.

Dr. Roberts is a respected global advisor, author, and influencer, driving innovation in technology and finance. His contributions continue to shape the future of the financial services industry.



DARNELL *Laing*

Darnell Laing is a passionate educator, youth leader, and principal of Pumkin Patch Preschool. With a degree in Occupational Health and Safety from Columbia Southern University, her true calling has always been in early childhood education. Her career began as a Junior Achievement mentor, where she discovered a love for guiding and empowering young people. At Pumkin Patch, she has created a nurturing space where children are encouraged to grow, learn, and thrive.

Rooted in faith, Darnell believes her path has been divinely guided. Inspired by her late mother and supported by her father and stepmother, she leads with compassion and care. As a mother to Jamal and Jordan, she brings personal insight and empathy to her role.

Beyond the classroom, Darnell serves in youth ministry at her church, continuing her mission to mentor the next generation. Her leadership is grounded in love, consistency, and a desire to help others succeed.

Her dedication to education, faith, and service has made her a respected figure in her community and a rising voice in early childhood development.



DEANDRE *Forbes*

DeAndre "Dre" Forbes is a modern-day Renaissance man whose diverse talents and deep commitment to service have touched many lives. As a certified customer service representative at The Grand Bahama Development Company, he is known for his professionalism and compassion, consistently delivering excellence in client care. He also works in the funeral industry, providing comfort to grieving families with empathy and care. Dre is actively involved in community initiatives, including the Keep Grand Bahama Clean campaign and breast cancer awareness efforts, reflecting his dedication to causes that uplift others.

A gifted singer and worship leader, Dre's musical contributions include choir performances, background vocals, and harmonizing with gospel groups. His ministry offers a meaningful space for reflection and connection through faith. He also expresses his creativity through modeling, adding another layer to his artistic pursuits.

With a strong sense of purpose and heart for service, Dre brings compassion, talent, and leadership to every area of his life. His unwavering dedication continues to make a lasting impact on his community.

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DIONDRE *Stubbs*

Diondre Stubbs is a devoted servant of God, gifted musician, and passionate community leader whose life reflects unwavering faith and service. Born Diondre Mott to Elder Deon and the late Missionary Ruthmae Mott, she was raised in a home rooted in biblical values. From a young age, she served in various church roles—secretary, Sunday school teacher, choir director, and youth leader.

A graduate of Trinity School of Music, Diondre founded the gospel group Image and later joined Prophetic Voices, traveling nationally and internationally. She has lent her voice to artists such as Jonathan Nelson, Simeon Outten, and Lawrence Rolle.

Since relocating to Grand Bahama in 2015, she has become active at New Life Worship Center, serving as President of the Women's Ministry, Office Administrator, and Praise Team Leader. Diondre is also CEO of Lyssew S., a property manager, mentor, and Program Director of Carry Your Candle Light Bahamas.

A wife, mother of four, and ordained Deacon, Diondre lives by the words: "I do not know what tomorrow holds, but I know who holds tomorrow."



DOMONIQUE *Pinder*

Domonique Mack-Pinder is an executive leader, mentor, and servant of faith whose life reflects purpose, excellence, and service. With a Bachelor's in Political Science and a minor in International Business Relations from the University of Western Ontario, she is currently pursuing her MBA at the University of East London.

She has over 15 years of leadership experience, beginning at the Grand Bahama Power Company, where she became known as "The Dom" for her ability to lead with clarity and results. She later served as a Regulatory Business Consultant to the Turks & Caicos Government and now holds the role of Senior Operations Manager at Carnival's Celebration Key.

Domonique is deeply rooted in her faith and family. She and her husband Drexel are raising four children and are active in sharing their testimony through ministry, coaching, and prayer. Her influence spans Bible studies, seminars, and podcasts, where she speaks with prophetic insight and encouragement.

A passionate mentor, Domonique is committed to building others up and shaping the next generation of leaders.



DREXEL *Pinder*

Drexel Stevenson Pinder Jr. is a seasoned professional, community servant, and devoted family man whose career and life reflect excellence, leadership, and faith.

A graduate of Kettering University with a Bachelor's in Industrial Engineering and a Master's in Engineering Management, Drexel's journey began at Machinery & Energy Ltd. (M&E) in 2012. He quickly rose through the ranks from Parts Supervisor to Commercial Manager, overseeing operations across multiple territories and earning numerous awards, including the 2024 M&E Leadership Award and recognition among top Caterpillar Latin American dealers.

Drexel's commitment to his community is evident in his service as a Deacon at Calvary Temple Assemblies of God and his work with his wife to strengthen marriages and empower men. A devoted husband to Domonique and father to four, Drexel lives by the principle that one's core values should remain constant.

His legacy is built on integrity, hard work, and a deep faith, making Drexel a respected leader in both his professional and spiritual communities.

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ELVARDO *Kemp*

Elvardo Jamicko Kemp is a dedicated professional, community leader, and proud father. The twin son of Luell Kemp (late) and Rosalie Kemp-Harris, Elvardo's educational journey took him through Lewis Yard Primary, Walter P. Parker Primary, and St. George's High School, graduating in 2001.

Elvardo's career in the maritime industry began in 2001 at the Grand Bahama Shipyard as an apprentice. He became a Certified Ultra High-Pressure Mechanic in 2005 and later transitioned to the Quality Assurance Department as a Junior Non-Destructive Testing Inspector. Promoted to Assistant Training Manager in 2016, Elvardo developed a groundbreaking training program in Liverpool, UK, for new apprentices.

Beyond his professional work, Elvardo is active in the community, serving as Team Manager for the Bahamas Basketball Federation. He has traveled internationally with national teams to Canada, Mexico, and Panama.

A devoted father, Elvardo enjoys traveling, swimming, and cooking. He continues to inspire with his leadership and commitment to excellence in both career and community.



FLOYD *Feaster*

Floyd Feaster Jr. is a man of integrity, servant leadership, and unwavering dedication to his community. Born to Floyd Sr. and Clara Jane Feaster, Floyd was raised with strong Christian values that have guided him throughout his life.

Floyd's journey began at Sweetings Cay All Age School, Maurice Moore Primary, and St. George's High School. Growing up in Sweetings Cay, he developed a deep passion for serving others, eventually becoming a youth pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Professionally, Floyd has served in various roles, including his current position as Supervisor of the Deeds and Documents Section at the Registrar General's Department.

Floyd's commitment to his community is reflected in his role as President of the Sweetings Cay Homecoming Association and Deputy Chief Councilor for Sweetings Cay. He is known for his generosity and selfless nature, often found working on charitable ventures and always giving back to those in need. His life is a testament to faith, integrity, and service. His journey from Sweetings Cay to becoming a respected leader continues to inspire those around him.



GEORGE *Mills*

George Mills is a dedicated educator, mentor, and community leader with over 20 years of service in The Bahamas' education system. A devoted husband, father, and advocate for youth empowerment, Mr. Mills has made significant contributions at the primary, secondary, and tertiary levels, shaping young minds and future leaders.

Mr. Mills began his teaching career in 2005 at Claridge Primary School in New Providence as a 4th-grade teacher. He later moved to Abaco, where he taught at Central Abaco Primary and created a program to help sixth-grade students explore historical landmarks in New Providence.

After a year teaching at Wemyss Bight Primary in Eleuthera, he returned to Grand Bahama in 2016, teaching Computer Studies at Bartlett Hill Primary and serving as Senior Master at Walter Parker Primary, St. George's High, and Eight Mile Rock High School. He also served as an adjunct instructor in the IT department at BTVI.

Mr. Mills is committed to mentorship and guiding students to reach their full potential and become leaders in their communities.

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GLENNETT *Fowler*

Glennett Fowler is a visionary leader, entrepreneur, and advocate for national development in The Bahamas. As President & CEO of Heroic Group Limited, she has significantly contributed to the logistics, maritime, and construction industries, driving economic growth and creating opportunities for Bahamian-owned businesses.

Glennett established Heroic Concrete & Concrete Products, the first large-scale Bahamian-owned ready-mix and block manufacturing plant in Freeport, Grand Bahama, creating jobs and strengthening the local economy. With expertise in logistics, supply chain management, and port operations, she holds a Master's Degree in Human Resources, certifications in Supply Chain Management and Logistics, and a degree in Port Agency, Logistics & Dry Dock Logistics from Lloyds Maritime Academy.

A committed community leader, Glennett serves as 1st Vice President of the Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce and mentors young professionals. Her work continues to empower others and foster innovation, leaving a lasting impact on national development.



JERMAINE *Smith*

Jermaine Smith is a dynamic leader and District Manager of AML Foods, with a 26-year career in retail marked by hard work, perseverance, and excellence. Starting his career at the age of 15 working at Downtown Winn-Dixie, Jermaine became the youngest warehouse manager at City Markets by 19, and by 21, he was the youngest Store Manager at Downtown Winn-Dixie.

In 2012, Jermaine joined AML Foods, where he thrived in structured environments, first serving as an Assistant Manager and later progressing to Store Manager. By 2024, he was promoted to District Manager, overseeing food distribution operations across The Bahamas. Jermaine drives sales, enhances customer experiences, and develops associates to achieve company goals, fostering a culture of excellence.

Guided by his faith, family, and life motto, "If you can think it, you can be it," Jermaine's commitment to excellence has been the cornerstone of his success. Outside of work, he is a devoted family man, passionate Miami Dolphins fan, and section leader for the Platinum Knights Junkanoo group, actively contributing to his community.



JERRY *Lowe*

Jerry Lowe is a dedicated public servant, patriot, and loving family man whose life reflects service, loyalty, and a deep love for The Bahamas. From the cays of Abaco to the shores of Grand Bahama, Jerry's heart beats for his Bahama Land.

He began his career with the Bahamas Customs Department in 1995 as a Trainee Customs Officer and has risen through the ranks to become a Senior Customs Revenue Officer at the Lucayan Harbour, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to the nation.

A proud member of the Alpha Lodge, Jerry has achieved the 33rd Degree Master Mason level. He has contributed countless hours of service to the Grand Bahama community.

A loyal Miami Dolphins fan, Jerry's dedication mirrors his perseverance. Family is central to his life. He carries forward the legacy of his late parents and is a devoted father to his three daughters and a loving husband to his wife, Merranda.

Jerry Lowe's life is one of integrity, service, and dedication to his community, family, and country, making him a true Bahamian hero.

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JESSICA BAIN *Whitfield*

Jessica Bain-Whitfield is a dedicated educator, creative visionary, and community leader whose journey is marked by perseverance, service, and faith. She holds a Bachelor of Education in Primary Education Generalist and serves as a third-grade teacher and coordinator at Freeport Primary School, home of the mighty Conquerors.

