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SECURITY MANAGER

Responsible oversee asset protection for the resort, from the protection of people and staff to the pre-vention of theft and inventory loss. The security Manager will be responsible for developing and im-plementing security standards and ensuring that they are fol-lowed by all resort staff. The security Manager will also be responsible for managing a budget for security operations.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Develop and implement of security policies, procedures and protocols.
- Conducting regular security assessment and audits to identify potential vulnerabilities and recommend appropriate solutions.
- Monitoring and analysing security systems, such as CCTV cameras, access control systems.
- Coordinating with other departments to ensure compliance with security protocols and proce-dures.
- Collaborating with law enforcement and emergency services in case of emergencies or security breaches.
- Maintaining accurate records of security incidents, equipment inventory, and training activities.
- Develop and implement emergency response plans and procedures.
- Maintaining accurate records of security incidents, equipment inventory and training activities

REQUIREMENTS/SKILLS

- 5 years of experience in property management and/or a comparable position in hotel opera-tions.
- Any certifications such as Certified Security Manager or training would be considered.
- Experience using relevant technology and equipment (e.g. CCTV)
- Experience in reporting and emergency response planning
- Excellent knowledge of security protocols and procedures
- Solid understanding of budgeting and statistical data analysis
- Working knowledge of MS Office
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Outstanding organizational and leadership skills
- Committed and reliable

MUST HAVE EXCELLENT

- Communication skills
- Leadership skills
- Computer literacy
- Ability to train staff

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Police Appeal for Information Leading to Capture of Murderous Trio

By Vivian Tyson NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

The Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force (RT&CIPF) is actively investigating a fatal armed robbery that occurred Wednesday, June 25, in the Blue Hills area of Providenciales.

The tragic incident claimed the life of a security officer, identified as Mervin Mattelles Joseph, who was on duty at the time.

According to police reports, the incident took place at approximately 5:29 p.m. when the Police Control Room received several distress calls about an armed robbery in progress at a local supermarket, later confirmed as the GK Blue Store. Multiple police units were immediately dispatched to the location.

Upon arrival, officers discovered the lifeless body of Mr. Joseph, who had been fatally shot while performing his duties. Initial investigations revealed that three masked assailants entered the establishment and opened fire on the security officer. Despite attempts to flee for his life, Mr. Joseph was struck and killed in what authorities and his

employer are describing as a targeted and calculated attack.

The suspects proceeded to rob the business and fled the scene on foot. A police dragnet was launched in the area, including searches through nearby bushes, but the perpetrators remain at large.

The RT&CIPF has expressed condolences to Mr. Joseph’s family, friends, and colleagues and is appealing to members of the public for assistance. Investigators are particularly interested in any CCTV footage from nearby properties or eyewitness accounts that could help identify the suspects or trace their movements.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Serious Crime Unit at 231-1842, call 911, or report to the nearest police station. Information can also be shared anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-8477 or by using the Crime Stoppers P3 mobile app.

In a statement issued by Spence Security & Investigation Services Ltd., where Mr. Joseph was employed, the company mourned the loss of a valued and courageous team



Police Commissioner Fitz Bailey

member.

“This was more than a robbery — it was an assassination,” the statement reads. “Our officer was deliberately targeted and killed, even as he tried to escape. It is a stark reminder of the dangers faced daily by those who work to protect the public.”

The statement continued with a call for greater protections and resources for private security personnel, highlighting the urgent need to empower frontline officers with the tools and training necessary to defend themselves and others.

“We have long advocated for stronger safety measures for our guards in the field. The death of this brave officer, who gave years of dedicated service, only deepens our re-

solve. He died doing what he was committed to — protecting lives.”

The company also issued a passionate plea for justice:

“To those responsible for this senseless act — you will be found, and you will face justice. This community deserves answers. His family deserves peace. He deserved better.”

On behalf of the entire Spencer Security team, the company’s chairman extended heartfelt condolences to Mr. Joseph’s loved ones and pledged to honor his memory and legacy.

“His sacrifice will not be forgotten. His bravery will be remembered. And we will not rest until justice is served. May he rest in eternal peace.”



Available Positions



FRONT OFFICE SUPERVISOR

Job Specification:

As the Front Office Supervisor, you will lead and support the front desk team in delivering seamless guest experiences from arrival to departure, ensuring service excellence, operational efficiency, and adherence to IHG’s “True Hospitality” standards.

- Greet guests warmly and ensure smooth check-in/check-out processes.
- Handle guest inquiries, complaints, and special requests with professionalism and empathy.
- Monitor lobby activity to ensure a welcoming and secure environment.
- Ensure VIP and loyalty program guests receive personalized service.
- Ensure front desk operations comply with IHG brand standards and local regulations.
- Monitor room availability, rate changes, and reservation accuracy.
- Coordinate with Housekeeping and Engineering to ensure room readiness.
- Oversee cash handling, billing accuracy, and shift reports.
- Liaise with Sales, Housekeeping, Security, and Food & Beverage to ensure guest satisfaction.
- Participate in interdepartmental meetings and contribute to service improvement initiatives.
- Supervise and support front desk agents, bell staff, and concierge (where applicable).

Job Requirements:

- Must have 2- 3 years experience in related field, preferably with Hospitality and or IHG hotels.
- Certification in hospitality management or equivalent experience.
- Familiarity with hotel management systems and reservation software. (Opera, Concerto)

Salary expectation - \$33,000 - \$37,000 per annum



BAR SUPERVISOR

Job Specification:

As the Bar Supervisor, you will lead the bar team in delivering exceptional beverage service, maintaining high standards of product quality and guest engagement, and supporting operational efficiency in line with IHG’s “True Hospitality” values:

- Supervise daily bar operations, ensuring smooth service during all shifts.
- Maintain cleanliness, organization, and compliance with health and safety standards.
- Ensure consistent beverage preparation, presentation, and quality.
- Monitor inventory levels and assist with ordering and stock rotation.
- Assist in preparing shift reports, sales summaries, and inventory logs.
- Monitor cash handling procedures and ensure POS accuracy.
- Coordinate with kitchen, banquet, and front-of-house teams for seamless service.
- Support special events, promotions, and seasonal beverage offerings.
- Train, schedule, and supervise bartenders and barbacks.
- Conduct pre-shift briefings and ensure team readiness.
- Provide coaching and feedback to maintain high performance and morale.

Job Requirements:

- 2-3 years in a Supervisory position. Strong knowledge of spirits, cocktails, wine, and beer. (Sommelier trained preferred)
- Excellent communication, leadership, and multitasking skills
- Ability to work flexible hours, including nights, weekends, and holiday.
- Must be able to move over sloping, uneven, or slippery surfaces. Reach overhead and below the knees, including bending, twisting, pulling, and stooping.

Salary expectation - \$29,000- \$33,000 per annum

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- Email your resume to recruit@lighthousehotelmanagement.com
- Send a copy of your resume to the local Labour Department



NIGHT MANAGER

Job Specification:

As the Night Manager, you will oversee hotel operations during the evening and overnight shift, ensuring guest satisfaction, safety, and smooth functioning of all departments. You will act as the Manager on Duty and represents hotel leadership in the absence of senior management.

- Supervise all hotel departments during the night shift to ensure service standards are upheld.
- Conduct property walkthroughs to monitor cleanliness, security, and maintenance.
- Ensure all public areas and guest facilities are presentable and operational.
- Monitor hotel security systems and coordinate with security personnel.
- Respond to emergencies, including fire alarms, medical incidents, and guest disturbances.
- Ensure all overnight staff are aware of safety protocols and emergency procedures
- Oversee the night audit process, ensuring accurate balancing of daily financial transactions.
- Review and approve daily reports, including occupancy, revenue, and incident logs
- Greet late-arriving guests and oversee check-in/check-out procedures.
- Handle guest complaints, special requests, and emergencies with professionalism and empathy

Job Requirements:

- 3-5 years of hotel front office experience, with at least 1 year in a supervisory or night audit role
- Proficiency in hotel systems (e.g., Opera, IHG Concerto, POS)
- Strong leadership, problem-solving, and communication skills
- Ability to remain calm and decisive under pressure

Salary expectation - \$53,000- \$63,000 per annum



One of the structures that is targeted for destruction

Illegal Structures Marked For Demolition in Blue Hills

Led by the Crown Land Unit, a multi-agency enforcement exercise was carried out in Blue Hills on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, with operational support from the Informal Settlements Unit, the Physical Planning Department, and the Turks and Caicos Islands Border Force. Security for the

operation was provided by the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force. The exercise targeted unauthorized structures located on Block and Parcel number 60503/317, situated in the area known as Evangelical Yard in Blue Hills. Fourteen (14) Enforcement Notices were issued

under Section 22 of the Crown Land Ordinance. Notices were affixed to each unoccupied structure found to be in illegal occupation of Crown land. This operation is part of the government’s continued effort to uphold the laws governing Crown land and to curb the spread

of unauthorized developments. The Informal Settlements Unit remains committed to working with its partners to support lawful land use and promote the creation of safer and more sustainable communities throughout the Turks and Caicos Islands.

TCI receives six (6) additional Certificates of Analyses for commonly prescribed antidiabetic medicine

The Pharmacy Unit within the Ministry of Health and Human Services (MoHHS) is pleased to report that it has received six (6) additional certificates of analyses following the testing and analyses of six (6) samples of the commonly prescribed antidiabetic medicine, metformin. This brings to a total of 11 samples following the receipt of five (5) certificates of analyses earlier this year. The samples – which have been confirmed as achieving the required quality standard - were selected from batches that have been utilised on the Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI) market. A Certificate of Analysis is a legal document that certifies the quality of a med-

icine and/or its ingredients known as excipients. The certificate demonstrates that the batch/ sample tested meets all the required quality control standards which confirms product quality and safety. The Unit continues to partner with the Medicines Quality Control and Surveillance Department (MQCSD) of the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) as a part of their risk-based Post-Market Surveillance (PMS) Programme for medicines to conduct these tests and analyses. The TCI’s involvement in the PMS Programme continues to strengthen and support the effectiveness of its medicines regulatory system by: Providing data and information that will

better inform the government on the appropriate and effective regulatory actions and strategies to implement (that will improve the availability of safe and essential good quality medicines), and Identifying in a timely manner, possible substandard and falsified products/medicines on the TCI market. Importantly, the Minister of Health and Human Services – Honourable Kyle R. Knowles declared that “it is essential to improve fair access to safe, effective and quality medicines as these are hallmarks of effective disease management/treatment.” As such Hon. Knowles notes that “the MoHHS and by extension, the Pharmacy Unit, will continue to strengthen

the systems and capacities required to improve the effective monitoring of drug/patient safety.” The MoHHS will continue to ensure that the health and wellbeing of all TCI residents are positively impacted by actively monitoring and regulating all medicines used within the TCI. The MoHHS is also encouraging persons to utilise the Adverse Drug Reaction Form- found at <https://gov.tc/docs/ADR.pdf>- to report any suspected: adverse events- suffered from the use of medicines and/or substandard or falsified medicines. These reports are paramount as they aid in determining whether medicines will be submitted for analysis and testing.



In this undated file photo a boat overloaded with Haitian Migrants is towed to South Dock for the occupants to be processed.



In this 2011 file photo, the remains of Haitian Migrants packed on a truck to be sent back to Haiti after dozens, attempting to make it to shore during a pre-dawn storm perished after their boats capsized while being towed ashore by local immigration and Marine Branch Police.

Immigration Minister Sends Strong Warning to Offenders

By Vivian Tyson NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

The Turks and Caicos Islands' Minister of Immigration and Border Services, Hon. Jamell Robinson, has issued a stern warning to immigration lawbreakers following the sentencing of a repeat offender, Haitian national Richardson Cherefaere, to 16 months' imprisonment by the Magistrates Court on 3 June 2025.

Cherefaere was convicted of Attempted Unlawful Entry and Returning to the Islands contrary to a deportation order.

Cherefaere, who was first apprehended in 2019 for unlawful entry, had been deported as recently as January 2025 following another failed attempt to illegally enter the Turks and Caicos Islands. His continued violations of immigration laws and disregard for deportation orders prompted the court to impose a significantly longer custodial sentence, signaling a tougher stance on repeat offenders.

In a statement following the sentencing, Minister Robinson, who is also deputy premier, declared, "This significant sentence sends an unequivocal message: the

Turks and Caicos Islands Border Force will relentlessly pursue and prosecute anyone who deliberately defies our immigration laws and ignores deportation orders. We are unwavering in our commitment to secure our borders and uphold the rule of law with the full force it demands, ensuring justice is served every time."

