

The Weekend Report

TOP 40 MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSONS
ACROSS THE ISLANDS AND THE DIASPORA

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*Recognizing individuals shaping culture, leadership, innovation, and
impact throughout the Caribbean.*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of THG Network and The Weekend Report, I am deeply honored to welcome you to this special presentation recognizing The 40 Most Influential People Across the Islands and the Diaspora.

This feature is the result of an overwhelming and inspiring response from the public. Hundreds of nominations were submitted, each one a testament to the extraordinary impact being made by individuals across our communities. From those nominations, forty were selected, in no particular order, each representing leadership, service, innovation, and influence in their own unique way.

To everyone who took the time to participate, whether by submitting a nomination, sharing the feature, or simply taking a moment to read, thank you. Your engagement affirms the power of community and the importance of recognizing those who uplift and inspire others.

To those who were nominated, and especially to those who were selected, I encourage you to continue the great work you are doing. You are a blessing and a source of inspiration to many. May the year 2026 bring you renewed purpose, expanded opportunities, and continued success in all that you pursue.

To our readers, supporters, and partners across the caribbean and the global diaspora, I extend my heartfelt wishes for a blessed, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Thank you for being part of this journey and for standing with us as we celebrate excellence, impact, and influence.

Warm regards,

Mervin Hanley

TOP 40 MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSONS

Marah Gumbs	Dr. Ann Marlin-Evans
Darc Browne	Cory Tyson
Patricia Walters	Yahsonn Tafari
Samuel Medas	Model Cop Shaq
Dr. Kelvin Daly	Bevis Sylvester
Everton Obi Powell	D'shnay Matthew-York
Lanvol 'Pantha' Hughes	Lisa Hanna
Julian Alfred	Diani Prince-Drew
Catherina Carbon	Ronald King Jr.
Randy Jeffers	Ian Alleyne
Allan Richardson	Tahirah Banks-Webster
Brent Hoyte	Kashma Evelyn Nisbett
Dr. Nolan Nanton	Tamica Lawrence
Ron Daniel	Dino Arrindell
Dr. Terrence K. Martin	Kurlyn Merchant
May Ling Derby Chun	Claudette Peters
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Frederic Morton Jr.	Jadia Jn. Pierre
Angelo Daniel Austin	Royston Queely
Navaeh Newman	Donaly Chiverton-Liburd

BUSINESS INNOVATION & ENTERPRISE

Marah Gumbs

Marah Gumbs is a distinguished Anguillan hospitality leader whose career reflects excellence, resilience, and quiet influence. Currently serving as General Manager of Golden Rock Dive and Nature Resort in St. Eustatius, Marah continues to shape Caribbean hospitality with purpose and vision.

Today she's named among the Top 40 Most Influential People, her journey stands as a powerful inspiration, particularly to young women across the region, showing that global leadership is possible without losing one's roots.

Marah's professional path includes senior leadership roles at Viceroy Anguilla and Viceroy New York as Director of Rooms, as well as Task Force Director with the Viceroy Hotel Group. She also held multiple leadership positions at Four Seasons Resort Anguilla, including Resort Assistant Manager and Rooms Division and Villa Manager, and later served as General Manager at Hilton at Koi.

Known for her people-centered leadership and operational excellence, Marah leads with grace, discipline, and authenticity. Her story sends a clear message to the next generation: greatness can rise from small islands, and women belong at the highest levels of leadership, leading boldly, purposefully, and unapologetically.

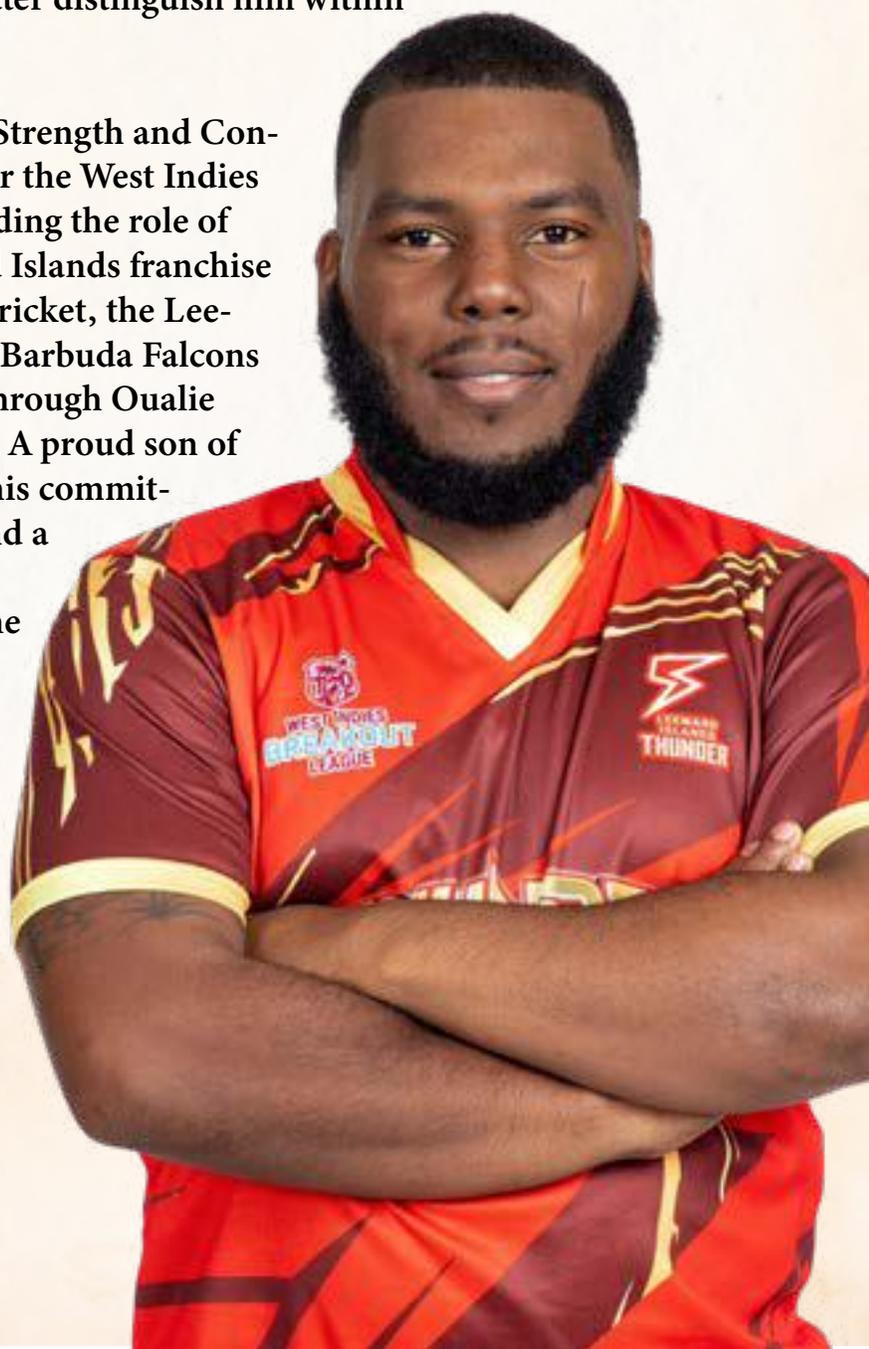


COMMUNITY SERVICE & HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP

Darc Browne

Raised on the island of Nevis, Darc Browne is a powerful example of dedication, discipline, and purpose. From his early years as a student-athlete at Charlestown Secondary School to advanced studies in the United Kingdom and at Cardiff Metropolitan University, Darc built a strong foundation in sports conditioning, rehabilitation, and athlete development. His exposure to high-performance environments abroad helped shape a professional mindset that would later distinguish him within regional and international sport.

Today, at just 25 years old, Darc serves as Strength and Conditioning Coach and Massage Therapist for the West Indies Senior Men's Cricket Team, while also holding the role of Team Operations Manager for all Leeward Islands franchise teams. His work spans elite international cricket, the Leeward Islands Hurricanes, the Antigua and Barbuda Falcons in the CPL, and grassroots development through Oualie Sports Management in St. Kitts and Nevis. A proud son of Nevis, Darc continues to inspire through his commitment to athlete welfare, high standards, and a clear vision for elevating Caribbean sport, proving that global impact can begin on the smallest of islands.



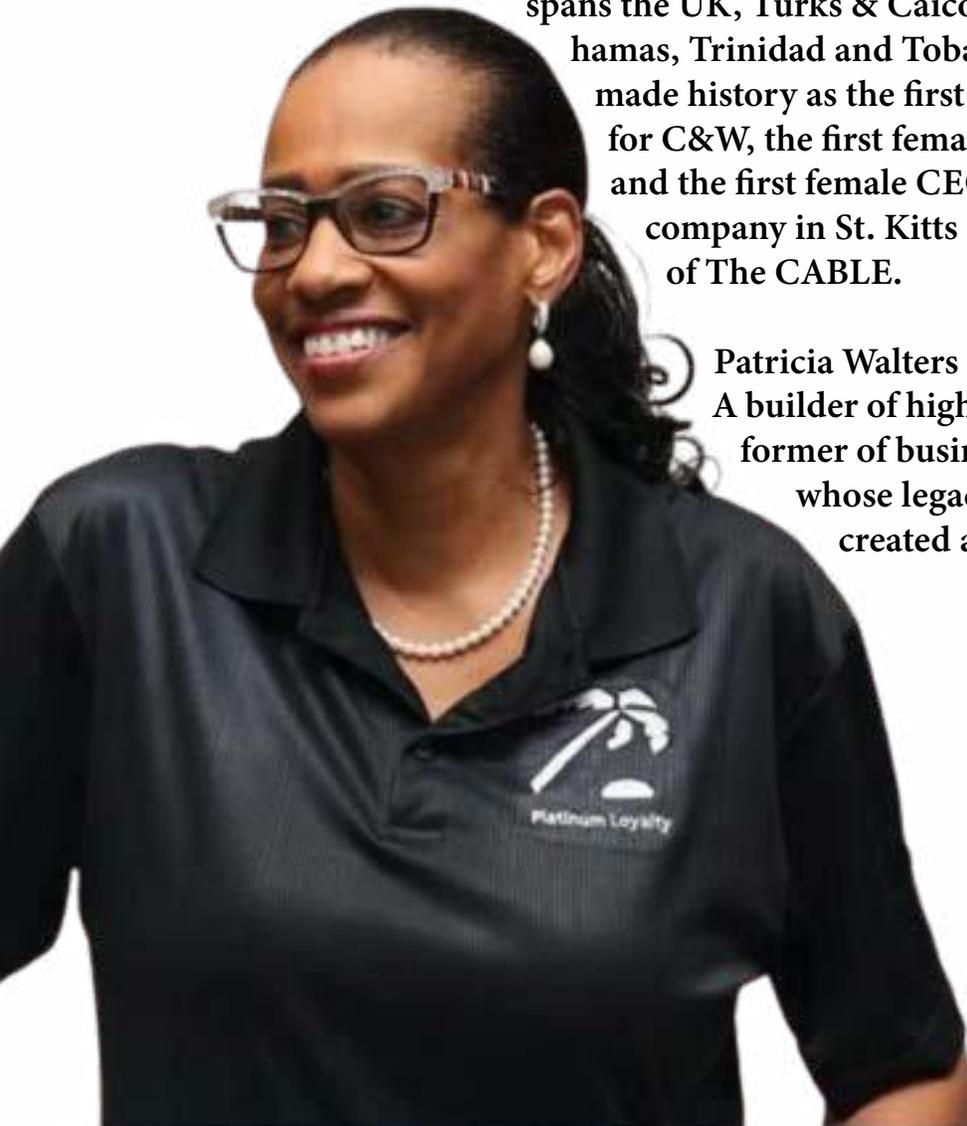
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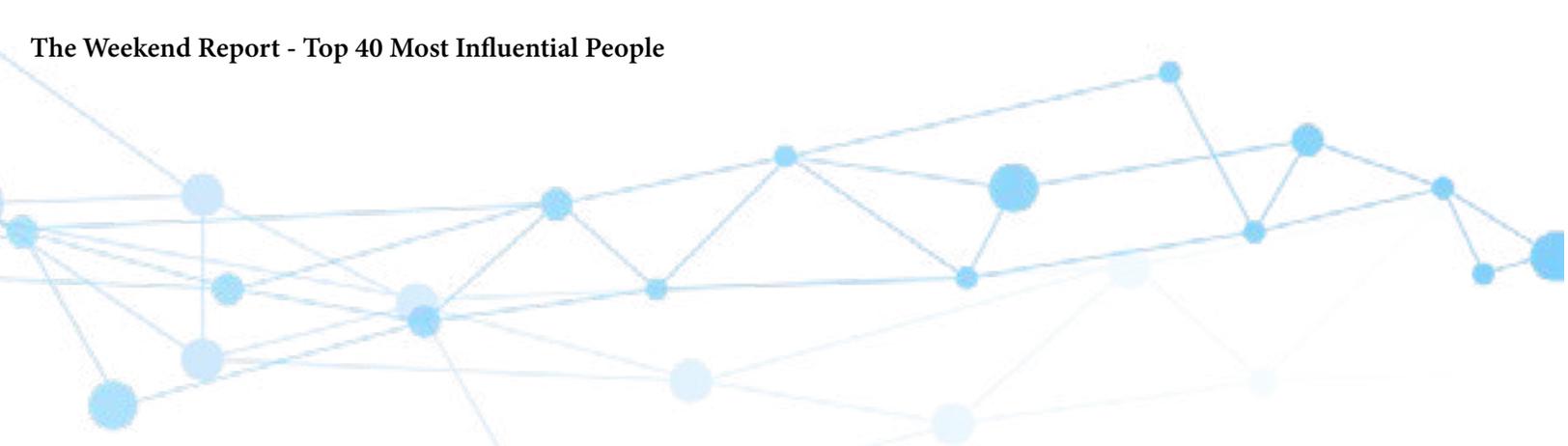
Patricia Walters

Patricia Walters of St. Kitts and Nevis stands as a true pioneer. An extraordinary woman whose leadership has reshaped boardrooms, broken barriers, and inspired generations across the Caribbean and beyond. Born and educated in the United Kingdom, she brought home more than global expertise; she brought excellence, courage, and possibility.

With over 25 years of international experience in the ICT sector, Patricia's journey spans the UK, Turks & Caicos, Cayman Islands, The Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago, and the Federation. She made history as the first Caribbean female expatriate for C&W, the first female Caribbean CEO for C&W, and the first female CEO of a telecommunications company in St. Kitts and Nevis, now serving as CEO of The CABLE.

Patricia Walters is a trendsetter and pace-setter. A builder of high-performing teams, a transformer of businesses, and a servant-leader whose legacy is written in opportunity created and lives uplifted.

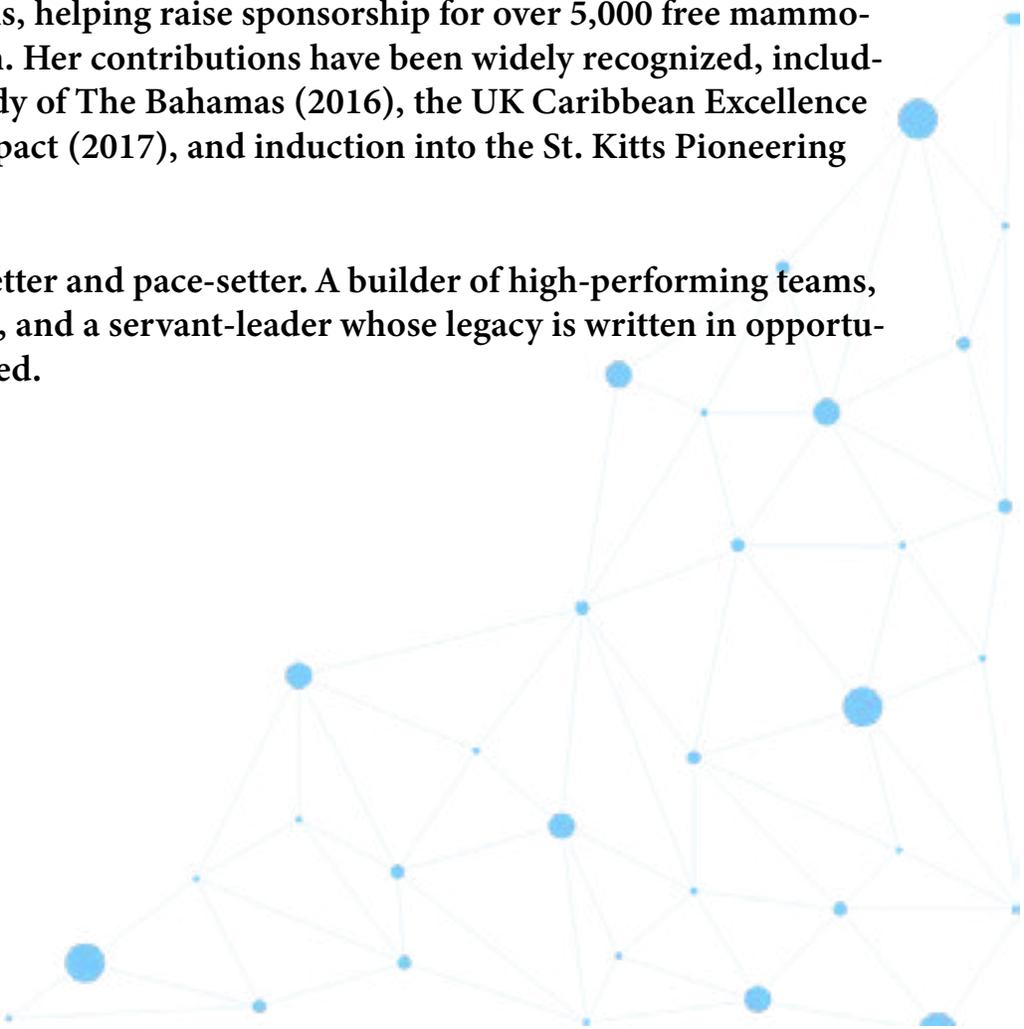




Her tenure is marked by bold transformation and measurable impact. She led the company through intense competition, earning the C&W International Global Summit Award for Excellence in Change Management Leadership, and successfully spearheaded Cable & Wireless SKN listing on the Eastern Caribbean Stock Exchange, achieving significant oversubscription. Guided by her belief that “if you take care of your employees, they will take care of your customers, and the profits will come,” The CABLE was recently honored with the Employee Engagement Award at the Chamber of Industry and Commerce Business Excellence Awards (Dec 2025).