Renowned for her innovative teaching style and supportive leadership, Jessica fosters a collaborative environment among her colleagues while ensuring students receive an engaging and well-rounded education. Her role as a mentor reflects her commitment to excellence and continued growth within the school system.

Outside the classroom, Jessica is a devoted wife to Patrick Whitfield Jr. and a loving bonus mom to Peyton. She expresses her creativity through balloon décor and event styling, bringing beauty and joy to every occasion.

Grounded in faith, Jessica is inspired by Philippians 4:6-7 and lives by the motto: "Get up, dress up, show up, but never give up." Her life reflects resilience, purpose, and a deep passion for uplifting others through education and service.



KAREN FERGUSON *Bain*

Karen Ferguson-Bain is a passionate community leader, cultural advocate, and humanitarian whose 16-year commitment to Pilot International has made a lasting impact both locally and globally. As President of the Pilot Club of Lucaya, she launched a breakfast program in 2015 that has since served over 10,000 nutritious meals to students at Lewis Yard Primary and Beacon School, boosting both health and academic performance.

Beyond her work in The Bahamas, Karen represented her nation at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, addressing pressing issues such as gender-based violence. Her global advocacy reflects a deep commitment to safety, empowerment, and equality. A proud culturalist, Karen has led a Bahamian delegation on a cultural exchange at the Flock Moot Festival in North Carolina and has co-hosted Junkanoo coverage on ZNS TV 13.

Now serving as the 2024-2025 Secretary of Pilot International Inc., she remains a force for good in every arena she touches. Karen credits her greatest inspiration to her son, Kacy Mark-Anthony Bain.



KAYLISA *Sands*

Kaylisa Sands is a dedicated guidance counselor, passionate community servant, and empowering role model whose work and faith inspire those around her. She serves as a Senior Itinerant Guidance Counselor at the Beacon School and Lewis Yard Primary in Freeport, Grand Bahama, where she affectionately refers to her students as her "precious gems."

Kaylisa holds a Master's Degree in School Counseling from the University of The Bahamas in partnership with Kent State University. She began her career teaching Religious Studies at H.O. Nash Jr. High School in New Providence and later transitioned to counseling to better support students' personal growth.

She is an active member of the Sunset Pilot Club of Grand Bahama and the Bahamas District of Pilot International, where she has held several leadership roles, including Anchor Director and District Compass Coordinator.

A woman of faith, Kaylisa leads a church group for young women and owns Beauty Call By K. Simone, a makeup artistry business rooted in empowerment. She is the proud mother of two sons, Kaydyn and D'kori.

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KEEL *Pinder*

Keel Pinder is a passionate coach, mentor, and former athlete whose dedication to baseball has impacted countless young athletes across The Bahamas.

His athletic path began at Walter Parker Primary, where he excelled in track before discovering his passion for baseball. As a standout in the Grand Bahama Little League, Keel earned a scholarship to Barber Scotia College and later attended Paul Quinn College. Though his playing career was cut short due to medical reasons, he transitioned into coaching and never looked back.

Since 2007, he has led the Predators baseball franchise, earning national titles, guiding players to scholarships, and coaching the 18U Bahamas National Team. His efforts have opened doors for young Bahamian athletes, including training trips to the Dominican Republic and the U.S.

A proud father to Keel Jr., Keel continues to pour into his community through sports and mentorship. His story is one of determination and leadership, shaping not only athletes but future leaders through the game of baseball.



KELDRA *Pinder*

Keldra Pinder is an educator, author, community leader, and role model with over 23 years in education. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from The College of The Bahamas and a Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction from Barry University. Currently, Keldra teaches English and coaches debate at Jack Hayward Senior High School, where she inspires students with her passion for critical thinking.

She is a Readers' Favorite award-winning author of *The Water Has Come*, a memoir that shares her belief in overcoming life's challenges through faith. Keldra also writes children's books and was crowned Mrs. Bahamas-World 2011, later serving as a pageant director and judge.

Keldra co-leads Lighthouse Maritime and Logistics Services with her husband and is an active member of the Rotary Club of Grand Bahama, where she serves as Youth Service Chair. She also volunteers with Meals on Wheels and worships at the Church of the Ascension.

A passionate advocate for education, service, and empowerment, Keldra continues to inspire others through her work, dedication, and life of service.



LAKISKA *Johnson*

Lakiska Russell Johnson is a school psychologist with nearly 25 years of experience empowering children and communities. She holds a Master of Education (MEd) and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS) in School Psychology, providing professional development, counseling, and consultations.

Lakiska has led training for churches, youth organizations, and corporate entities across The Bahamas. After Hurricane Dorian and the Covid-19 pandemic, she played a key role in the Grand Bahama Mental Health & Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Coordination Team, supporting affected communities.

She is President of the Grand Bahama Resilience Center's Advisory Board, a member of the Vessels of Purpose Elite Girl's Mentoring Organization Board, and serves on the Bahamas Psychological Association's Executive Council.

Lakiska is also a devoted mother and active member of Life Community Church, where she serves as Director of Children's Affairs. In her free time, she enjoys reading, traveling, and family time.

RISING VOICES HONOREES



LUCIANNA *Parker*

Lucianna Parker is a financial services professional, mentor, and dedicated family woman, guided by her favorite scripture, Jeremiah 1:5a—"Before you were born, I set you apart." With over 30 years in banking, she currently serves as Assistant Manager of Corporate Credit Services at Bank of The Bahamas Limited, overseeing operations in Grand Bahama and the Family Islands. Lucianna has received numerous accolades, including "Employee of the Year" and recognition as one of the "Forty Gems" for her outstanding contributions to Grand Bahama.

As a deacon at A Call to Holiness Ministries—Agape House and volunteer at the Bahamas Red Cross, Lucianna is an avid supporter of community-based initiatives. Lucianna is a mentor to many, guiding them in spiritual, academic, and personal growth, and is affectionately called "Mumz" by her mentees. She is married to Eldridge Parker Sr. for 29 years and is the proud mother of three children: Eldridge Jr., Ethan, and Elana.

Lucianna continues to inspire with her commitment to family, faith, and service, leaving a lasting legacy in her community.



MELFORD *Joachim*

Melford Joachim, popularly known as Money Like Dirt, is a trailblazing entrepreneur and one of Freeport's most celebrated disc jockeys. As the CEO of Da Riddim 102.7 FM and MLD Productions, Money has made an indelible mark on the music and entertainment industry.

Money's journey began in 1988 when he started lifting speakers, a humble beginning that fueled his passion for music. In 1996, he volunteered his services to Bucks for a year, laying the foundation for his illustrious career. Over the years, he has become a dynamic and beloved figure in the DJ scene.

In November 2021, Money took his passion to the next level by launching Da Riddim 102.7 FM, a radio station dedicated to supporting emerging DJs and showcasing the best in music. His popular show, "Early Bird Gets the Worm," has captivated audiences not only in The Bahamas but across the region and the world, solidifying his status as a global influencer in the industry.

Money's dedication to uplifting others and his commitment to excellence have made him a true pioneer.



NIKITA *Mullings*

Nikita Mullings is a trailblazing leader and history-maker, serving as the first Bahamian and first female Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Grand Bahama Power Company.

Her resilience, integrity, and commitment to excellence have set a high standard in the energy sector and beyond.

As Director of Customer Operations and Stakeholder Relations, she led the restoration efforts following Hurricane Dorian in 2019, earning widespread respect for her leadership during one of The Bahamas' most challenging times.

Nikita holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a minor in Chemistry and a Master's in Environmental Studies. She furthered her training with executive certifications from Harvard Business School and has over a decade of experience in Missouri's environmental regulatory programs.

She has taught at the University of The Bahamas and remains active in youth mentorship and community service. In 2024, she was recognized as a 40 Under 40 honoree. Her life is guided by Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

RISING VOICES HONOREES



ROCHELLE *Higgs*

Rochelle Beatrice Abigail Higgs is a devoted servant, passionate minister, and respected community leader whose life reflects unwavering faith, compassion, and service. Born in West End, Grand Bahama, she has spent decades impacting lives through ministry and outreach.

Called to serve from a young age, Rochelle founded Anointed to Conquer, a powerful prayer ministry that has become a beacon of hope for many. In 2011, she launched a feeding program that continues to provide vital support to the elderly and underserved in her community.

Rochelle's ministry has taken her across the globe—including the United Kingdom, United States, Canada, Turks and Caicos, and throughout The Bahamas—spreading messages of healing, faith, and empowerment.

A proud mother of seven and grandmother of seven, she balances her devotion to family with her calling to serve. Her life is a testament to faith in action and an inspiring example of how one person's love and obedience to God can transform a community.



ROSS *Burrows*

Ross Geronimo Burrows is a dedicated father, community leader, and passionate advocate for youth development. As President of the West Grand Bahama Community Sporting Association, Ross has played a pivotal role in local athletics, mentoring young athletes and fostering positive growth.

His coaching success includes leading his Bahamas Flag Football team to two consecutive National Championships. For over 22 years, Ross has organized a summer basketball program that provides a safe, enriching environment for young men, encouraging them to stay focused to achieve their dreams.

In addition to sports, Ross serves as a Porter at Grand Bahama Health Services, demonstrating his commitment to his community. He enjoys reading, playing dominoes, traveling, and cherishing quality time with his children, Raquel and Ross Jr.

A devoted member of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Ross lives by Matthew 6:33: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." His faith, dedication to service, and love for his community continue to inspire those around him.



SASHA *Rolle*

Sasha Fonisha Rolle is a dedicated healthcare professional whose passion for nursing and education has made a significant impact on her community. A graduate of the University of The Bahamas with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Sasha began her career at Princess Margaret Hospital before returning to Grand Bahama to serve in the Emergency Room at Rand Memorial Hospital for four years. Since 2017, she has been a key member of the Kidney Centre team.

Sasha's passion for community work began in high school, which led her to join Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated in 2013. Today, she serves as the President of the Pi Upsilon Omega Chapter in Grand Bahama, leading with purpose. She also serves in children's ministry, Jubilation Station.

A devoted wife to Roshad Rolle and mother to Roshai and Rory, Sasha is pursuing a Master's degree in Nursing Education. Her goal is to mentor future nurses, ensuring high standards of healthcare for generations to come. Sasha's journey is a testament to the perfect blend of passion and purpose, leaving a lasting impact on both the medical field and her local community.

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SHANICE *Pinder*

Shanice Pinder is a dedicated nurse with nearly a decade of experience in nephrology. A graduate of the University of The Bahamas, she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing with honors and began her career at Grand Bahama Health Services before specializing in nephrology at the Kidney Centre.