The Minister's warning comes amid growing concerns over a recurring trend involving Haitian nationals attempting to escape severe poverty, political instability, and violence in their homeland. In search of safer and more prosperous lives, many embark on treacherous journeys aboard overloaded and unseaworthy boats, risking their lives to reach the shores of the Turks and Caicos Islands, the Bahamas, and the United States. Tragically, these voyages often end in disaster, with many losing their lives in rough seas before reaching land.

Human Trafficking Ring

Authorities in the TCI have also revealed disturbing evidence of a growing human trafficking network operating between Haiti and the Turks and Caicos Is-

lands. Victims—many of whom pay thousands of dollars—are lured by the false promise of safe passage to a better life. Instead, they find themselves stranded, detained, or sent back to their home country after being intercepted by the TCI Border Force. The organized nature of these smuggling operations continues to pose significant national security and humanitarian challenges.

Safety Risk

The influx also poses a safety risk, as it is not known what communicable diseases some of these individuals bring with them to these shores.

According to Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO), HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and various insect-borne illnesses like malaria, dengue, and Zika virus have been plaguing Haiti. Additionally, food-borne and waterborne diseases such as hepatitis and typhoid are also common. Outbreaks are frequent, and access to healthcare is limited, making the situation more challenging.

Dismantling Human Trafficking Ring

The government has vowed to

dismantle these illicit trafficking rings and prosecute those involved to the fullest extent of the law. The Immigration Ordinance of the Turks and Caicos Islands provides for penalties of up to \$20,000 in fines and four years in prison for individuals found guilty of harboring or facilitating illegal migration.

Minister Robinson reiterated the government's zero-tolerance approach to immigration violations: "Let this serve as a strong deterrent to anyone who believes they can abuse our hospitality or manipulate our immigration system. The rule of law will prevail, and the safety of our borders and people will always come first."

The Minister also called on the public to report any suspicious activity related to human trafficking or illegal migration, emphasizing that community cooperation is vital to combating the issue.

As the TCI continues to manage the complex realities of migration in the region, the message from authorities is clear: illegal entry will not be tolerated, and those who break the law will be held fully accountable.



PART1 of Benjamin Durham’s Compelling Address at the BWIC Graduation

Benjamin Durham, Past student of the British West Indies Collegiate delivered a spell-binding speech to the graduates of the British West Indies Collegiate on Saturday, June 21, 2025. His speech was so full of important nuggets that it was punctuated with applause. This week, NewslineTCI brings Part 1 of the address.

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen, Government officials, Parents, teachers, loved ones and most importantly graduates, it’s a pleasure and honour to be amongst you today with the opportunity to be able to share time for what is a momentous and special occasion. Graduates, congratulations on your achievements.

I can recall this exact moment sitting on this very same stage in 2006 and 2008 for my year 11 and year 13 graduation. I must admit I don’t remember who gave the address or what they said because my mind was elsewhere. All I could think about through most of the ceremony was how I was going to convince my dad to let me go to my friend, Carlos’ house party later that night. And for those that don’t know my father, he’s from the old school and a no-nonsense guy, and needless to say there was not a 1% chance I was going to that party. Everyone was going, and I told myself there was no way I was missing it. So, I found a way and I went. Let’s just say when I got home early that Sunday morning, there was belt waiting with my name on it, and I still had to go to church.

At the time it was worth it, but it was one of many lessons that taught me that for every action there’s a consequence. But I say that to say, I don’t expect you to remember everything today, but I do hope something I say resonates with you and that you afford me a few minutes of your attention to share with you 7 gems that will better equip you for your journey. It’s based on my own journey and if you take even

just one with you, it will help you navigate through that bending road called “growing up”. So please hear me out, I promise I won’t be too long. I’ll start with the 1st gem, which is most crucial.

Gem 1-View change as something positive

From here on out, change will be all around you. Every aspect of your life, for the next 10 years, will be centred around change. It’s a beautiful thing. You will meet new people, make new friends, be exposed to new ideas, beliefs and opinions. You can truly decide the person you want to be.

However, to get the most out of this new chapter, you will need to adopt the right mindset. This is a mindset of growth. Growth is fundamental to all life. And growth involves change, It’s that simple.

In order to grow, you must change. You must be willing to embrace change; you cannot be against it. The person you are tomorrow is created by what you do today. So go out there and learn as much as you can about the world, life, different people, cultures, ways of thinking. Challenge what you perceive to be the truth until you are convinced. Don’t accept what you’ve been told but rather come to your own conclusions. Please have an opinion on things, but ensure your opinions are guided by fact and unbiasedness. Every weakness you overcome, question you ask, conversation you have, every experience contributes to your evolution. No one wants to be around an uninteresting person who can’t have a conversation about anything other than themself.

It’s true, avoid being that person at all costs. You have one life to live, so learn as much as you can, see as much as you can, speak to as many people as you can. Accept new ideas, reject old ones, decide who you want to be.

Ultimately, it’s only your life to live, no one else, so don’t be hesitant to live it.

Gem 2 - You are the result of the 5 people you spend most of your time with

The type of person you are can be found in the type of people you hang around or the friends you keep. If you spend your time with 5 mean people, chances are you’ll be the sixth, if you hang around 5 kind people, chances are that will rub off on you.

It’s important to remember this on your journey because often we don’t realise what hinders us from growing, isn’t necessarily your situation but who you are choosing to hang around. Yes, you can choose your friends. But to make friends, you must make an effort, and more importantly be the friend you would like to have.

You can’t expect to have good friends if you yourself aren’t a good friend. It is a two-way street. And you are allowed to have different types of friends. Don’t box yourself into just one set or one group. Don’t put limitations on yourself to please others. Make sure your friends are positive, uplifting and encourage you. That’s what real friends do. And you do the same.

If they make fun of you, put you down and belittle you, they are not your friend. Guard yourself from negative influences. Again, it’s your life, so make a conscious effort to choose who you want to spend your

time with.

Gem 3- Understand you will experience some degree of failure on your journey, a setback or what you consider as a defeat

This is ok, its simply part of what you must go through to succeed. I know it’s tough to accept and difficult in that moment, but everyone has been through it so don’t think it’s the end of the world. What you learn from that failure is what prepares you for your eventual success. Please don’t give up at the first obstacle you face, don’t quit when you get frustrated and don’t over burden yourself with stress or worry.

View your mistakes as a lesson and remember the person that overcomes their mistakes or failure, has a greater chance to succeed than the one who gives up at the first sign of difficulty.

Everyone fails at some point, but please do not give up, don’t allow yourself to be defeated.

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Cayman Donates 3 Fogging Machines to TCIG

The Public and Environmental Health Department of the Turks and Caicos Islands extends its sincere appreciation to the Mosquito Research and Control Unit (MRCU) of the Cayman Islands for their timely and generous donation of three fogging machines to the Vector Control Unit.

This contribution significantly enhances the department’s capacity to manage and reduce mosquito populations across the Turks and Caicos Islands, particularly during the peak breeding seasons.

The new fogging machines will be instrumental in expanding the department’s operational reach and improving the efficiency of our vector control efforts, ultimately safeguarding public health and improving the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

“We are deeply grateful to the MRCU of Grand Cayman for their continued partnership and support—whether through fostering training opportunities for our staff or through acts of kindness such as this,” said Ms. Clevesha Outten, Acting Vector Control Coordinator.

Hon. Kyle Knowles, Minister of Health and Human Services, underscored the importance of regional cooperation, stating: “In today’s interconnected world, the health and well-being of our communities



One of the fogging machines donated by Cayman to TCIG.

depend not only on national efforts but also on strong regional partnerships.

“Collaboration among Caribbean nations is essential to effectively address shared public health challenges, strengthen our collective resilience, and ensure that no country

stands alone in the face of emerging threats. Together, we are stronger, smarter, and better equipped to protect the health of our people.”

The Vector Control Unit remains dedicated to implementing integrated mosquito management strategies, and this donation will play a

vital role in bolstering those efforts.

For more information, please contact the Public and Environmental Health Department on ehd@gov.tc or call 338-2143/44. Please also visit the Ministry’s Facebook page on <https://www.facebook.com/tciministryofhealth/>.

DECR Celebrates 25 Years of Junior Park Wardens Programme with Exciting Expansions for 2025

The Department of Environment and Coastal Resources (DECR) is proud to announce the 25th anniversary of its Junior Park Wardens youth summer day camp programme in July 2025.

This milestone marks a quarter-century of providing hands-on environmental education to young people aged 10–17 through field trips, presentations, expert visits, and practical how-to courses. Many former Junior Park Wardens participants have gone on to pursue careers in the environmental sector, including roles within DECR.

Expanding Across the Islands in 2025

In celebration of this significant anniversary, the Junior Park Wardens Programme will expand its reach. The programme will kick off with two

weeks on Providenciales:

- 7–11 July for ages 10-12
- 14–18 July for ages 13-17

This year also marks the first-time expansion to Grand Turk, with a three-day camp scheduled from 23-25 July for ages 13-17, as well as two new one-day programmes on South Caicos and North Caicos.

South Caicos: 21 July for ages 10-17

North Caicos: 24 July for ages 10-17 (in collaboration with the Kew Public Library)

The programme is provided at no cost to participants.

Registration for all camps opens on 18 July 2025. To sign up for the Providenciales, Grand Turk, and South Caicos camps, look for the QR code on the promotional poster. Spots are

limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants will be contacted after registration closes on 2 July to confirm their participation.

For the North Caicos programme, registration will be handled through the Kew Public Library.

Each location will offer unique content to enrich the participants’ learning experience:

Providenciales, Grand Turk, and South Caicos: Focus on general conservation and environmental management.

North Caicos: Themed “Birds and Books,” this programme will combine bird research and conservation with reading activities.

Don’t Miss Out! Sign up early to secure your spot in the Junior Park

Wardens Programme as part of its 25th anniversary celebrations!

Programme Schedule:

- Providenciales: 7-11 July (ages 10-12)
- Providenciales: 14-18 July (ages 13-17)
- Grand Turk: 23-25 July (ages 13-17)
- South Caicos: 21 July (ages 10-17)
- North Caicos: 24 July (ages 10-17)

Registration link: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=cKiNia50akSW0oK_TIRP7O-MMdXsaBW5NqC6uwtQSK7RUN-lhKNzhFU04zWE5ZSskhTSkZaTTBT-VUYyUSQlQCN0PWcu&origin=QR-Code

Be Resolute and Purpose-Driven - Saunders

By Vivian Tyson NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

Delivering a powerful and faith-infused keynote address, Hon. E. Jay Saunders, Minister of Innovation, Technology and Communication, encouraged the graduating Class of 2025 at Maranatha Academy to remain focused, determined, and compassionate as they step boldly into their futures.

Speaking at the school’s graduation exercise on Thursday, June 26, at Abundant Life Ministries International Church on Leeward Highway in Providenciales, Minister Saunders titled his remarks, “The Pathway to Possibilities: Beginning of Greatness.” He told the graduating class that while their journey through secondary school had ended, a much greater journey was just beginning.

“You’ve worked hard. You’ve prayed hard. You’ve made it,” he said. “And while today may feel like the finish line, it’s not. It’s really just a starting block.”

The Minister encouraged students to emulate the example of a focused and purposeful twelve-year-old Jesus, who was found in the temple learning and engaging with teachers. Citing Prov-

erbs 4:25, he urged graduates to “let your eyes look straight ahead” and to resist the distractions of modern life. “Do not let trends become your truth. And do not let the desire for popularity drown out your purpose,” he warned, referencing the pull of social media and the pressure to conform.

Minister Saunders also spoke candidly about the role of resilience in achieving success, drawing on personal experience. “Sixteen months ago, I was fired. Five months ago, I was rehired,” he said, quoting Bishop T.D. Jakes: “Bad times didn’t come to stay; they came to pass.”

“Failure,” he continued, “is not the opposite of success. Failure is the classroom where success is taught.” He inspired students with real-life examples, including basketball legend Michael Jordan, tennis star Coco Gauff, and Nigerian singer Tems—all of whom experienced setbacks before their breakthroughs.

Turning to the theme of service, the Minister challenged students to lead with compassion and humility, re-defining greatness not by wealth or fame, but by impact and integrity. “True greatness is rooted in service,” he said. “Whether you become a doc-

tor, engineer, teacher, entrepreneur, or even the Premier — put God first. Be the one who uplifts others.”