Beyond corporate success, Patricia’s heart for service shines. She mentors young professionals, speaks at international empowerment forums and Women in ICT conventions, and gives tirelessly through volunteer leadership. As President of the LIONS Club of Tropical Gardens, Grand Cayman, she led award-winning breast cancer awareness campaigns, helping raise sponsorship for over 5,000 free mammograms across the Caribbean. Her contributions have been widely recognized, including honors as a Leading Lady of The Bahamas (2016), the UK Caribbean Excellence Award for International Impact (2017), and induction into the St. Kitts Pioneering Women’s Gallery (2021).

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MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

Samuel Medas



Samuel Medas is a powerful voice of worship whose music continues to draw hearts closer to Christ. From Guyana to the nations, he has used his God-given gift not for applause, but for ministry, lifting souls, restoring faith, and pointing people back to Jesus.

Through song, Samuel has led many into moments of healing, reflection, and renewed commitment to God. His worship is sincere, his message unwavering, and his calling evident. As Christ's ambassador, he has traveled across borders carrying the Gospel with humility and conviction.

With anticipation building for his new album releasing January 1, 2026, his growing community of followers is abuzz, not just for new music, but for fresh encounters with God.

Samuel Medas' legacy is written in changed lives and transformed hearts.

A servant.

A worshipper.

A vessel.



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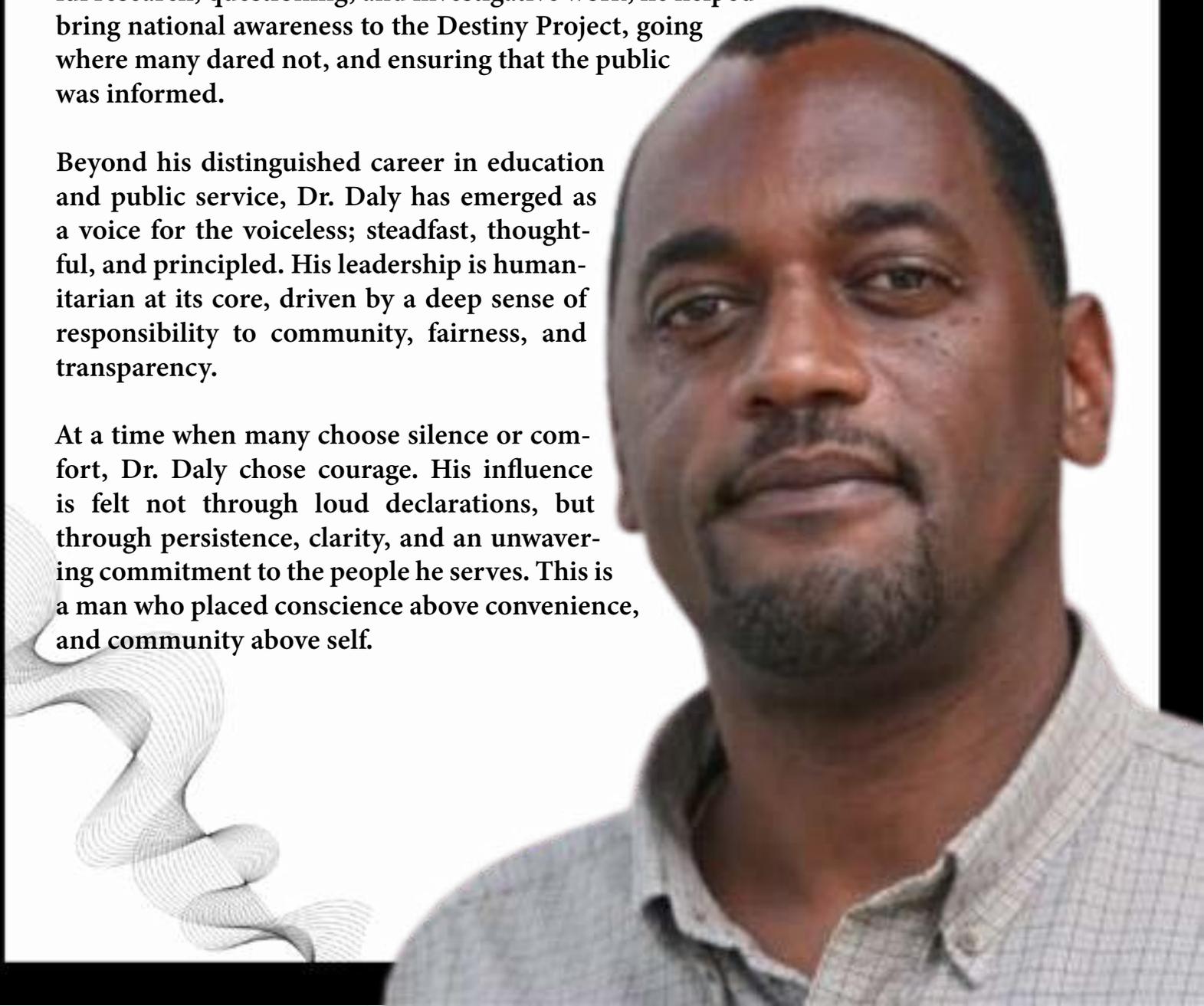
Dr. Kelvin Daly

It is with sincere appreciation that we recognize Dr. Kelvin R. Daly of Nevis. as one of our Top 40 Most Influential Persons.

This recognition is rooted not in politics, but in service. Dr. Daly has given of himself daily in the pursuit of truth and understanding on behalf of Nevisians. Through careful research, questioning, and investigative work, he helped bring national awareness to the Destiny Project, going where many dared not, and ensuring that the public was informed.

Beyond his distinguished career in education and public service, Dr. Daly has emerged as a voice for the voiceless; steadfast, thoughtful, and principled. His leadership is humanitarian at its core, driven by a deep sense of responsibility to community, fairness, and transparency.

At a time when many choose silence or comfort, Dr. Daly chose courage. His influence is felt not through loud declarations, but through persistence, clarity, and an unwavering commitment to the people he serves. This is a man who placed conscience above convenience, and community above self.



DIGITAL INFLUENCE & ONLINE MEDIA

Everton Obi Powell



There are voices that whisper, voices that echo, and then there are voices that command the room. Everton Obi Elliott belongs unapologetically to the latter.

Whether you agree with him or disagree with him, one truth is undeniable: he gets your attention. His reach is vast, far-stretching, and deeply impactful. In a crowded digital age where noise often drowns substance, Everton has carved out a space where ideas matter, conversations are fearless, and issues affecting the Federation of St Kitts and Nevis, the wider Caribbean and the diaspora are brought boldly into the light.

Hailing proudly from the island of Nevis, and now based in Washington, D.C., Everton has become a bridge between home and the diaspora, between the grassroots and the global. His name has become synonymous with insightful commentary, dynamic digital content, and an unrelenting commitment to informing and ing people.

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As “The Biggest Baddest Blogger,” Everton built more than a platform, he built a movement of dialogue. His well-regarded blog has given voice to the voiceless, offering a space where grievances can be aired, truths confronted, and conversations held without fear or favor.

For Nevisians, Kittitians, and Caribbean people across the world, his platform has become essential reading, sometimes controversial, often provocative, but always relevant.

Yet his brilliance is not confined to the digital space.

Beyond the blog, Everton Powell-Elliott is a highly accomplished Configuration Management professional, with a distinguished career spanning more than two decades. A proud graduate of The George Washington University and Florida A&M University, he has excelled in senior roles at globally respected institutions including BAE Systems, GEICO, and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

His expertise in Change and Configuration Management has made him a trusted professional in both government and civilian sectors, someone whose work quietly shapes systems that matter.

What makes Everton truly exceptional is the balance he carries:

A sharp critic and a deep thinker.

A fearless commentator and a disciplined professional.

A global citizen who never lost his Nevisian soul.

From providing a platform for open dialogue to excelling at the highest professional levels, Everton Obi Elliott embodies intellect, dedication, courage, and pride in heritage.

He challenges comfort, provokes thought, and refuses mediocrity, and in doing so, he has earned his place as one of the most recognizable and influential voices connected to the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis and the diaspora.

MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

Lanvol 'Pantha' Hughes

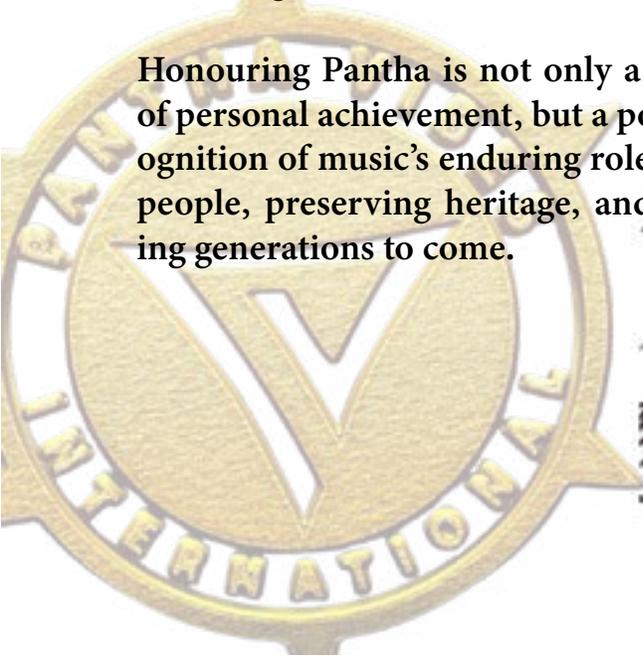
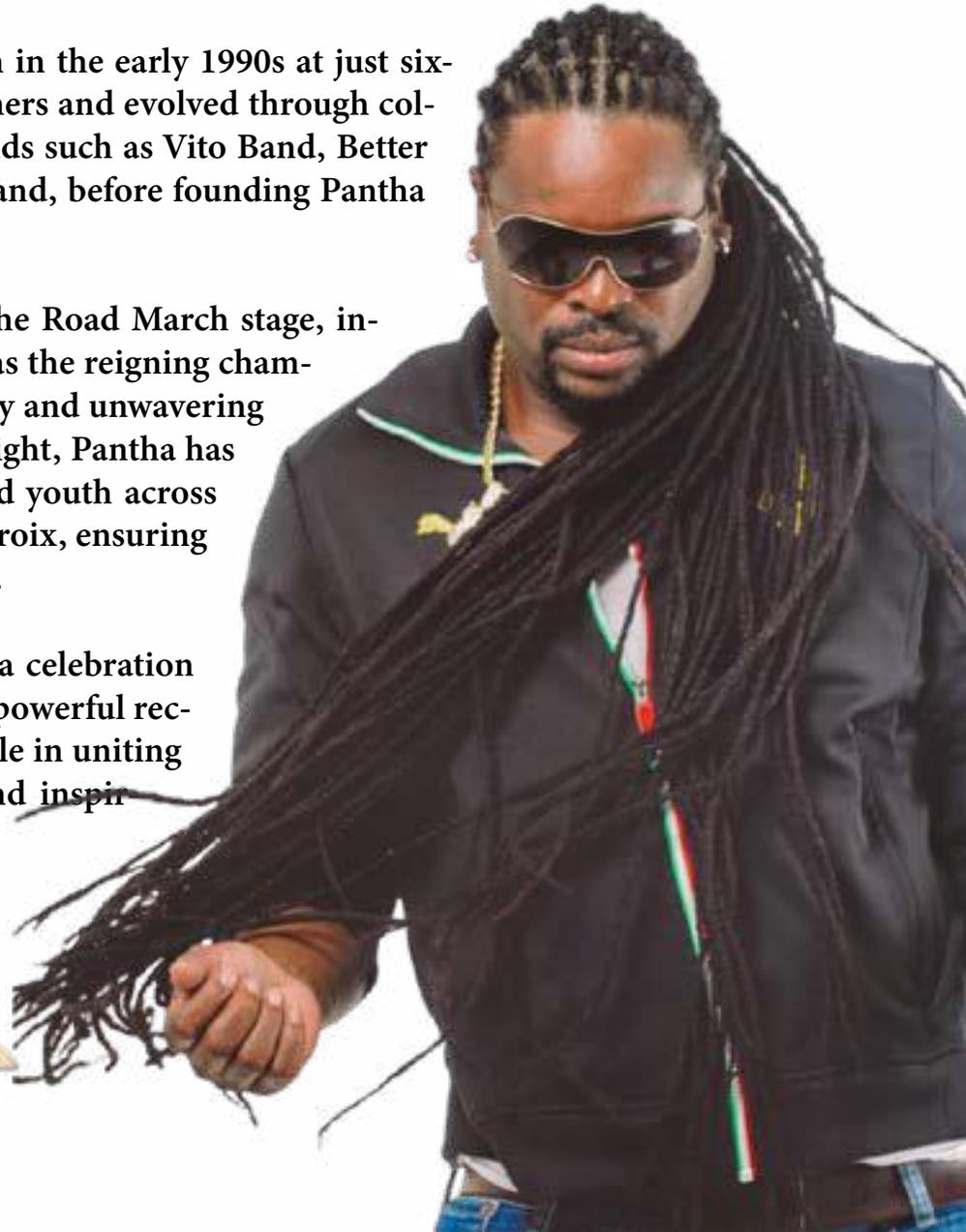
A 10-time Road March Champion, Lanvol “Pantha” Hughes of Anguilla stands as a towering figure in Caribbean music, with a remarkable 34-year journey defined by excellence, passion, and cultural preservation.

More than a singer, Pantha is a true custodian of tradition, using his voice to tell stories of love, unity, and identity while bridging generations through performances, mentorship, and community engagement. Whether commanding major stages or uplifting intimate village gatherings, his humility, grace, and unmistakable sound have made him a symbol of cultural pride across the region.

Pantha’s musical journey began in the early 1990s at just sixteen with the Mussington Brothers and evolved through collaborations with renowned bands such as Vito Band, Better Band, and the Awesome Jam Band, before founding Pantha Vibes International in 2007.

His continued dominance on the Road March stage, including back-to-back victories as the reigning champion, reflects decades of mastery and unwavering commitment. Beyond the spotlight, Pantha has given generously to schools and youth across Anguilla, St. Thomas, and St. Croix, ensuring the next generation is nurtured.

Honouring Pantha is not only a celebration of personal achievement, but a powerful recognition of music’s enduring role in uniting people, preserving heritage, and inspiring generations to come.



