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# PRESIDENT'S NOTE

AD SUMMA SEMPER NITENS  
ALWAYS STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE!

Dear CFBC Family and Friends

In this February edition of the CFBC Broadcast, we highlight the successes of our students, faculty, and alumni. These are great stories of determination and resilience that should serve as a source of inspiration as you continue in your efforts to strive for excellence.

We welcome our Canada-CARICOM faculty Mobility Scholar Dr. Nermin Zukic, from Keyano College and meet new member of staff in the IT Department Mr. Hassani Tatem. Take a glimpse into the exceptional talent of our faculty Chef Peter Marshall and Nurse Technician Maria Baptiste. Our students and alumni are also in the spotlight this month with Miss Chenoa Simmonds sharing about her decision to pursue modern languages. Teacher Paul Grey is amongst the outstanding alumni featured this month and this complements the launch of the CFBC Alumni Association. I urge you to get involved!

I take this opportunity to wish all CFBC students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends farewell as I conclude my tenure with CFBC this month. As I close this chapter of my journey, I extend to all of you my heartfelt gratitude. It was indeed a privilege to serve in this part of the vineyard and to see the progress which has been made. I have seen up close the passion and commitment that many of you have for the College and its students and I encourage you to persevere.

Students, please remember that higher education is a valuable resource that should never be wasted or taken for granted. Make good use of all your talents! Education has transformed me personally and professionally and I will forever be grateful for the investment that my family teachers and others have made in my development. Never forget that you stand on the shoulders of giants.

Thank you all for your contributions as you continue to build the pillars of access, accountability, academic quality, and achievement.

Upward and onward as CFBC continues to *strive for Excellence*.

**Dr. Jacqueline J. Austin**  
**President**



## MISSION STATEMENT

To foster the development of responsible, self-sufficient citizens by delivering a range of academic, professional, and vocational courses and programmes that reflect the high values and standards and which prepare students to make lifelong contributions to their communities.

## CFBC WELCOMES CANADA-CARICOM SCHOLAR



**Dr. Nemin Zukic**

The Faculty Mobility for Partnership Building Program provides Canadian professors with opportunities to create or expand partnerships with Latin American and Caribbean institutions through short-term teaching and/or research activities at the college, undergraduate and graduate levels.

Dr. Nemin Zukic who has been awarded this amazing opportunity, is the Chair of the Business Department at Keyano College in Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada. His professional experiences are diverse and interesting.

The focus of his work includes business process consulting, venture capital, international economic development in post-conflict regions, and post-secondary education.

Dr. Zukic has travelled to over 70 countries and has worked in geographical regions such as the Balkans, U.S. and Canada, China, Saudi Arabia, and Europe - Austria.

His academic background includes a BA in Business Computing from the University of Winnipeg, an MBA from Ivey School of Business from University of Western Ontario, and educational doctorate (Ed.D.) from Teachers College, Columbia University, New York.

His current visit to the Clarence Bryant Fitzroy College (CFBC) is to initiate cooperation between the two institutions and he has hit the ground running. Dr. Zukic is looking forward to sharing experiences, practices and perspectives on post-secondary education and its future, and to learning from the faculty, staff, and students at CFBC.

Dr. Zukic is truly adventurous and has climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. The mountain is one of the seven summits (the highest peaks on each of the seven continents) and rises 5,895 meters or 19,340 feet above sea level. Amongst his other feats is competing in Iron Man Canada and various marathons and triathlons. He has already begun his exploration of the landscape here in St. Kitts and Nevis. CFBC welcomes Dr. Nermin Zukic!



**Keyano**  
COLLEGE

## Meet our faculty



**Mr. Peter Marshall**

Mr. Peter Anderson Marshall is an Executive Chef with over 26 years of experience in the Hospitality industry. In 2012 he joined the CFBC staff as a lecturer in Culinary Arts. He is focused and passionate and his drive is evident in his ability to enhance the culinary experience.

Mr. Marshall is a native of Barbados where he was able to attain his education and training. Mr. Marshall's training began at the Barbados Community College "*Hotel Pommarine*" which was recently renamed the Jean and Norma Holder Hospitality Institute. His culinary skills were further enhanced with an assignment in the Dominican Republic.