He then encouraged the students to think long-term, planting the seeds of their legacy now for fruition in the decades to come. “Your real influence,” he noted, “may come around the years 2045 to 2050. What seeds are you planting today to prepare for that?”

Minister Saunders emphasized that the world will need future leaders who care deeply, serve earnestly, and lead selflessly — aligning with Maranatha Academy’s motto: “Education for Noble Service.”

Referencing Micah 6:8, he said, “What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.”

In a heartfelt closing, Minister Saunders paid tribute to his late nephew, Roshan “E J” Cox, saying, “I love you and I miss you.”

Quoting Jesus’ words in Luke 2:49 — “Did you not know that I must be about my Father’s business?” — he left the graduates with a final charge: “Whatever your Father’s business may be, stay focused, be determined, and lead with compassion. And no matter

what path you walk, leave the world better than you found it.”



Hon. E. Jay Saunders, Minister of Innovation, Technology and Communication, addressing the graduating Class of 2025 at Maranatha Academy.



Available Positions



RESERVATIONS MANAGER

Job Specification:

- Molo Hotel group and Lighthouse Hotel Management is excited to hire a Reservations Manager with great organisational and planning skills and a strong desire to develop the team, to join us in the pre opening of our new IHG branded hotel, due to open in Turks & Caicos!
- You will be responsible for creating all rates and packages within PMS.
 - Update accommodation OTA's regularly and provide daily, weekly and monthly reporting including pace, str, distribution monitoring and company tracking.
 - Oversee booking processes, room allocations, and ensure accurate guest records.
 - Review daily arrivals, cancellations, and no-shows; process charges per hotel policy
 - Collaborate with the Revenue Manager to optimize room inventory and pricing strategies.
 - Monitor room availability and implement overbooking strategies when necessary
 - Conduct site visits, inspections as needed.
 - Stand, sit, or walk for an extended period of time or for an entire work shift. Move, lift, carry, push, pull, and place objects weighing less than or equal to 25 pounds without assistance.
- Job Requirements:**
- The ideal candidate will have proven brand experience with 2 years experience in a reservations role and 1 year managerial experience. Working knowledge of Concerto or NP2 pricing, HCM and Opera is also essential.
 - Must have 2- 3 years experience in related field, preferably within Hospitality and or IHG hotels.
 - Certification in hospitality management or equivalent experience.

Salary expectation - \$69,000 - \$79,000 per annum



RESTAURANT SUPERVISOR

Job Specification:

- As the Restaurant Supervisor, you will oversee the daily operations of the restaurant, ensuring exceptional guest service, maintaining high standards of food and beverage quality, and supporting the team to deliver IHG's "True Hospitality" promise.
- Supervise front-of-house and back-of-house restaurant operations during assigned shifts.
 - Ensure compliance with health, safety, and sanitation standards.
 - Monitor food presentation, portion control, and service timing.
 - Conduct pre-shift briefings and ensure readiness for service
 - Greet and interact with guests to ensure satisfaction and resolve complaints promptly.
 - Monitor dining areas to ensure a welcoming and efficient environment.
 - Handle special requests, dietary needs, and VIP guest preferences.
 - Assist with inventory control, ordering supplies, and managing vendor relationships.
 - Train, mentor, and schedule restaurant staff including servers, hosts, and bussers.
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- Job Requirements:**
- High school diploma or equivalent (hospitality degree preferred)
 - 2-4 years of experience in restaurant or food & beverage operations, with at least 1 year in a supervisory role
 - Strong leadership, communication, and interpersonal skills
 - Ability to work flexible hours, including nights, weekends, and holiday
 - Must be able to move over sloping, uneven, or slippery surfaces. Reach overhead and below the knees, including bending, twisting, pulling, and stooping.

Salary expectation - \$29,000- \$33,000 per annum

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 - Ensure VIP and special request rooms are prepared to standard.
 - Liaise with other departments (e.g., Front Office, Engineering, Laundry) to ensure seamless operations.
 - Participate in departmental meetings and contribute to continuous improvement initiatives.
 - Maintain accurate records of room inspections, staff attendance, and supply usage.
 - Complete maintenance requests and housekeeping reports.
 - Train, coach, and support housekeeping team members.
- Job Requirements:**
- High school diploma or equivalent (hospitality certification preferred)
 - 2-3 years of housekeeping experience, with at least 1 year in a supervisory role
 - Knowledge of cleaning techniques, equipment, and safety protocols
 - Strong leadership, communication, and organizational skills
 - Ability to work flexible hours, including weekends and holiday.

Salary expectation - \$29,000- \$33,000 per annum



Experience Turks and Caicos Enhances Key Natural and Heritage Attractions Across the Turks and Caicos Islands

Key natural and heritage sites across the Turks and Caicos Islands have been revitalised with new seating and signage, thanks to initiatives by Experience Turks and Caicos aimed at enhancing the visitor experience. The Product Development Unit of Experience Turks and Caicos has spearheaded multiple projects to enhance these attractions, contributing to heritage conservation, improving site interpretation, and advancing the sustainable development of tourism products across the islands. In North Caicos, upgrades to the Crossing Place Trail and Juniper Hole include shaded seating and interpretive signage. Similar efforts in Salt Cay have led to the development of the

North Beach Trail, featuring a new welcome sign and visitor seating. In South Caicos, signage improvements have been made at the Boiling Hole. Collaboration with the Turks and Caicos National Trust resulted in improved signage at notable heritage and natural sites, including the iconic Bambarra Beach, recently voted the Caribbean's number one beach in the 2025 USA Today - 10Best Readers' Choice Awards. Additional sites benefiting from this initiative include: Cottage Pond, Flamingo Pond, Crossing Place Trail & Juniper Hole, Haulover Plantation and Wades Green Plantation. Further efforts with the National Trust also saw the installation of signage at Bird Rock

Point in Providenciales and additional signs at Little Water Cay. "As a Destination Marketing and Management Organisation (DMMO), Experience Turks and Caicos is committed to both managing and promoting the islands' tourism assets. These enhancements not only make key sites more attractive to visitors but also enrich their overall experience," said Mr. Paul Pennicook, Interim CEO Consultant of Experience Turks and Caicos. Mrs. Candesha Mills, Product Development Manager, said: "Through strategic partnerships and thoughtful design, we've showcased the unique heritage and natural assets of each island, from the trails of North Caicos

to the historic sites of Salt Cay and South Caicos. These improvements ensure greater accessibility, engagement, and connection with the stories and beauty of the Turks and Caicos Islands." Mrs. Mills also expressed gratitude to her team: "A special thank you to Senior Product Development Officer Mr. Alverson Lewis for leading the collaboration with the Turks and Caicos National Trust, and to local representatives Ms. Helcyann Selver (North Caicos) and Mr. Chaim Manswell (South Caicos) for their dedication and leadership. Their contributions were instrumental to the successful delivery of these enhancements."

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“LEAD WHERE YOU ARE”

Begin Your Leadership Journey

From the Heart of the Islands

Dear Leader,

Leadership doesn't wait for a perfect moment, it rises in the middle of real life. I've learned this the hard way.

I live in the Turks and Caicos islands, where life is beautiful, but not always easy. I've led through seasons of change, heartbreak, uncertainty, and even silence. I've stood in front of training rooms, taught leadership teams, and mentored others, while navigating my own personal and professional storms.

And still, I show up. Still I lead.

I created this guide because I believe in purposeful leadership. Leadership that doesn't just come from titles or big boardrooms, but from real people like you and me. Whether you are managing a team, guiding a business, raising a family, or just trying to stay grounded through life's chaos, you're leading.

This is not just a passion project. This is part of my professional journey, rooted in academic research, corporate training, experience, and personal conviction. This is for people who want to lead better, grow stronger, and stand taller, even when they feel like everyone's putting them down.



Author: HevN'Sent, CPM

You don't need to be famous. You don't need to be loud. But you do need to lead with clarity, courage, and conviction. So, let's begin.

The Power of Leadership

Leadership isn't just about being in charge. It's about influence, direction, and service. True leaders shape cultures, builds people, and navigate teams through challenges, even when resources are limited or the future is uncertain.

Whether you are leading a small team, a large organization, or just yourself through life, the power of leadership lies in how you show up:

- With clarity, even in chaos.

- With compassion, even when you're exhausted.
- With purpose, even when the room is silent.

“Leadership is not a destination. It's a daily decision.”

This guide is designed to help you reflect, grow, and strengthen your leadership voice. You'll explore key leadership styles, practical examples, and empowering strategies to help you lead with purpose.

Because no matter where you are or what you're facing, you lead from there.



There will be days when you don't feel strong. **Lead anyway.**

Leadership is about making the next right move. Showing up with integrity and purpose.

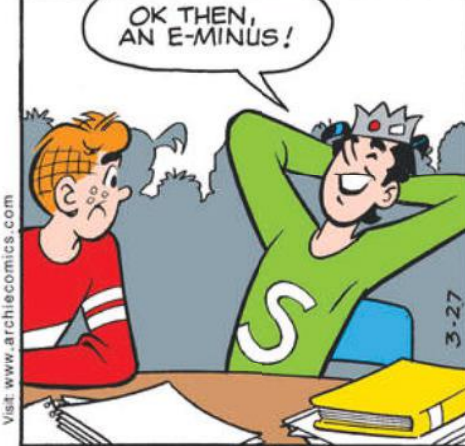
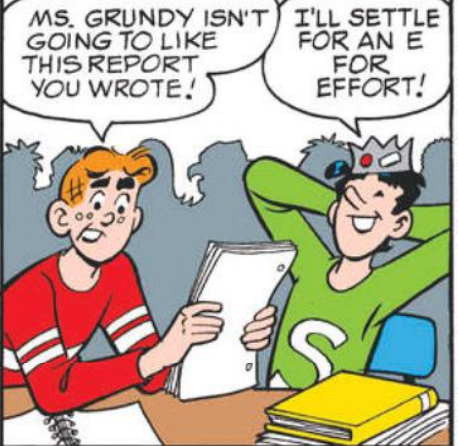
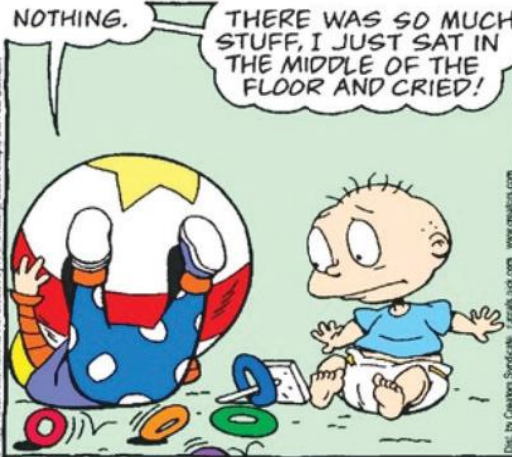
If you've reached this point, you're not just curious about leadership, “**you are a leader.**”

Let this be your beginning.

Got Questions? Let's Talk.

Send your questions to hevnleadership@hotmail.com, to be answered in our next edition. Please note, ALL questions will be answered anonymously.

Your voice matters. Your journey matters.





State Funeral Held For Hon. Leon Wilson

Honourable Henry Leon Wilson, a former Member of the Legislative Council and Police Officer was laid to rest on Wednesday, June 25, following a state funeral at the St. Monica’s Anglican Church in Providenciales. The service was attended by government officials, civil society and a wide cross section of the TCI public. Wilson was first elected to the then Legislative Council in the 1976 General Elections to represent Salt Cay. Beyond politics, he was a devoted Anglican, serving as a lay reader and catechist, and was a proud member of the Police Force Band. Premier Hon. Washinton Misick said Wilson’s legacy remains a symbol of patriotism and humility— a life lived with purpose for the nation.



FAMILYCARE MEDICAL SERVICES HIT BY CYBER ATTACK

— POLICE INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY

By Vivian Tyson NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

FamilyCare Medical Services Ltd. has confirmed it is the target of a cyberattack that led to unauthorized access to a server hosted by an external offshore provider.

The company has issued a formal notice to clients warning of an ongoing cybersecurity incident and urging heightened vigilance amid a string of fraudulent communications from unknown individuals.