COMMUNITY SERVICE & HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP

Julien Alfred

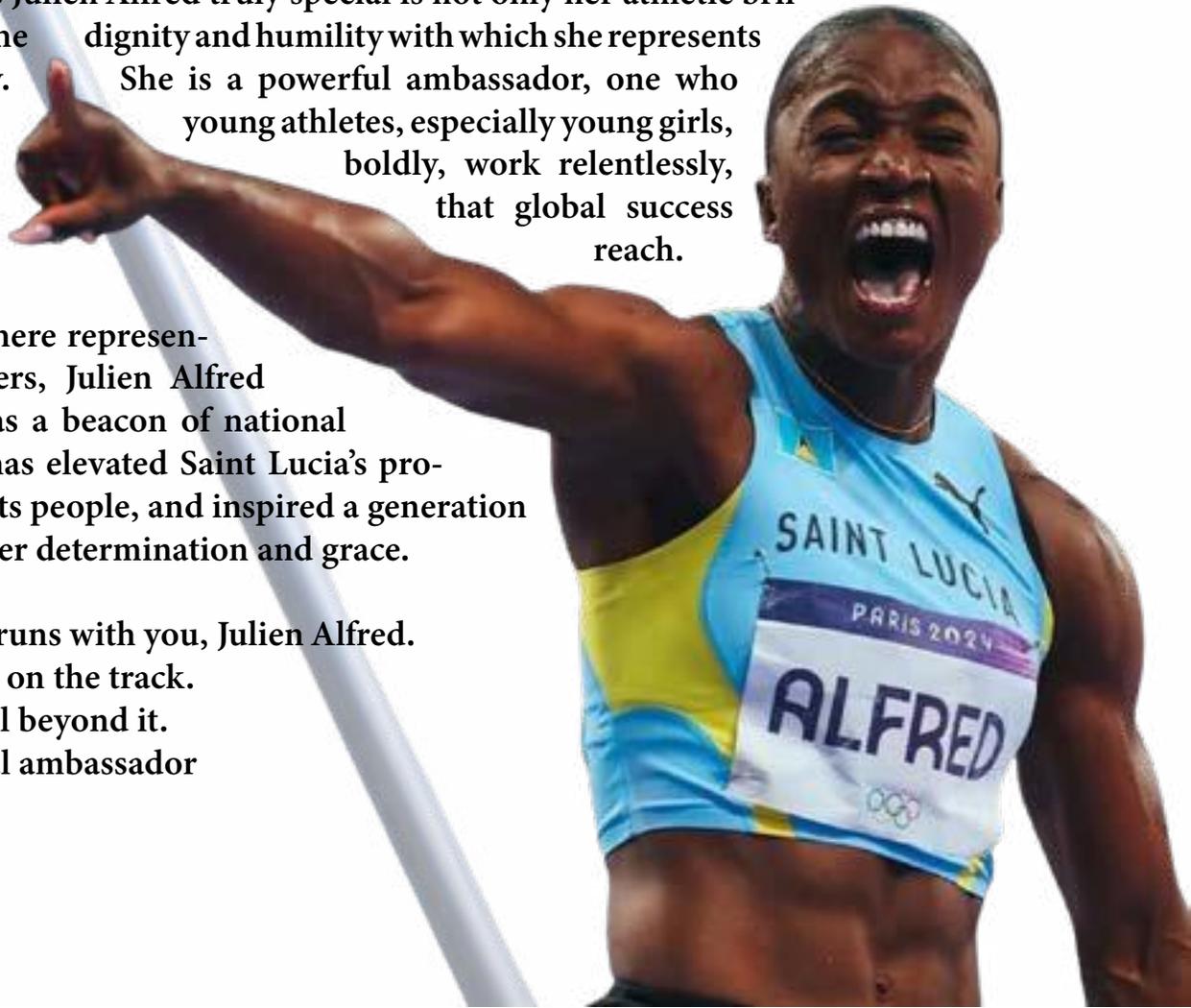
From the moment she steps onto the track, Julien Alfred carries more than speed; she carries the pride, hopes, and identity of an entire nation. With every stride, she has placed Saint Lucia firmly on the global map, reminding the world that greatness can rise from even the smallest of islands.

Julien's achievements in athletics have transcended medals and podiums. She has become a symbol of excellence, discipline, and resilience, proving that Caribbean talent belongs among the very best in the world. Through her performances on the international stage, the name Saint Lucia echoes in stadiums, broadcasts, and conversations across continents.

What makes Julien Alfred truly special is not only her athletic brilliance, but the dignity and humility with which she represents her country. She is a powerful ambassador, one who inspires young athletes, especially young girls, to dream boldly, work relentlessly, and believe that global success is within reach.

In an era where representation matters, Julien Alfred stands tall as a beacon of national pride. She has elevated Saint Lucia's profile, united its people, and inspired a generation through sheer determination and grace.

Saint Lucia runs with you, Julien Alfred.
A champion on the track.
A role model beyond it.
A true global ambassador



CREATIVE ARTS & CULTURAL EXPRESSION

Catherina Carbon

The strength of a woman is beautifully embodied in Catherina Carbon of St. Maarten, humble in spirit, yet powerful in purpose. Her life's work is a living testimony that faith, creativity, and compassion can come together to heal hearts and shape futures.

Catherina is the leader of Total Restoration Dance Ministry, a sacred expression of worship where movement becomes ministry. Through dance, she creates space for restoration, freedom, and surrender, helping others encounter God's presence in a deeply personal way. Her gift is never about performance; it is about transformation, healing what is broken and giving voice to what words cannot express.

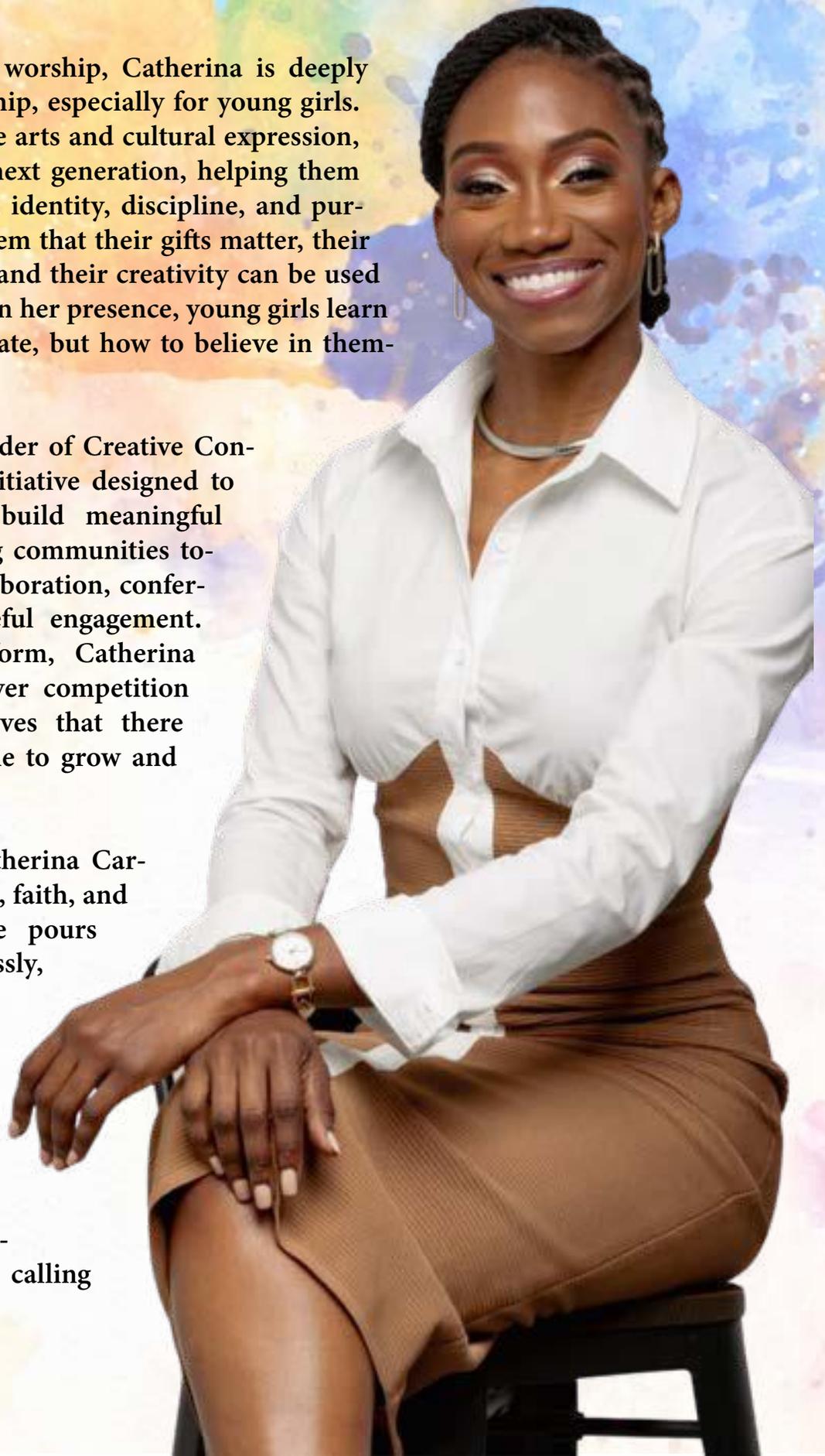
Her heart for women is evident in every space she creates. As host of Her Reigning Journey, Catherina offers a safe and nurturing platform where women can share their stories, testimonies, and truths without fear or judgment. It is a space of courage and compassion, where journeys are honored, wounds are acknowledged, and healing begins. As co-host of the newly launched Soulful Reflections, she continues this heart-to-heart ministry, offering faith-filled conversations and gentle moments that minister to the soul.



Beyond media and worship, Catherina is deeply invested in mentorship, especially for young girls. Through the creative arts and cultural expression, she pours into the next generation, helping them discover confidence, identity, discipline, and purpose. She teaches them that their gifts matter, their voices are valuable, and their creativity can be used as a force for good. In her presence, young girls learn not only how to create, but how to believe in themselves.

She is also the founder of Creative Connect, a visionary initiative designed to connect creatives, build meaningful networks, and bring communities together through collaboration, conferences, and purposeful engagement. Through this platform, Catherina champions unity over competition and reminds creatives that there is room for everyone to grow and shine.

In all she does, Catherina Carbon leads with grace, faith, and quiet strength. She pours into others selflessly, creates sacred spaces for healing and growth, and mentors with patience and love. Her leadership is gentle yet firm, her influence deep, and her calling undeniable.



BUSINESS INNOVATION & ENTERPRISE

Randy Jeffers

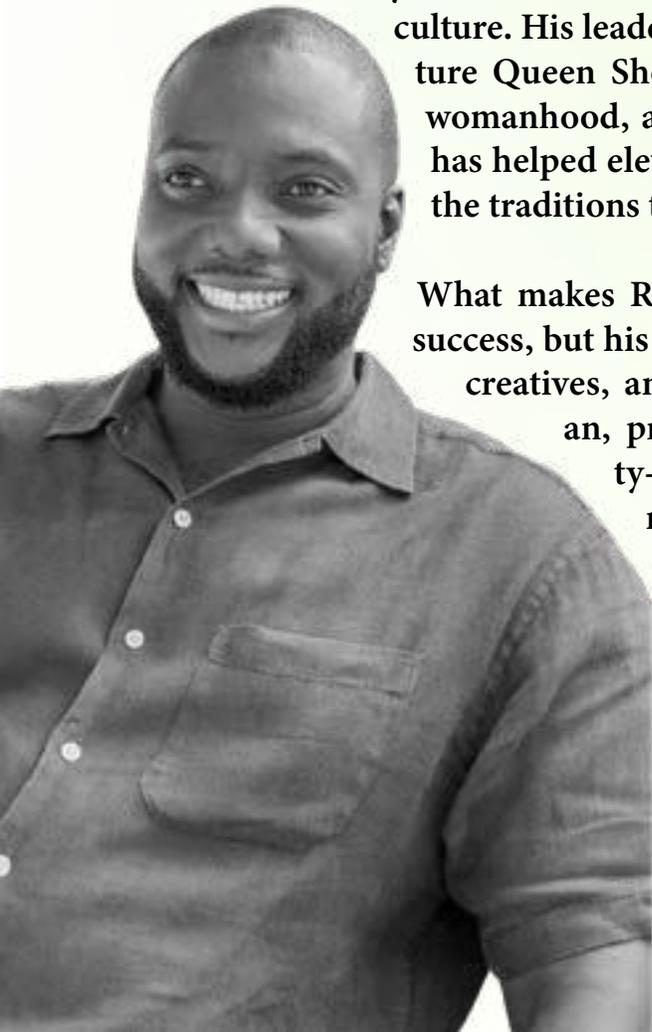
Nevis has been blessed with many contributors to its story, but few have left an imprint as dynamic, enduring, and inspiring as Randy Jeffers. A proud Nevisian and accomplished entrepreneur, Randy stands as a shining example of what vision, perseverance, and love for country can achieve.

As the driving force behind LIME Tours and the iconic Lime Cabanas, Randy has helped redefine the Nevis experience for locals and visitors alike. From unforgettable island tours to the vibrant energy of Lime Cabanas, his ventures are more than businesses, they are experiences rooted in Nevisian warmth, culture, and excellence. Through tourism, hospitality, and entertainment, he has created jobs, nurtured talent, and showcased Nevis to the world with pride.

Beyond business, Randy Jeffers has also been a passionate steward of culture. His leadership and commitment to the Miss Caribbean Culture Queen Show reflect a deep respect for Caribbean heritage, womanhood, and identity. Through this prestigious platform, he has helped elevate culture, empower young women, and preserve the traditions that define who we are as a people.

What makes Randy's journey especially powerful is not just his success, but his spirit. He is an inspiration to young entrepreneurs, creatives, and dreamers across Nevis and the wider Caribbean, proof that with discipline, courage, and community-minded leadership, it is possible to build globally respected brands while remaining firmly grounded at home.

Randy Jeffers represents the very best of Nevis: innovative yet humble, ambitious yet rooted, successful yet committed to uplifting others. His legacy continues to grow, not only in enterprises built, but in lives impacted and possibilities inspired.



BUSINESS INNOVATION & ENTERPRISE

Allan Richardson

From a young age, life wasn't always a bed of roses, but Allan Richardson pushed through. When the road was uncertain, he kept walking. When the work was heavy, he carried it. And when giving up might have seemed easier, he chose instead to believe, to build, and to become.

Allan's journey is one of quiet resilience and steady growth. He did not wait for doors to open, he built them. Through discipline, long hours, and an unwavering commitment to excellence, he has created businesses that stand as reflections of his character and love for St. Maarten.

- Coco Loco is rooted in the island's soul—centered on coconuts, natural hydration, and healthy living. It is freshness with purpose, a product that connects people to nature, wellness, and island authenticity.
- Quintessential Solutions represents reliability and grit. A trucking business built on trust, strong work ethic, and the determination to keep the wheels of commerce turning.
- Premium Transportation SXM delivers professionalism, care, and consistency, providing dependable transportation while setting a standard of service and respect.

Yet Allan's greatest impact is not measured in fleets, contracts, or products, it is measured in people.

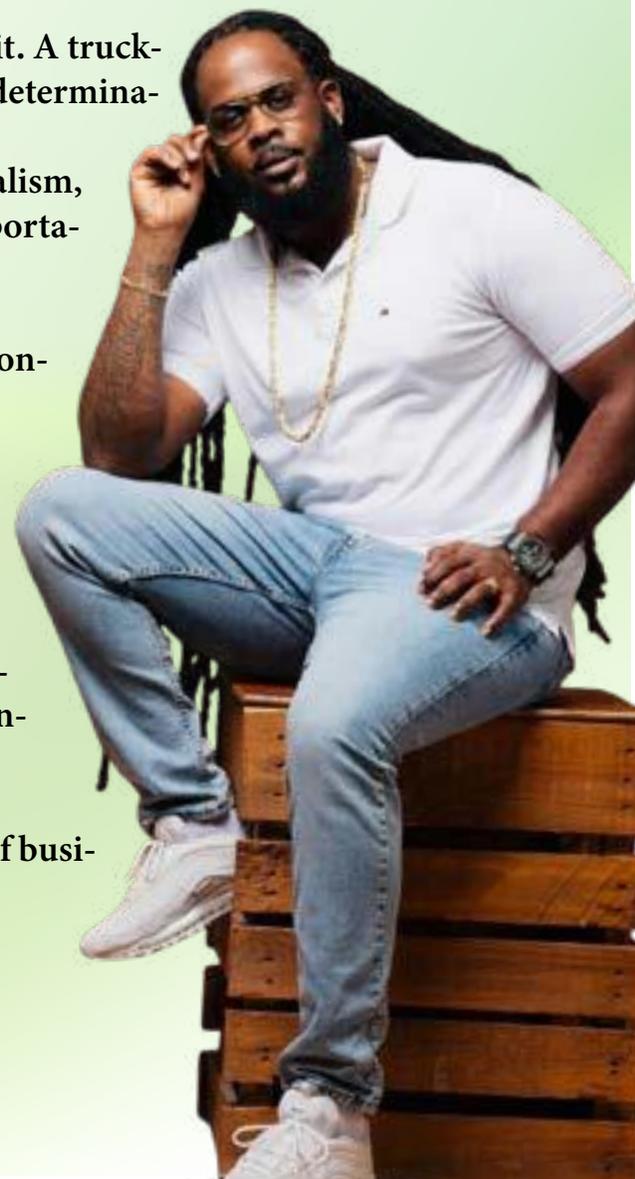
He is deeply committed to uplifting young men, offering employment, guidance, and something just as important: belief. Belief that they matter. Belief that they can rise. Belief that hard work, when paired with vision, can change the direction of a life. He mentors not with speeches, but with example, showing that success is earned honestly and shared generously.

Allan Richardson is a builder in every sense of the word of businesses, of confidence, of opportunity.

A man of perseverance.

A mentor of purpose.

A proud pillar of St. Maarten.



MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

Brent Hoyte

For all of his 32 years, Brent Hoyte has lived and breathed music. It is not merely something he does, it is who he is. From an early age, music surrounded him, shaped him, and ultimately became the vehicle through which he now inspires, educates, and uplifts an entire generation across the British Virgin Islands and the wider Caribbean.



