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SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome Hon. Minister Glenys Hanna-Martin!



The Hon. Glenys Hanna-Martin, Minister of Education, and Technical and Vocational Training

The Ministry of Education and Technical and Vocational Training is pleased to welcome our new Minister, the Hon. Glenys Hanna-Martin.

The Hon. Minister is a distinguished and long-serving Member of Parliament with more than two decades in public office, and is no stranger to the practicalities of heading a government ministry, having served as Minister of Transport and Aviation in 2002, and again in 2012.

Minister Hanna-Martin also became the first female to hold the post of Chairman of any major political party in The Bahamas, when she was elected at the Progressive Liberal Party's (PLP) National Convention in 2008.

She has also served as the Regional Representative of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Women's Association, and is a five-time PLP Member of Parliament for the Englerston Constituency.

The staff of the Ministry of Education and Technical and Vocational Training is excited to have Minister Hanna-Martin at the helm, and is confident that the future of education in The Bahamas is in capable hands.

Albury Sayle Back-to-School Giveaway

Parents and children collected donated school supplies at the Albury Sayle Primary School on Friday August 27th, 2021. According to Principal Shirlean Wallace, the back to school drive will go a long way in ensuring equity for all of the school's five hundred plus students. Public schools opened with 100 percent virtual learning on Monday, August 30th due to the spike in Covid-19 cases. Computer Science teacher Shanique Taylor said that the Diggiss Foundation was the driving force among other corporate partners who donated the three hundred backpacks complete with books, pens, pencils, erasers, rulers, sharpeners as well as a lunch pack with healthy fruits and drinks.



Congratulations Minister of State Zane Lightbourne!



The Hon. Zane Lightbourne, Minister of State, Education and Technical and Vocational Training

Congratulations go out to Mr. Zane Lightbourne on his appointment as the Hon. Minister of State for Education and Technical and Vocational Training. Mr. Lightbourne is a very experienced educator who started his career as a social studies, history & geography teacher, rising to the post of Vice-Principal before joining the staff of the Ministry headquarters, where he served as Senior Education Officer in Schools Management.

Our new Minister of State has also served as Executive Member of The Bahamas Union of Teachers, Vice President and Acting President & General Secretary of the National Congress of Trade Unions, Secretary-General of The Bahamas Educators Managerial Union, and as Chairman of Public Relations for the Caribbean Union of Teachers.

We wish you all the best Minister Lightbourne, as you commence this most prestigious chapter in your career.

All Bahamas Merit Awardee Named

Recent St. Augustine's College valedictorian and graduate, Maya Tilberg received the coveted All Bahamas Merit Award for 2021 in August. As an aspiring orthopedic surgeon, Tilberg will be attending the University of Missouri to pursue a Bachelor's degree in premedical science. The award is valued at \$140,000.00.

Kamori Sawyer, a recent graduate of Queen's College was named as the runner-up, earning a scholarship valued at \$100,000.00.

Additionally, four students received the National Merit Award with scholarships valued at \$80,000.00. These recipients include Kemuel Clarke and Katrell King of Queen's College, and Alyssa Forbes and Kiran Halkitis of St. Augustine's College. Three other students received the National Merit Award with scholarships valued at \$60,000.00. Included were Rashad Rolle King of Bishop Michael Eldon School, Jasmine Ad- amson of Kingsway Academy, and Dariq Chase of Aquinas College.



Maya Tilberg is the 2021 All Bahamas Merit Scholar Winner



Kamori Sawyer, 2021 All Bahamas Merit Scholar Runner-up

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