Early in his career, Mr. Marshall was employed at the Accra Beach Resort and Spa in various capacities which included server and Junior chef.

Having captured the much-coveted Prime Minister's Award for Culinary Excellence, this acclaimed chef has prepared meals for the Royal Family, Heads of Government and Hollywood celebrities. To add to his accolades, Mr. Marshall was featured in the Restaurants of Barbados Cookbook. He is also very well respected in his field.

As an individual who is an educator by heart, Mr. Marshall identified the need to supplement his experience and already extensive training in Culinary Arts by attaining a degree in Hospitality Management.

His laser sharp focus and commitment to his students at CFBC was rewarded with a scholarship from Range Development, the developers of Park Hyatt.

When the Park Hyatt began construction, the developers thought it important to give back to the community in which they would soon operate. This was manifested not only through the scholarship but also the continuous support of the CFBC culinary and hospitality programs.

Mr. Marshall is grateful to the Board of Governors and Management of the CFBC and the Director of the Culinary and Hospitality Division, Ms. Marsha Bassue for their support throughout this journey of professional development.

As with everything else in his life, Mr. Marshall applied himself diligently to this task and completed his degree December 2021 with distinction. His lesson to his students is to always remain focused, set goals and work to achieve them. Mr. Marshall throughout his career has attributed his success to the guidance of God's divine plan. CFBC gives a "hats off" to Chef Peter Marshall as he strives for excellence.





## Meet our Laboratory Technician – Health Sciences



**Mrs. Maria Baptiste  
RN, RNM**

Nurse Baptiste hails from the beautiful Spice Island of Grenada. She is a family-oriented individual who strongly believes in high moral and Christian values. She migrated to St Kitts in 1998, one year after completing her nursing education.

Mrs Maria Baptiste was an outstanding athlete and even represented her school, The St Andrew Anglican Secondary, in many athletic meets including netball. As a fearless competitor, she attained and still holds one of her many records. This high jump record of 4 ft 11 inches was set at the age of 13 and is still standing today.

At the age of 16, due to her high performances in the sporting field she landed a spot in the Grenada under 21 netball team on its maiden tour to Canada.

She also represented Grenada in many OECS athletic meets around the Caribbean and secured a place on the OECS team where she held the record of 5ft 2 inches in the Women's high jump for the OECS that particular year.

She joined the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College in August 2019 as the Laboratory Technician in the Division of Health Sciences. Mrs. Baptiste functions in dual roles as she also functions as a Clinical Instructor, which enables her to maintain clinical nursing skills and to supervise students.

Mrs. Maria Baptiste gives thanks to the Almighty God for direction in her life, especially the success she attained. She holds fast to the philosophy "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path." Proverbs 3: 6.

## Meet our staff



**Mr. Hassani S. Tatem**

Hassani S Tatem was born to Mr. & Mrs. Toussaint and Esther Tatem in October 1997 and grew up in the quiet village of Trafalgar; until recently when the family relocated to Pine Garden. From a very young age Hassani always displayed superior creativity, which had him exploring, and studying many forms of art and expression in his spare time.

By the age of 16 his eyes were set on Videography and Information Technology. Hassani understood that the industry which he was so eager to be a part of required higher education. In 2014 Hassani became a student at the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College. Earlier during that same year, he graduated with CXC O'levels from the Washington Archibald High School.

Understanding that a great deal of today's business world depends much upon Information Technology, Hassani pursued the subject with great enthusiasm.

Through his exposure to and interaction with many like-minded individuals at CFBC, Hassani continued to upskill and develop in his chosen field and soon became very proficient at editing and manipulating videos, sounds and pictures. During his enrolment at CFBC, Hassani assisted new students with their academic pursuits such as Capstone projects and Group Class assignments.

Now a Computer Lab Technician for the technical division at CFBC, Mr Tatem has the same thirst for knowledge and skills in the Information Technology field. Mr Tatem presents himself as an even-tempered, optimistic individual with a dedication to assisting both staff/co-workers and students with technical issues in an efficient and timely manner.