Today, Brent Hoyte stands as a full-time musician, teacher, engineer, and producer, having transformed passion into purpose. He is the founder of Home Grown Music Academy, the largest music school in the British Virgin Islands, serving hundreds of children and nurturing raw talent into disciplined artistry. Through this academy, Brent is not only teaching notes and technique, he is building confidence, character, and future pathways for young people who now see music as possibility.

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His excellence has not gone unnoticed. For three consecutive years, Brent has earned Producer of the Year at the Antigua and Barbuda Gospel Awards, received the Pinnacle Award from the Atlanta Gospel Music Awards Association, and garnered critical nominations from the Stellar Awards, placing his work among the best in the industry.

As a music director, Brent's reach is global. His talent has carried him across continents, supporting and collaborating with internationally respected artists such as DJekalyn Carr, Jonathan Nelson, Sinach, Jessica Reedy, Myron Butler, Sherwin Gardener, and his sister Gabrielle Denae, among many others. He has also shared musical spaces with legendary voices including Donnie McClurkin and Kim Burrell, further affirming

his place among the greats. Yet what makes Brent Hoyte truly distinctive is how he honors home. He is celebrated for putting a distinct Virgin Islands spin on classic worship music, redefining sound while preserving spirit. With over 21 albums produced, and the release of his own projects, Ear Food (2020) and Island Praise, he has proven both prolific and visionary.

Beyond the studio and stage, Brent is also beloved for his clean, family-friendly humor on social media. His videos, widely shared across the Caribbean, bring laughter, relatability, and joy, making him especially admired by young people who see in him a role model who is talented, faithful, grounded, and real.

This is a man whose name has become nearly synonymous with music excellence in the Virgin Islands.

A builder of sound.

A mentor of youth.

A creative force who gives joy through melody and laughter alike.



COMMUNITY SERVICE & HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP

Dr. Nolan Nanton

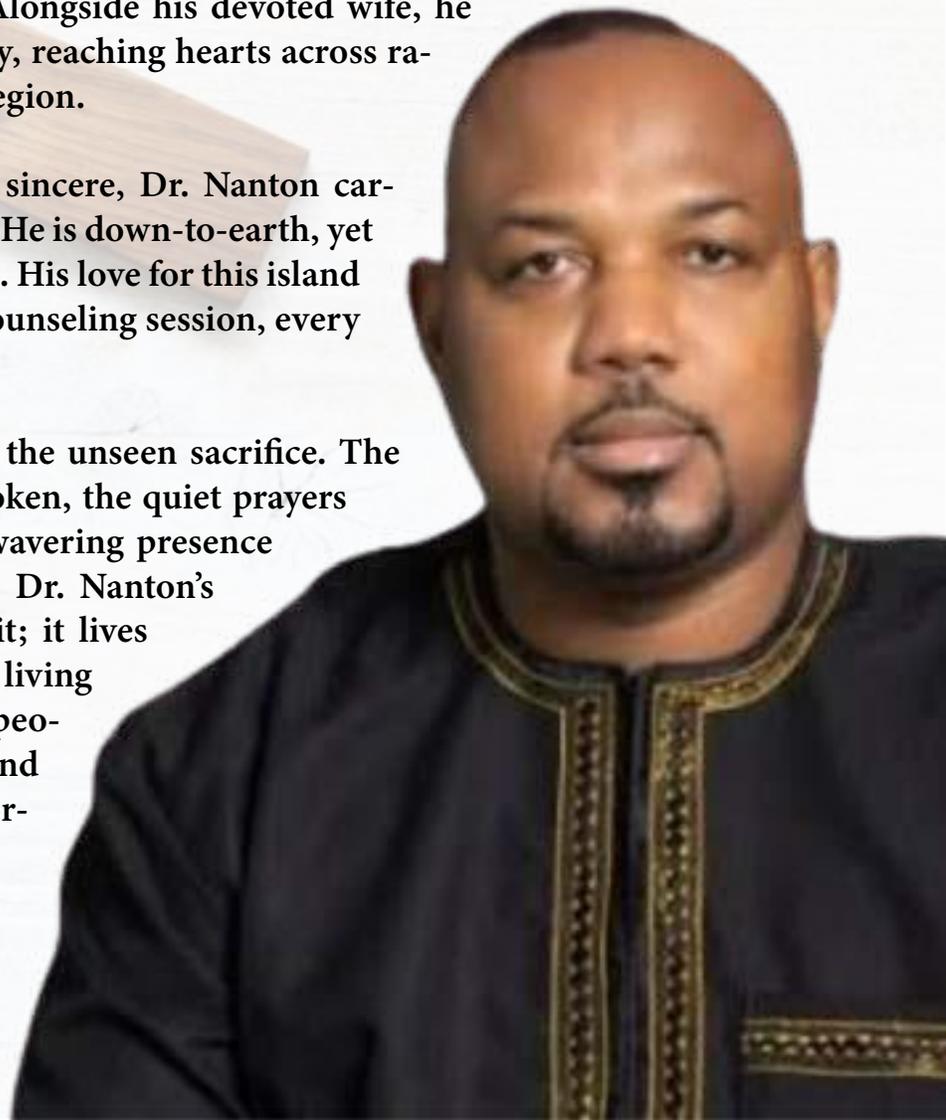
Dr. Nolan Nanton is a man of integrity, faith, and deep compassion. A true servant of God whose life is poured out for the wellbeing of St. Maarten and the wider Caribbean. As Pastor of the New Testament Baptist Church, he leads with humility and conviction, always placing people before position.

He is a gifted teacher, a trusted marriage counselor, and a restorer of broken homes. Through counseling, prison ministry, radio programs, and community outreach, Dr. Nanton meets people where they are; listening, guiding, and healing. His unwavering advocacy for marriage, family, and godly values has strengthened countless lives.

His compassion is practical and constant. The church's daily soup kitchen, funded by NTBC, has served thousands of persons for the past three years, feeding bodies while uplifting spirits. Alongside his devoted wife, he ministers with warmth and sincerity, reaching hearts across radio platforms and throughout the region.

Empathetic, energetic, and deeply sincere, Dr. Nanton carries every responsibility with grace. He is down-to-earth, yet firmly anchored in the Word of God. His love for this island is evident in every sermon, every counseling session, every act of service.

And beyond all the visible work is the unseen sacrifice. The late nights spent counseling the broken, the quiet prayers lifted for families in crisis, the unwavering presence in moments when hope feels thin. Dr. Nanton's ministry is not confined to a pulpit; it lives in hospital rooms, prison walls, living rooms, and hearts. He walks with people through their darkest valleys and reminds them that God has not forgotten them.



COMMUNITY SERVICE & HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP

Ron Daniel

In every generation, there are individuals whose influence is not measured by noise or self-promotion, but by impact, quietly felt, deeply rooted, and long-lasting. Ron Daniel is one such figure in Nevis.

His influence flows from a rare and powerful ability to unite faith, leadership, and community service into a single, purposeful mission: the upliftment of people and the strengthening of society. As a respected pastor and Chairman of the Nevis Evangelical Association, Ron Daniel has consistently demonstrated what it means to lead with conviction, humility, and vision.

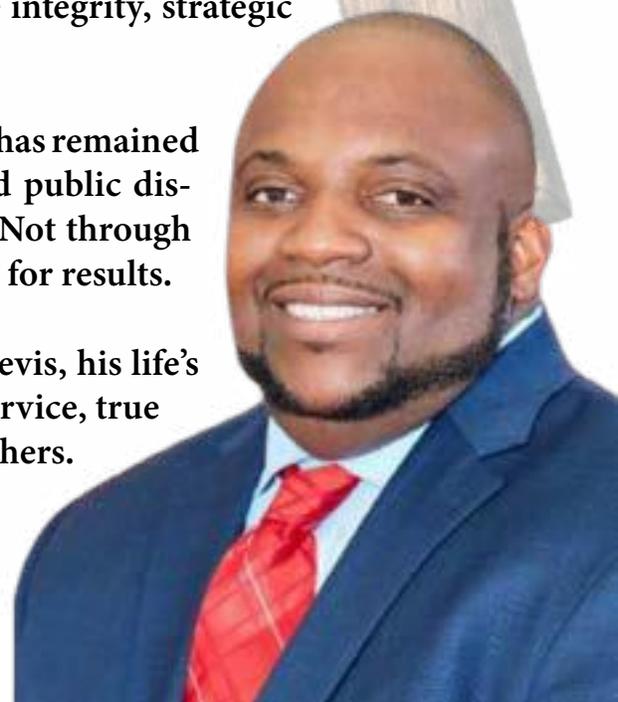
Under his stewardship, churches in Nevis have been encouraged not to operate in silos, but to work collaboratively; addressing critical national issues such as youth development, crime reduction, moral grounding, and the preservation of core values. His leadership has helped shift the conversation from isolated ministry to collective responsibility, reminding us that faith must be lived out beyond the pulpit and into everyday life.

Yet Ron Daniel's influence does not end within church walls.

His commitment to Nevis extends into civic and corporate governance, education advocacy, and charitable initiatives, where his steady hand and principled voice have helped strengthen institutions and uplift communities. Whether offering guidance in leadership spaces, supporting initiatives that invest in young people, or contributing to causes that protect the social fabric of the island, he brings the same integrity, strategic thinking, and servant-hearted approach.

In a time when leadership is often reactive and divisive, he has remained calm, thoughtful, and solutions-oriented. He has shaped public discourse not through confrontation, but through wisdom. Not through volume, but through values. And not for recognition, but for results.

Across Nevis and the wider Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis, his life's work stands as a reminder that true leadership is about service, true faith is about action, and true influence is about lifting others.

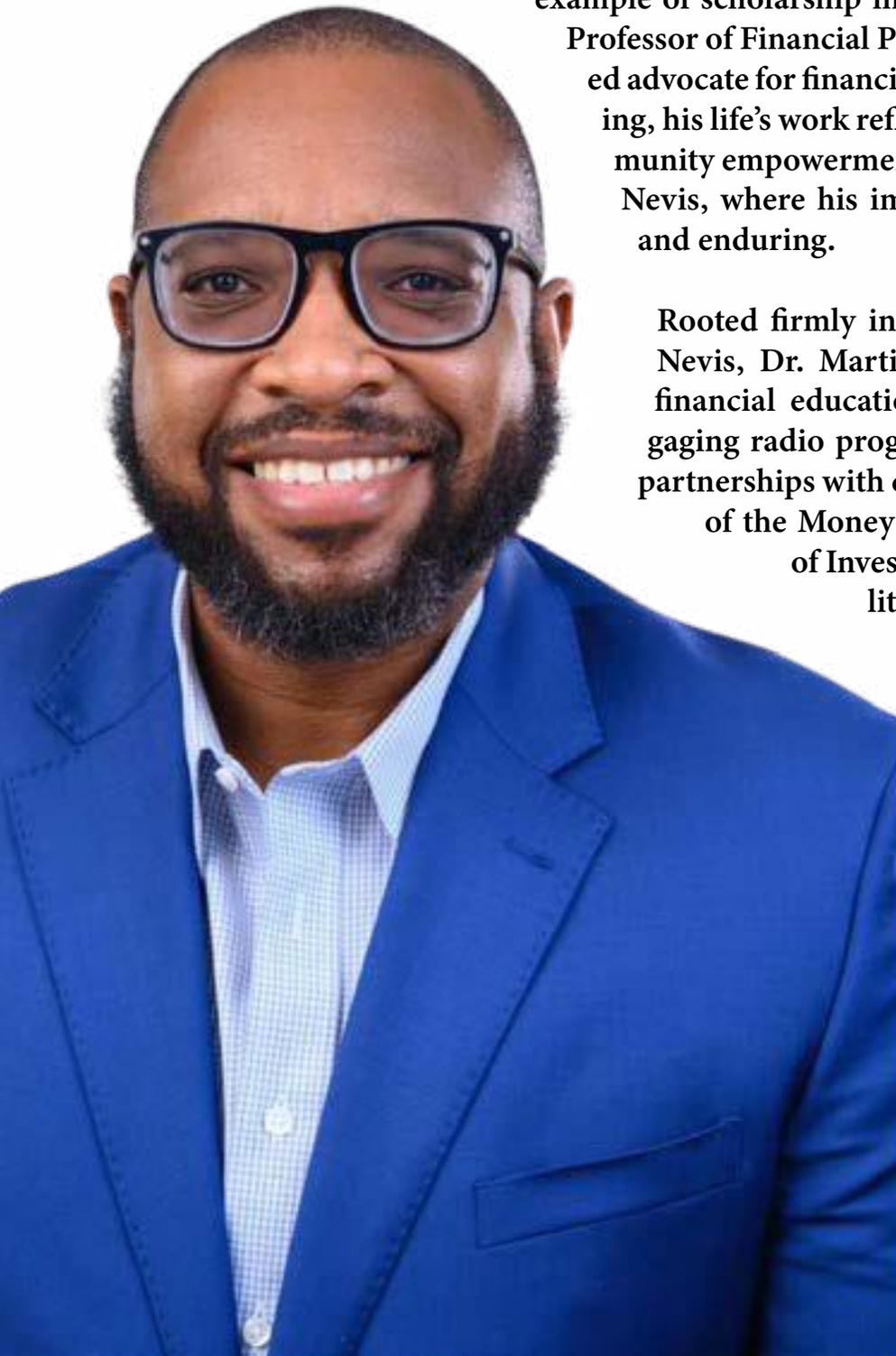


BUSINESS INNOVATION & ENTERPRISE

Dr. Terrence K. Martin

Dr. Terrance K. Martin Jr. of St. Kitts, stands as a powerful example of scholarship in service of people. An Associate Professor of Financial Planning and a nationally respected advocate for financial literacy and economic well-being, his life's work reflects a deep commitment to community empowerment, especially within St. Kitts and Nevis, where his impact has been both meaningful and enduring.

Rooted firmly in the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis, Dr. Martin has invested years advancing financial education through public lectures, engaging radio programming, youth initiatives, and partnerships with community stakeholders. As host of the Money Matters radio show and creator of Invest and Sip, an innovative financial literacy experience held each May, he has made complex financial concepts accessible, practical, and relevant. His dedication to young people is especially noteworthy, from supporting youth financial education across the Federation to donating his children's financial literacy books to school libraries, ensuring that learning begins early and lasts a lifetime.

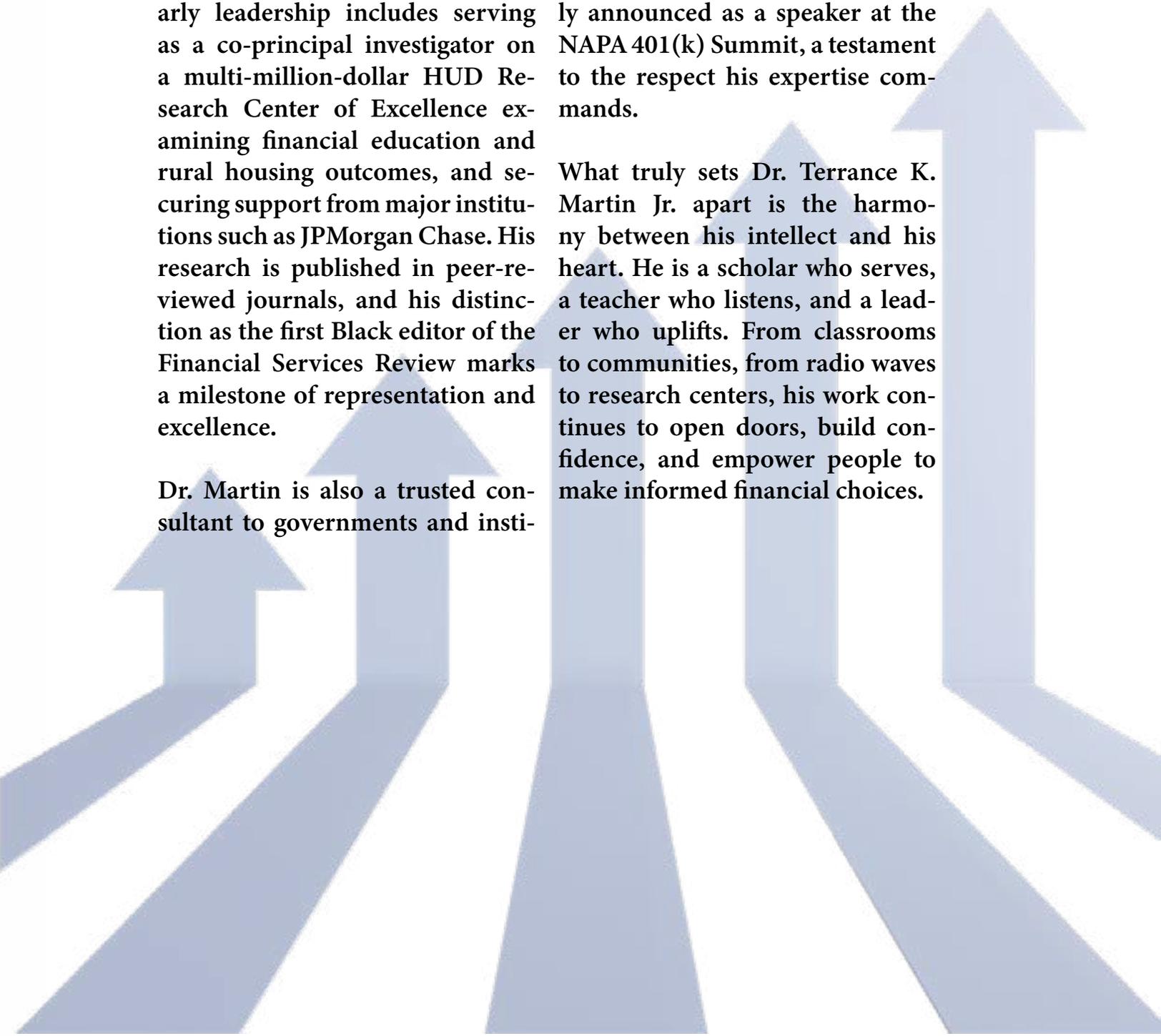


Beyond home, Dr. Martin's influence extends across the United States and the wider Caribbean. He serves as Director of the Center of Excellence in Financial Services at Winston-Salem State University, where he leads initiatives focused on financial wellness and community impact. His scholarly leadership includes serving as a co-principal investigator on a multi-million-dollar HUD Research Center of Excellence examining financial education and rural housing outcomes, and securing support from major institutions such as JPMorgan Chase. His research is published in peer-reviewed journals, and his distinction as the first Black editor of the *Financial Services Review* marks a milestone of representation and excellence.

