

THE CFBC BROADCAST



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PRESIDENT'S BRIEF

On October 01, 2021, we bade farewell to members of the CFBC family who retired: Ms. Patrice Percival, Mr. Nigel Billinghamurst, Mr. Mervyn Henry, Mr. Mario Gumbs and Mr. St. Clair Smithen. These former members of our custodial and security departments who made significant contributions to CFBC have now moved on to another chapter of their lives. Collectively, they contributed a total of **47** years to the college.



We are truly grateful that we were able to host a formal send-off considering that last year, we were unable to have an in-person event due to the intensity of the COVID-19 pandemic that is still on the rampage.

Such bitter-sweet moments give us an opportunity to reflect, and on this occasion, the importance of team was again brought to the fore. The Bible reminds us in the book of Corinthians of the importance of the body:

"If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact, God has arranged the members of the body, every one of them, according to His design. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body."
(1 Corinthians 12:16-18)

Abraham Lincoln echoes similar sentiments in his 1858 speech when he declared: *"A house divided against itself cannot stand."* While we are in the business of delivering education, all we do here at CFBC is dependent on people. We all are assigned different roles, but we work toward one common goal - the empowerment of our students.

People across divisions and departments are instrumental to the success of this institution. We are interdependent in our efforts to accomplish the work that is set before us. We all work together to educate and empower our students for the demands of the future.

During this month we give special recognition to members of our CFBC faculty in celebration of World Teachers' Day. As Philip Whyte expressed:

"A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill a love of learning. Teaching is a very noble profession that shapes the character, caliber, and future of an individual. One good teacher in a lifetime may sometimes change a delinquent into a solid citizen."



In this edition of the CFBC Broadcast, we highlight the remarkable feats of our alumni who continue to strive for excellence. I was delighted to read their individual stories of resilience and perseverance and I hope you will also be inspired to continue in your efforts. We will continue to care for and challenge our students to excel in their various endeavours that will certainly extend beyond the walls of CFBC.

We urge every member of this team to continue to instill the values of respect, honesty, and humility within and outside the classroom. We recognize that the purpose of our work is far bigger than one individual, bigger than one department and that it is a common purpose which the CFBC family must pursue together.



Ms. Julie Blaize
RN, BSN, MScN

From the Nature Isle of the World, Dominica, Ms Julie Blaize joined the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College (CFBC) family in January 2019 as a Lecturer in the Division

of Health Sciences.

Ms. Blaize has 21 years of nursing experience as a Registered Nurse, 16 years as a Registered Nurse Midwife and 11 years as a Nurse Educator.

Her career as a nurse began at the Princess Margaret Hospital School of Nursing, Dominica, where she graduated with a certificate in General Nursing. Her clinical experience spanned several specialties from Emergency Room, Paediatric and Neonatal Units and Community Health.

Her love for community and family health led her to pursue additional studies in midwifery at the Dominica State College.

Ms Blaize obtained her degrees at the University of the West Indies, Bachelor of Science in Nursing Education, University of The West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad; Master of Science degree in Nursing Education, University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica.

Ms. Blaize has been the Clinical and Programme Coordinator of the UWI Franchised Bachelor of Science in Nursing programme in Division of Health Sciences and is currently the Post Basic Midwifery Programme Coordinator.



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Raphael Wyatt

Security Officer, Raphael is the son of Dion and Sharon Weekes and hails from Sandy Point, where he attended both elementary and high school.

From 1996 to 2003, he attended Sandy Point Primary School, and from 2003 to 2008, he attended the Sandy Point High School, where he received certification.

Raphael took a couple short-term jobs after graduating from high school before joining the St. Kitts and Nevis Defence Force. In December 2009, he received awards for graduating first in his class. Later in his career, Raphael seized the opportunity to attend the Advanced Vocational Educational Centre from 2012 to 2014 where he received an accounting certificate, as well as other CSEC subjects.

Raphael is the father of two beautiful daughters and a handsome son all of whom he loves dearly. In fact, he is proud to be a father and takes his role very seriously. During his free time, he focuses on his children. He seeks to teach them the value of life, nature, self-care, love, and respect. He believes these values will serve them well throughout their lives.

Officer Raphael left the military in September 2014 and applied for a position as a Safety and Security Officer at Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College. He has been with the College since 2015. He takes pride in his work and is a valued member of the team.