He enjoys extra-curricular activities which include Karate – and let us warn you, he is a practicing black belt with over 8 years' experience. Soon, Mr. Tatem aspires to open his own Dojo, with intention of specializing in training young people in the art of self-defense. We salute Mr. Hassani S. Tatem as he strives for excellence in his new role.

## Meet our Alumni



**Mr. Paul Grey**

My name is Paul Grey, and I am honoured and humbled to be featured as one of the past students at Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College. I am also an educator by profession, and I am truly proud to serve the youth of this great Federation.

I attended CFBC from 2001 to 2003 and my experiences have been truly memorable. It was fun at times and sometimes rather challenging. My trip to Nevis in support of the CFBC team that took part in the Leeward Island Debating Competition was one highlight of the fun part. It was an eye opener.

The failures in my first year at the CFBC necessitated a more mature approach for the second year. I admired the dedication of the tutors and support staff at the College who challenged me to aim higher.

Mrs. Patricia Liburd's tireless efforts working on Art projects left an indelible impression on me. Thanks to all the tutors who worked with me. Thanks, to my Mathematics tutors Mr. Desmond Stevens and Mrs. Patrice Mills who introduced me to the new world of calculus.

I subsequently earned a Bachelor of Science Degree majoring in Mathematics with a minor in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, U.S.A. After returning from studies in 2010, I was employed at the Verchilds High School as a Graduate Mathematics Teacher and later transferred to the Washington Archibald High School. To those who are thinking of giving up, I challenge you to remain steadfast.

## Meet our student



**Ms. Chenoa Simmonds**

My name is Chenoa Simmonds. I decided to attend Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College (CFBC) to further my education at the tertiary level. My deep interest in theatrical arts leaves me with the yearning to become an actress and writer of scripts.

At the CFBC I have chosen to pursue modern languages as my major as I believe that learning different languages will increase career opportunities in my field of interest and will allow me to be more marketable and successful in any industry.

We are living in a global environment where technology now allows us to transcend time and space. This is a golden opportunity to explore diverse cultures and to engage with persons from different countries. With foreign language skills, I will be equipped to converse in their languages.

Additionally, being multilingual enhances one's communication skills and is beneficial in a time when multiculturalism is on the rise.

I will encourage any high school student to enroll at CFBC.



# Opportunities

# What's Happening

## Scholarships

**nscC**  
International

### Government of Canada International Scholarships – tips for success and general information

#### Student Selection

Please consider the following criteria when selecting students for this opportunity:

- Must be proficient in the language of instruction at NSCC (English) before arrival in Canada. If the language of instruction at the partner institution is not English, confirmation of the student's English proficiency is required in writing from the student's international coordinator, faculty advisor or Dean. Please refer to NSCC's [language requirements](#) for details.
- Must be enrolled full-time at the home institution and paying any tuition fees regulated by that institution for the full duration of the exchange.
- Student is 19 years of age or older.
- Willing and interested to participate in this opportunity.
- Must attend all classes at NSCC on a regular basis.
- Interest in new experiences and learning.
- Interested to participate in social activities organized by NSCC International.
- Personal characteristics: adaptable, flexible, willing to try new things and meet new people.
- We are looking for students who show a combination of good academic performance plus the personality to succeed in new and challenging situations.

#### Expectations of the Partner Institution

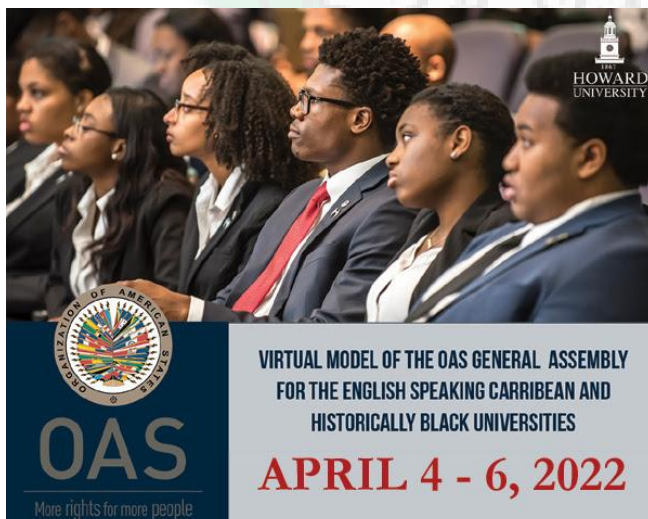
It is crucial that students are adequately prepared for this opportunity as it will contribute to their social and academic success. NSCC requests that the partner institution appoint a coordinator for this program who will be responsible for the following:

- Student selection process for the scholarship program.
- Assisting the selected students to submit documents to NSCC by the required deadlines.
- Assisting the selected students to prepare for their exchange program at NSCC including pre-departure information and preparation, reviewing expectations and learning outcomes with the student.
- Regular monitoring and mentoring of the selected students' academic performance and general well-being.

#### Scholarship Application

- If the student will study in Canada for **longer than 6 months**, they must apply for a study permit. An [application guide](#) can be found on the NSCC website. Students should also apply for a co-op work permit in case they participate in any mandatory work integrated learning as a part of their NSCC program.
- If the students will study in Canada for **less than 6 months**, they can apply for a visitor visa. An application guide can be found on the NSCC website.
- Once students are informed they have been awarded a scholarship and receive their admission letter, they should apply for their study permit or visitor visa. We strongly recommend that students have all the documents required for immigration ready to submit.
- An [application guide](#) can be found on the NSCC website.

## Register to attend the Virtual MOAS for the English-Speaking Caribbean and Historically Black Colleges and Universities on April 4-6, 2022



**Thursday, February 24, 2022**

Counsellor's Forum: College, High Schools, Mental Health Association

**Friday, February 25, 2022**

CFBC Trivia (Celebrating the Birthday of Clarence Fitzroy Bryant)

**Saturday, February 26 to**

**Saturday, April 2, 2022**

Health Sciences Short Course:  
Foot Care

**Monday, February 28, 2022**

Clarence Fitzroy Bryant Memorial  
Lecture (Celebrating the 84<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of the Eponym's Birth)

**Monday, February 28, 2022**

Black History Month Mufti Day

**Friday, March 4, 2022**

Dean's Lists Ceremony (TVEMS)

**Friday, March 4, 2022**

Submission ACE CSEC SBAs &  
Broadsheets

**Tuesday, March 8, 2022**

International Women's Day

**Friday, March 18, 2022**

Deadline to Submit Attendance  
Reports on SonisWeb

**Friday, March 18, 2022**

ASGS Deadline for submission of  
Mid-Semester Marks

# ***Division of Health Sciences***

## **DIVISION OF HEALTH SCIENCES STUDENTS EXCEL AT THE REGIONAL EXAM FOR NURSE REGISTRATION**

The Regional Exam for Nurse Registration (RENr) was approved by the Conference of Ministers responsible for Health in the Commonwealth Caribbean in 1990. It is considered a challenging exam and over the years, performance has fluctuated for the Division of Health Sciences. The exam is administered by the Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) biannually.

The RENr is offered to graduates who have completed an approved programme of study. In 2021 all ten (10) graduates excelled and returned 100% passes in the examination. Graduates of nursing programmes must pass the RENr to register with the Nursing Council to practice professional nursing.

We congratulate the newly qualified nurses on their hard work and for making CFBC proud!

### **Meet the BSN graduates for Academic year of 2017/2018**



**Ms. Akealer Dore-Huggins**

"The gem is not polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials." This Chinese proverb was my mantra throughout nursing school because it proved to be one of the greatest trials of my life. This journey towards my goal of becoming a professional nurse involved resilience which required me to become good enough or near perfect. However, I was made more than a conqueror, and now my testimony is bigger than what my trials proved to be.

My name is Akealer Dore-Huggins, a wife for thirteen years and a mother of three young children. In all honesty, I do believe that nursing is a calling. It was during my first experience of childbirth that I knew this was my calling in life.

This was the beginning of a new chapter in my life, but little did I know or imagine that it would be a whirlwind experience.