Dr. Martin is also a trusted consultant to governments and insti-

tutions, translating theory into practice. He has worked with the Government of Grenada to strengthen public-service training, collaborated with the Taiwanese Technical Mission to design a comprehensive financial literacy program comprising 14 modules and 42 lessons, and was recently announced as a speaker at the NAPA 401(k) Summit, a testament to the respect his expertise commands.

What truly sets Dr. Terrance K. Martin Jr. apart is the harmony between his intellect and his heart. He is a scholar who serves, a teacher who listens, and a leader who uplifts. From classrooms to communities, from radio waves to research centers, his work continues to open doors, build confidence, and empower people to make informed financial choices.



BUSINESS INNOVATION & ENTERPRISE

May-Ling Derby Chun

May-Ling Derby-Chun is the Director of Tourism for the St. Maarten Tourism Bureau, and one of the island's most respected and steady voices in tourism leadership. With decades of experience spanning destination development, marketing, education, and public-private sector collaboration, her career has been guided by a deep love for St. Maarten and an unwavering commitment to its people.

Known for her calm, thoughtful, and people-centered leadership style, May-Ling has consistently balanced strategy with empathy. She understands that tourism is not just an industry, but a living ecosystem, one that touches culture, livelihoods, identity, and national pride. Her work emphasizes diversification, cultural preservation, intellectual property development, and long-term sustainability, ensuring that tourism growth translates into meaningful economic and social benefits for residents across the island.

During some of the most challenging and transformative years for the destination, she has been a stabilizing force, leading with clarity, collaboration, and quiet determination. Beyond her role at STB, May-Ling is deeply invested in tourism education and regional engagement, mentoring emerging professionals and advocating for a more inclusive, resilient, and future-ready Caribbean tourism model.



St. Maarten

Her legacy is not defined solely by visitor numbers or campaigns, but by stronger institutions, empowered stakeholders, and a destination that knows who it is and where it is going. She carries St. Maarten's story with dignity, honoring its past, strengthening its present, and thoughtfully shaping its future.

Between 2023 and 2025, the St. Maarten Tourist Board delivered stabilization, growth, and strategic repositioning under her guidance. Airlift was restored and expanded from key markets; cruise and yachting tourism strengthened; and St. Maarten reasserted itself as a regional hub for maritime and event-driven travel. Targeted partnerships with airlines, cruise lines, tour operators, and global platforms improved connectivity, lifted arrivals, and supported stronger hotel performance. The destination's visibility was reinforced through trade shows, media campaigns, and collaborations across North America, Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

Measured, modern, and meaningful, May-Ling Derby-Chun's leadership has positioned St. Maarten as more than a leisure destination: a multifaceted Caribbean hub rooted in authenticity and people.



FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Keithlin Caroo Afrifa

Keithlin Caroo Afrifa of St. Lucia is one of the Caribbean's most impactful and visionary champions of food security and women's empowerment. Her work across the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States reflects a deep, lived understanding that sustainable agriculture is not simply about production, it is about people, equity, and legacy.

As the Founder and Executive Director of Helen's Daughters, Keithlin has built a transformative platform dedicated to strengthening the livelihoods of women farmers. Through education, access to resources, mentorship, advocacy, and market support, she has helped women move from the margins to the forefront of agriculture, equipping them not just to farm, but to thrive as entrepreneurs and leaders.

What makes Keithlin's impact so powerful is her holistic approach. She recognizes that food security is inseparable from economic independence, knowledge-sharing, mental well-being, and community resilience. Her work empowers women with the tools to sustain their farms, protect their families, and contribute meaningfully to national and regional food systems. In doing so, she is strengthening the very foundation of Caribbean resilience.

Her leadership has helped reshape conversations around agriculture, elevating women farmers as essential drivers of food security, innovation, and sustainability throughout the OECS. The impact of her work is felt not only in harvests and markets, but in confidence restored, futures secured, and generations inspired.

Keithlin Caroo Afrifa represents leadership with purpose and compassion. She leads boldly, serves selflessly, and builds systems that endure. Through Helen's Daughters and her wider advocacy, she continues to nourish both land and lives.



COMMUNITY SERVICE AND HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP

Frederic Morton Jr.

There are people whose presence changes the temperature of a room, not because of noise, but because of spirit. Frederic Morton Jr. is one of those rare souls. Over the years, he has touched countless lives, not only through media and mentorship, but through a way of being that is upbeat, affirming, and deeply inspiring. He is always the life of the party, not necessarily one with music, but one filled with optimism, encouragement, and belief in others.

As the Founder and mastermind behind Tempo Networks, Frederic built more than a media and entertainment company, he built a cultural bridge. Tempo Networks has been unwavering in its mission to share the Caribbean with the world, celebrating its people, stories, rhythms, and brilliance. For Frederic, Tempo is not just a business; it is his passion and the culmination of a lifetime of trailblazing.

Born and raised on St. Croix to Nevisian parents, Frederic carries the Caribbean in his DNA and in his purpose. His academic journey reflects the same excellence that defines his career, earning a Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctorate from Rutgers University, and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Columbia University.

Professionally, his path is extraordinary. He represented numerous Fortune 500 companies, served as Senior Corporate Counsel at Johnson & Johnson, and rose swiftly at Viacom Inc., becoming Chief Litigation Counsel. He also served as Deputy General Counsel of Business and Legal Affairs at MTV Networks. Yet despite these towering accomplishments, Frederic has remained grounded, accessible, and deeply connected to community.

His impact extends far beyond boardrooms and broadcasts. Frederic Morton Jr. has consistently poured into communities and schools, offering outreach, encouragement, and inspiration; especially to young people who need to see what is possible. He reminds them, by example, that Caribbean excellence belongs on the global stage. Frederic's greatest gift may be his energy, a contagious positivity that lifts others, affirms dreams, and makes people feel seen. He leads with joy, mentors with sincerity, and builds with heart.



BUSINESS INNOVATION & ENTERPRISE

Angelo Daniel Austin

At 15 years old, he started packing bags.

Twenty-five years later, he is leading the very company where his journey began.

The story of Angelo Daniel Austin of Trinidad, Chief Executive Officer of Xtra Foods, is not one of overnight success or carefully scripted ambition. It is a story shaped by patience, humility, service, and an unwavering belief that how you treat people matters.

Angelo's path began on the supermarket floor, packing bags, pushing trolleys, and assisting customers with genuine care. What distinguished him even then was not title or authority, but kindness. He paid attention. He listened. He treated every customer with respect. Over time, people noticed. They remembered him. They asked for him. And in those small, everyday interactions, the foundation of a leader was quietly being built.

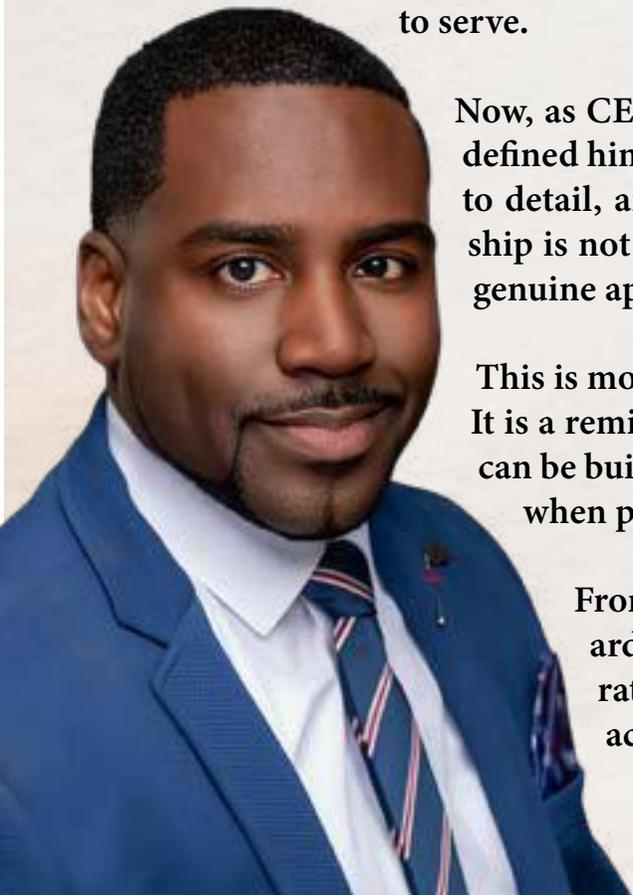
Raised in a humble household where values were deeply rooted, Angelo carried those lessons into every role he held within the company. His rise through one of the leading supermarkets in the country, was deliberate and earned; grounded in discipline, mentorship, and a deep understanding of the business from the inside out. He learned every layer, every detail, and every responsibility, never forgetting what it meant to serve.

Now, as CEO, Angelo Daniel Austin leads with the same spirit that defined him as a teenager on the floor: respect for people, attention to detail, and an authentic commitment to excellence. His leadership is not detached, it is informed by experience, empathy, and a genuine appreciation for every role within the organization.

This is more than a corporate success story.

It is a reminder that character creates opportunity, that leadership can be built through service, and that no starting point is too small when purpose is strong.

From packing bags to carrying vision, from service to stewardship, Angelo Daniel Austin's journey stands as an inspiration, not just for what he has achieved, but for how he achieved it.



DIGITAL INFLUENCE AND ONLINE MEDIA

Nevaeh Newman

There are some voices that a nation grows to trust, not because they are polished or rehearsed, but because they are real. Nevaeh Newman is one of those voices.

In Grenada, when issues arise, when questions linger, when frustration meets hope, people turn to Nevaeh. They listen because she speaks from a place of truth, love, and deep connection to her people. She does not echo what is convenient, she speaks what is necessary. With passion and clarity, she speaks truth to power, fearless in conviction and unwavering in her commitment to justice, accountability, and the wellbeing of Grenadians.

Nevaeh fights for her people, not from a distance, but from within the lived experience of the community. Her advocacy is bold, her opinions thoughtful, and her courage undeniable. She stands tall and proud, never shrinking her voice to make others comfortable, yet never losing her humanity in the process. Her strength is matched by her compassion.

What makes Nevaeh truly special is that she carries both fire and warmth. She can challenge systems and spark national conversation, then, in the next breath, make the entire country laugh. When matters are heavy, she brings clarity. When spirits are low, she brings joy. She reminds us that seriousness does not cancel humor, and activism does not erase laughter. Both can coexist and in her, they do beautifully.

Above all else, Nevaeh loves people. That love is felt in the way she listens, the way she speaks, and the way she shows up, consistently, authentically, unapologetically. Her influence is not manufactured; it is earned through trust, reliability, and truth.

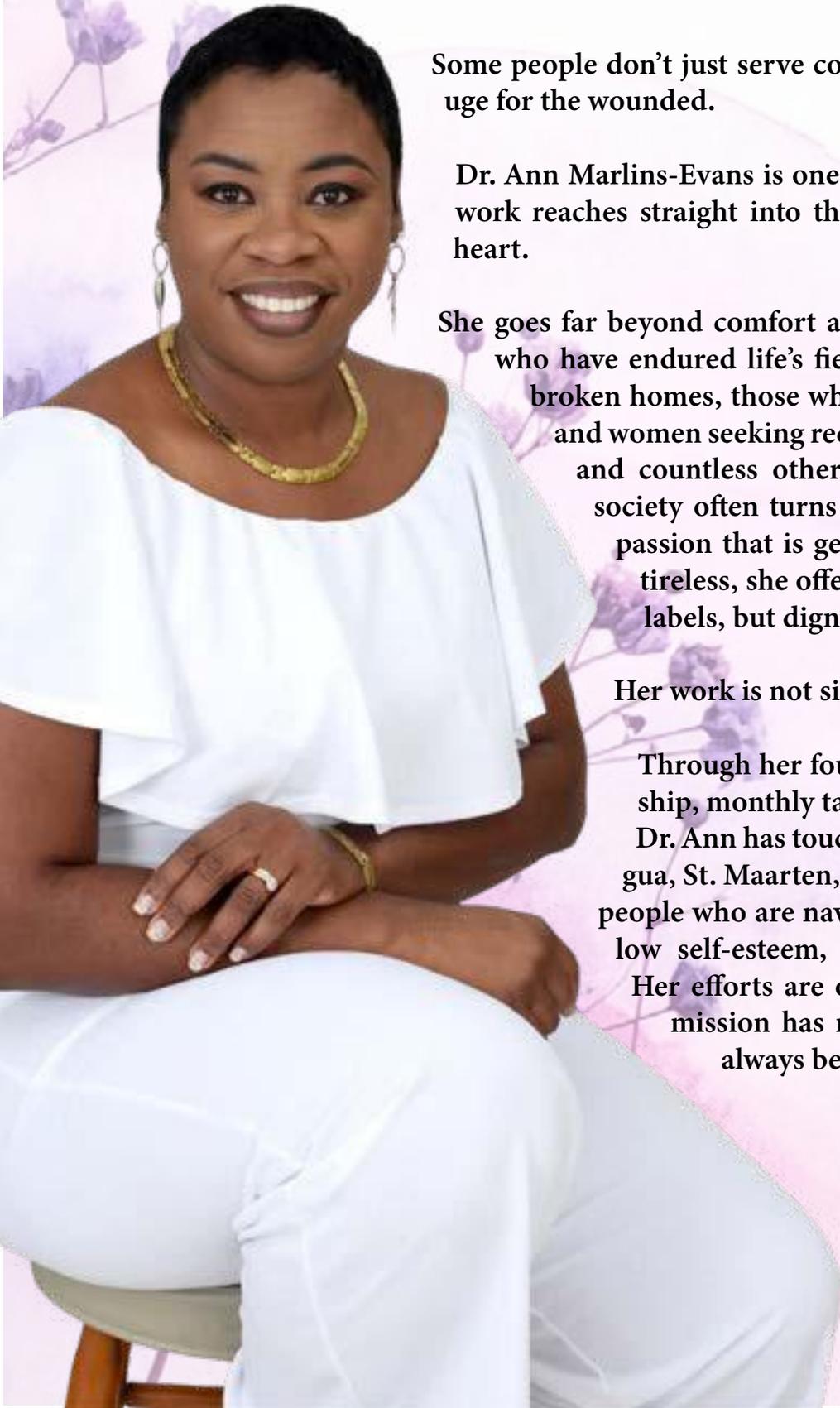
This is not just a tribute to an influencer.

Nevaeh carries Grenada's concerns in her heart and its hope in her words; someone who reminds us that courage can be compassionate, and truth can be spoken with love.



COMMUNITY SERVICE AND HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP

Dr. Ann Marlin-Evans



Some people don't just serve communities, they become a refuge for the wounded.

Dr. Ann Marlin-Evans is one of those rare souls whose life's work reaches straight into the broken places of the human heart.

She goes far beyond comfort and convenience to reach those who have endured life's fiercest storms; individuals from broken homes, those who have been incarcerated, men and women seeking recovery in rehabilitation centers, and countless others carrying silent pain. Where society often turns away, she leans in. With compassion that is genuine and commitment that is tireless, she offers not judgment, but hope; not labels, but dignity.

Her work is not simply service, it is a lifeline.

Through her foundations, counseling, mentorship, monthly talk shows, and free conferences, Dr. Ann has touched lives across Anguilla, Antigua, St. Maarten, St. Kitts, and beyond, reaching people who are navigating trauma, loss, rejection, low self-esteem, and deep emotional wounds. Her efforts are offered at no cost, because her mission has never been about profit, it has always been about people.

Her heart for women is especially profound. She pours her energy into helping survivors of all forms of abuse rediscover their self-worth, rebuild confidence, heal their souls, and reclaim their voices. Through conferences, awareness parades, interactive group sessions, TV talk shows on TV 15, and island-to-island outreach as a guest speaker, she creates spaces where healing feels possible again.