According to a public statement, some clients have been contacted by scammers claiming to have access to sensitive information. These fraudsters are reportedly demanding cash in exchange for silence or protection of personal data. FamilyCare emphasized that these individuals are not affiliated with the company and any such communication should be considered malicious.

The Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force (RTCIPF) has launched an investigation into the matter, working in conjunction with international law enforcement partners. The Financial Crime Unit has taken the lead in prob-

ing the incident. In a list of urgent advisories, FamilyCare stated:

- The company will never request money or discuss private matters via foreign phone numbers or unfamiliar area codes.
- Clients are strongly urged to avoid responding to any suspicious messages or calls.
- Individuals should not share

personal information, transfer funds, or click unknown links under any circumstances.

Clients who receive such communications are asked to report the incident immediately to the RTCIPF Financial Crime Unit:

- Email: financialcrimes@tcipolice.tc
 - Phone: +1 (649) 247-4996
- FamilyCare Medical Services expressed

deep regret over the situation, acknowledging the distress it may have caused. The company reassured clients that the confidentiality and integrity of their services remain a top priority as they work toward resolving the issue responsibly and transparently. "We appreciate your patience and co-operation," the statement concluded, "as we take every necessary step to protect the trust you place in us."



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Teen Charged with Unauthorized Vehicle Use; Separate Assault Case Filed

Police in Providenciales have charged a teenager in connection with the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. The 17-year-old male, a resident of Kew Town, is accused of taking a motor vehicle without authority, in violation of Section 14(1) of the Theft Act, Chapter 3.10.

According to the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force, the charge was formally laid on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at the Chalk Sound Police Station. Authorities allege that the teenager took a vehicle without the owner's consent. Specific details surrounding the circumstances of the incident have not been disclosed, as investigations are ongoing.

The teen was granted bail in the amount of \$3,000.00 with surety and is expected to appear before the Magistrate's Court on Monday, July 21, 2025. Due to the fact that the accused is a minor, his name and photograph will not be released in accordance with juvenile protection laws.

This incident marks another reminder of the ongoing challenges law enforcement faces in dealing with youth-related offenses. Police continue to urge parents and guardians to be vigilant and to play an active role in guiding the behavior of their children, particularly as summer approaches.

In an unrelated case, charges have also been brought against an adult male in connection with a separate criminal matter.

Ralph Raphael, 33, of Blue Hills, has been charged with common assault. The charge stems from an incident that took place on April 6, 2025. Following investigations by local police, Raphael was arrested and charged. He has been released on bail in the amount of \$1,000.00 and is scheduled to appear in court on Monday, July 7, 2025.

Common assault is considered a summary offense and typically involves situations where a person unlawfully applies force or threatens to apply force to another individual. No injuries were reported in this case, and the matter is now before the court.



Life Line

FEATURED CHURCH

CHRIST IS THE ANSWER
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This week on NEWSLINE’s Life-Line Featured Church, we turn the spotlight on Christ is the Answer Ministries. Christ is the Answer Ministries, located at George Alley off Aviation Drive (the Street Opposite Mackey’s Tires), Providenciales, is pastored by Bishop Dr. Sherlock Padmore.

The church has provided weekly opportunities for worship. On Sunday at 7p.m. Sunday Service. Bible Study is held on Tuesdays at 7pm. For further information on now to attend church services, contact 241-8030.



Life line Church Directory

Looking for a worshipping house to praise God and fellowship with members of the body of Christ, here is a list of some of the available sanctuaries you can attend throughout the Turks and Caicos Islands.

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Vinette Forbes Retirement Banquet

Veteran Oseta Jolly Primary School Teacher Vinette Forbes, after well over two decades of service, retires at the end of this school term. A banquet was held in her honor on Thursday, June 19, at the Barbetta Restaurant, Somerset Resort in Grace Bay. The event was attended not only by teachers from the school, family members and friends, but also individuals from the Education Department, including Director, Mark Garland. Forbes was showered with tributes from former students, fellow teachers and also from those who knew her well. The following are photo highlights of the event.





THE WAY YOU EAT YOUR MEALS COULD HELP BALANCE YOUR BLOOD SUGAR

New research shows that the order of your food may affect energy, mood, and long-term health

By Monica Uttamchandani
Holistic Health Coach - Turks and Caicos

Whether you're trying to maintain steady energy throughout the day, avoid afternoon crashes, or support healthy aging, how you eat might be just as important as what you eat.

New research suggests that the order in which we eat the foods on our plate can have a meaningful impact on our blood sugar levels - which, in turn, affects how we feel both immediately and over time. What is Blood Sugar - and Why Should We Care?

Blood sugar, also known as blood glucose, is the main sugar found in our bloodstream. It comes from the food we eat and serves as our body's primary source of energy.

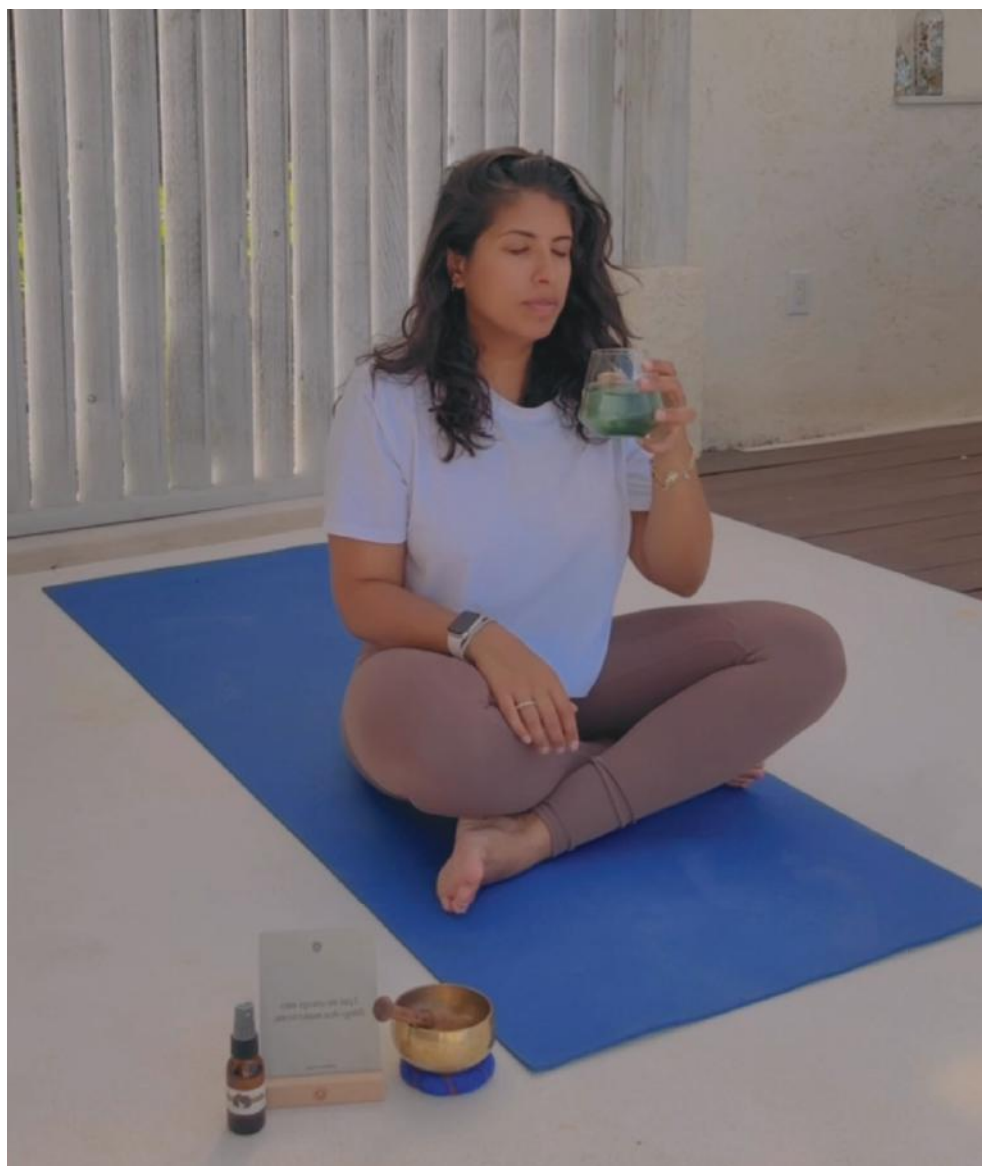
Keeping blood sugar levels steady helps us:

- Feel more energetic throughout the day
- Think clearly and stay focused
- Maintain a stable mood
- Prevent hunger and cravings shortly after eating

For older adults, balanced blood sugar is especially important. It helps support brain health, heart health, and reduces the risk of developing type 2 diabetes or insulin resistance – a condition that affects how your body uses sugar for energy.

Eat This First: The Power of Food Order

You might be surprised to learn that eating vegetables and protein before carbohydrates can help



Monica Uttamchandani

reduce the spike in blood sugar that usually follows a meal. When we eat carbohydrates (like bread, pasta, rice, or fruit) first, our body absorbs sugar quickly. But when we begin our meals with fiber (from vegetables) and protein (like chicken, fish, or beans), it slows down digestion and prevents sharp sugar spikes.

Try this simple order:

1. Start with a salad or steamed vegetables
2. Next, eat your protein and healthy fats (like grilled meat, eggs, cheese, or nuts)
3. Finish with your starch or carbohydrate (like pota-

toes, rice, or bread)

This small adjustment can lead to better energy, fewer cravings, and better overall health - without needing to change what you eat.

Simple Tools and Tips to Support Blood Sugar

Balancing blood sugar doesn't have to be complicated. Here are a few other easy strategies that can help:

- Take a walk after meals - Even a short 10-minute stroll can help lower blood sugar levels.
- Add a splash of vinegar - One tablespoon of apple cider vinegar in water before

meals may reduce sugar spikes.

- Avoid eating carbs on their own - Always pair them with protein or healthy fats. For example, have cheese with crackers or nuts with fruit.

- Don't skip meals - Eating regularly helps avoid drops in blood sugar that can lead to overeating later.

- Stay hydrated - Water helps your body process glucose more efficiently.

Blood sugar balance isn't just for people with diabetes - it's for everyone who wants to feel their best. Whether you're 25 or 75, a few small changes in how you eat can have a big impact on your health and quality of life.

For more holistic tips on balanced eating and healthy habits, follow @balancedbymonica on Instagram.

Monica Uttamchandani is a Holistic Health Coach based in Turks and Caicos.





Selena Grant, President and founder of Barbara's Lighthouse, pictured with Arielle Neely, facilitator of the "Mind Over Media" girls' workshop.



Teen boys join Leonardo Lightbourne for the "Mind Over Media" workshop. The session explored navigating peer pressure and the impact of social media.

National Apprentice Selena Grant Hosts Project B.R.E.A.T.H.E: A Transformative Day of Mental Health Advocacy For Teens

Barbara's Lighthouse, a youth empowerment nonprofit, proudly hosted its inaugural mental health and empowerment event- Project BREATHE (Building Resilience, Empathy, Awareness, Trust, Hope and Empowerment) - at Brayton Hall in Providenciales on Saturday, 17th May 2025.

Designed as a full-day workshop and safe space for youth, the event welcomed 24 teens for an impactful series of conversations, hands-on workshops, and peer connection centred on mental well-being.

The event opened with a warm welcome, prayer, and an interactive ice-breaker that set an energetic tone for the day. Throughout the event, students participated in four dynamic sessions that explored topics such as emotional regulation, stress management, peer pressure, the impact of social media, and strategies for avoiding involvement with criminal activity.

One of the day's most powerful moments came from a deeply personal testimony by a guest speaker with lived experience, who shared his journey away from criminal activity and toward positive change, reminding students of the importance of wise decision-making and self-worth.

Facilitators led engaging, age-appropriate sessions and panel discussions where youth explored:

- What mental health truly means
- How to manage emotions and identify safe spaces
- Breaking cultural stigma around asking for help
- Building confidence in the face of peer pressure and social media
- Financial literacy, academic stress, and goal setting

The event also featured breakout workshops separated by gender, where participants had the chance to open

up more intimately about the challenges they face. Interactive games, private check-ins with facilitators, and team-building activities kept the day both engaging and meaningful.