Shanice is one of the few certified dialysis nurses in The Bahamas, holding certification from the Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission. She is also a member of the American Nephrology Nursing Association, reflecting her commitment to professional development and patient advocacy.

A proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Shanice has served on the Internal Audit Committee and chaired the Physical and Mental Health Committee. Her dedication to compassion, justice, and community service drives both her personal and professional life.

Married to Glinton Pinder, Shanice is balancing her career while pursuing a Master's Degree in Nurse Executive Leadership. Her journey is one of perseverance and passion, reflecting her commitment to patient care and service.



SHARADE *Taylor*

Sharade Taylor, a Bahamian singer, songwriter, and cultural ambassador, uses his music and mentorship to inspire resilience, pride, and hope for The Bahamas. His unique sound blends Junkanoo, rake and scrape, and rock, celebrating Bahamian culture while delivering powerful messages of identity, success, and gratitude.

Sharade's musical journey began in church and later with the Grand Bahama Youth Choir. His breakout hit, "Junkanoo Party," launched his national career. Songs like "You Know What You Gat" inspire listeners to appreciate their blessings.

Sharade's performances celebrate Bahamian heritage, while his mentorship at the Beacon School empowers students. In 2011, he traveled with Up With People, performing community service and spreading peace.

Sharade's wife, Ethel Taylor, serves as his manager and videographer, and together they raise their son, Wyatt, in a home filled with love, music, and Bahamian traditions. Through his music and service, Sharade continues to build a legacy of empowerment and pride for The Bahamas.



SHERONE *Brown*

Sherone Brown, a beauty entrepreneur, professional makeup artist, and published columnist, has over 14 years of industry experience. As the founder of Beauty Enhancers, she has dedicated her career to enhancing beauty through expert makeup artistry, education, and high-quality beauty products.

Sherone's talent has earned recognition locally and internationally, including a 3rd place finish in a prestigious makeup competition in Orlando, Florida. A sought-after artist, she serves a distinguished clientele and travels across The Bahamas and Turks and Caicos to offer her signature services.

In addition to her artistry, Sherone is a published writer, sharing her expertise in Wybe magazine through The Female Catalogue column. Her work has also been featured in UP and Away, the in-flight magazine of Bahamasair. Passionate about inspiring others, she participates in career day events, encouraging others to pursue their entrepreneurial dreams.

With plans to launch her own beauty and skincare line, Sherone continues to impact the beauty industry, empowering others to become trailblazers.

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WAYNESHA *Thompson*

Waynesha Veronica Faith Thompson, a multi-talented artist, entrepreneur, and leader, is shaping a bright future for herself and her community. Born on January 16, 2002, in New Providence, The Bahamas, she is the youngest of four siblings and a nurturing aunt.

From the age of three, Waynesha's artistic talents were evident. She became a standout performer, winning numerous national awards at the National Arts Festival. Her parents nurtured her gifts by enrolling her in music and dance schools, leading to several national and international dance competition awards.

Waynesha dreams of opening a performing arts school in Freeport, Grand Bahama, to inspire the next generation of performers. Alongside her artistry, she is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Marine Biology at the University of The Bahamas. Waynesha is also an entrepreneur, founding Way Beyond Beauty Artistry and Way 2 Go Graphic Designs.

Guided by her favorite scripture, Psalm 139:14, Waynesha believes her talents are part of God's plan. She continues to inspire others with her creativity, faith, and determination.

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We celebrate you, not just today, but also for the many achievements yet to come.

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Congratulations Andrew!

*I want to congratulate you, my love,
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*Your hard work, dedication, and unwavering
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in the Bahamas have truly paid off,
and it's amazing to see your efforts
being recognized.*

*You inspire us every day,
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that you are being acknowledged
for all that you do.*

*We love you and are so excited to see
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on your well deserved recognition!

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We believe that this is just the beginning for you, and we have no doubt that you will continue to excel in the future.

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— Matthew 5:16

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You are a Blessing

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights." - James 1:17

Always use your gifts to bring glory to God because it is His gift given to you.
Stay humble in all things and God will exalt you in due season.

CONGRATULATIONS DEANDRE

We Love you and May God continue to bless you always!

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Dad, Mum & Your Brothers



and shall renew
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not faint.

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DEANDRE FORBES

Jubilee Cathedral's Music & Fine Arts Ministry extends a sincere congratulations to you on being selected for this year's Rising Voices achievement. We wish you many more years of success as you continue to be a beacon of light and follow the path God has set before you.



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You both are not only a voice for your community and beyond, but you are also a voice for your family! You live by the values you share, setting an example for all of us who see you everyday.

As your family, we just want to say how proud we are of you. Keep inspiring others and letting the light of Jesus shine through you.

With love,
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Congratulations Drexel and Domonique, for receiving the Rising Voices Award! On behalf of the Mack family, we celebrate you both and rejoice in the Lord for all that he is doing in both your lives. May the Lord continue to enable you both to be a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are proud of you both! Blessings always, from your parents, Clarkson & Della Mack & your entire family!

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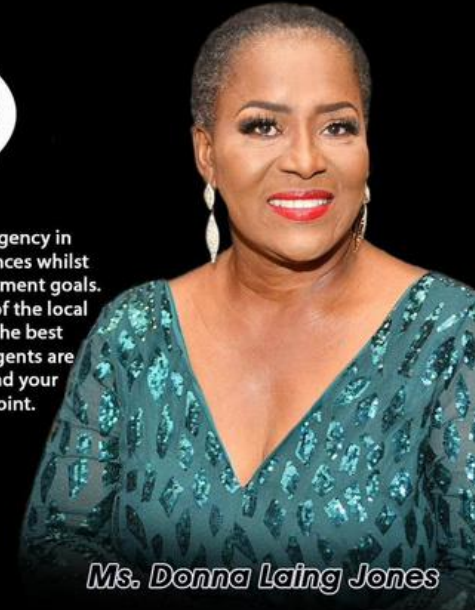
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The heart of man plans his way but it is the Lord that establishes his steps.

—Proverbs 16:19

Continue to be a source of hope and inspiration to everyone you come into contact with. You've been a beacon of light wherever you go spreading positivity, motivation and JOKES to lighten the mood in situations that may seem tense, introducing a more cheerful and positive atmosphere.

May God continue to order your steps because Eyes has not seen nor ears heard, neither have it entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him (YOU).

**FROM YOUR ORIGINAL BESTIE
REKA PRATT-WRIGHT**

HONOREE
SPOTLIGHT



Q: Can you share a time when you felt especially moved by God's grace?

"In 2015, my family and I relocated to Eleuthera. What started as a move became a season of reflection, renewal, and purpose. We were drawn to a local ministry and felt led to serve. It was there I witnessed God not only move in my life, but in others around me. That chapter changed me—it deepened my relationship with God and clarified my purpose in all areas of life."

Q: How has your faith shaped your perspective on life?

"I've learned that we all have a divine assignment. When we operate outside of God's will, like Jonah, we can find ourselves lost. But obedience brings clarity. My journey has shown me that God has a purpose for each of us—one we must pursue with trust and humility."

Q: What inspired your path in education?

"Honestly, I didn't choose this path—it chose me. Over time, I realized that maybe I was placed here for just one person I was meant to impact. It took nearly two decades for that to become clear, and I believe I've already met the individuals I was sent to influence, whether I know it or not."

Q: Tell us about a challenge you overcame.

"I once held a promoted position—new office, new responsibilities, glowing reviews. But then I learned I wasn't officially promoted. It felt like a demotion. That year was tough, but it turned out to be the best year of my career. I chose not to let disappointment affect my purpose. I gave my all to my students, trusted God, and eventually received the official promotion."

Q: What helped you stay grounded through that season?

"Faith, prayer, and the support of my family. Scripture reminded me that 'it was good that I was afflicted.' That challenge deepened my spiritual life and strengthened my character. I kept showing up, committed to my students, knowing God was still writing my story."

Q: What scriptures anchor your faith?

"Psalm 91. Philippians 1:6. Ecclesiastes 3. Proverbs 4. These remind me of protection, purpose, timing, and wisdom."

Q: What advice would you give to future generations?

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Even when the path feels uncertain, God is working. Seek His will and use the gifts He's given you to glorify Him."

Q: What legacy do you hope to leave?

"I want to be remembered as someone who gave his best, encouraged others, and lived as a voice of reason and hope."

Q: What are some of the most important lessons life has taught you?

"Let God's will be done in your life. Trust Him in difficulty. Use your gifts well, and make the most out of every situation and relationship."

Q: What moment are you most proud of?

"Whenever I see former students, players, mentees—or my own children—thriving and succeeding, that's when I feel proudest. Their victories are my greatest joy."

GEORGE *Mills*

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GEORGE MILLS



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thou hast been faithful over a few things, I
will make thee the ruler over many things...”*

– MATTHEW 25:21

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**YOUR WIFE MAGGIE AND CHILDREN
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Congratulations George

To a hardworking and dedicated individual, we congratulate you for being recognized as one of the Rising Voice Award recipients for 2025.

Your contributions have not gone unnoticed. You have truly made a positive impact on others. May your steps be ordered by the Lord and may God continue to bless you and elevate you as you fulfill the plans and purposes that he has prepared for you.

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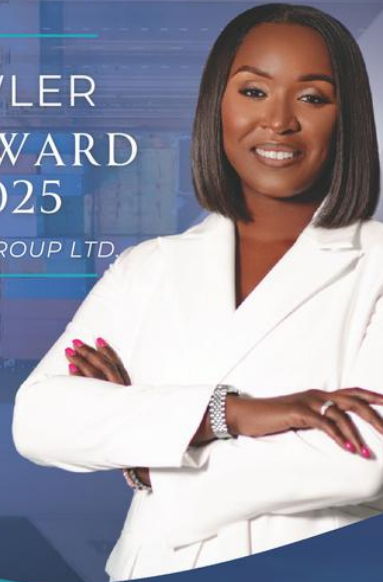
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TO THIS STATURE OF A MAN

My love, you are so deserving of this award.
You exemplify what it is to be a man that
serves his Country, Family & God.

I am so proud of you, and everything that
you do and represent. Continue on the path
that you are on.

**GOD BLESS YOU.
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CONTINUE TO SOAR LIKE A MIGHTY HAWK.



Congratulations Jessica

On behalf of the Spiritual Insight Show, Pastor Kevin and Dedre Ewing extend heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Jessica Whitfield for being honored as a Rising Voices Awardee.

“A teacher who truly burns the midnight oil knows that the most rewarding moments come from the light of understanding that shines in a student's eyes.”

— Anonymous

As Mrs. Whitfield's former supervisor, I can confidently say that she is an outstanding educator who embodies this sentiment. Her dedication, passion, and exceptional teaching skills set a high standard for both current and future educators. She seamlessly blends structure, creativity, and engaging content while utilizing practical resources to enhance learning.