And when the microphones are off and the crowds disperse, she still shows up.

Through daily encouragement messages sent via WhatsApp, personal calls, and consistent spiritual covering, she reminds people that they are not forgotten. Known affectionately as “Simply Ann,” she lives her faith openly and humbly, an Evangelist who does the work of Christ not with grand declarations, but with steady love in action.

Beyond ministry, Dr. Ann is a businesswoman with her own accounting company, a certified mental health coach, and a Doctor of Divinity, yet none of her titles overshadow her tenderness. She carries wisdom without arrogance, authority without ego, and faith without pretense.

Dr. Ann Marlins-Evans restores what life tried to steal.
She sees value where others see damage.
She brings light into rooms where hope once felt impossible.

TALKSHOW
**BREAKING
THE CYCLES**
with *Simply Ann*

MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

Cory M. Tyson

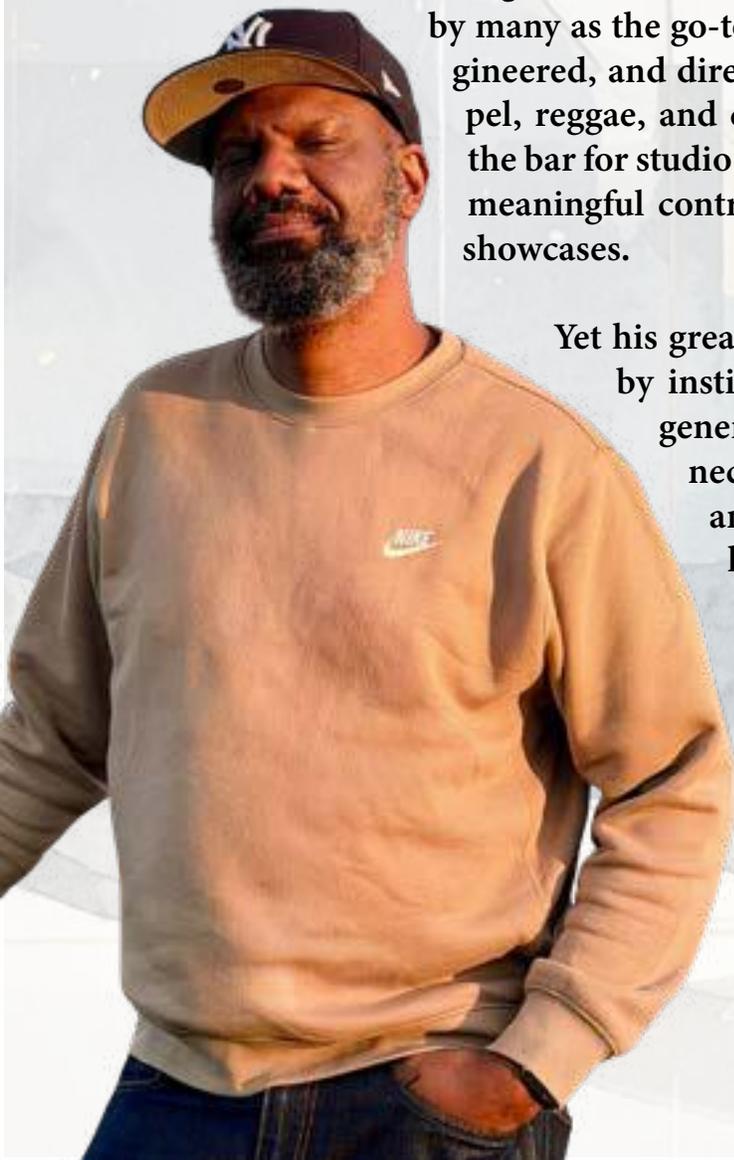
From Gingerland to stages and studios across the Caribbean, Cory M. Tyson—Masablue, has built a life in music that is as much about people as it is about sound. A producer, music director, and audio engineer of uncommon heart, Cory's work carries the pulse of community, the dignity of culture, and a relentless pursuit of excellence.

His journey began early and was sharpened through formal training in the United States at the Institute of Audio Research and the University of New Haven. Those years refined his technical mastery but his purpose never drifted. His mission was always to return home and serve Caribbean music with care, precision, and pride.

Back in Nevis, Cory founded KORE Entertainment and later Masablue's Country Kitchen, creating safe, trusted spaces where artists could find their voice. Known by many as the go-to creative, Masablue has produced, arranged, engineered, and directed countless projects across soca, calypso, gospel, reggae, and contemporary Caribbean sounds, quietly raising the bar for studio work, live events, and broadcast media, including meaningful contributions to Nevis Television and major cultural showcases.

Yet his greatest impact may be felt off-mic. Cory is a mentor by instinct; patient, generous, and invested in the next generation. He teaches that music is discipline, connection, and legacy; that sound should honor story; and that excellence is an act of respect. Whether behind the console, directing a band, or guiding a young creative, his posture is the same: serve the music, honor the culture, and help people sound like the best version of themselves.

A builder of standards, a keeper of Caribbean sound, and a servant of community. Masablue doesn't chase spotlight, he shapes it. And because of him, our music carries farther, truer, and stronger.



FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Yahsonn Tafari

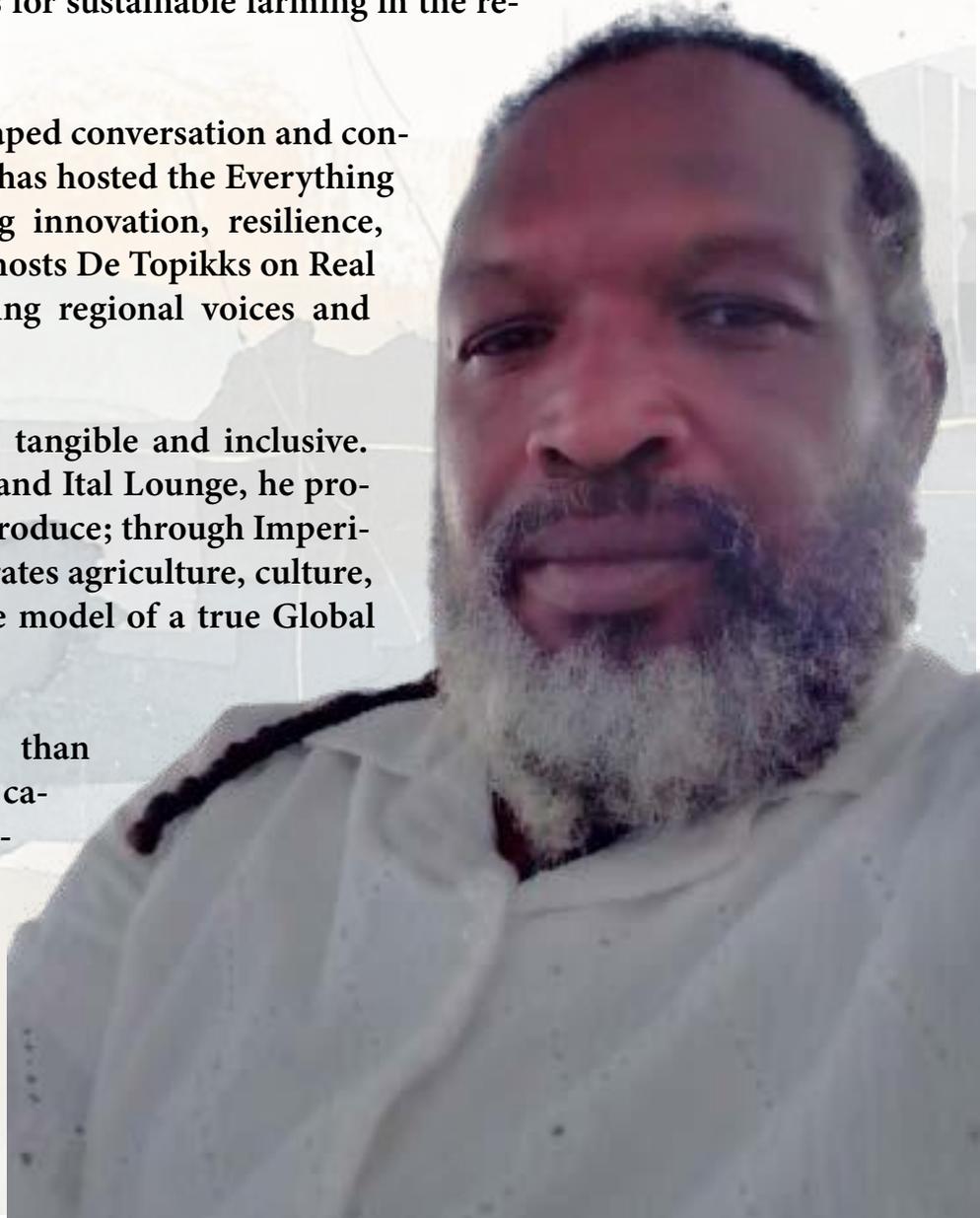
Yahsonn Tafari stands as a beacon of innovation, purpose, and possibility in food security and agricultural development on Nevis and beyond. An educator by calling, an agripreneur by conviction, and a trusted media voice, his life's work has transformed classrooms, farms, and communities, rooted in sustainability and driven by service.

His journey began in education, teaching at the primary level for four years and later spending eleven impactful years at Charlestown Secondary School, where he inspired young minds to see agriculture not as survival, but as opportunity. He carried that vision forward as Organic Farm Manager at the renowned Kittitian Hill Resort, leading operations at Belle Mont Farm and pioneering organic practices across terraced lands, setting new standards for sustainable farming in the region.

Beyond the fields, Yahsonn has shaped conversation and consciousness. For over five years, he has hosted the Everything Agriculture podcast, championing innovation, resilience, and Caribbean solutions. He also hosts De Topikks on Real Entertainment Network, amplifying regional voices and ideas that matter.

As an entrepreneur, his impact is tangible and inclusive. Through Tafari's Plant Sanctuary and Ital Lounge, he promotes organic wellness and local produce; through Imperial Rhydz Taxi and Tours, he integrates agriculture, culture, and community service, living the model of a true Global Agripreneur.

Yahsonn Tafari cultivates more than crops; he cultivates confidence, capacity, and community. His leadership feeds today and secures tomorrow, making him richly deserving of recognition as one of the Top 40 Influential Individuals of 2025.



COMMUNITY SERVICE & HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP

Model Cop Shaq

Some people serve their country not only through title or uniform, but through presence. Model Cop Shaq of St. Kitts is one of those rare individuals whose commitment to community goes far beyond expectation and often beyond recognition.

Relentlessly, selflessly, and often at his own expense, Shaq is always on the move, chasing late-breaking news, traveling wherever and whenever events unfold, ensuring that the people of St. Kitts and Nevis are informed in real time. He does not wait for comfort, convenience, or applause. He shows up because he believes the people deserve to know what is happening around them.

What truly sets Model Cop Shaq apart is his connection to ordinary citizens. On the streets of St. Kitts, his interviews are not staged or scripted, they are authentic, human, and engaging. He listens. He laughs. He asks the questions others might overlook. In doing so, he gives everyday people a voice and turns the streets into a living newsroom. His interactions are informative, often entertaining, and always grounded in respect.

Shaq's work is community service in its purest form. It is driven by love for country, care for people, and a deep sense of responsibility to keep the public informed. He bridges the gap between events and understanding, between authority and the community, between news and humanity.

In a time when many wait for someone else to act, Model Cop Shaq acts. He documents. He engages. He informs. And he does it with heart.

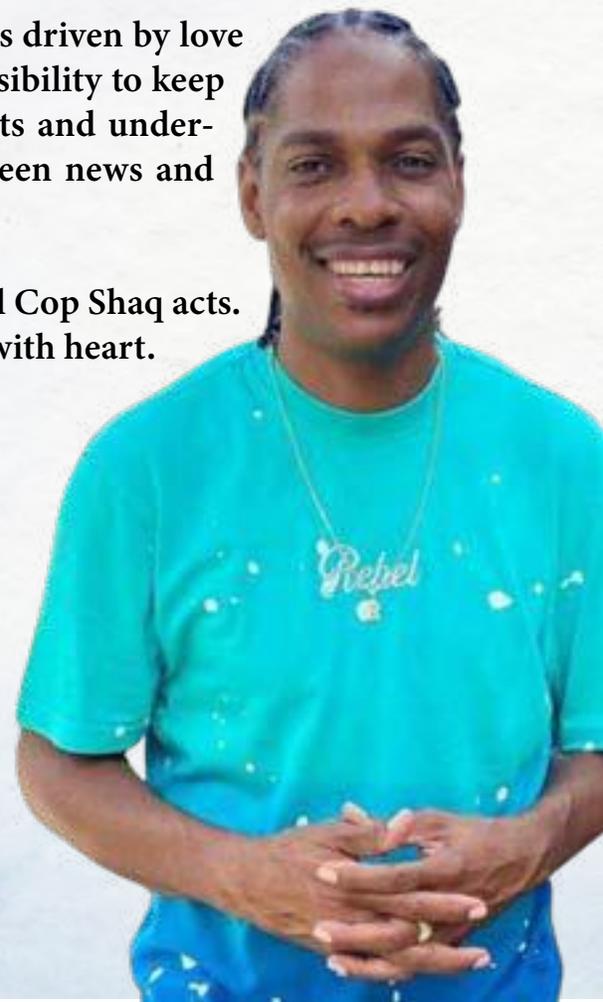
This is a tribute to a man who serves without shortcuts, reports without fear, and connects without pretense.

A true man of the people.

A constant presence.

A living example that community service doesn't clock out.

Respect due to Model Cop Shaq. St. Kitts and Nevis is better informed because he shows up.



BUSINESS INNOVATION & ENTERPRISE

Bevis Sylvester

Bevis Sylvester is the embodiment of inspiring leadership rooted in integrity, excellence, and genuine care for people. As Regional General Manager of Delta Petroleum, he has helped steer the company with steady vision, balancing operational strength with a people-first philosophy that has earned respect across the region.

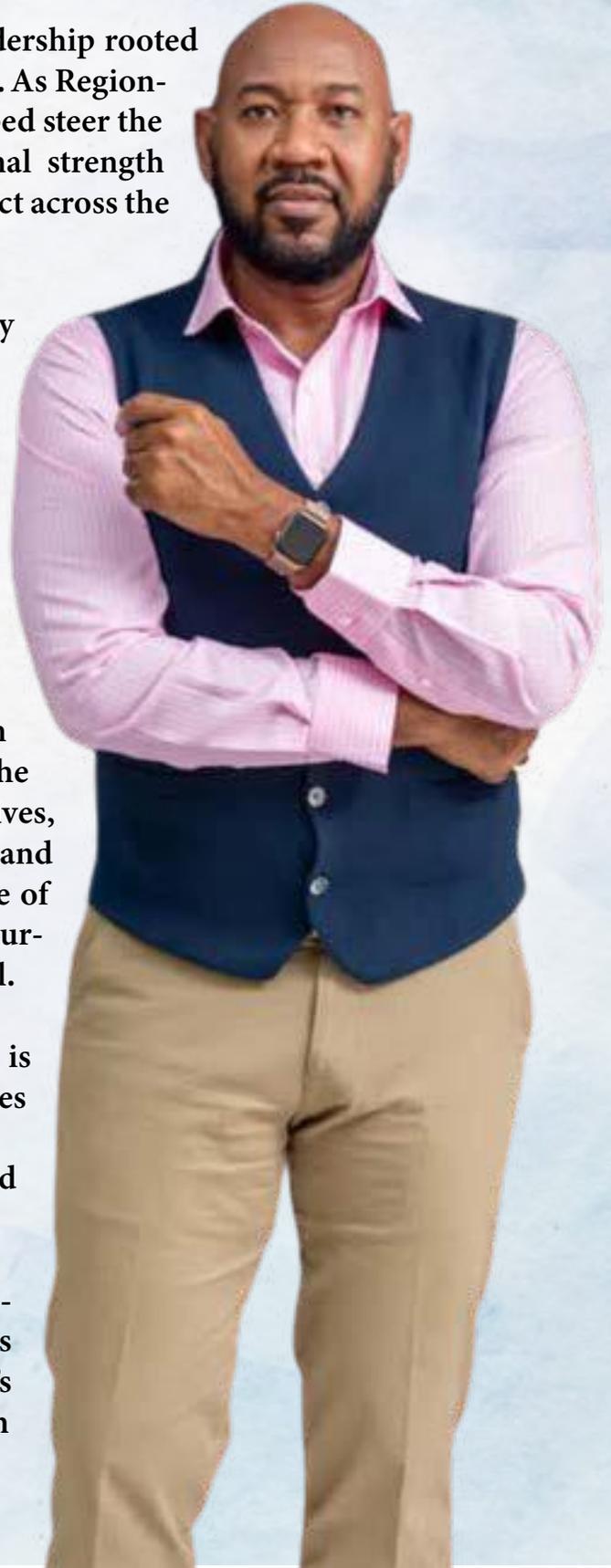
Under his leadership, Delta Petroleum has not only grown as a trusted energy partner, but has also strengthened its commitment to the communities it serves. Bevis leads by example, firm in standards, thoughtful in decision-making, and unwavering in his belief that successful businesses must also be responsible citizens. His leadership inspires teams to perform at their best while never losing sight of the human impact behind every action.