There were countless sleepless nights, hours spent crying, endless struggles especially with time management, paranoid about failing courses, physical pain from travelling everywhere with huge textbooks with my laptop computer among many other trials that seemed insurmountable.

Many times, I felt like the wind was being sucked out of me and depleted what energy I had left, however, with a strong family support, adherence to lecturers' advice, commitment and dedication and a close bond with my classmates, I pressed toward the mark.

I was awarded a Bachelor of Science, Nursing Degree from the UWI, Mona, Jamaica, and I was also successful in the Regional Examination for Nurse Registration. I thank God for his faithfulness, He has indeed been good.

I strongly encourage future nursing students to take courage, focus on your goals and push towards them. Study to show thyself approved collectively and individually. Find what works for you, seek a rhythm, and strike a balance and you will indeed conquer this Goliath.





Dedicated, innovative, hardworking, resilient, resourceful, and ambitious are just some of the characteristics to describe myself.

**Ms. Malinda Liburd**

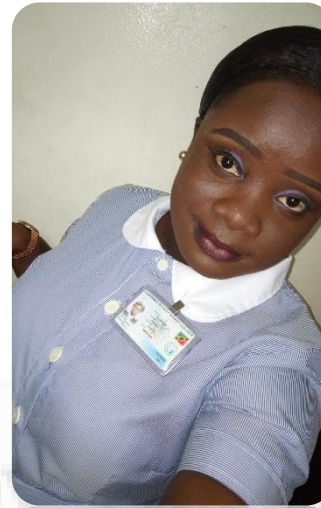
I am Malinda Liburd from beautiful Queen City, Nevis. I recently completed my UWI-CFBC Bachelor's degree in Nursing was also successful in Regional Examination for Nursing Registration.

Nursing for me is more than just a job it is a passion and has been so for as long as I can remember.

I reflect on the time I entered the BSN program in September 2016; bright eyed, bushy tailed, eager and ready to face the challenges ahead. The main take away for me after completing the program is my personal growth not only as a professional nurse but as an individual.

Throughout the program my ability in communication, leadership and critical thinking improved tremendously which was evident in my academic performance. One of my weaknesses was public speaking but throughout the nursing program we had lots of oral presentations and in my fourth year I presented at the Division of Health Science's Annual Research Symposium. I was able to overcome my fears and presented on the topic, "Knowledge and Attitudes of Adults with Type 2 Diabetes on Self-Administration of Insulin." The programme forced me to leave my comfort zone and for that I would forever be grateful.

Some of the courses I truly enjoyed throughout the program included Pharmacology, First Aid, Epidemiology and Caribbean Civilization. My advice for current and future nursing students is to stay focused, be consistent and patient with yourself. The road to success is never easy but the end results are most definitely worth it.



**Ms. Shaquilla Walters**

In 2013, I enrolled at the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College where I completed my Associate Degree, which enabled me to prepare for my dream of becoming a registered nurse. In 2016, I applied and got accepted into the four-year UWI-CFBC Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program.

My first year of nursing school was something new that I had to grasp. I had to learn the foundation of nursing and what it really meant to be a nurse.

I had both good and bad days, but I thank God for the support system I had. In my second year of nursing school, I enjoyed the practical side of nursing and learnt the importance of health promotion, I really enjoyed that experience. Just before final exams in my second year of college I remembered being sick and prayed that I would be able to study effectively. But with prayers, everything is possible, and I passed all my nursing courses!

During the third year of college things did not get any better however, I enjoyed the Mental Health and Community Health Nursing courses. Although they did prove to be very challenging with many assignments, time management was extremely important. It was like a balancing act at times. But with the grace of God and His mercies, I passed all final exams and entered my fourth and final year of college.

My fourth year of college was extremely difficult, from being hospitalized and having to cope with high levels of stress. At times I felt like giving up but my passion and genuine love for nursing kept me afloat during that final year. My favourite experience was my clinical attachment in the Accident and Emergency Department at the JNF General Hospital.