"The success of this event is a powerful reminder of just how engaged and insightful our youth can be when we create spaces that are both meaningful and enjoyable. The youth who attended shed light on perspectives we, as adults, often overlook when it comes to what mental health truly means to them. Their voices were thoughtful, honest, and eye-opening. It's clear that more dialogue is needed. With Project BREATHE, I am overjoyed by the outpouring of support and hope to continue being a catalyst to facilitate the conversation, pushing it forward and inspiring real action with the support of our nation's leaders." Said National Apprentice and President of Barbara's Lighthouse, Selena Grant.

Honourable Rachel M. Taylor, Minister of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture, praised the initiative: "I am deeply impressed by the vision, creativity, and leadership demonstrated by Selena Grant in organising Project BREATHE. This transformative event addresses one of the most critical challenges facing our young people today – mental health and emotional well-being. "Selena's innovative approach to creating safe spaces for open dialogue and peer support exemplifies the kind of youth-led initiatives we need to foster in our communities. Selena's commitment to empowering her peers and breaking down the stigma surrounding mental health discussions is truly commendable.

"The Ministry of Education encourages initiatives that prioritise the holistic development of our youth. Project BREATHE is a movement that will undoubtedly have lasting positive impacts

on the mental wellness of our young people across the Turks and Caicos Islands."

"Our young people are growing up in a highly connected world, and the pressure to measure up to unrealistic online standards can take a serious toll on their mental and emotional well-being. We are incredibly proud of Selena for taking this step to create a space where these issues can be discussed openly and where participants are provided with tools to manage their mental health.

"At the NIAP, we fully support initiatives that reflect our participants' passions and commitment to making a difference in their communities," said Arielle Neely, Career Advancement and Program Coordinator at NIAP.

Project BREATHE was more than an event- it was a call to action. The feedback from students made it clear: young people in TCI are eager for safe spaces where they can share, learn, and be heard. Parents, educators, and community leaders are encouraged to continue these conversations and support youth mental wellness at home, in schools,

and throughout our communities.

As the first initiative of Barbara's Lighthouse, Project BREATHE marks the beginning of an ambitious mission to empower youth across the Turks & Caicos Islands. The organisation aims to expand this initiative to reach the family islands and partner with government stakeholders to ensure that youth mental health becomes a national priority.

Barbara's Lighthouse extends heartfelt thanks to Lizzie Foster and Lorraine Kenlock of The Elephant Room, Zaria Ingham, Dahanda Pluviose (National Apprentice), Myriam Hernandez, Drexwell Seymour, Stacey Jogie, Samuel Dormeus, Arielle Neely, Dr Angela Brooks, Dr Finbar Grant and Leonardo Lightburn for their invaluable partnership, sharing their knowledge and helping to create a nurturing environment for open dialogue. Gratitude is also due to our incredible sponsors: Crackpot Kitchen, Flow, Interhealth Canada TCI, Got You Covered, Brayton Hall, Chinson's, R&S Funeral Services, TCI National Internship and Apprenticeship Program, Christie's International Real Estate, and R&B Tires.



Teens engaged in a group activity during the "Own Your Emotions" workshop. The session focused on understanding emotions and learning stress management techniques.



A section of the packed room



Attorney General Hon. Rhondalee Braithwaite Knowles



Terrence Gibson, Country Manager for CIBC Caribbean

More 3rd Annual Teen Girls Summit Highlights

The Cutella Talbot-run Teen Girls Community Awareness Summit celebrated its third annual running with a jam-packed event at the Ritz Carlton Resort in Providenciales on Saturday, June 14, under the theme: ‘Unstoppable Me’. For the event, Talbot assembled a rich cast of resource speakers, including Attorney General Hon. Rhondalee Braithwaite-Knowles; CEO and President of FortisTCI Ruth Forbes; Marketing Manager for Flow Northern Caribbean Detricia Blanchette; Attorney and Author Sabrina Green; Entertainer Tess Charles; Tech Innovator/Radio Host and Blockchain Advocate Charlene Brown; and Country Manager for CIBC Turks and Caicos Terrence Gibson.



Symmetrical dancers entertain the audience



Fortis President and CEO Ruth Forbes



Cutella Talbot (left), Organiser of the Teen Girls Summit and one of the speakers Sabrina Green



Sandals Foundation and CDEMA Celebrate Success of 3-Year Leadership Development Programme

Forty-five Senior Officers from three cohorts at the National Disaster Organisations (NDOs) and National Emergency Sectors in seventeen (17) Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) Participating States have benefited from a Strategic Leadership Development training programme that is in its third year, building their capacity and advancing disaster preparedness and response across the Caribbean.

As we enter the Atlantic Hurricane Season (June 1- November 30), Senior Officers from Anguilla, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, , Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia , Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands and British Virgin Islands have been equipped with strategic leadership skills to enhance their ability to develop and implement disaster preparedness plans, coordinate and manage emergency responses, and support recovery efforts to strengthen their coordination, communication, and leadership in times of emergency.

Taking a holistic approach to Disaster Risk Management, the intensive programme enhances leadership skills through six (6) courses over a six-month period with modules in Leadership, Strategic Management, Project Management, Financial Management, Proposal Writing, and Crisis Communication and Incident Management.

In partnership with Sandals Foundation and the Arthur Lok Jack Global School of Business (ALIGSB) at the St. Augustine Campus of the University of the West Indies (UWI), the carefully curated curriculum successfully used interactive lectures, one-on-one coaching, and psychometric assessment to enhance officers' approach to community wellbeing before, during and after a natural hazard.

Gayle Drakes, Education and Training Specialist at CDEMA, said, "The preventative approach to Disaster Risk Management at CDEMA is risk-reduction centred, emphasising an understanding of hazard exposure, vulnerabilities and capacities, and styling appropriate interventions for building more resilient communities."

"By completing this three year programme with the Sandals Foundation, our region's Senior Officers now have enhanced knowledge in advanced level competencies, all aimed at promoting our Comprehensive Disaster Management agenda [an integrated approach to risk management]," Drakes added.

"CDEMA is proud to have collaborated with the Sandals Foundation and the Arthur Lok Jack Global School of Business on this initiative to strengthen the foundation of national and regional resilience. As we enter the 2025 Atlantic Hurricane Season, we are confident that this cadre of professionals is better equipped to lead preparedness, response, and recovery efforts that result in safeguarding lives and livelihoods throughout the Caribbean," said Executive Director

of CDEMA, Elizabeth Riley.

Sandals Foundation, for its part, provided necessary funding to implement the programme for its three-year duration, valued at some US \$150,000. Heidi Clarke, Executive Director at Sandals Foundation, says she is optimistic about the future for both NDO Officers and the citizens of the Caribbean.

"Improved Disaster Risk Management starts with our leaders. A holistic approach starts with education and training. When we equip our leaders with the resources they need, we feel confident in their ability to guide us toward a culture of preparedness

and awareness, especially in the face of natural hazards," said Clarke.

The Sandals Foundation has routinely partnered with organisations that promote disaster preparedness and building resilience across the Caribbean – training NDO Officers and small business operators, and educating youth and community members in safety protocols and disaster mitigation and prevention. Some of its partners to date have included the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), The Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) in Jamaica, and the Youth Emergency Action Committee (YEAC) in Grenada.



How Much Sugar Should You Eat In a Day?

Sugar can taste delicious, and it provides a quick source of energy. However, many people are becoming more mindful of what they eat, including how much sugar is too much. Popular diets describe the benefits of cutting out sugar and carbohydrates, but not all sugars are the same. Many foods contain natural sugars. For example, fruits contain fructose and dairy products contain lactose. Added sugars are added to foods either during processing or as you prepare them—such as adding honey to cereal.

Many people in the United States consume about 17 teaspoons of added sugar daily, which is more than the recommended amount. Eating too much added sugar is linked with conditions like type 2 diabetes, heart disease, and dental caries. That doesn't mean you need to avoid sugar altogether. Still, it's important to be mindful of your intake and which foods might contain unexpected sugar.

Recommended Daily Sugar Intake

There aren't set recommendations for the amount of naturally occurring sugars you should eat, but there are guidelines for added sugars. Americans get an average of 13% of their calories from added sugar, which is higher than current recommendations. The Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommend that adults limit added sugars to no more than 10% of their total caloric intake. For reference, if you consume 2,000 calories a day, the guidelines recommend limiting your added sugar intake to 12 teaspoons (50 grams) per day.

The American Heart Association (AHA) has more ambitious recommendations. They suggest adults limit added sugars to no more than 6% of total daily calories. That's 6-9 teaspoons, or about 30 grams of sugar, for a 2,000-calorie diet. The recommendations are lower for children. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, infants below 2 years old should not consume any added sugars. Teenagers and children above the age of 2 years old should consume no more than 6 teaspoons (25 grams) per day.

Read the Nutrition Label

You can check the natural and added sugar content of a food by reading the nutrition label:

Total sugar: This number includes both natural and added sugars.

Added sugars: This number will either be the same or lower than the total sugar. If it equals the total sugar, that means that all sugar in that product is added sugar. On the other hand, a product might contain 10 grams of total sugar, but only 1 gram is added sugar.

Natural vs. Added Sugar

Your body generally processes all forms of sugar in the same way—with a few exceptions. Carbohydrates in whole foods like fruits, vegetables, beans, and whole grains contain a variety of starches, including complex carbohydrates and fiber. Table sugar and other sweeteners are simple carbohydrates. Complex carbohydrates contain three or



more types of sugar and also offer nutrients like fiber. As a result, they digest more slowly, which prevents blood glucose (sugar) spikes. Your body also produces short-chain fatty acids (SCFAs) to digest fiber in complex carbohydrates. SCFAs can also promote gut health because they're fermented in the colon and can increase the growth of good bacteria.

In short, when it comes to being mindful about how much sugar you eat, focus on added sugar.

Health Effects of Eating Too Much Sugar

Sugar—especially natural sugar—is fine in moderation. However, excess sugar intake can lead to excess calorie intake, which can cause weight gain. Excess body fat is associated with many health conditions, including:

- Hypertension (high blood pressure)
- Heart disease
- Sleep apnea (a chronic breathing disorder that causes your breathing to stop and restart repeatedly while you sleep)
- Osteoarthritis (a joint condition that occurs when the cartilage—the connective tissue surrounding the bones—around a joint gradually breaks down over time)
- Chronic pain
- Cancer

Added sugar includes fructose, honey, maple syrup, agave, and more.

Dental Caries (Tooth Decay)

You may remember adults warning you that candy would give you cavities. Sugars, particularly added sugars, are a key risk factor for developing dental caries—also known as tooth decay, or cavities—for both children and adults. Studies have found that people with higher added sugar intake also had more dental caries. Meanwhile, consuming less than 10% of total calories from added sugars greatly reduces the risk of tooth decay and cavities. Foods with natural sugars—like milk and fruit—may not pose the same risk to dental health. Researchers believe this is due to other nutrients in these foods, such as fiber, water, calcium, and anti-

oxidants. That said, dried fruit can be problematic for teeth because it gets stuck between them.

Heart Disease

The American Heart Association has a strict added sugar recommendation because added sugars have been linked with cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk. However, the relationship isn't as concrete as you might think. A few recent reviews and meta-analyses have examined this relationship. Some reviews found a strong relationship between added sugar intake and CVD risk, particularly when it comes to sugar-sweetened beverages. Other studies had mixed results.

These differences could be because most studies are observational. With observational studies, researchers collect information from participants or look at past information. This can make it difficult to determine cause and effect—in this case, that added sugars cause CVD. More high-quality research is needed to examine this possible relationship.

Diabetes

Type 2 diabetes is often associated with sugar and other carbohydrates. You do want to be mindful of your sugar intake if you already have diabetes, as this can help prevent blood glucose spikes. However, it's not so straightforward if you're trying to prevent the disease. Research regarding added sugars and diabetes risk is largely inconclusive.

Diabetes risk factors include genetics, a sedentary lifestyle, and being over 45 years old. Added sugar consumption is not considered a primary risk factor. The American Diabetes Association states that sugary drinks are linked with type 2 diabetes, so they recommend limiting these beverages in favor of water whenever possible. They also state that consuming added sugars in addition to solid fats and excess calories has been linked with type 2 diabetes. Therefore, it may not be added sugars alone that increase the risk of diabetes.

Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD)

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FLD) is a condition where excess fat accumulates in your liver. It's one of the most common causes of liver disease in the U.S.¹⁵ There's some evidence that eating a lot of added fructose—often found in sugar-sweetened beverages—can increase your risk of NAFLD. Research on NAFLD and sugar largely focuses on sugar-sweetened beverages. For example, one 2019 study found a significant association between higher sugar-sweetened beverage consumption and NAFLD.