Mrs. Whitfield doesn't just teach—she inspires. She brings education to life, fostering an environment where students flourish. If I had to describe her in one word, it would be EXTRAORDINARY.

May God continually exceed your expectations. We are incredibly proud of all your accomplishments!



“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.”

PSALM 32:8 (NKJV)

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Jessica Whitfield

ON BEING HONORED AS ONE OF
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We wish you continued success and God's blessings in all that you do!

WITH LOVE FROM TEAM 3, TERRELL HIELD (SUPERVISOR),
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"Whatever your hands find to do, do it with all your might."
—Ecclesiastes 9:10

Congratulations to Our Beloved Baby Girl

JESSICA S. WHITFIELD



We are beyond proud of all you have accomplished! From the moment you entered this world, it was clear that you were destined for greatness.

Your dedication, compassion, and unwavering love for what you do continue to inspire everyone around you. From every late night spent working toward your dreams to every challenge you've overcome, you have shown incredible strength and perseverance.

We have always believed in you, supported your vision, and today, as you shine so brightly, our hearts are filled with overwhelming joy. Your papa would be so proud of you. Always remember that he is watching over you, smiling at all you have achieved. His love and guidance will always be with you.

May God continue to bless and guide you in all that you do. Keep walking in faith, knowing that He has extraordinary plans for your future.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” – Jeremiah 29:11

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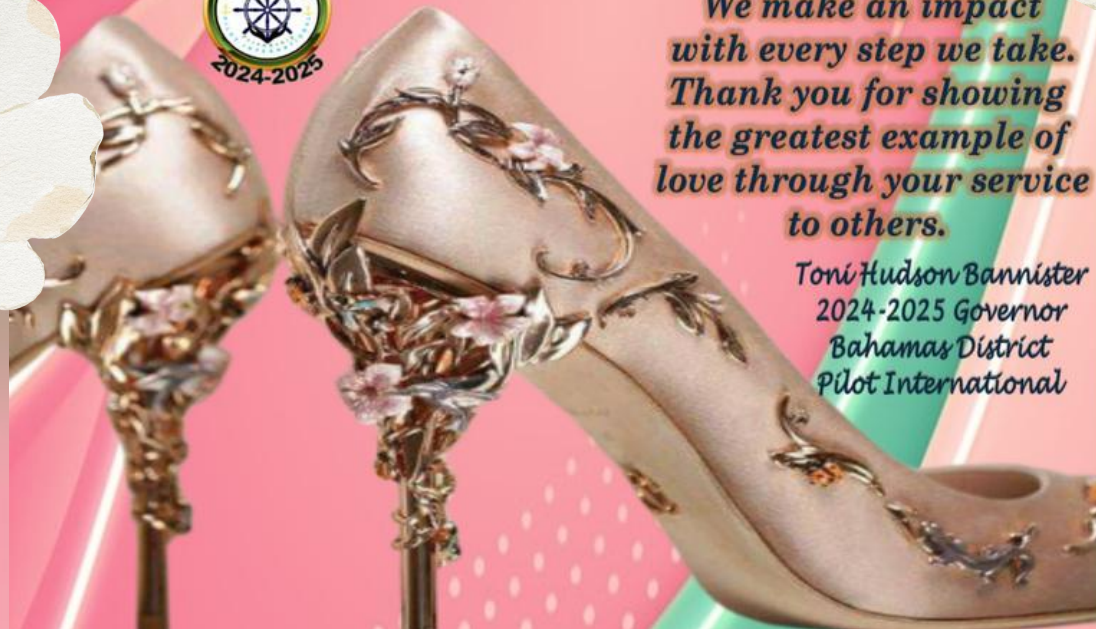
Karen Ferguson Bain

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*Toni Hudson Bannister
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Karen Ferguson-Bain

Your incredible work, passion, commitment, and
the impact of your voice makes a difference.



Lesia Sands RDH





The Executive Board and Members of the ACW of the Pro-Cathedral of Christ the King extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes to our dear sister,

Karen Ferguson-Bain,

on this well-deserved recognition.

Your unwavering dedication to service, advocacy, and cultural preservation is truly inspiring. As you continue to labor in the vineyard, may God bless and strengthen you for the journey ahead. We celebrate you and pray for your continued success in all your endeavors.



CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations Karen on your well-deserved award! Your journey towards this accomplishment has been inspirational. May this serve as a shining beacon, encouraging you to dream bigger.

Stay Humble and Soar Higher!

The Magnificent Divas

Congratulations



Karen Bain-Ferguson
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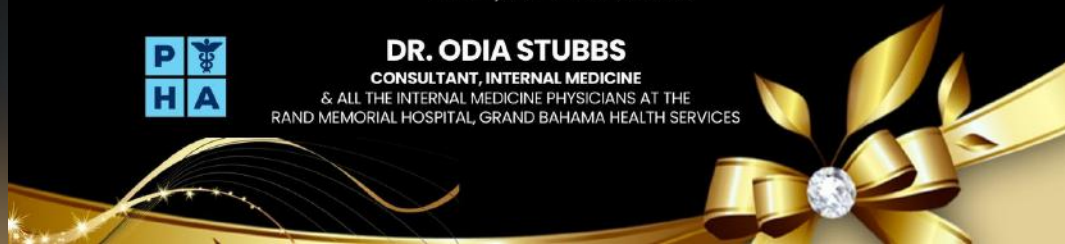
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Karen Ferguson-Bain

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**My Dear Friend and
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You are an amazing woman who makes every moment of life an opportunity for excellence! Your outstanding achievements, and this, the prestigious Godfrey Williams Foundation “Rising Voices” Award, and every other award, accolade and recognition you have been honored to receive, speak to your unwaveringly strong personal character, grounded in your love and service to God, the community of Grand Bahama and beyond!



*May you continue to be
blessed beyond
measure, pressed down
and running over!*

Elizabeth Bridges



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Karen Ferguson-Bain

on being recognized as one of the

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**She is most deserving because of the incredible impact her
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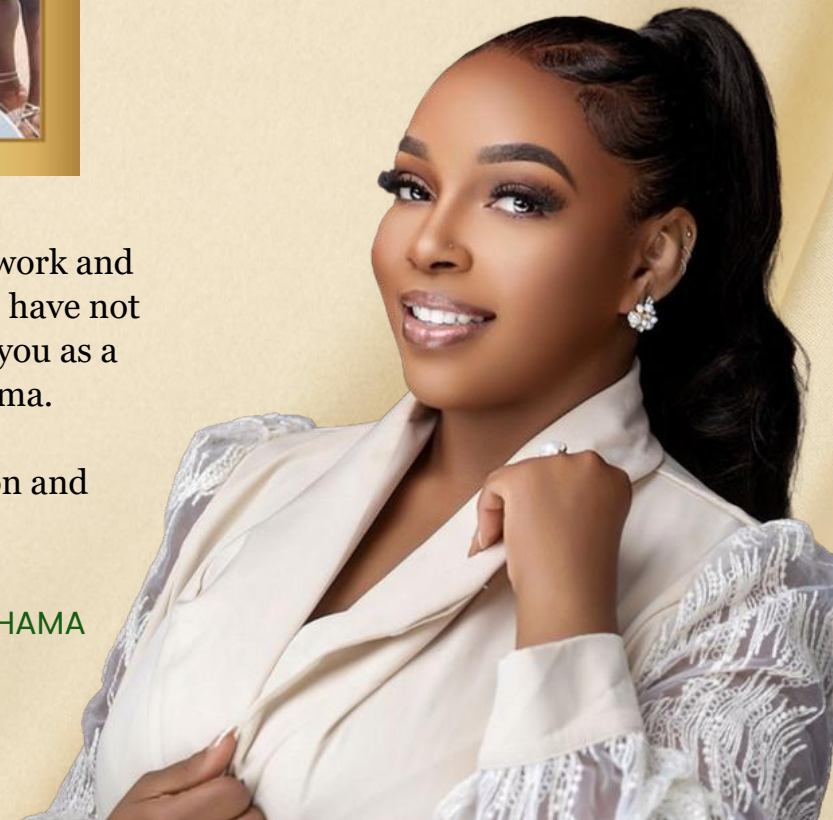
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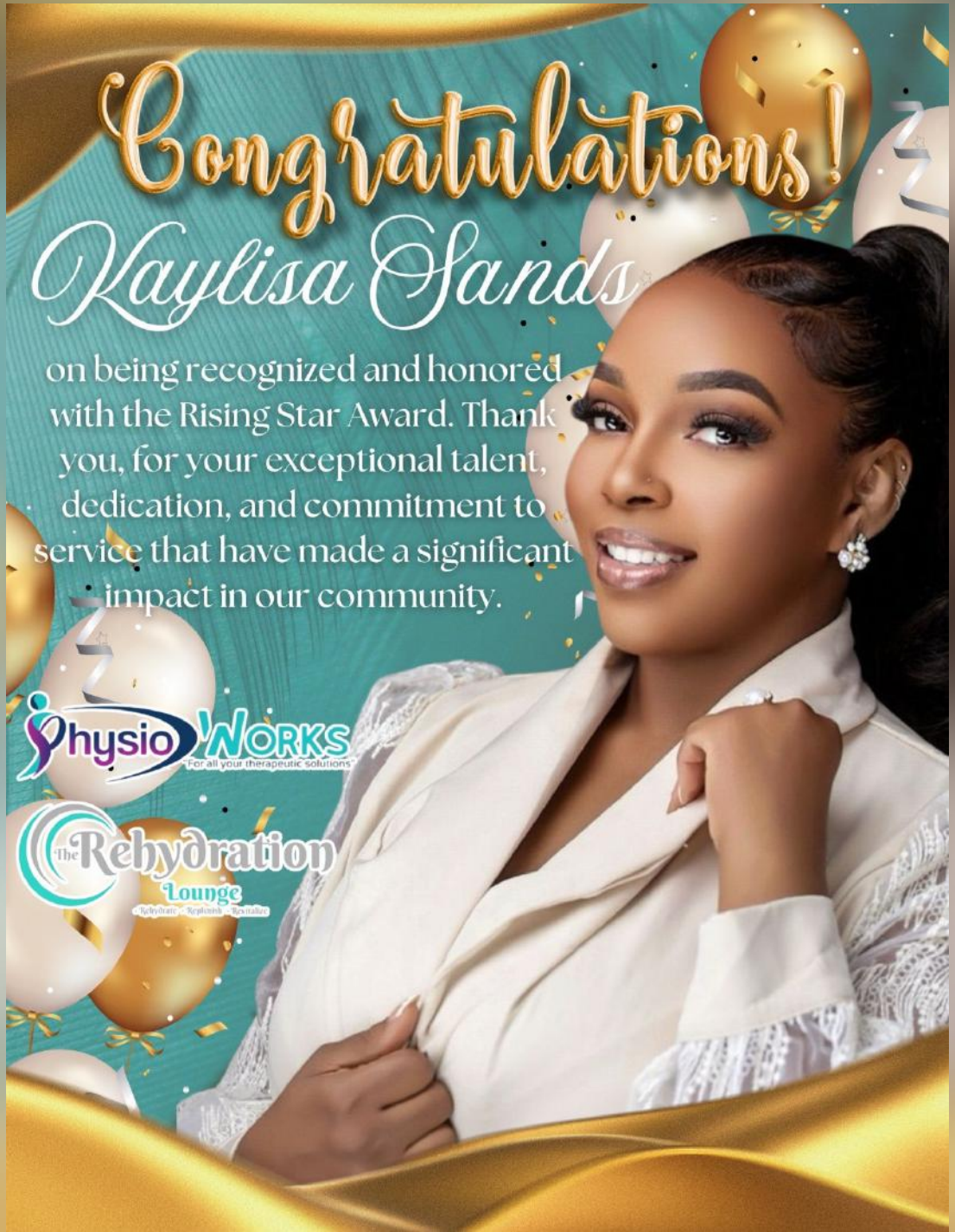
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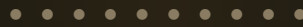
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*Your Husband, Philip &
Your Children, Jalen, Janaiya, Jalanna, and Jaymin*