Beyond the boardroom, Bevis Sylvester is known for giving back, consistently and quietly, across the islands. Whether supporting community initiatives, youth development, or causes that uplift families and neighborhoods, his generosity reflects a deep sense of responsibility to the region that has supported his journey. His service is not performative; it is purposeful.

Bevis is a leader who understands that influence is measured not only by results, but by how many lives are strengthened along the way.

A leader who builds trust, empowers others, and gives back without hesitation.

His belief: At Delta Petroleum, we believe great leadership starts with empowering our team to reach his or her full potential. When we invest in each other's growth, we fuel success across the entire Caribbean region.



COMMUNITY SERVICE & HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP

D'Shney Matthew York

To the young people of St. Maarten and beyond, D'Shney Matthew York stands as living proof that greatness is not accidental, it is built with intention, courage, and consistency.

D'Shney is an emerging hospitality professional with a genuine passion for concierge service, event planning, and unforgettable guest experiences. She has invested in herself academically, studying Social Work alongside Hotel Management and Hospitality, understanding that true service is not just about presentation, but about people.

Her achievements on the pageant stage are remarkable. A seven-time pageant winner, D'Shney has proudly represented St. Maarten in three regional pageants, securing two titles and placing second in another. Yet what makes her journey powerful is that she never allowed crowns to define her character, she allowed character to define the crown.

Beyond the spotlight, D'Shney pours into her community. She has mentored young ladies, helping them build self-confidence, make positive choices, and believe in their worth. As a radio personality, her voice reaches hearts daily, uplifting, informing, and inspiring. She also volunteers with youth initiatives, showing up consistently where guidance and encouragement are needed most.

Her leadership continues to rise. As Head Coordinator for all Carnival Pageants for Carnival 2026, including the international pageant, D'Shney carries responsibility with maturity and grace. She is also a content creator and influencer, working with multiple companies on the island, using her platform responsibly to promote growth, positivity, and excellence.

D'Shney Matthew York is not perfect, she is purposeful. She is not just talented, she is disciplined. She is not just seen, she serves. Her life says to every young person: dream boldly, prepare seriously, walk with integrity, and never forget to lift others as you rise.

D'Shney Matthew York, a role model in motion. A leader for her generation. A reminder that your future is built by the choices you make today.



COMMUNITY SERVICE & HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP-

Lisa Hanna

There are individuals who transcend categories, not just Caribbean women, but Caribbean people as a whole. Lisa Hanna is one of those rare forces. There is no serious conversation about influence, impact, or leadership in this region where her name can be absent. No Top 40, no measure of Caribbean excellence, is complete without Lisa Hanna.

From the moment she stood on the global stage as Miss World 1993, she carried Jamaica, and the wider Caribbean, with pride, intellect, and unmistakable presence. But beauty was never her destination; it was simply the doorway. What followed was a life of substance, courage, and purpose.

In public service, Lisa Hanna was fearless. As a parliamentarian and former Minister of Youth and Culture, she spoke with clarity and conviction, often saying what others avoided, always centering people, especially young people. She did not enter politics to be comfortable; she entered to be consequential. And even now, though she has stepped away from formal politics for the moment, many across Jamaica and the diaspora still quietly, and sometimes loudly, hope that one day she will rise as Prime Minister of Jamaica. That hope itself speaks volumes. For now, we respect her choice, her timing, and her space.

And yet, Lisa Hanna has not disappeared.
In many ways, she is more present than ever.

Today, she is phenomenal in a new season. Through speaking engagements, thought-provoking reflections, and a daily social media presence that captivates thousands, she continues to engage, challenge, uplift, and connect. We watch her. We follow her. We listen. And we wonder. Is she preparing a podcast? A Netflix documentary? A new platform altogether? Or is Lisa simply living fully in the moment, enjoying dialogue with her Caribbean and diaspora people? Whatever it is, people are loving it.

Because Lisa Hanna, even outside politics, remains a voice of clarity, confidence, and cultural pride. She speaks with wisdom earned, not borrowed. She engages without agenda, yet always with intention. She reminds us that leadership does not require a title, only truth, courage, and authenticity. Lisa Hanna is not finished; she is unfolding.
And the Caribbean is still listening. Still watching.



COMMUNITY SERVICE AND HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP

Diani Prince-Drew

Born in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and now proudly rooted in St. Kitts, Diani Prince Drew is a woman who chose to make her adopted home better because she loves its people. Through her vision and compassion, she has transformed that love into action as the founder of the Joy Project.

Under Diani's leadership, the Joy Project has become a quiet but powerful force for good; meeting real needs with dignity and care. From the Cool Schools Initiative, which has improved learning environments by providing fans and water access, to support for maternal health through donated laptops and mobile devices for healthcare workers, her work touches lives at their most vulnerable moments. The Joy Project has also uplifted women and families through initiatives such as Love Boxes for new mothers, menstrual wellness education, and community outreach that affirms worth, health, and hope.

What sets Diani apart is the heart behind the work. She does not simply give, she connects. Every initiative carries a message: you are seen, you matter, and joy belongs to you too. Her service is thoughtful, consistent, and rooted in empathy, ensuring that help never feels like charity, but like community.

This tribute honors a woman who bloomed where she was planted, who turned compassion into measurable impact, and who continues to prove that joy, when shared, can change lives.

Diani Prince Drew. A daughter of St. Vincent. A gift to St. Kitts.
A builder of joy whose legacy is written in restored dignity and renewed hope.



FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Ronald King Jr.

Ronald King Jr. of Nevis, is not just growing food, he is growing confidence, knowledge, and food security for the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis. As Founder and Manager of Shabazz Organics, established in 2008 under the guiding principle “Safety is everything,” he has remained steadfast in his mission to provide locally grown, organic produce to the public at affordable wholesale prices. His work is rooted in care for the land, for health, and for people.

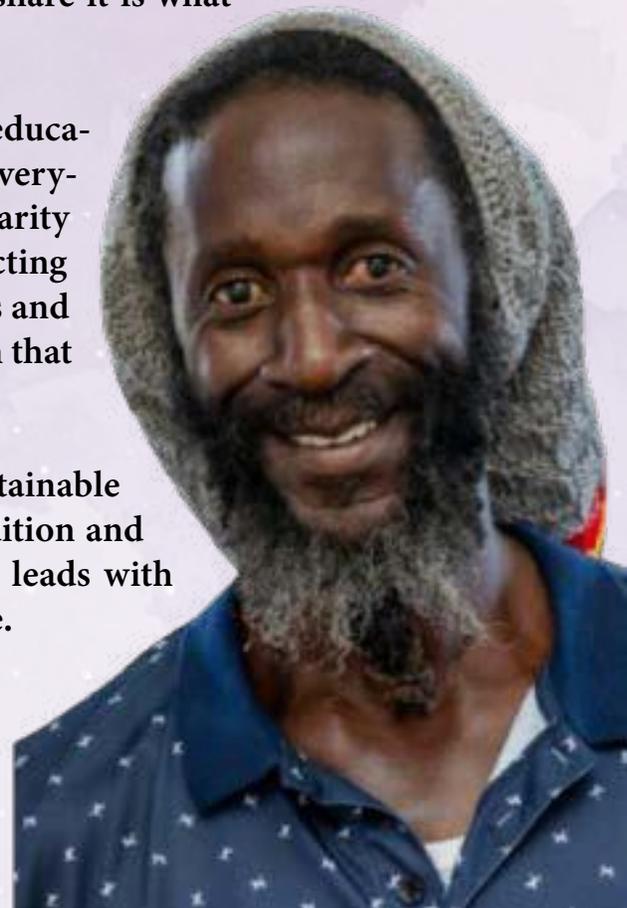
Ronald’s love for agriculture was planted early. As a child, he drew inspiration from three uncles, a butcher, a farmer, and a fisherman; men whose livelihoods were tied directly to the earth and sea. From them, he learned that food is more than sustenance; it is heritage, responsibility, and survival.

Armed with an Associate’s Degree in Agricultural Science and Technology from Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College, Ronald went on to serve as an Extension Officer with the Ministry of Agriculture in the Nevis Island Administration. In that role, he supported fellow farmers with hands-on, practical solutions, sharing expertise in hydroponics, greenhouse and shade-house design, organic fertilizers and composting, irrigation and fertigation systems. His knowledge is deep, but his willingness to share it is what truly sets him apart.

Beyond the fields, Ronald has become a trusted public educator and voice for agriculture. As Founder and Host of Everything Agriculture and Co-host of De Topics, he brings clarity to complex issues, sensitizing the public to matters affecting agriculture and the wider economy. Through workshops and digital platforms, he empowers citizens with information that leads to action.

Ronald King Jr.’s vision is clear and urgent: to chart a sustainable course toward food security. His life’s work bridges tradition and innovation, soil and systems, farmers and families. He leads with humility, teaches with patience, and builds with purpose.

This is a man who understands that a nation that feeds itself protects its future. A cultivator of land and leader of minds. A quiet force ensuring that what we grow today sustains us tomorrow.



DIGITAL INFLUENCE AND ONLINE MEDIA

Ian Alleyne

There are media figures who report the news, and then there are those who become part of the public consciousness.

Ian Alleyne of Trinidad and Tobago is unmistakably the latter.

For decades, Ian Alleyne has stood as one of the Caribbean's most compelling, fearless, and recognizable media voices. A true media guru, he has built a platform that commands attention across borders, time zones, and generations. Hundreds of thousands of people across the Caribbean and the global diaspora stay locked in, around the clock, waiting for his stories, updates, and breaking developments. When Ian speaks, the region listens.

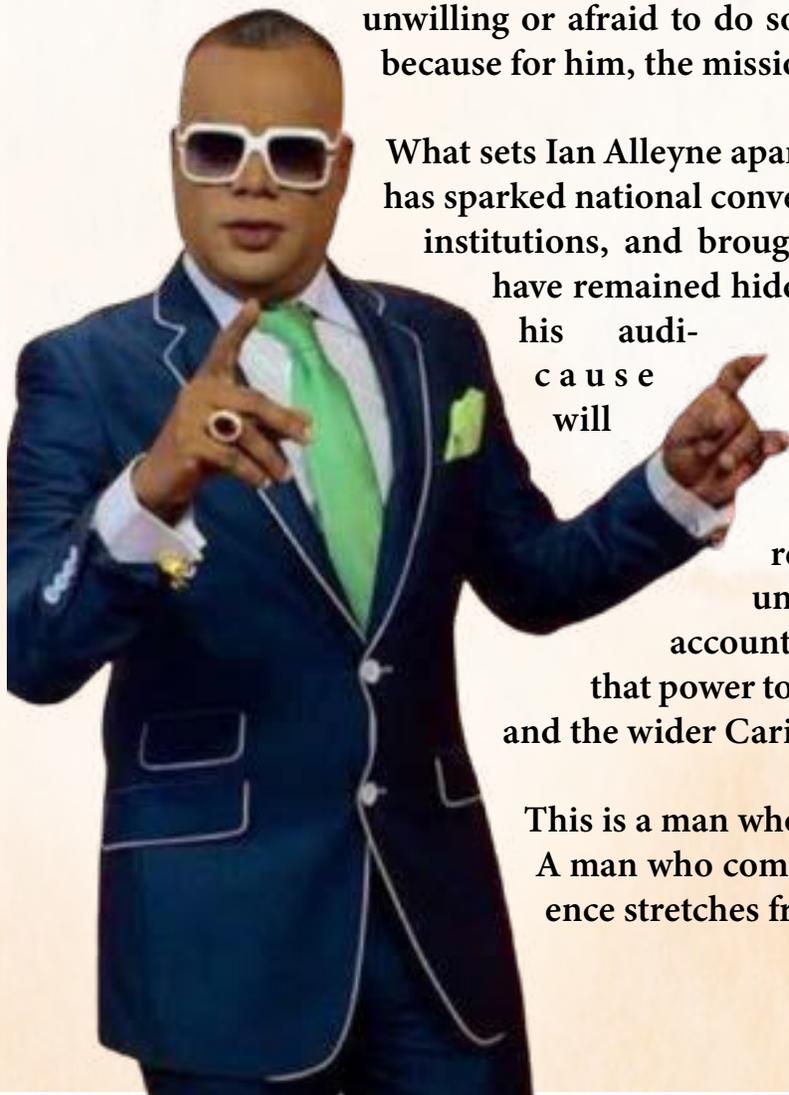
His work is driven by urgency and purpose. Ian has never been content with surface-level storytelling. He digs. He questions. He confronts. He gives voice to victims, exposes wrongdoing, and brings uncomfortable truths into the open, often when others are unwilling or afraid to do so. His style is raw, direct, and unapologetic, because for him, the mission has always been bigger than popularity.

What sets Ian Alleyne apart is not just reach, but impact. His reporting has sparked national conversations, mobilized communities, pressured institutions, and brought attention to issues that might otherwise have remained hidden. He has built a relationship of trust with his audience, people tune in not out of habit, but because they believe he will tell them what others will not.

Beyond the cameras and microphones, Ian represents resilience and relentless drive. He understands the power of media as a tool for accountability and public awareness, and he has used that power to shape discourse across Trinidad and Tobago and the wider Caribbean.

This is a man whose presence transcends platforms.

A man who commands attention. A media force whose influence stretches from Port of Spain to the diaspora worldwide.



BUSINESS INNOVATION AND ENTERPRISE

Tahirah Banks-Webster

Tahirah Banks-Webster is an award-winning strategist and business architect with over 12 years of experience leading brand, growth, and technology strategy across the public and private sectors.

She has a distinguished track record of transforming complex ideas into executable systems that generate both commercial success and social impact.

As CEO of AlphaNorth (Formerly Thoughtful), she drives the company's mission to use technology as a tool for human advancement.

Tahirah is a strategic advisor to governments, development agencies, corporations, and NGOs in the Caribbean, Europe, and North America, where she designs people focused strategies and products that make progress accessible to everyone.

As a founder she has led the creation and growth of proprietary products including ShipSmart Logistics Inc., CreateAds, and Serrum; bold technology platforms that connect innovation with human impact across the logistics, marketing, and healthcare sectors

Some of her noteworthy clients include the European Union, the United Nations, Warner Bros. Media, CARICOM and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States.

Born and raised in Anguilla, Tahirah is a champion of Caribbean excellence. Her work sits at the intersection of strategy, innovation, and human insight, helping organizations and leaders marry stories with technology that improves the way people live, work, and play.



BUSINESS INNOVATION AND ENTERPRISE

Kashma Evelyn-Nisbett

Kashma Evelyn-Nisbett's journey is a beautiful testament to what happens when talent meets courage, and when love for home guides every step forward. A proud native of St. Kitts and Nevis, Kashma carried her island roots with her to New York, where she pursued Marketing and Communications at CUNY Bernard Baruch College. After graduation, she excelled for eight years in the financial sector, contributing to institutions such as the New York City Government, JP Morgan, and American Express.

Yet even amid corporate success, her creative spirit kept calling.

In 2019, Kashma launched @foodforkash, a simple blog born from joy, curiosity, and a love for food and travel. What began as a hobby quickly became a vibrant platform, celebrated for its authenticity and storytelling. By 2021, she made the bold decision to leave the corporate world and found FOODFORKASH INC., transforming passion into enterprise. Her work soon attracted major international brands, including Walmart, Nutribullet, Wendy's, and Ferrero Rocher, a powerful affirmation of her vision and voice.

As her brand grew, so did her commitment to home. Kashma intentionally turned her lens toward Nevis and the wider Federation, investing her talent in tourism. She partnered with iconic properties like Four Seasons Resort Nevis and Park Hyatt St. Kitts, while continuing to champion local restaurants, chefs, and culinary traditions. Her love for local cuisine culminated in hosting the Nevis Tourism Authority's A Taste of Nevis series and her appointment as Culinary Ambassador of Nevis, a role she carries with pride, care, and authenticity.

She followed her passion and brought her island with her.



BUSINESS INNOVATION AND ENTERPRISE

Tamica Lawrence

Tamica Lawrence stands as a dynamic force in Nevis' economic story, steady, strategic, and deeply rooted in service. As Director of Invest Nevis, she leads with clarity and conviction, advancing initiatives that attract investment, stimulate growth, and position Nevis as a premier destination for business, innovation, and sustainable development.

Her work is purpose-driven and people-centered. Tamica has successfully coordinated and led teams to secure high-impact investments that translate into real opportunity for communities. Among her achievements are serving as Project Coordinator for the Malcolm Guishard Recreation Park, attracting two major data processing centers now employing over 200 individuals, facilitating a beer brewery, welcoming international banks, and expanding the island's financial services footprint. Across tourism, communications, agriculture, entertainment, light manufacturing, and technology, her strategy strengthens competitiveness, investment readiness, transparency, and investor confidence, while accelerating job creation and business development.