Again, these studies are largely observational. They suggest an association between added fructose and NAFLD, but they don't show clear evidence that fructose causes NAFLD. Many factors can increase your risk of developing NAFLD, including type 2 diabetes and genetics.

Foods With High Sugar Content

Beverages are the most common source of added sugars. This includes soft drinks, fruit drinks, sports drinks, coffee, and tea. These beverages account for about 50% of all added sugars. Foods like candy, desserts, and other sweet snacks are more obviously high in sugar, but some high-sugar foods might surprise you. The most common food sources of added sugars for Americans are:

- Sandwiches
- Breakfast cereals and bars
- Sweetened yogurt

Sandwiches account for 7% of Americans' added sugar intake. Sugar is often used as a preservative in bread or condiments. Breakfast cereals, granola bars, and sweetened yogurt are other common sources of added sugar in the diet. For example, one serving of a popular vanilla Greek yogurt contains around 9 grams of added sugars.

How To Reduce Your Sugar Intake

Since many Americans consume more added sugars than guidelines recommend, you may be wondering how to be more mindful of your sugar intake. Start by considering which high-sugar foods you consume most often. Then, consider how you might still enjoy the foods and drinks you love while minimizing added sugar.

Here are some ideas:

- Request less sweetener (or no sweetener) in your go-to coffee order
- Focus on lower-sugar drinks like water, unsweetened tea, milk or low-sugar dairy-free milk, and sparkling water
- Eat a variety of foods that have fiber, protein, and healthy fat throughout the day to stop sugary food cravings in the evening
- Choose snacks like whole fruit, nuts, seeds, veggies, and hummus rather than relying on high-sugar, more processed options
- Prioritize products free of added sugars when possible—for example, buy yogurts nut and seed butters without added sugar
- Purchase unsweetened products and sweeten them yourself with fruit or a little bit of honey or other sweetener.



JOB DESCRIPTION

Position: Executive Sous Chef
Department: Culinary
Reports to: Executive Chef
Compensation: \$ 70,000.00- 75,000.00 per annum
Housing: 10% max discretionary Performance Bonus

Job Summary

The Executive Sous Chef reports directly to the Executive Chef and will quickly amass an in-depth familiarity with the kitchen’s operations so that they may fill in for the Executive Chef when needed and assist them in resolving any problems that may arise on the job. An Executive Sous Chef must possess the ability to quickly and authoritatively delegate job tasks to a large staff. They must also be able to draw upon their considerable experience as a culinary chef who has worked in many different roles and settings in order to effectively coach and mentor junior chefs. The Executive Sous Chef needs to be able to assist the Executive Chef in required projects.

Essential Functions

- Assist with the coordinating and directing of all food preparation, from prep through service.
- Monitoring the quality of all food and beverages.
- Track, record, and maintain inventory stock including foods, beverages, and kitchen supplies.
- Delegate daily tasks to sous chef and other kitchen staff; manage their progress throughout the day.
- Assist with the overseeing of the entire kitchen staff activity and ensure efficient work.
- Assisting with ordering and arranging pickup or delivery of foods for the week.
- Oversee repairs of kitchen appliances.
- Assist with the hiring and training of new kitchen staff.
- Work efficiently to resolve any problems that arise in the kitchen.
- Research and implement new culinary trends.
- Maintain a clean kitchen and abide by all state food safety and sanitation laws; and
- Any other duties that may be assigned to you.

Requirements

- 3-year Culinary Arts degree and/or other culinary certification.
- Bachelor’s degree preferred.
- 5+ years’ experience in a Executive Sous Chef or managerial kitchen position in a resort of similar standing.
- Server Safe certification.
- Vast knowledge in culinary arts, including any new up and coming food trends.
- Knowledgeable and dexterous using all manner of complex kitchen equipment.
- Effective and clear communicator.
- Expert skills and experience planning, designing, and preparing meals.
- Proficiency using Microsoft Suite to monitor and track inventory and maintain recipe records.
- Excellent time management and organizational skills.
- Proven leadership and creative abilities inside the kitchen.
- Expert problem solver who thrives under pressure.
- Top of the line customer services skills.

Must Have Excellent

- Communication skills
- Leadership skills
- Advanced mathematical and accounting concepts
- Computer literacy
- Ability to analyze and interpret general business periodicals, professional journals and governmental regulations
- Ability to train staff

Note: The Resort operates 7 days a week, the needs for coverage will vary greatly depending upon occupancy, available resources and expected demands. As such business work schedules will be tailored to insure the best possible coverage to meet the most crucial business needs and insure high service levels while maintaining fairness. We will endeavor to grant special requests for specific shifts and or days off, however these cannot be guaranteed. I have read and understand the Position Description as outlined above.

Signature: _____
Date: _____



The sixth week of the Sean ‘Diddy’ Combs’ sex trafficking trial was shortened by a holiday and a juror’s illness as prosecutors nearly concluded their case.

In the trial’s first five weeks, jurors repeatedly heard testimony about drug-fuelled marathon sex events described as “freak-offs” by one of Combs’ ex-girlfriends and as “hotel nights” by another. In the sixth week, they were shown about 20 minutes of video recordings from the days-long events.

Combs, the founder of Bad Boy Entertainment, has pleaded not guilty to sex trafficking and racketeering conspiracy charges in the trial, which continues today. Here are key moments from the past week:

Jurors watch videos of ‘freak-off’ sex mar-

athons

Jurors largely kept their reactions muted when they were shown about 20 minutes of recordings made by Combs of his then-girlfriends having sex with male sex workers at the elaborately staged “freak-offs” or “hotel nights”.

Prosecutors say the events were proof of sex trafficking and racketeering conspiracy charges because Combs coerced his employees, associates and even his girlfriends to recruit and arrange flights for sex workers while his workers obtained drugs, stocked hotel rooms with baby oil, lubricant, condoms, candles and liquor and delivered cash.

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Key moments from week six of Diddy's sex trafficking trial

Juror ejected
Judge Arun Subramanian started the week by dismissing a juror whose conflicting answers about whether he lived in New Jersey or New York convinced the judge he was a threat to the integrity of the trial. Subramanian said the juror's answers during jury selection and in the week before he was excused "raised serious concerns as to the juror's candour". Residents of New Jersey would not be permitted to sit on a New York federal jury. And Wednesday's court session had to be cancelled after a juror reported "vertigo symptoms" on the way to the courthouse.

Defence lawyer makes prediction
Defence attorney Marc Agnifilo seemed to close the door on any chance Combs would testify when he said Friday that the defence presentation would be finished Tuesday or Wednesday, even if prosecutors don't rest until late Monday.

It is not uncommon for defendants to choose not to testify at criminal trials. Besides being exposed to cross-examination by prosecutors, the testimony can be used by the government against the defendant.

should there be a need for a retrial. Former Combs' employee requires immunity to testify

Brendan Paul, fresh off the college basketball courts where he once played in a cameo role for Syracuse University, joined Combs' companies as a personal assistant in late 2022 and was warned by a friend who had worked for Combs about what was ahead.

"He told me to get in and get out," Paul recalled for the jury. "If you have a girlfriend, break up with her. And you're never going to see your family."

Paul said he worked 80 to 100 hours a week and was paid \$75,000 salary initially, but it was raised in January 2024 to \$100,000.

Several times, Paul said, he picked up drugs for Combs and knew to keep his boss out of the drug trade because "it was very important to keep his profile low. He's a celebrity".

In March 2024, Paul was arrested at a Miami airport on drug charges after a small amount of cocaine that he said he picked up in Combs' room that morning was mistakenly put in his travel bag as he prepared to join Combs on a trip to the Bahamas. The charges were later dropped in a pretrial diversion programme.

Paul said he hadn't seen Combs since.

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<p>◆ Reservations Agent</p> <p>Job Specification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use Opera software as our booking tool. Up-sell and assist in booking future stays and experiences prior to arrival. Build rapport and trust with all guests through direct communication via phone and email Manage and navigate various calendars using Microsoft Outlook and Inter-company tools Protect the privacy and confidentiality of all guests Input new bookings into systems in a timely manner and share reports of guest stays with relevant departments as needed. Guest experience enhancement Collaborate with other hotel departments, including front office, sales, and marketing, to ensure a seamless and personalized guest experience from booking to check-out, implementing initiatives to enhance guest satisfaction and loyalty. Generate reports and analytics related to reservation performance, revenue metrics, and market trends, providing insights and recommendations to senior management for strategic planning and decision-making. Other work that may be assigned by management <p>Job Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be able to speak English Must have 2+ years experience as a Reservations Agent Positive attitude and willingness to learn Must have a good experience in sales and revenue management. Must be articulate, professional and able to meet targets set for revenue generation. <p style="margin-top: 20px;">Salary expectation - \$10.00 - \$13.00 per hour</p>	<p>◆ Bellman</p> <p>Job Specification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greet guests arriving at the hotel and assist with their luggage, transporting it to and from their rooms efficiently and carefully. Assist guests with checking in and out, managing their luggage appropriately. Transport luggage between guest rooms and other areas of the hotel as requested (e.g., to the valet, to a meeting room). Ensure the safety and security of guest luggage at all times. Provide information to guests about the hotel and its amenities. Maintain a clean and organized luggage storage area. Handle guest requests and inquiries courteously and promptly. <p>Job Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be able to speak English Must have 2+ years experience in related field Must be able to work in customer service, stand for long hours, and work efficiently under pressure. Physical stamina and ability to lift heavy luggage (typically up to 50 pounds). Ability to follow instructions and procedures Positive attitude and willingness to learn <p style="margin-top: 20px;">Salary expectations - \$9.00 - \$10.00 per hour</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 20px;">APPLY NOW!</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">Send your resume to: careers@thestrandtci.com</p>	<p>◆ Houseman</p> <p>Job Specification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisting with housekeeping and deep cleaning carpets and upholstery, polishing brass, mirrors, glass, light fixtures, and chandeliers. Waxing all floors or hard cleaning of floors. Cleaning and laying fireplaces, restocking wood, emptying bins. Changing light bulbs, fuses, checking boiler pressure, bleeding radiators, checking security and alarm systems and performing minor household repairs. Assisting with laundry and ironing, cooking, laying tables, caring for children and pets. Maintaining gardens, moving, watering plants, cleaning windows, paths and steps. Raking gravel and leaves, jet spraying exterior walls, sills and outdoor furniture. Valeting cars, driving to meetings, shopping, running errands, airport and school runs. Assisting to serve at dinners, looking after swimming pools, saunas, gyms and hot tubs. <p>Job Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be able to speak English Must have 2+ years experience in related field Must be able to work in a restaurant environment, stand for long hours, and work efficiently under pressure. Prior experience in housekeeping or related field preferred Knowledge of cleaning chemicals, proper storage, and disposal methods Ability to follow instructions and procedures Positive attitude and willingness to learn <p style="margin-top: 20px;">Salary expectation - \$9.00 - \$10.00 per hour</p>
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Clement Howell Students and teachers share lens with Beaches Turks and Caicos Managers on property.

BEACHES TCI EMPOWERS STUDENTS WITH HANDS-ON WASTE MANAGEMENT TOUR

Beaches Turks & Caicos (BTC) recently welcomed 35 students from Clement Howell High School's Social and Environmental Arts Club for an immersive educational tour showcasing the resort's sustainable waste management and composting systems, including grey water recycling.

The visit was part of BTC's ongoing commitment to environmental education and sustainability. Students explored the resort's eco-friendly initiatives, including how kitchen waste is transformed into nutrient-rich compost to support the property's vibrant gardens.

Gerry Harris, 15, said the experience was eye-opening. "It showed me how simple but effective waste disposal can be—even at home. Seeing it first-hand made a big difference."

17-year-old Onerce Oriol, who aspires to be a construction engineer, was especially drawn to the composting demonstration. "It was exciting to learn how common kitchen scraps can enrich the soil. I never realized how waste could be reused in such a beneficial way."

The interactive, hour-long tour gave students a chance to engage in the process directly, enhancing their understanding through hands-on learning.

"This was a very informative experience," said Robert Toby Grant, creative environmentalist and teacher at Clement Howell High. "Our students gained practical knowledge of BTC's sustainability efforts and how they can apply these practices in their own lives."

Jamie McAnally, managing director at Beaches Turks & Caicos, emphasized the value of community partnerships, "engag-

ing students is key. One inspired student can influence an entire household, creating a ripple effect that benefits communities and ultimately, the island."