KELDRA PINDER





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impactful work in raising her voice and making
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Q: Can you share a time when you felt especially moved by God's grace?

"During Hurricane Dorian, as my family and I clung to the rafters of our home surrounded by rising waters, I felt God like never before. His grace didn't just carry me through—it called me into deeper purpose. I knew if I survived, it wasn't by chance. I was chosen to witness and tell the story of His mercy."

Q: How has your faith shaped your view of life and purpose?

"Faith has shown me that my worth isn't tied to titles or success—it's rooted in being a child of God. It's given me identity, purpose, and a lens through which I now see the world. I'm here not just to exist, but to reflect His love and live with intention."

Q: What inspired your journey?

"After becoming a wife and mother of four, I realized how deeply I needed God. I didn't choose this path—I responded to a divine call that had always been there. Every trial was part of His design to mold and prepare me."

Q: What was one of your biggest challenges?

"Facing unexpected opposition, especially from people close to me. But I stood firm in faith. My husband and I pressed forward with integrity and prayer. Today, our business stands as proof of God's faithfulness."

Q: What legacy do you hope to leave?

"A life rooted in faith, service, and love for family. I want to be remembered as someone who walked with God through every season and inspired others to do the same."

Q: Are there any scriptures that deeply anchor you?

"Yes. Proverbs 3:5–6 reminds me to trust God with all my heart. Romans 8:28 assures me that nothing is wasted. Isaiah 43:2 became real during Dorian, and Jeremiah 29:11 fuels my hope. These scriptures guide my daily walk."

Q: What advice do you have for future generations?

"Trust God fully. Compete only with yourself. Live with integrity and serve with excellence. Let your life be a light that points others to Him."

Q: What life lesson do you carry daily?

"Life is hard—but with Jesus, it's bearable and beautiful. I've learned the value of faith, financial stewardship, health, and resilience. These lessons shape how I lead, love, and live."

Q: Do you have any proud moments?

"I'm proud to be a mother—four times over. It's a privilege and a legacy. I'm also proud to be a virtuous wife, honoring my role with grace and integrity."

I've worked hard, published a book, and started a business—each showing me God's provision and the power of resilience.

But most of all, I'm proud of dedicating my life fully to the Lord. That commitment is the foundation of everything else."

KELDRA *Pinder*



“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint.”

Isaiah 40:31 (niv)

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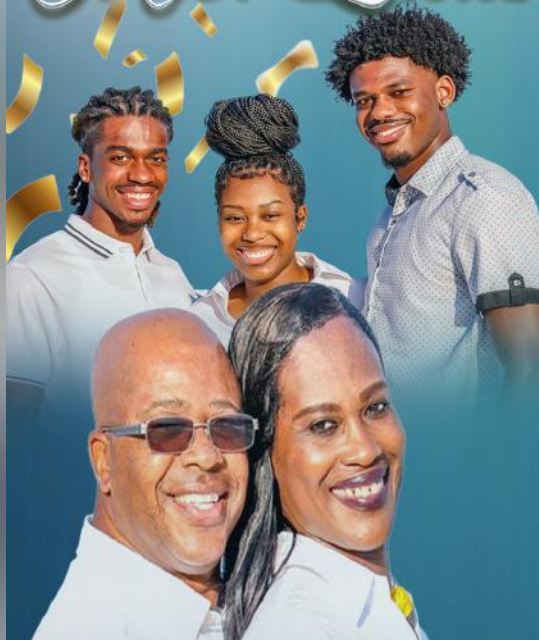
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Congratulations *Mrs. Lucianna Parker*



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Best Wishes on all of your accomplishments thus far. We know you will continue to inspire many others for generations to come.

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We Love You!
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Elani, Elle, & Tania





CONGRATULATIONS

**MRS. LUCIANNA
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on your nomination and for all your hard work and dedication. Continue to exceed expectations. Wishing you the best in all your future pursuits.

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CONGRATULATES MRS. LUCIANNA PARKER

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AND WE ARE IN AWE OF YOUR DEDICATION.

*“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as
working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you
know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord
as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”*

COLOSSIANS 3:23-24

MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS AND
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1 CORINTHIANS 2:7



Mrs. Lucianna Parker
**YOUR BOB FAMILY
CONGRATULATES YOU**

ON BEING HONORED WITH THIS
"RISING VOICES AWARD"

Your dedication, passion and incredible work have truly made a meaningful impact and this well-deserved recognition is a testament to your commitment and excellence.

May this achievement serve as a stepping stone to even greater success.



WISHING YOU CONTINUED GROWTH, INSPIRATION AND MANY MORE MILESTONES AHEAD!



Congratulations
MRS. LUCIANNA PARKER

From the Management & Staff of Jamaica Bahama Imports

Your dedication and hard work are truly inspiring, and we are proud to celebrate your accomplishments. Wishing you continued success as you make a lasting impact on our community.





Congratulations!

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*Congratulations to the visionary leader
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*Your unwavering commitment and
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TO:
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FROM:

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VERY OWN CEO FOR YOUR WELL-DESERVED RECOGNITION AT THE RISING VOICES 2025 AWARDS! YOUR DEDICATION AND LEADERSHIP CONTINUE TO INSPIRE US ALL. HERE TO EVEN GREATER SUCCESS AHEAD!

Congratulations
Nikita Mullings

TO A GREAT WIFE AND MOTHER, FOR THIS GREAT
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PURSUING YOUR DREAMS AND ASPIRATIONS.

WE LOVE YOU! BOMAN, CHARIS, MYAH & KYLE



Congratulations!

NIKITA MULLINGS

On your well-deserved success! Philippians 4:13 you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you!

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TO
**MRS. NIKITA
MULLINGS**

A RECIPIENT FOR THE RISING VOICES AWARD

Your passion, dedication and unwavering commitment to what you believe has truly been inspiring. This recognition is a testament to your hard work and the powerful impact of your voice in the community.

What a blessing it is for others to see, hear and recognize what God is doing in your life. You are not only making waves today, but also paving the way for so many others in the future.

Mrs. Mullings, keep shining, keep rising, and keep using your voice to create meaningful change in the world today.

CONGRATULATIONS



HONOREE
SPOTLIGHT

Q: Can you share a time when you felt especially moved by God's grace?

"I had oversight of an area unfamiliar to me and prayed for wisdom. God equipped me to solve problems and deliver with excellence. Someone even asked if I was a certified accountant! I smiled—because in that season, God carried me and provided exactly what I needed."

Q: How has your faith shaped your perspective on life?

"My faith has been my anchor when I felt like quitting—when key team members left or things went wrong, God stepped in. He reminded me that it was all Him. My reliance shifted from people to the unshakable strength of God."

Q: What inspired your path in education?

"I never imagined leading a corporation. I wanted to be a nurse—for the money! But I followed a different path, fell in love with environmental studies, and became passionate about leadership. I aspired to be the first Bahamian leading the company—and I prayed, worked hard, showed up, and God did the rest."to influence, whether I know it or not."

Q: Tell us about a challenge you overcame.

"2024 was hard—outages, public criticism, discouraged teams. I leaned into prayer and fasting. I sought help—from Jesus, my mentors, and my leaders. I turned away from negativity and focused on God's word. He kept me."

Q: What barriers did you break?

"Being a woman in a male-dominated, engineer-heavy field was tough. But I showed up Godfidently—knowing I can't, but God can. I asked questions, built relationships, kept learning, and always gave credit where due."

Q: What scriptures ground you?

"Philippians 4:13—'I can do all things through Christ.' Psalm 91, 23, 34, and 37. I also live by: 'Treat others how you want to be treated' and 'Nothing worth having comes easy.' These truths fuel me daily."

Q: What advice would you give to future generations?

"Stay with God. Believe in yourself. Work hard in silence—let success make the noise. Never compromise your character."

Q: What legacy do you want to leave?

"A legacy of empowerment, Godfidence, belief, and unwavering faith."

Q: What are some life lessons that stuck with you?

"Exodus 14:14—'The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.' And remember: the arms of flesh will fail. Stay true to your values and walk with integrity."

Q: What moment are you most proud of?

"Becoming a Proverbs 31 wife and mom of three, being named the first Bahamian and first female COO, and receiving the 40 Under 40 award in 2024."

NIKITA *Mullings*



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SUTHERLAND-ROLLE

CHAPTER PRESIDENT

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SASHA ROLLE

Congratulations! We are so proud of
all of your accomplishments. Continue
to excel!
We Love You!
-Lydia's Clan



Congratulations

Sasha Rolle

on being selected as a "Rising Voice". Your dedication and community involvement have truly paid off, and this recognition is a testament to your outstanding achievements.

We are so proud of you!

Love always,

Your Rolle Family





Sasha

SASHA ROLLE

A LOVING WIFE & MOTHER

CONGRATULATIONS
ON THIS ACHIEVEMENT



You are diligent in anything you put your mind to and we are proud of you. Continue to excel and never stop striving for more. Your drive is our motivation.

WE LOVE YOU,
ROSHAD, ROSHAI & RORY



Congratulations

MRS.