Tamica brings a proven blend of leadership and expertise to the role. Academically, she holds an Executive Master's degree with a concentration in Project Management, double majors in Marketing and Hospitality, and a minor in Small Business Management; a foundation that informs her collaborative approach to public-private partnerships and long-term resilience.

Beyond government, her commitment to culture and community shines. A former Miss Culture Queen (2002) and a passionate advocate for pageantry, Tamica has chaired, chaperoned, created, and judged pageants locally and regionally. She has served as Director of the Nevis Cultural Development Foundation, is a member of the Nevis Red Cross, Women in Maritime, and is a certified hospitality trainer, roles that reflect a life of service and mentorship.

Guided by her personal creed, pray on it, own your vision, elevate your voice, and be humble, Tamica Lawrence leads with grace and results.

A woman whose vision builds economies, whose leadership creates opportunity, and whose humility anchors lasting impact for Nevis and the region.



COMMUNITY SERVICE AND HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP

Dino Arrindell

Dino Arrindell of St. Maarten is a man whose life reflects balance, humility, and genuine love for people. By profession, he is a respected pilot with WINAIR, entrusted daily with connecting islands, families, and communities across the region. In the skies, he operates with precision and responsibility. On the ground, he serves with heart.

Beyond aviation, Dino is the owner of Captain D Rib Shack, a place that has become more than a food spot, it is a symbol of generosity and care. Time and time again, Dino opens his doors and his hands to those in need, offering free meals, support, and kindness without fanfare. For him, giving back is not an obligation; it is a calling.

What makes Dino Arrindell truly special is the quiet sincerity of his service. He does not seek recognition or praise. He helps because he understands community. He understands struggle. And he believes that no one should feel forgotten. Whether feeding the hungry, uplifting someone going through hard times, or simply showing up when it matters most, Dino leads by example.

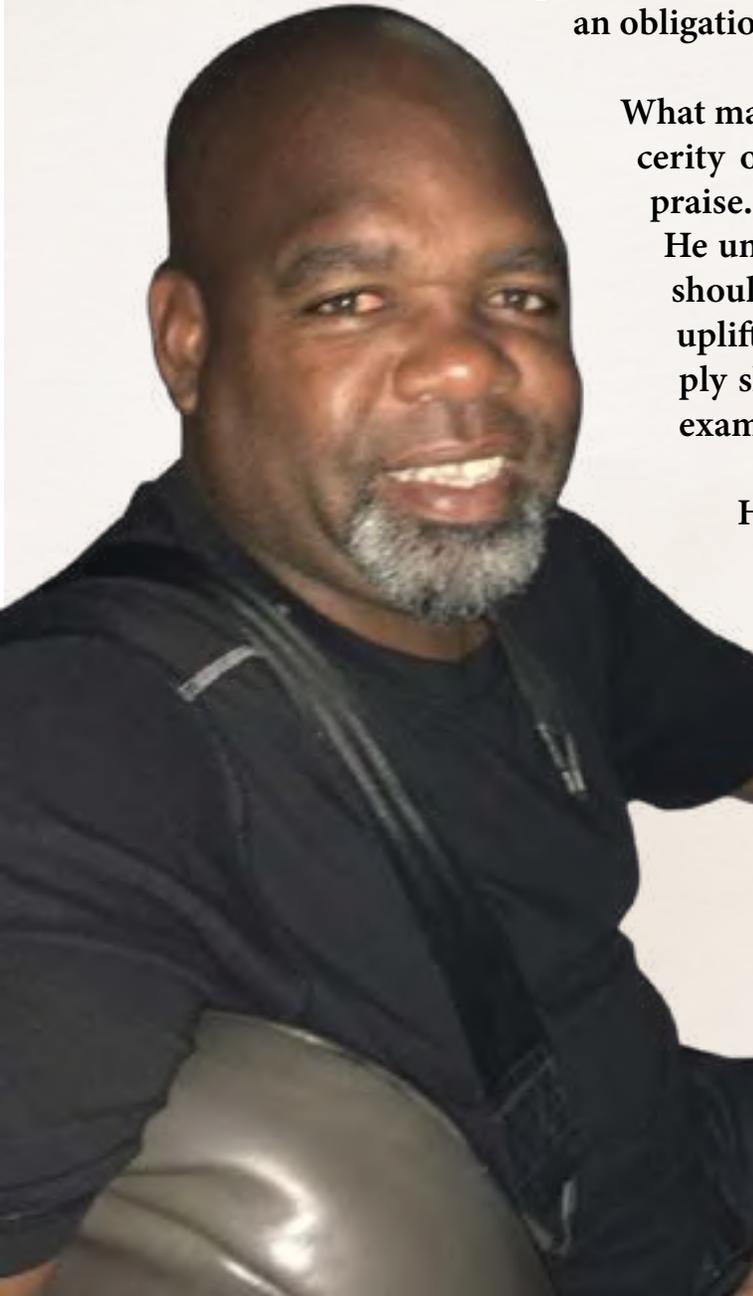
His life reminds us that impact is not measured by titles alone, but by how many lives are touched through compassion. He shows that success means little if it is not shared, and that true leadership is rooted in empathy and action.

A professional in the skies.

A provider on the ground.

A pillar of kindness in St. Maarten.

Dino Arrindell , Living proof that when you rise, you lift others with you.



COMMUNITY SERVICE AND HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP

Kurlyn Merchant

Kurlyn Merchant of Nevis represents the very best of Caribbean legal excellence; quietly accomplished, deeply principled, and unwavering in service to justice. As an attorney of distinction and the President of the St. Kitts and Nevis Bar Association, she leads with clarity, integrity, and a profound respect for the rule of law.

Her academic achievement sets her apart across the region. With a Master's degree in energy law, a qualification held by fewer than a handful of attorneys in the Caribbean, Kurlyn brings rare expertise to a field that will shape the region's future. Her knowledge positions her not only as a legal practitioner but as a forward-thinking professional prepared to navigate the complex intersection of law, policy, sustainability, and development.

Beyond her credentials, Kurlyn's leadership is marked by steadiness and substance. She is a voice of reason in complex moments, an advocate for professionalism, and a mentor by example. In boardrooms and courtrooms alike, she carries herself with grace, measured in tone, firm in principle, and deeply committed to fairness.

This is a woman who elevates every space she enters.
A Nevisian whose intellect strengthens institutions.
A leader whose impact is felt not through volume but through vision and values.

Kurlyn Merchant is a standard-bearer for justice.
A leader of rare distinction.
A quiet force shaping the future of law in St. Kitts and Nevis and beyond.



COMMUNITY SERVICE AND HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP & MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

Abena Amory

Abena Amory: A Voice of Power, A Heart of Service

Abena Amory, daughter of acclaimed vocalist Ms. Jacqueline Erlene Williams-King and the revered late Honorable Vance Amory, Former Premier of Nevis, was immersed in music from her earliest days. Surrounded by a rich tapestry of melody and rhythm, her path in music was shaped by her family's deep-rooted legacy.

Her journey as a singer and songwriter began as a young girl in her homeland of Nevis, where her passion was nurtured by the rich musical traditions of the Caribbean. During her pre-teen years in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, she further developed her craft, representing her school in music festivals and competitions. That early foundation continued to evolve and ultimately blossomed during her formative years in New York City. From there, her voice became a beacon, captivating audiences across the United States. Abena has performed with esteemed ensembles, including Raymond Trapp and the Voices of Praise, gracing iconic venues such as Grand Central Station and Madison Square Garden, earning accolades at prestigious events like the McDonald's Gospel Fest.

Her versatility shone brightly as she joined the So-ca-focused BQE Band, captivating audiences at Carnival celebrations and major events in New York, Miami, Washington, D.C., and Virginia.

As a member of the gospel choir I.M.A.G.E., she elevated souls with celestial harmonies and unwavering devotion. Her talent has supported legends like Alston "Becket" Cyrus, King Short Shirt, Mighty Sparrow, and Sir Frankie McIntosh. Her moving renditions of the national anthems of St. Kitts and Nevis and St. Vincent and the Grenadines at countless charitable events in New York have further cemented her role as a beloved ambassador of Caribbean culture.



In February 2023, Abena released the reggae love song “Your Love” to a live audience in Brooklyn, marking a turning point in her musical journey. She soon followed up with a sultry duet, “Toxic Love” featuring Dejour, released in June 2024. That same month, she headlined the 10th Anniversary of the Nevis Mango Festival, delivering a spellbinding performance and releasing her soulful rendition of “Breezy.”

In June 2025, Abena reached another milestone: a stunning performance at the St. Kitts Music Festival on June 28th, where she shared the stage with icons like Jennifer Hudson, Romain Virgo, and Christopher Martin. Her presence, artistry, and charisma proved she belonged among such legends, proudly representing St. Kitts and Nevis. She was also invited back as the headliner for the Nevis Mango Festival 2025, following the tremendous impact of her previous performance. Now, with the release of her latest two single, “FYI Love U,” and “Love Again” Abena continues to impress. Both singles are rich with emotion and truth, showcases her vocal range and storytelling depth, further solidifying her position as one of the Caribbean’s rising stars.

Beyond the stage, Abena is a dynamic public health professional and certified Birth Doula, with over a decade of experience advocating for maternal health, violence prevention, and health equity. Certified through DONA International, she provides holistic, trauma-informed care to expectant families, centering reproductive justice and empowerment. As a trained Pregnancy and Infant Loss (PAIL) Advocate, she supports families navigating grief and healing after loss.

Abena is also a published author, having co-authored a chapter in *Black Girl Magic Beyond the Hashtag*. She holds a Master of Public Health (MPH) in Community Health Sciences from SUNY Downstate, is a recipient of the Dr. Mahfouz H. Zaki Memorial Award for Maternal & Child Health and has been presented nationally at conferences including the National Network of Hospital-based Violence Intervention Programs (NNHVIP).

Her dedication to service and philanthropy is unwavering. She is committed to expanding access to education and creative opportunities for students in underserved communities.. She also leads ongoing initiatives that support young mothers and families in need across New York City and St. Kitts and Nevis. Through consistent fundraising efforts and grassroots outreach, she uplifts individuals and families facing hardship, embodying a deep spirit of compassion, generosity, and community care.

Empowering young women and youth is central to Abena’s mission. Whether through music, mentorship, advocacy, or direct service, she creates spaces where people feel seen, supported, and inspired to reach their full potential. Whether captivating audiences on stage or serving families in need, Abena Amory leads with grace, passion, and purpose. She is a woman of impact, blending art, advocacy, and action to transform lives, celebrate culture, and bring hope wherever her voice reaches

MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

Claudette Peters

There are artistes who entertain, and then there are those who embody a nation. Claudette Peters is unmistakably the latter.

Over the years, she has stood as the heartbeat of Antigua and Barbuda, a powerhouse whose voice, energy, and presence have carried the island's culture far beyond its shores. When Claudette steps onto a stage, it is not merely a performance, it is a declaration of identity, pride, resilience, and Caribbean excellence.

Claudette Peters is more than a soca star; she is a cultural force. Her music has soundtracked generations. Carnival after Carnival, moment after moment, uniting young and old, locals and diaspora, in shared joy and celebration. She sings with power, but also with purpose. Every note carries authenticity. Every lyric feels lived. She does not chase trends; she sets standards.

What makes Claudette truly extraordinary is her longevity with relevance. In an industry that changes rapidly, she has remained consistent, respected, and dominant; earning her place not just as an entertainer, but as a pillar of Caribbean culture. Her work ethic is relentless, her professionalism unquestioned, and her love for Antigua unwavering.

Beyond the music, Claudette represents strength. Strength as a woman in a demanding industry. Strength as an artiste who has weathered seasons and still rises. Strength as a public figure who carries herself with confidence, humility, and pride in her roots. She has inspired countless young artistes, especially women, to believe that it is possible to stand firm, be bold, and still be authentic.

Claudette Peters is not just part of Antigua and Barbuda's music history, she is Antigua and Barbuda's sound.

A queen of the stage.
A guardian of culture.
A Caribbean icon whose voice will echo for generations to come.



COMMUNITY SERVICE AND HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP

Jadia Jn Pierre

Jadia Jn Pierre of Saint Lucia is the embodiment of grace, intellect, and purpose; a woman whose journey is already impactful, yet whose greatest chapters are still unfolding. As an Attorney-at-Law, she carries the law not just as a profession, but as a calling; one rooted in justice, fairness, and service to people.

What makes Jadia truly special is how she wears her achievements with humility. She understands that the law is not only about statutes and courtrooms, but about lives, dignity, and access. Her presence in the legal profession represents hope for many, especially young women, who see in her a reflection of what is possible with discipline, faith, and courage.

Beyond her legal work, Jadia's influence stretches quietly but powerfully across communities. She connects with people authentically, leads with empathy, and inspires confidence simply by being herself. Her journey resonates not only in Saint Lucia, but across the islands, where women look to her as a symbol of emerging leadership, proof that brilliance and compassion can walk hand in hand.

What is most compelling about Jadia Jn Pierre is this: she is just getting started. Her path is guided by purpose, her voice continues to grow in strength, and her impact will only deepen with time. She represents a new generation of Caribbean women, educated, grounded, principled, and unafraid to step forward.

An attorney with heart.

A leader in becoming.

An inspiration to women throughout Saint Lucia and the wider Caribbean.

Jadia Jn Pierre—Rising with intention. Walking in purpose.
And shaping a future that many will follow.



COMMUNITY SERVICE AND HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP

Royston Queeley

Royston Queeley of Nevis, stands as a pillar of discipline, dedication, and transformative impact in youth sports. His journey is not defined merely by trophies and titles, but by the lives he has shaped, the confidence he has built, and the futures he has unlocked through sport.

As a coach, Royston has etched his name into history. He became the first coach ever to achieve a six-peat at the Gulf Insurance Inter-Primary Championship; a feat that speaks to consistency, preparation, and an uncompromising standard of excellence. He also led Charlestown Primary School to victory in the inaugural Rams Primary School Championship, setting the tone for a new era of competitive school athletics.

Yet his proudest victories extend far beyond the track. Royston has successfully guided three young athletes to full track scholarships, changing not only their sporting paths but their life trajectories. These achievements reflect his deep commitment to athlete development, mentally, physically, and academically.

His credentials match his passion. Royston is a certified IAAF Level 1 coach, currently advancing toward Level 2, and holds a PANAM Sports Level 1 certification in High Performance and Injury Prevention coaching. Ever committed to growth, he is also pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Sports Kinetics at the University of the West Indies, with just one semester remaining, proof that he leads by example in both learning and leadership.

Across disciplines, his impact is undeniable. Royston has secured three Primary School Football Championships and two Primary School Cricket Championships, demonstrating versatility, tactical intelligence, and an ability to inspire excellence across sport.

This tribute honors a coach who understands that winning is important, but developing character is essential.

A mentor who believes in preparation, discipline, and opportunity. A leader whose legacy is written not only in medals, but in young people who now believe in themselves.



COMMUNITY SERVICE AND HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP

Donaly Chiverton-Liburd

As Police Constable Donaley Chiverton-Liburud steps into a well-earned retirement, St. Kitts and Nevis pauses, not just to say goodbye, but to say thank you.

For decades, PC Chiverton-Liburud did far more than direct traffic. She transformed it into an art form. With unmatched flair, grace, confidence, and precision, she became one of the most beloved and recognizable figures within the Royal St Christopher and Nevis Police Force. Her presence on the streets was commanding yet warm, disciplined yet joyful; an embodiment of public service done with pride.

Those white leather gloves were more than part of the uniform. They were her signature. A symbol of professionalism, rhythm, and unmistakable style.

In an era of fleeting attention, PC Chiverton-Liburud captured hearts across generations. Her traffic-direction videos went viral time and again, amassing thousands upon thousands of views, not because they were staged, but because they were authentic. People didn't just watch; they smiled, shared, and celebrated. She reminded us that excellence can live in everyday duty, and that respect is earned through consistency and care.

Ask anyone on the streets of Basseterre and beyond: if there was one traffic officer the people respected, it was her. She brought order with elegance and authority with humanity. She made people feel safe, seen, and even uplifted during the busiest hours of the day.

It is fitting, then, that her send-off reflected the love she gave. On December 24, 2025, the capital came alive as the Force hosted a retirement tribute worthy of an icon, one whose service transcended duty and became part of the nation's cultural memory.

This is a woman who wore her badge with dignity, served with distinction, and turned public service into something beautiful.

Beloved by the people.
Respected by the Force.
And forever remembered as a true original.



CLOSING NOTE

To our valued readers,

Thank you sincerely for taking the time to browse and engage with our Top 40 Most Influential Persons for 2025. This feature was thoughtfully curated to recognize excellence, impact, and the individuals whose work continues to shape communities and inspire progress across the Caribbean and its diaspora.

Your ongoing support of THG Network and The Weekend Report means more than words can express. It strengthens our commitment to producing meaningful, relevant, and high-quality content that reflects the people and issues that matter most.

As we move into the new year, we are excited about what lies ahead. Beginning this January, great things are in store at THG Network, with new initiatives, fresh ideas, and expanded offerings designed to elevate our platform and better serve you, our audience.

Thank you for standing with us, growing with us, and continuing this journey together.

With gratitude,

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Creative Director
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