BTC continues to champion environmental

stewardship across Turks & Caicos, partnering with schools, government agencies and NGOs to promote sustainable practices. One standout collaboration is with the Edward Garland Youth Centre, which trans-

forms plastic bottle waste from the resort into eco-art and garden installations.

Beaches Turks & Caicos is proud to support initiatives that build a greener future for the "Beautiful by Nature" Turks & Caicos Islands.



Orville Morgan, Beaches Turks and Caicos Public Relations Manager educates the students on the tour.



President Dr Irfaan Ali with supporters at one of his rallies.

President Dr Irfaan Ali says that the ruling People’s Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) is not a power-seeking party but one that works to unite the people of Guyana, enhancing their lives and developing the country. Addressing supporters at a concert hosted by the party on Saturday night, Ali, who will be leading the PPP/C for a second term at the upcoming General and Regional Elections on September 1, declared that this is the only truly national party in the country. This, he pointed out, was reflected in the

vastly diverse crowd at the Everest Cricket Ground, where the party’s family fun day and concert were held. “Just look around this crowd tonight... you see love, you see unity, you see togetherness, you see the People’s Progressive Party in all of Guyana,” he posited. According to Ali, never before has any political party had this level of national unity. He noted that a unified Guyana, where people are each other’s keepers and uplift each other, is what is most needed for the country’s development – something that

PPP/C represents a coalition of people coming together, united and strong

can only be pursued by those who philosophically and fundamentally understand this which is the PPP. “The PPP today represents a national unified front of Guyana. The PPP today represents a coalition of the people; a coalition of the hearts, minds and souls of the Guyanese people – not a coalition of power seekers but the coalition of people coming together, united and strong under the banner of the People’s Progressive Party,” he stated. The Head of State further added that the people are what matters most to the PPP/C, motivating the current administration to work hard for their betterment and the country’s development. Ali said the PPP/C has already demonstrated over the last five years what honouring trust and commitment looks like – something that they are ready to do once again. “We’ve shown you what love and service, looks like and feels like... You will continue

to give us the opportunity to lead... We’re are not an elections party; we are your partners every single day of the year. We’re not a seasonal friend, we are here with you the people in every single season – in the good time, the bad time, every single time. The People’s Progressive Party stands with you.” “Ask yourself, who can you trust to keep their commitment? Who can you trust to do whatever they say they will do? And every time you ask that question, there is only one honest answer and that is the People’s Progressive party... We are asking for the responsibility to work harder for the pensions, to work harder for the children, to work harder for the men and women in uniform, to work harder for our farmers and public servants, to work harder for every woman, every man and every child, and to work harder always in the interest of this beautiful country – Guyana,” he declared.



Available Positions



SOUS CHEF

Job Specification:

As the Sous Chef, you will assist in leading the culinary team in delivering exceptional food quality, consistency, and presentation across all outlets. You will support the Executive Chef in managing kitchen operations, mentoring staff, and ensuring compliance with IHG’s culinary standards and safety protocols.

- Ensure food preparation and presentation meet IHG brand standards and guest expectations.
- Maintain consistency in taste, portioning, and visual appeal of all dishes.
- Monitor kitchen cleanliness, equipment maintenance, and food storage practices.
- Train, mentor, and supervise line cooks, prep cooks, and kitchen stewards.
- Conduct pre-shift briefings and ensure team readiness.
- Foster a positive, collaborative, and high-performance kitchen culture.
- Support recruitment and onboarding of new culinary team members.
- Monitor inventory levels and assist with ordering and receiving supplies.
- Ensure proper portion control and minimize food waste.
- Support the Executive Chef in managing food cost targets and vendor relationships
- Stand, sit, or walk for an extended period of time or for an entire work shift. Move, lift, carry, push, pull, and place objects weighing less than or equal to 25 pounds without assistance.

Job Requirements:

- 3-5 years of progressive kitchen experience, with at least 1 year in a supervisory role.
- Strong knowledge of international cuisines, food preparation techniques, and plating styles
- Proficiency in kitchen operations, inventory systems, and food safety standards
- Excellent leadership, communication, and organizational skills
- Ability to work flexible hours, including weekends and holiday

Salary expectation - \$58,000 - \$71,000 per annum



MIXOLOGIST

Job Specification:

As the Mixologist within our restaurant and bars, you will craft exceptional cocktails and beverage experiences that reflect creativity, precision, and IHG’s commitment to “True Hospitality.” You will be responsible for curating drink menus, engaging guests, and maintaining a vibrant, well-organized bar environment within our hotel.

- Prepare classic and signature cocktails with consistency and flair.
- Design seasonal and event-specific drink menus in collaboration with the Bar Manager.
- Ensure proper garnishing, glassware selection, and presentation of all beverages.
- Maintain knowledge of current mixology trends and incorporate them into offering.
- Interact with guests to understand preferences and make personalized recommendations.
- Provide storytelling and education around ingredients, spirits, and cocktail origins.
- Ensure a welcoming and entertaining bar atmosphere that enhances the guest experience.
- Set up and break down the bar for each shift, ensuring cleanliness and readiness.
- Monitor inventory levels and assist with ordering and stock rotation.
- Ensure compliance with local alcohol laws and responsible service practices.
- Maintain bar equipment and report maintenance needs promptly.

Job Requirements:

- Must have 2-3 years experience in a hotel fine dining establishment.
- Beverage sales and upselling performance.
- Inventory accuracy and waste control.

Salary expectation - \$29,000- \$33,000 per annum

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ASSIST. HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER

Job Specification:

As the Assist HR Manager, you will support the Human Resources function during the pre-opening and operational phases of the hotel. This role ensures effective recruitment, onboarding, employee engagement, and compliance with IHG standards and local labor laws, while fostering a culture of “True Hospitality.”

- Assist in building the HR infrastructure for the new hotel, including systems, policies, and procedures.
- Coordinate mass recruitment campaigns and job fairs in collaboration with local partners.
- Support onboarding and orientation programs for all new hires.
- Ensure compliance with local labor laws and IHG brand standards during setup.
- Manage job postings, candidate screening, and interview scheduling.
- Liaise with department heads to understand staffing needs and timelines.
- Maintain a talent pipeline for operational readiness and future growth.
- Maintain accurate employee records and HRIS data.
- Ensure timely processing of contracts, benefits, and payroll inputs.
- Support audits and ensure compliance with labor regulations and IHG policies.
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Job Requirements:

- HR Certification or Bachelors Degree in HR/Business related field.
- 3-5 years of HR experience in hospitality, with at least 1 year in a supervisory or assistant manager role.
- Strong knowledge of local labor laws in Turks & Caicos.
- Excellent interpersonal, organizational, and communication skills.
- Proficiency in HR systems and Microsoft Office Suit

Salary expectation - \$47,000- \$54,000 per annum



A specialised rescue group from the Colombian police carry the body of a deceased person, during an operation to rescue survivors of a landslide caused by heavy rains in Choco, Colombia [Colombian Police/Handout via Reuters]

Officials say at least 33 people have died in mudslides brought on by heavy rains in the province of Choco. At least 33 people have been killed in a landslide brought on by heavy rains in northwestern Colombia, officials have said. “I deeply regret the death of 33 people in this tragedy, mostly children, accord-

ing to preliminary reports from the territory,” Vice President Francia Marquez wrote on the social media platform X on Saturday. Photos: In Colombia, illegally felled timber repurposed to help bees end of list “At this time, search and rescue actions continue for the people who remain

Dozens killed in Colombia landslide, including children

trapped,” she said. The mudslide, which happened on Friday afternoon, covered a roadway that connects the cities of Quibdo and Medellin in the Pacific province of Choco, authorities said. Dozens were also injured on a busy highway, and some people were missing after mud engulfed several cars on the road. A specialised rescue group from the Colombian police rescued survivors and retrieved bodies on Saturday. Authorities in Medellin said that, as of early Saturday, 17 bodies had been transported there and that forensic examiners had identified three of them, the AFP news agency reported. No names were released. With several road closures, rescue crews and firefighters struggled to reach the hardest-hit area. “Since last night, we have been working hand-in-hand with emergency and relief organisations on the Quibdo-Medellin road,” the police said. “We deployed all our capabilities to rescue and help those affected.” About 50 soldiers also arrived to as-

sist, and images released by the army showed mud-covered men struggling through swampy terrain. “All the help available [is being sent] to Choco in this horrible tragedy,” President Gustavo Petro said on social media on Friday. The landslide in Choco, which lies on the Pacific Ocean and is home to a vast tropical forest, followed more than 24 hours of intense rain. Images on social media showed the moment a large piece of land dislodged from a mountain and fell on top of several cars that were moving along the flooded road below. The road has been closed by Colombia’s National Unit for Disaster Risk Management (UNGRD). A landslide in the same part of Colombia in December 2022 killed at least 27 people, trapping people in a bus and other vehicles. While much of Colombia is suffering a period of drought, the Institute of Hydrology, Meteorology and Environmental Studies has warned of the risk of heavy rains in the Amazon and in several departments bordering the Pacific.

US intelligence suggests strikes only set back Iran’s nuclear programme by months

A United States intelligence report suggests that Iran’s nuclear program has been set back only a few months after US strikes and was not “completely and fully obliterated” as President Donald Trump has said, according to two people familiar with the early assessment. The report issued by the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) on Monday contradicts statements from Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu about the status of Iran’s nuclear facilities. According to the people, the report found that while the Sunday strikes at the Fordo, Natanz, and Isfahan nuclear sites did significant damage, the facilities were not totally destroyed. The people were not authorised to address the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. The US has held out hope of restarting negotiations with Iran to convince it to give up its nuclear program entirely, but some experts fear that the US strikes - and the potential of Iran retaining some of its capabilities- could push Tehran toward developing a functioning weapon. The assessment also suggests that at least some of Iran’s highly enriched uranium, necessary for creating a nuclear weapon, was moved out of multiple sites before the US strikes and survived.

It reportedly found that Iran’s centrifuges, which are required to further enrich uranium to weapons-grade levels, are largely intact, according to the people. At the deeply buried Fordo uranium enrichment plant, where US B-2 stealth bombers dropped several 30,000-pound bunker-buster bombs, the entrance collapsed and infrastructure was damaged, but the underground infrastructure was not destroyed, the assessment found. The people said that intelligence officials had warned of such an outcome in previous assessments ahead of the strike on Fordo. The White House has strongly pushed back on the DIA assessment, calling it “flat-out wrong.” The Central Intelligence Agency and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) declined to comment on the DIA assessment. ODNI coordinates the work of the nation’s 18 intelligence agencies, including the DIA, which is the intelligence arm of the Defense Department, responsible for producing intelligence on foreign militaries and the capabilities of adversaries. The Israeli government also has not released any official assessments of the US strikes. Trump special envoy Steve Witkoff, who said he has read damage assessment

reports from US intelligence and other nations, reiterated Tuesday night that the strikes had deprived Iran of the ability to develop a weapon and called it outrageous that the US assessment was shared with reporters. “It’s treasonous so it ought to be investigated,” Witkoff said on Fox News Channel. Trump has said in comments and posts on social media in recent days, including Tuesday, that the strike left the sites in Iran “totally destroyed” and that Iran will never rebuild its nuclear facilities. Netanyahu said in a televised statement

on Tuesday that, “For dozens of years I promised you that Iran would not have nuclear weapons and indeed ... we brought to ruin Iran’s nuclear program.” He said the U.S. joining Israel was “historic” and thanked Trump. Iran has maintained that its nuclear program is peaceful, but it has enriched significant quantities of uranium beyond the levels required for any civilian use. Approximately 42 kilograms of 60% enriched uranium is theoretically enough to produce one atomic bomb if enriched further to 90%, according to the UN nuclear watchdog.



OSETA JOLLY ARE CRICKET CHAMPS



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Jamaica Athletics Administrative Association President Garth Gayle

JAAA urges World Athletics to take action after Olympians switch allegiance

switching allegiances to cash rich countries.

Olympic discus throw gold medalist Roje Stona, Olympic long jump silver medalist Wayne Pinnock, Olympic shot put bronze medalist Rajindra Campbell and Olympic triple jump finalist Jaydon Hibbert are all expected to represent Turkey after receiving lucrative offers from the country's government.

The four's imminent departure is seen as a big loss to Jamaica's athletics, especially being as the faces of the improving field event programme.