Shanice Pinder

ON THIS RECOGNITION

We take pleasure in congratulating Mrs. Shanice Pinder for her recent achievement in accepting the Rising Voice award from the Godfrey R. Williams Foundation. We celebrate with you, Shanice, and pray much success in all future endeavors.

“And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall be corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.” — Daniel 11:32

Continue to shine and to represent the Kingdom of God. Your Lifeguards Flow Group encourages you to stand tall and accept this honor with all gratitude to God.

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Congratulations to
My Amazing Daughter **SHERONE BROWN**

I am incredibly proud of you. Even in my absence, your ambition and determination shine brightly, setting goals and standards that not only inspire you but everyone around you.

You have surpassed every expectation, and your achievements are a testament to your hard work and resilience. Always remember that you are capable of achieving anything you set your mind to. Your journey is just beginning, and I am excited to see where your dreams will take you. Keep pushing forward, and never doubt the incredible potential that lies within you.

As you continue on this path, I want to share a scripture that I hope will encourage you: *Philippians 4:13* - "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Let this be a reminder that you are never alone in your endeavors. With faith and perseverance, there are no limits to what you can achieve. Keep shining, my amazing daughter. The world is yours for the taking!

WITH ALL MY LOVE AND PRIDE, YOUR MOM MARY



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ON YOUR RECOGNITION FOR YOUR

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STEADFASTNESS HAVE AND WILL
CONTINUE TO SERVE AND BENEFIT
OUR COMMUNITY.

Congratulations



Coach Mc Intosh and Ms. Ferguson

We appreciate your love and support for our children and our team

Thank you both for all you do



from the students, coaches, and parents

Congratulations

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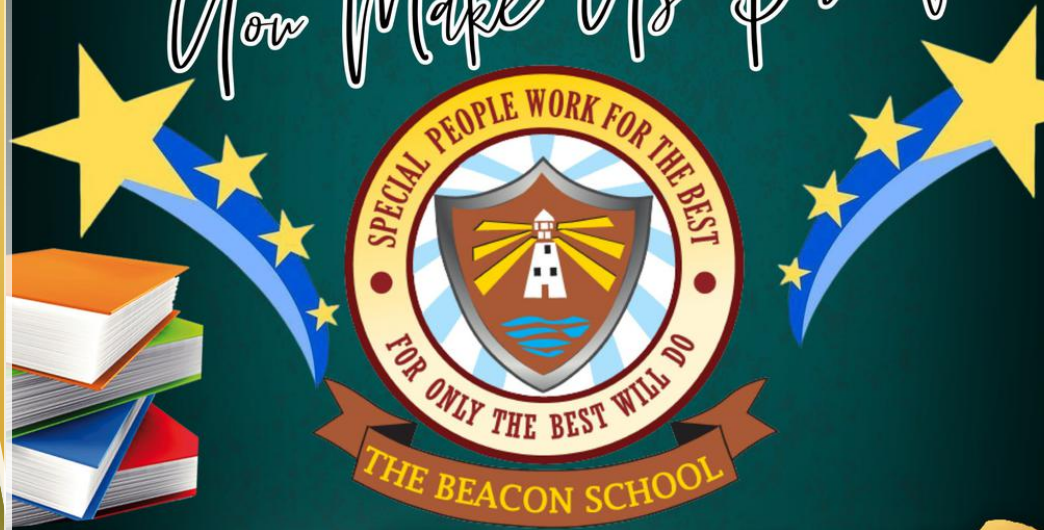
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Best Wishes to all honourees especially:
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Mrs. Karen Bain-Ferguson, Mrs. Lakiska Johnson
& Ms. Billy Jane Ferguson

Congratulations

ON BEING HONORED WITH
THE RISING VOICES AWARD BY
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DR. ANTHIA
FORBES-CAREY

AND

KAYLISA SANDS

THANK YOU FOR HELPING FEMALES TO FIND
THEIR VOICES, EMPOWERING THEM TO USE IT,
AND ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO LISTEN.

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CELEBRATING A TRUE CHANGE MAKER KAREN FERGUSON-BAIN

Karen, your journey is a testament to the power of resilience, compassion and purpose-driven leadership. Your unwavering commitment to serving the community, amplifying the voices of those in need and creating meaningful change has touched countless lives. You embody the essence of service, not for recognition, but for the genuine betterment of others. Your work stands as an inspiration to many - encouraging us all to rise, give and uplift. This award is not just a reflection of your past efforts but a beacon of what's still to come. May you continue to blaze trails, empower others and leave a legacy that transcends generations.

We celebrate you today and always. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor!



HONORING THE REMARKABLE KAYLISA KEMP

Kaylisa, your unwavering dedication, passion and commitment to uplifting others have made a profound impact in the community. Your voice is not just heard - it resonates, inspiring change, empowering lives and fostering hope where it is needed most. This award is a testament to the countless hours, sacrifices and selfless work you have poured into making a difference. You are a beacon of light, reminding us all that true leadership is measured not just in achievements, but in the lives we touch and the hearts we uplift. May this honor serve as yet another stepping stone in your journey of purpose and may you continue to shine, inspire and elevate those around you.

Congratulations Kaylisa! The world is better because of you.

Congratulations

are extended to

Honoree Mr. Ross Burrows

and

Honoree Mrs. BonnieLynn Coakley

in recognition of your unselfish service to the
Grand Bahama Communities.

We commend you for being a community builder.
Keep up the good work!



From: PNO Prescola Rolle and DPNO Kathy Saunders



Rev. Dr. Roberts &
Rev. Rochelle Lockhart

THE SENIOR PASTOR, ALONG WITH OUR ASSOCIATE
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Continue to abound in *excellence*
while making a *difference* in your
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Congratulations

MR. ANDREW WILLIAMS

ON BEING SELECTED AS A RISING VOICE HONOREE

You have always been such an inspiration to us and you've positively impacted so many others. We are very proud of you and all the amazing things you do.

LOVE YOUR SISTER,
CASEY AND THE LARODA FAMILY



**MR. ANDREW
WILLIAMS**

Congratulations

You are the first grandson of my loving sister Paula and my first nephew of her daughter, Mrs. Catherine Dickenson Williams and Mr. Alexander Williams. You embody love and kindness. You are an honest, respectful young man deserving of this recognition. Thank God for You.

**From Your Loving Aunt,
Ettimae Austin & Family**

"For I know the thoughts I think towards you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, not of evil, to give you an unexpected end."

-Jeremiah 29:11 KJV





CONGRATULATES

**ANDREW
WILLIAMS**



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Congratulations
**Bro. Calvin
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From The RWM, Office Bearers and
Members of Lodge St. Andrew 1756



Congratulations Anishka Wildgoose

Congratulations, Anishka Wildgoose, on being recognized as a Rising Voices Honoree! Your dedication and impact are truly inspiring, and this honor is well deserved. Wishing you continued success on your journey!

From the Wildgoose Family: Burnell, Amytress, Demetrius, Donnalee, John, Michelle, Kadreah, Amiah, Demetrius Jr. & D'Ajanae
And the entire Wildgoose and Saunders Family!



Congratulations Anishka Wildgoose

Congratulations on reaching this milestone! Wishing you continued success in all your endeavors.

From: Greg, Valencia and Amira Langstaff



Congratulations
CALVIN

From: Tempestt, Calvin, Cameron,
Temera, Mrs. Lundy, Renaldo and
Jerliza!

WE LOVE YOU!



CONGRATULATIONS
Darnell



Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance continue to inspire us all. Watching you achieve this incredible milestone fills our hearts with joy, and we know this is just the beginning of even greater things to come. Keep shining and reaching for the stars—there's no limit to what you can achieve!

WITH LOVE AND PRIDE,
YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS



HONOREE

MS. LAING CONGRATULATIONS

ON YOUR 2025 RISING VOICE HONOR

On behalf of the entire team at The Pumpkin Patch, we want to extend our heartfelt congratulations on being recognized as a Rising Voice 2025 Honoree!

This achievement is a testament to your hard work, leadership, and the incredible impact you continue to make. Your vision and dedication inspire us all, and we are so proud to see your efforts being celebrated. We have no doubt, that this is just the beginning of even greater accomplishments ahead. Keep doing amazing work, your leadership is truly making a difference!

LOVE ALWAYS, YOUR TEAM AT THE PUMKIN PATCH



Congratulations Ms. Darnell Laing

From the moment our son started at The Pumpkin Patch Preschool you became more than a principal —you became family.

Your love, dedication, and belief in every child have made a lasting impact on our hearts. We are forever grateful for all you've done and wish you nothing but the best. You are so deserving of this honor!

With Love, The Nunez Family





Congratulations
DEANDRE

Your brothers and I are beyond proud of you for being a Rising Voice Honoree! Your hard work, dedication, and talent continue to shine, and this is just the beginning of your amazing journey. Keep reaching for the stars—there's no limit to what you can achieve!

**WITH LOVE AND PRIDE,
MOM & YOUR BROTHERS**

To a dynamic young man, our beloved **DEANDRE "DRE" FORBES** as a Rising Voice honoree 2025!

CONGRATULATIONS



CHECKLIST

- ✓ Loves God
- ✓ Prioritizes Family
- ✓ Multi-Talented
- ✓ Hard Working
- ✓ People Friendly
- ✓ High Standards

Continue to exceed in your God given purpose and may God continuously bless you.

LOVE ALWAYS, THE CARROLLS



CONGRATULATIONS DeAndre "Dre" Forbes

**ON BEING HONORED FOR YOUR
REMARKABLE CONTRIBUTIONS!**

Your debonair style and unwavering dedication to your craft inspire all around you. Your presence lights up every room, and this recognition is a testament to your hard work and talent. God's continued blessings be on you, as you continue to allow Him to use you for His Glory. We love you!

**From your Aunties: Emily, Geraldine, Pamela
and the entire family of the Late Maziee Forbes**

*"When the time is right, I, the Lord, will
make it happen." — Isaiah 60:22*

DeAndre

Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance have led you to this amazing achievement, and we couldn't be prouder of you. May this be just the beginning of a journey filled with success, joy, and endless possibilities. Keep shining and striving for greatness!

**With Love and Pride,
Auntie Djuana and Family**

CONGRATULATIONS



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WISHES TO EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS TO**

**DEANDRE
"DRE"
FORBES**

ON YOUR NOMINATION TO RISING VOICES!

AS IT IS WRITTEN IN **PROVERBS 16:3**, "**COMMIT TO THE LORD WHATEVER YOU DO, AND HE WILL ESTABLISH YOUR PLANS.**"

YOUR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK HAVE EARNED YOU THIS ESTEEMED RECOGNITION. WE ARE INCREDIBLY PROUD OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUED SUCCESS.