I was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Nursing with Honors from the UWI, Mona, Jamaica, in February 2021. Yes, I have achieved my dream of being a professional nurse. Additionally, I was also successful in the Regional Examination for Nurse Registration (RENr). I was employed as a Registered Nurse at the Alexandra Hospital, Charlestown, Nevis for six months and was selected to pursue higher education.

Currently, I am pursuing the Post-Basic Midwifery Certificate Programme at the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College and I aspire to be a Nurse Midwife and top-level Nurse Researcher.

To all future and current nursing students, evidence-based practice is very important especially as a healthcare professional. There are many advancements in nursing, continue to push for success. Beyond every dark cloud, there is a rainbow, and that rainbow will be you someday as a professional nurse.



**Ms. Akissa Farrell**

**Drive and passion garners success.** I, Akissa Farrell, must have had a drive to venture into a noble profession such as nursing, but my passion for it, is what allowed me to stay.

Nursing is a journey, and I was most definitely on a journey. It was long, tiring and often seemed not worth it. However, when I think of Tzu's words, "A journey of 1000 miles must begin with a single step", they helped me to see that if I wanted to reach the end of the road, I had to keep taking measures to get there.

My drive, my family, and my colleague who later became like family to me are some of the most pivotal forces that were behind me staying on course. The efforts made by lecturers and hospital staff to ensure that they were moulding the best nurses for a brighter tomorrow didn't go unnoticed, but rather was greatly appreciated. Praise be to the most high Jehovah for being there for me throughout my nursing journey and success.

Again, I want to say thanks to everyone who has been a part of my nursing journey. To future nurses, it may seem challenging now or later, but I implore you not to quit. As winners are not persons who fail but persons who never quit. I want you all to do something that your future selves will thank you for.

Do not let persons who don't understand your journey to nursing, derail you from your destination, especially if they never walked your path.

I would like to leave you future nursing graduates with the great words of C.S. Lewis, "You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending".



**Ms. Vincia Hendrickson**

**My journey began in 2017 as a student nurse entering the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College and the University of the West Indies, Mona. This journey was nowhere near easy and even though I was faced with many obstacles, with sheer will and determination I was able to overcome and push on.**

In 2021, I completed my Bachelor of Science in Nursing and I am now a proud alumna of the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College and the University of the West Indies, Mona.

However, the battle didn't just end there. As a new graduate nurse my hard work continued, and I was again able to become successful in passing my Regional Examination for Nursing Registration and I am now a registered nurse.

Even though my journey was not an easy one, it was all worth it in the end, because I never gave up. I had God, family, dedication, and perseverance. Without these four things I wouldn't be where I am today.

Nursing is vital and nurses are pivotal to our society and once you are passionate about it, I say go for your dreams and make them a reality. So, to all the future nurses of tomorrow, I end by saying that there is no obstacle you cannot overcome. Just never give up! For there is always a rainbow at the end of the storm.





# CFBC Alumni Association

## Benefits to Members

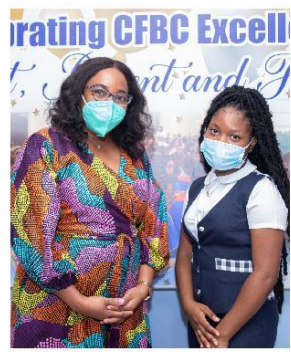
- Dedicated alumni support through career services, alumni scholarships, and platform for recognition of alumni accomplishments.
- Gather and maintain a database of employment information to assist the members in securing suitable jobs.
- Provide opportunities for the alumni members to socialize with each other and have a good time, while also expanding their personal and professional connections.
- Access CFBC resources including libraries, classrooms, training centers and career services that are useful to the members of the Association.
- Updates and involvement in the college's special events and overall development of the college and the community.
- Opportunities for members to network with alumni in the Federation and abroad.
- Increase the value of their academic credentials gained at CFBC.

**For additional information, please contact [alumni@cfbc.edu.kn](mailto:alumni@cfbc.edu.kn)**

**Register: <https://forms.gle/S7rTbKEdMTqWkp1c6>**







To foster, maintain and support a mutually beneficial relationship between alumni and CFBC.



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SHOW  
CFBC  
PRIDE