JAAA president Garth Gayle, speaking at Monday's launch of the national senior champion-

ships, says he's yet to have any communications with the athletes involved or representatives from Turkey.

While admitting he holds no grudges against the departing athletes, he says he intends to write to the world governing body to see how best the matter of can be addressed.

Gayle, though, says the JAAA will continue to support Jamaican athletes with the resources available to them and has called on corporate Jamaica to invest more in the sport.

The national senior championships will run from Thursday to Sunday at the National Stadium.

The Jamaica Athletics Administrative Association says World Ath-

letics needs to take action in order to prevent more athletes from

Sammy says Windies team selections driven by data

West Indies Head Coach Daren Sammy has maintained that his team selection is driven by data and not emotion, and that he has no bias towards players from any region in the Caribbean.

Sammy made the comments during a recent interview on QFM Dominica, during which questions were raised about the exclusion of Dominicans Kavem Hodge and Alick Athanaze for the upcoming three-match Test series against Australia.

The 26-year-old Athanaze has played 13 Tests and scored 627 runs at an average of 25.08 with four half-centuries, while Hodge, 32, has scored 556 runs in 11 Test matches at an average of 25.27, with one century and three half-centuries.

While both players featured in the last Test series against Pakistan in January, Sammy explained that their recent performances did not merit them a place in the West Indies' 15-man squad.

"I had the analysts dive into the top three teams in the world and the different batting positions, what the best of the top three are doing in those different positions, the roles they are playing, and then we compared them to ours and what we are



Kavem Hodge of West Indies versus the Pakistan Sheehans on Sunday, January 12.

doing.

"During that last Test World Championship [cycle], Kavem, I think, scored 500 runs at an average of 25. As Dominicans we want our players to perform well, but we must not get emotional," Sammy said.

"If there is one thing you must know about me, coming from a small island, coming from Saint Lucia, you know you hear of the talk of the in-

sularity and all this thing. It is one thing I will not do.

"You watch my record as a captain, as a coach now in the CPL. If it's one place you will see every single person from the Caribbean play, it is in Saint Lucia, so I don't bring my emotions in my decision making.

"Had I done that, probably Hodge and Alick would have been there as a Windward Islander, but that's not

how I operate. I'm here for West Indies cricket," he further added.

Despite them being dropped, Sammy said it was not the end of their cricketing careers.

He pointed out that they had featured for West Indies 'A' in the recent series against South Africa 'A'.

"If you notice, these guys just played in the 'A' team series, so they've not been discarded, just that at this moment, the direction that the team is going, the roles that we see from the data collected that is required to play, they just don't fit that role at that moment. However, it is not the end of the road for them.

"I think we're doing Hodge and Alick a disservice by glorifying an average of 25 in Test cricket, thinking that myself and Miles and Jamal have some personal vendetta against any player," Sammy said.

"We are trying to create an environment that breeds success, breeds excellence, and we need to keep on challenging. And it shows where our cricket is right now when players averaging below 35 seem undroppable in our system — and that shows how poor our system is — for us to be really talking about a 25 average...that will not bring us success."

Shamar Joseph, Hayley Matthews sweep top honours at West Indies Cricket Awards 2024

(Sportsmax) The 8th edition of the CWI/WIPA Awards Gala, jointly hosted by Cricket West Indies (CWI) and the West Indies Players' Association (WIPA), lit up the Wyndham Grand Barbados Sam Lord's Castle on June 22, 2025.

The prestigious event honoured the region's top cricketing talent for their exceptional performances over the past year across all formats, while also marking a golden milestone—the 50th anniversary of the West Indies' historic 1975 ICC Men's World Cup triumph under the legendary Sir Clive Lloyd.

Fast bowling sensation Shamar Joseph was named Men's Test Player of the Year, a recognition of his sensational debut and fiery pace that shook top international sides. His rapid rise has made him one of the most exciting prospects in West Indies cricket, and his performances have brought renewed hope to the team's red-ball ambitions.

He made a sensational Test debut against Australia in January, taking a wicket with his first ball and earning a five-wicket haul (5/94) in Adelaide,



Fast bowling sensation Shamar Joseph (left) and Hayley Matthews.

followed by a match-defining 7/68 at the Gabba, securing West Indies' first Test win in Australia in 27 years, earning him the Player of the Series award and the ICC Men's Player of the Month for January.

Star all-rounder Hayley Matthews continued her reign in women's cricket, clinching both the Women's ODI Player of the Year and Women's T20 Player of the Year awards. Her contributions with both bat

and ball have made her the cornerstone of the West Indies Women's team, as she consistently delivered match-winning performances across formats.

In the recently-concluded second T20I against South Africa, Matthews earned the Player of the Match for her all-round show where she bagged one wicket and smashed match-winning 63 runs.

The highlight of the evening was the

presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award to Lloyd, the iconic captain who led the West Indies to their maiden World Cup title in 1975 and repeated the feat in 1979. This year's ceremony paid special tribute to the 50th anniversary of that first historic triumph, celebrating the legacy of Lloyd and his legendary squad.

Complete list of award winners:

- Men's Test Player of the Year – Shamar Joseph
- Men's ODI Player of the Year – Shai Hope
- Men's T20 Player of the Year – Alzarri Joseph
- Women's ODI Player of the Year – Hayley Matthews
- Women's T20 Player of the Year – Hayley Matthews
- West Indies Championship Player of the Year – Mikyle Louis
- Lifetime Achievement Award – Sir Clive Lloyd
- T20 Blaze Player of the Year – Plaffiana Millington
- Women's Super50 Player of the Year – Kycia Knight
- Men's Super50 Player of the Year – Justin Grea

Fraser-Pryce says national championships will be her last

Legendary Jamaican sprinter and philanthropist Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce on Monday signalled the ending of her unmatched career, after announcing that this week's National Senior Championships will be her last.

The iconic athlete, who was speaking at a special and intimate ceremony organised by her longtime sponsors Nike at AC Hotel, thanked her supporters and those who have contributed to her success on and off the track, while committing to continuing her work and efforts towards the development of track and field in Jamaica.

"In the next two days, it will be my final time gracing the National Stadium and it is honestly one of those moments that I'm looking forward to. You know why? Because I have absolutely nothing to lose and all to gain because it is your love and it's

your support and it's your encouragement that has kept me," said Fraser-Pryce in the presence of family members, close friends, longtime sponsors, select media and government officials.

"It is the ways you have celebrated me, it is the ways you have showed up for me. And as I stand on the track in the next two days, it's not just about the track, but it's what's possible. It's how we continue to shift and change the narrative of our own female or elite sprinting. It's about your time; honouring your time," Fraser-Pryce added.

"When I stand on that track on Thursday, it's not for me, It's for you, for the love, for the support, for the encouragement, for the resilience, for the prize, for the purpose, and the passion that you have given me, you have inspired me."

Fraser-Pryce is viewed as the most



successful female sprinter in history and has contributed significantly to the development of student athletes through her Pocket Rocket Foundation.

Joining in the celebration were officials from sponsors Nike and Grace-Kennedy as well as Prime Minister Andrew Holness, Sports Minister Olivia Grange, Opposition Leader Mark Golding as well as other gov-

ernment and business leaders.

The National Senior Championships, which will be used to select Jamaica's team to the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, gets underway at the National Stadium on Thursday and culminates on Sunday.

Fraser-Pryce is scheduled to feature in the women's 100m prelims on Thursday at 6:50pm.



TCIFA President Sonia Fulford (left) and Tamara Hall-Worme (right) flank FIFA President Gianni Infantino for a photo moment.



Sonia Fulford (left), President of the TCIFA and Tamara Hall-Worme takes a photo beside the Club World Cup Trophy.

TCIFA Leadership participates in FIFA Football Summits 2025

The Turks and Caicos Islands Football Association's (TCIFA) General Secretary, Tamara Hall-Worme, participated in the prestigious FIFA Football Summits 2025.

Three FIFA Executive Football Summits were held in Miami, Florida, during the FIFA Club World Cup. The event brought together football leaders from around the globe to discuss the future of the sport.

The FIFA Football Summits are a significant platform for football associations worldwide to engage in dialogue, share insights, and collaborate on initiatives to advance the game. The participation of TCIFA's leadership under-

scores the association's commitment to being at the forefront of football development and governance.

FIFA President Gianni Infantino stated "The FIFA Executive Football Summits 2025 were my opportunity to reiterate to our global football community FIFA's firm commitment to serving football around the world". He highlighted the critical role these summits play in fostering dialogue and collaboration among football leaders. He also emphasized the importance of inclusivity in football.

"We were thrilled to be part of the FIFA Football Summits 2025," said Mrs. Hall-Worme. "This gathering of-

fered an invaluable opportunity to learn from our peers and contribute to discussions that shape the future of football on a global scale."

President Sonia Fulford, who attended in her capacity as FIFA council member, added, "The TCIFA's involvement in such international forums not only highlights the progress of football in the Turks and Caicos Islands but also allows us to bring back innovative ideas and strategies to enhance our local programs and initiatives."

The summits included a series of discussions and workshops centered around critical topics, including objectives for the 2025 FIFA Match Pilot

Program, the 2026 FIFA Series, the 2027 Women's World Cup, the evolution of the FIFA Forward Development Program, Women's Development, FIFA Connect, and strategies to enhance youth participation (such as the development of 100 mini fields around the world). These discussions underscored a shared vision for the future of football.

The summits concluded with a renewed commitment from FIFA and all attending member associations to collaboratively work towards these ambitious goals, ensuring that football continues to thrive across all levels and corners of the globe.



Members of the 2025 Turks and Caicos Islands Cricket Association (TCICA) Primary School Champions Oseta Jolly celebrate with their trophy shortly after the presentation ceremony at the downtown Ballpark.

Oseta Jolly Crowned Champions in TCICA Primary School Showdown

By Vivian Tyson, NEWSLINE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The excitement was electric at the Downtown Ballpark last Friday, June 21, 2025, as young cricketers from four primary schools across Providenciales put on a spirited display of talent, teamwork, and sportsmanship in the Turks and Caicos Islands Cricket Association’s (TCICA) Primary School Cricket Competition.

In a gripping final match, Oseta Jolly Primary School emerged victorious, defeating Ianthe Pratt Primary School by four wickets in a low-scoring but high-stakes encounter. Chasing a modest target of 37 runs, Oseta’s batsmen held their nerve to reach 38 runs with four wickets to spare, securing the championship title and etching their names into local cricket history.

The final saw Ianthe Pratt bundled out for just 37 runs, as Oseta’s bowlers applied pressure early on with accurate line and length. Despite losing a few early wickets during their chase, Oseta Jolly steadied the innings and crossed the line with determination and grit.

The path to the final was just as intense. In the semi-final, Thelma Lightbourne Primary posted a competitive total of

55 runs, thanks to some aggressive batting in the middle overs. But Oseta Jolly rose to the occasion once again, successfully chasing down the target with 58 runs, displaying both composure and confidence under pressure.

Earlier in the tournament, Ianthe Pratt showed their strength, defeating Enid Capron Primary School in the first round with a tidy performance. Ianthe’s total of 48 was enough to beat Enid Capron’s 37, as they advanced to the final with a solid all-round effort.

In the battle for third place, Enid Capron bounced back impressively, defeating Thelma Lightbourne in a close match. Chasing a tricky target of 39, Enid Capron managed to scrape through with 35 runs, just enough to claim the win and the third-place finish. The match was a testament to the fighting spirit of the young players, who showcased tenacity and skill despite the pressure.

The tournament featured participation from four schools:

- Oseta Jolly Primary
- Ianthe Pratt Primary
- Enid Capron Primary
- Thelma Lightbourne Primary

In total, 55 students were involved in

the competition, making it not only a celebration of cricket but also of youth development and community spirit. Coaches, teachers, and parents cheered on from the sidelines as the players competed with pride and passion.

The Turks and Caicos Islands Cricket Association lauded the efforts of all participating schools and extended gratitude to the organizers, volunteers, and supporters who made the day a success. The tournament not only highlighted

emerging cricketing talent but also reinforced the importance of sports in nurturing teamwork, discipline, and leadership among young people.

The presentations were done by Michael Pereira, President of the TCICA. With Oseta Jolly lifting the championship trophy, the 2025 Primary School Cricket Competition concluded with a sense of excitement and promise for the future of cricket in the Turks and Caicos Islands.



Beaten Finalist Ianthe Pratt Primary School