Congratulations Drexel & Dominique

Your love story is nothing short of inspiring—a testament to strength, resilience, and unwavering commitment that form the foundation of your beautiful family. As partners, you have navigated the highs and lows with grace and unity, always finding a way to support and uplift each other.

We, your Sistah Friends, congratulate you both on this wonderful Rising Voice Award. May your journey together continue to be filled with joy, love, and countless more beautiful moments. We are truly blessed to have such amazing role models, and we are inspired by the incredible example you set.

**WITH HEARTFELT LOVE AND
CONGRATULATIONS,
TANYA, CARLA AND LISA**





Congratulations

YOUR FATHER WOULD BE SO PLEASED WITH YOU!
YOU ARE A "RISING VOICE" INDEED; GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR SUCCESS.

"THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU, THE MIGHTY WARRIOR WHO SAVES.
HE WILL TAKE GREAT DELIGHT IN YOU; IN HIS LOVE... BUT WILL REJOICE
OVER YOU WITH SINGING.
(ZEPHANIAH 3:17)."

Mr. Floyd Feaster

YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENT FILLS OUR HEARTS WITH JOY!
YOU ARE PROOF THAT DISCIPLINE, DEDICATION AND DETERMINATION ARE
IMPETUSES
TO THOSE WILLING TO SACRIFICE TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS.

FROM: MAMMY, AUNT CHARMAINE, UNCLE STEVE SON, UNCLE DAVE & THE REST
OF THE FAMILY...
WE LOVE YOU!



Congratulations ELVARDO

ON BEING HONORED WITH THE RISING VOICES AWARD
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CONTINUE TO MAKE AN IMPACT IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

FROM THICK & CURVY BOUTIQUE
& THE ULTIMATE SOUSE HOUSE



Congratulations

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Mr. Floyd Feaster

BELOVED, I PRAY THAT IN EVERY WAY YOU MAY PROSPER AND
ENJOY GOOD WEALTH, AS YOUR SOUL ALSO PROSPERS.
-3 JOHN 1:2

*Bubble Gum
Crush*
BREAKFAST-BRUNCH-LUNCH

FROM THE MANAGEMENT & STAFF OF
Deal & Associates
COUNSEL AND ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW & NOTARIES PUBLIC

Mr. Floyd Feaster

CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING A 2025 RISING VOICE HONOREE
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On your Rising Voices Award

From Rev. John & Sis. Norma Swain & Family

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." - Ephesians 2:10

Mr. George Mills

ON BEHALF OF THE

EIGHT MILE ROCK HIGH BLUEJAYS FAMILY

WE SAY CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ON YOUR
RECOGNITION AS A RISING VOICES AWARD
RECIPIENT FOR 2025.

We celebrate this accomplishment with you.



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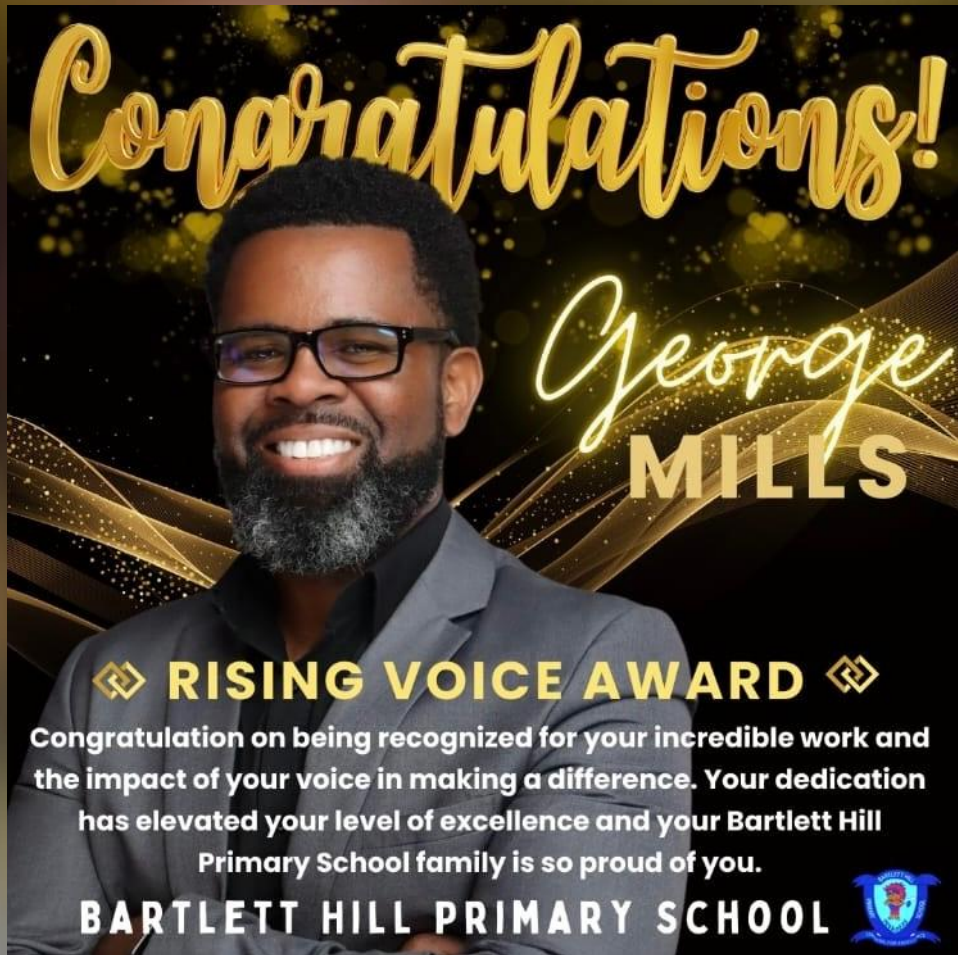
Deacon George Mills

On Your Rising Voices Award

From Senior Pastor: Rev. John & Sis. Norma Swain
The Board of Elders & Deacons and the entire
Membership of Grace Bible Fellowship Church

'And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.' - Col. 3:23-24

The complex block features a dark blue background with gold and white text. On the left side, there is a portrait of Mr. George Mills, the same as in the top image. The text is centered and reads: "GRACE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH" with the address "Nansen Avenue, Freeport G.B. Bahamas" below it. The main message is "Congratulations!" in large white letters, followed by "Deacon George Mills" in gold cursive, and "On Your Rising Voices Award" in white. Below this, it says "From Senior Pastor: Rev. John & Sis. Norma Swain" and "The Board of Elders & Deacons and the entire Membership of Grace Bible Fellowship Church". At the bottom, there is a small white box with a quote from Colossians 3:23-24.



CONGRATULATIONS
George Mills
ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Continue to make a difference in this world and always remember to *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths”*.

May God continue to bless you!

**From your proud and loving Mother
Gloria Mills, Sisters, Nieces, and
Nephews**



Congratulations Jessica

In a world full of wonders, Jess, you're my firstborn niece/daughter were the little spark that lit up my life as a proud aunt/mother.

Jessica Shantiqua, I am beyond grateful that you are my Jess, forever a part of my heart. You were my first daughter from another mother, and my heart overflows with gratitude, joy, and love for the privilege of being part of your journey.

I am so incredibly proud of your accomplishments and success. Keep soaring, my Jess, I love you dearly. My Rose, your grandma, would be so proud of you.

Love
Aunty Rel

Congratulations JESSICA

"Hard Work Always Pays Off!"

2 CHRONICLES 15:7 – "BUT AS FOR YOU, BE STRONG AND DO NOT GIVE UP, FOR YOUR WORK WILL BE REWARDED."

Jessy, on behalf of your family, we want to tell you how proud we are of you. We have witnessed your relentless dedication, the long hours, and the sacrifices you've made. Your ambition, perseverance, and unwavering faith are truly inspiring to all who know you.

Being honored is a testament to your resilience and hard work. Always remember that success is not just about reaching a goal but about the journey, the lessons, and the growth along the way.

Congratulations on this well-deserved accomplishment! This is only the beginning of many more blessings to come. Stay focused, keep believing in yourself, and trust that with God by your side, there are no limits to what you can achieve.

*With Love from, Ms. Kelly
(mother-in-love), Kinesha &
Quelly (sisters), Ryann &
Georgeann (aunts), Monique
(goddie-mama) and Tricka
(Family Friend)*



Congratulations



It's far more impressive when others discover your good qualities without your help."

—Judith Martin

We see firsthand how genuine, kindhearted and committed you are to serving others around you.

Talented, hardworking, humble, extraordinary, innovative and loving are just few to describe this gem.

Congratulations on this incredible achievement. Your commitment to excellence in your work has been rewarded. Know that you are well on your way to greatness. May God continue to bless you.

With love from Jasmine Curry, Sher Jones & Janae Cash

Jessica



CONGRATULATIONS

MRS. JESSICA WHITFIELD

**TO MY BEAUTIFUL, AMAZING, INTELLIGENT, STYLISH,
TALENTED, DETERMINED, RELIABLE, DEDICATED, COMMITTED,
AND HARDWORKING WIFE!**

These are just a few words to describe the incredible woman being honored today. No matter what you're doing, you embody all these qualities and so much more. Every time you take on something new, you do it with excellence because God has gifted you with the ability to juggle so much with grace and strength. For that, we give Him thanks.

In our home, we have a saying: "You always gotta be extra." Whether it's going the extra mile for your students by making special treats, putting in extra effort for your school by planning creative ideas with your team, or making our family time special by decorating and organizing, you always go above and beyond. Even in the community, whether you're setting up balloon garlands, organizing events, or helping strangers, your extra touch never goes unnoticed.

Even when you doubt yourself, wondering if things were good enough, just know that everyone around you sees and appreciates your dedication. And today, you are being honored for being "extra," but we just want to say thank you for it. We love you, and once again, congratulations!

**WITH LOVE,
YOUR PATRICK
& PEYTON**

*"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."
— Matthew 5:16*





Congratulations

JESSICA

Continue to get up, dress up,
show up and never give up.

We love you!

**Vernitta, Nicoya, Jynda,
Brittnee and Deeanker**

THE FACULTY, STAFF, ADMINISTRATION,
AND STUDENTS OF

**FREEPORT PRIMARY
SCHOOL**



Congratulates

**MRS. JESSICA
WHITFIELD**

ON BEING CHOSEN TO RECEIVE THIS
PRESTIGIOUS RISING VOICES AWARD

HONOREE
SPOTLIGHT



Q: Can you share a time when you felt especially moved by God's grace?

"In 2015, I asked God to send someone to help with my breakfast feeding initiative. I couldn't keep cooking and preparing the meals alone. God led me to the Missick's of Better to Serve, and that divine meeting turned into something beautiful—they embraced me like their own daughter. That was grace in action."