Raphael has sought to obtain skills and certification in a variety of sectors that he might employ in his future activities.

Raphael is a well-known and active member of his community as he also helps his father with his agricultural and trucking business, as well as his mother with her cooking and catering. A proud member of the security department, he is always eager to go the extra mile when necessary.

Meet our student



Mr. Jahvon Percival

I began studying Electrical and Electronic Engineering in 2019. I struggled at first, but by the end of the first year, I was pondering a transfer but unsure of where I should go next. During the pandemic, when things started to look more positive, I developed an interest in the automotive business. My curiosity led me to observe and learn more about what we in the automotive community now refer to as the car scene, in which car enthusiasts modify their vehicles to express themselves, and this sparked a desire in me to pursue a degree in automotive engineering, with a focus on vehicle design and operation.

The Automotive Engineering program at CFBC is really interesting and offers a lot to learn once you put your mind to it. A lot of what the lecturers teach us as students, relates to the real world beyond college, from the basics to the more complex jobs that we complete in the TVEMS Automotive Division. I am confident that I will gain employment or even start my own business one day. "You could go to school for all these years, and they never taught you the importance of dreaming," Eric Thomas, popularly known as "The Hip Hop Preacher," Every day, this evolving perspective motivates me to pursue my objectives and goals.

After graduating from CFBC, one of my long-term goals is to leave a legacy so that future generations may look back and say, "If he can accomplish it, so can I." Every day, my belief system and God are what keep me going. So, my advice to students is to dream the unthinkable to achieve the improbable, and above all, to put God first in everything!

Meet our alumni



Mr. Xavier-Jon Bass

My time at CFBC marked a transformative period in my life. The saying "the sky is the limit" truly came alive for me at the College. Myriad opportunities for involvement abounded with no shortage of support and guidance to aid me through them.

In just my first year, I joined the Literary and Debating Society and got exposed to public speaking. There was even the opportunity to travel to St. Maarten to support the Debating Team in the Leeward Island Debating Competition. After seeing such high-level debates, I decided that I would join the following year. With much coaching and effort, I represented St. Kitts alongside the Debating Team in the following year. Sadly, we didn't win; but I learned so much!

Not only did CFBC provide ways to improve my speaking skills, but the College also gave me a chance to lead. Being a Taekwondo instructor and enthusiast, I thought that CFBC would do well with a club to train students in the art, sport and self-defense offered by the martial art. With the encouragement, of staff, I set out to draft a constitution and gather an executive team. This gave birth to the CFBC Taekwondo Club which hosted several self-defence seminars, training sessions and even a Taekwondo promotional exam. Presiding over the club taught me a great deal about project management, coaching and networking.

However, all play and no work leaves Jack a mere toy. It would be remiss of me to speak of the excellent opportunities for personal development through extra-curricular without mentioning academics. The College was instrumental in my academic career. It bridged the gap between high school and higher education by challenging me to think more critically about ideas and how the world works. I fondly recall developing a framework of money, wealth, and value as I sat in the Economics class of the late Mr. Arthur Williams, and challenging the legacy of our colonial superpowers in Caribbean Studies class with Ms. Xavienne⁴Roma-Richardson.

What's Happening

**Culinary and Hospitality Themed Lunches
Every Friday in October**

**World Teachers' Day
October 5, 2021**

**Library Workshops/Webinars
October 29, 2021**

**Division of Health Sciences:
Cancer Awareness Lecture/Activity
October 28, 2021**

**Teacher Education Division - Teachers' workshop
November 11, 2021**

Opportunity

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New Student Services Centre Opened

The new CFBC Student Services Centre was officially opened by the Minister of Education, Honorable Jonel Powell during his visit to the main campus on September 27, 2021 for an official tour of the college's campuses. The new space houses a collection of facilities, services, and staff toward the purpose of bolstering our student support services and creating a vibrant campus community. Although an initial design for student spaces was presented in 2018, it was not until now that the functional space became a reality. The advent of the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated challenges for students who were seeking study spaces with the introduction of hybrid classes at CFBC.

Some students found it challenging to transition from online and face-to-face classes, as sometimes there was limited time to transition from one to the other and spaces in the library became occupied quickly. The final design of the space today was birthed from this need. It features carrells with charging ports for independent study, soft-seating for quiet collaborative work and cubicles for student services staff.