Q: How has your faith shaped your understanding of life and purpose?

"It's taught me to lean not on my own understanding. With God, all things truly are possible. Trusting His wisdom has shaped every step of my journey."

Q: What inspired you to serve others?

"I've always had a heart to help. As a child, I'd care for my friends' scrapes and cuts. Even when we didn't have much, my mother would still share what little we had. Watching her serve others taught me that kindness doesn't require abundance—just heart."

Q: Can you share a significant challenge you overcame?

"Being homeless. We lived in a borrowed room, then moved into a one-room shack in someone's backyard. Even then, my mom struggled to pay my school fees. But through hard work and many prayers, I graduated Catholic High School, and we got back on our feet."

Q: What scriptures anchor your journey?

"Psalm 23, Psalm 91, 2 Corinthians 5:7, and Ephesians 6:12-16 have been my lifelines—reminders of faith, spiritual strength, and the armor of God."

Q: What was one of your biggest challenges to success?

"Being underestimated because of my financial background. I didn't come from privilege, so some thought I wasn't good enough. But God reminded me of the gifts He placed in me. Now, if I'm in a room, I know it's because He put me there—with purpose."

Q: What advice would you give future generations?

"Trust God. Know that everything you need is already within you. Be your authentic self—flaws and all. Your scars can help heal someone else."

Q: What legacy do you hope to leave behind?

"That I made a difference—even in small, humble ways. I want my life to be remembered for the impact it had on others."

Q: What life lessons have stayed with you?

"People may try to tear you down, but stay strong. God will always send 'destiny angels'—the right people—to help you fulfill your purpose."

Q: What moment are you most proud of?

"Hearing the late Dr. Keith Wisdom say he was impressed with me meant a lot—but my proudest moment is becoming a mother to my son, Kacy Mark Anthony Bain. He is my greatest blessing."

KAREN
FERGUSON *Bain*



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HONOREE

JESSICA SHANTIQUA

YOUR HARD WORK, DEDICATION, AND PERSEVERANCE HAVE TRULY PAID OFF. THIS IS A WELL-DESERVED ACHIEVEMENT, AND WE, YOUR FAMILY, ARE EXTREMELY PROUD OF YOU. WE KNOW THAT EVEN GREATER THINGS LIE AHEAD.

"May God grant the desires of your heart and make all your plans succeed."
—PSALM 20:4

**ENJOY THIS SPECIAL MOMENT
—YOU DESERVE IT!**



FRANAY, FRANIQUE & JEMMA (COU-SIS/NIECE), ANTHONIQUE & KENRICK (SIS & BRO-IN-LOVE), JIMMEL, CLEO & CJ (UNCLE, AUNT & COUSIN) LATOYA (COUSIN)



GLOBAL 99.5FM

Congratulations, Karen Ferguson-Bain!

The Management and Staff of Global 99.5 FM proudly congratulate our very own Karen on her nomination for the 2025 Rising Voices Award! Your dedication to community service and your unwavering voice for positive change continue to inspire us all.

Keep shining, keep uplifting, and keep making a difference!

#RisingVoices2025 #Global995FM #KarenFergusonBain #MakingAnImpact





Congratulations!



Congratulations on this fantastic achievement. Your success is well-earned and inspiring.

FROM AUNTY PAULA CARTWRIGHT, DEBORAH & CECIL JOHNSON, SHERRY BROWN TANYA BROWN & DR. TOYA JOHNSON



Congratulations!



Congratulations to **KAREN FERGUSON-BAIN** on your outstanding achievement. Your dedication and hard work continue to inspire us all.

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We celebrate your achievement and wish you continued success in all
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*"Success is not how high you have climbed,
but how you make a positive difference to the world."
— Roy T. Bennett*

CONGRATULATIONS

*Karen
Ferguson-Bain*

2025 RISING VOICES HONOREE

*Love Always,
Xaria, Reece & Rashema*

CONGRATULATIONS

*The family of BonnieLynn Tooté-Coakley
and Sharade Taylor is sending warm and
heartfelt congratulations to both of you on
this wonderful achievement! We are so
proud of you and are sending all our love
your way. Keep Rising!*



HONOREE KAYLISA KEMP

To my darling daughter and our dear niece we say a big congratulations on being recognized as a Rising Voice in Grand Bahama.

We are extremely proud of you and all of your achievements and dedication, know that we will always support you every step of the way. Continue to keep God at the center of your life!

**LOVE, YOUR MOM BARBARA,
AUNTS DORIS & JOYCELYN, SISTER NEPHEWS & COUSINS**



CONGRATULATIONS MOMMY

on your incredible accomplishments with the Rising Voices Award! We are so proud of you and all the hard work you've put in to achieve this honor.

Your dedication and passion inspire us every day. Thank you for being a wonderful role model and showing us the importance of making a difference in our community.

**WE LOVE YOU, YOUR SONS
KAYDYN ANDRE' & D'KORI KYROS RASHAD**



TO OUR BELOVED DAUGHTER, SISTER, AND AUNTIE

Kaylisa Sands



A big congratulations on your Rising Voice Award, your efforts and commitment to your church family, children, family, business, and social work ought to be truly commendable.

The time and dedication you put into serving others is beyond words, we love, appreciate, and support all of your hard work! Keep shining we are always rooting for you! From Daddy, Rev K. Brian Sands, Dorothy, sister Alisha, brothers, niece, nephews, and the entire

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CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR RISING VOICES HONOREE

Lakiska

We are thrilled to celebrate your incredible achievement as a Rising Voices honoree! Your dedication, passion, and hard work have truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of you.

Wishing you continued success and many more accolades in your journey ahead. May you always shine brightly and reach for the stars!

WITH ALL OUR LOVE,
MOM, DAD, LYLE, AND KRYSTAL



CONGRATULATIONS
TO MY INCREDIBLE MOM

Lakiska
JOHNSON

ON BEING SELECTED AS A 2025
RISING VOICE HONOREE

Your hard work, dedication, and passion have always inspired me, and I am so proud of your achievements. This recognition is a testament to your unwavering commitment to making a difference. Here's to many more successes in the future!



LOVE ALWAYS, YOUR ONE AND ONLY, JADEN



**WE EXTEND HEARTFELT
CONGRATULATIONS TO**

LAKISKA JOHNSON

on this well-deserved honor. May your voice continue to rise and resonate, making waves of positive change wherever you go. We are incredibly proud of you and look forward to witnessing your continued success and growth.

MANAGEMENT AND STAFF



Congratulations

to our dearest friend,
Mrs. Lucianna Parker,
on being a recipient of the Rising Voices Award.
Continue to do incredible work and let your VOICE always make a difference!!!



Proverbs 31:31
Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works
praise her in the gates.

Love,
Evardneke Mortimer,
Jennifer Ritchie & Michaela Perpall

Lucianna Parker

Congratulations on your incredible success! We always knew you could do it, and we are incredibly proud of you.

SONLESS, ALLENE AND AMAYAH





Congratulates
**Mrs. Lucianna
Parker**

ON YOUR RISING VOICE AWARD



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LUCIANNA

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul
and with all your might.” —Deuteronomy 6:5*

Worshipping through music changes and transforms us. Singing is an important part of who God created us to be. It allows our heart to communicate directly with God.

Lucy has been singing and praising our God all her life and has always been an inspiration to us all. As we come to celebrate the RISING VOICES 2025 AWARD, we are extremely happy that our Lucy has been chosen as one of the recipients of this award. We just want to congratulate her and let her know how much we love her and of how proud of her we are for achieving this well-deserved recognition.

**LOVE FROM MOM & DAD (CHRIS & CLEO
NEWBOLD), SISTERS-IN-LAW, SAM
(GORMAN), CHRISTA (RICARDO), SHANDA
AND YOUR BROTHER-IN-LAW CHRISPIN JR
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Congratulations **LUCIANNA PARKER**

God's pathway to exaltation is found in 1 Peter 5:6 & James 4:10,
*"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God,
that He may exalt you in due time."*

Lucianna, today is a testament that you have chosen that right
pathway of God, as He through Rising Voices Award has
honored you! Our family salute you in this completely deserved
award, as you continue in the grace of stellar leadership and
being that living epistle known and read of all men!



FROM THE NEWRYS



CONGRATULATIONS LUCIANNA PARKER

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Congratulations Melford Joachim

Congratulations to a remarkable CEO on your Rising Voices 2025 Award! Your creativity and leadership have set the bar high, and we're proud to be part of your journey. Here's to continued success and even greater achievements ahead!

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Congratulations

*on your nomination of
"The Rising Voices Award"*



Nikita Mullings

From Rev. Dr. Robert & Rev. Rochelle Lockhart,
Associate Pastors, Youth Pastor, Elders, Deacons &
members of Calvary Temple.

*Continue to shine and blaze a trail
as an influential leader on Grand Bahama*

To our fellow nurse friend and sister,

Sasha Rolle

We are so proud of all of your achievements.
Continue to let God use you to be a blessing
to others.

LOVE GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN



Congratulations



Congratulations Shanice Pinder

OUR FAVORITE NURSE, WIFE AND MOM

Your hard work has earned you this success.
Enjoy every bit of the moment.

LOVE GLINTON & GIANNA

Congratulations

From your family we love you and are proud of the nurse, wife and mother you have become. Continue to strive for excellence and remember nothing is off limits once you have God and your family's support on your side



SHANICE PINDER
BSN, RN, CDN

CONGRATS TO OUR **RISING STAR**

Proverbs 18:16, "A man's gift makes room for him
and brings him before great men."

Congratulations to our beautiful, gifted, and
talented daughter, sister, and aunt,
Waynesha Thompson.

We are extremely proud of you for being chosen as
an honoree for Rising Voices 2025.

Continue to be an inspiration and allow God to use
you to make your mark in this world.

CONTINUE TO SOAR



FROM YOUR PARENTS—SISTERS—BROTHERS—NIECE—NEPHEWS



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

Waynesha

We are born to SHINE, IMPACT, TRANSFORM, and CHANGE
the lives of everyone you come into contact with.

We are extremely proud of you on being an honoree for the
RISING VOICES 2025.
May God continue to Bless and Favor you.

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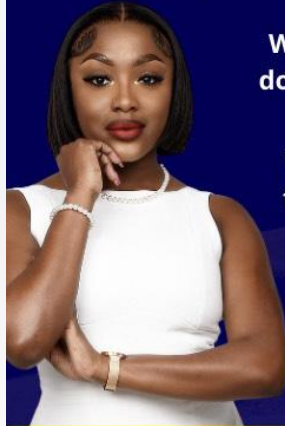
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COLETTE PARKER AND
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TO OUR AMBASSADOR OF SERVICE

Karen Ferguson-Bain
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