We will continue to provide services, activities, programming, and facilities that complement the mission of the CFBC, by building community and engagement across all stakeholders. The student services staff provide support and recommend resources related to academic, emotional, and social challenges. CFBC students will welcome the cool and comfortable air-conditioned environment. Undoubtedly, this space will become a critical point for collegiate life for CFBC students, but also faculty, staff, alumni, and guests.



Summary of Orientation Activities

Orientation activities were held from August 13-3, 2021. The first activities of the new Student Orientation were the Career Guidance sessions hosted via Zoom, which were facilitated by Dr. Hughon James, Counsellor. The aim of those sessions was to guide students through their academic choices at CFBC and to chart a pathway toward their career. Both sessions were well attended, with more than 150 students at each session.

Orientation can be a very confusing time for new students. They are being provided with a surplus of information in a short amount of time and the learning curve is steep, so methods were employed to break the information down into manageable chunks. CFBC's YouTube platform "CFBCTV" was utilised to host short videos that helped students to learn more about various topics that are critical to navigating CFBC. The topics included were Registration, Finance, Student Services, COVID-19 Protocols, Rules & Security. To ensure that there was an opportunity for any remaining questions to be answered, a live Zoom Q&A session was hosted, with up to 204 persons in attendance.

Convocation is the official welcome of our new students to CFBC and was held on September 9, 2021, via Zoom and was hosted by SGA President, Mr. Curje Stevens. It featured speeches by the Minister of Education, the Deputy Chair of the CFBC Board of Governors, College President and the keynote speaker Pastor Renicia Huggins. Over 200 persons joined in the virtual event.

For the new academic year, the Student Services Department has initiated an idea that is intended to support students based on the feedback that we have received from students and faculty and staff regarding students' abilities. If you have additional suggestions for topics or areas where your students need support, please let us know so that we can find videos that help, and we can add them to the playlists. The playlists are housed on the CFBCTV YouTube Channel, under the following groupings: (i) Academic Support Tips (ii) Productivity Tips and (iii) Communication Tips.



Happy World Teachers' Day



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Mr. Drason Browne

"If you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl. But whatever you do, keep moving forward", Martin Luther King Jr. This is the mantra that kept Mr. Drason Browne going throughout his academic journey. While in primary school, learning seemed like a mammoth task and an impossible responsibility. As a result, Mr. Browne was often greeted and bombarded with words such as 'dumb' 'stupid' 'hard-headed' 'backward' and 'dunce'.

However, when Mr. Browne entered Junior High School in the lowest form, he was ready to prove to others that he was not incapable of academic success. He was determined to do whatever was necessary to climb the mountain of academic success. With constant encouragement from his mom, he excelled and graduated from Basseterre High School.

A few years later, he was amongst those graduating from the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College (CFBC) having earned three A levels certificates and an award for persistence and determination. Mr. Browne was not yet finished with his pursuit of excellence and in 2015, attained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Education, graduating with a GPA of 3.94.

You may call him a late bloomer, but he was determined to dismiss the negative predictions of the cynics and his persistent critics by defying the odds. The boy who they deemed to be a dunce was the only one in his cohort, who successfully graduated with top honors with a Masters in Education Administration and Leadership in 2017. His passion for learning was further demonstrated by a Masters in Business Administration in 2019.

Mr Browne is currently on track with his studies toward a Doctor of Education. Unequivocally, Mr. Browne is a fighter who "never confuses a single defeat with a final defeat" (F. Scott Fitzgerald). Mr. Browne credits his mother's encouragement and love as fundamental factors in his success.

Mr. Browne urges every individual reading this story to be inspired to achieve more. He challenges you to use his experience as your springboard or platform for growth, and success. He asserts that "The only person in the world that can prevent you from becoming Great is you. Speak to 'you' and remind 'you' that everything is possible once 'you' decide to embrace 'you', motivate 'you' and love 'you'! Nothing is impossible once you make it possible."

He reiterates his mantra: "If you can't fly, then run. If you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl. But whatever you do, keep moving forward", Martin Luther King Jr.

CFBC salutes outstanding alum and teacher, Mr. Drason Browne on his strives for excellence!



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Photo Moments



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