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MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

I am delighted to extend greetings to the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture on this very special occasion of the Induction of Honorees into the National Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2022. This event marks the achievements of Sporting Heroes of The Bahamas, and honours their contributions to the development of our Nation through Sports. I also commend the Hon. Mario K. Bowleg, MP, Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture and his ministry for promoting this effort.

Despite the fact that The Bahamas is a relatively small country, we have gained much recognition locally and globally through the excellent performance of our sports persons. Their contributions have stirred great pride in the hearts of all Bahamians, and indeed, many other people beyond our shores, all of which is deserving of commendation.

While providing a medium for physical activity and mental wellbeing, participation in competitive events also bring opportunities for building good character, self-esteem, discipline, and the ability to develop meaningful relationships locally and internationally. Such tenets promote respect for common human values, and regard for the rights of others, all of which bring respect and courtesy across all domains.

It is therefore highly appropriate, and indeed necessary, that excellence demonstrated through Sports be recognized and advanced. While it brings joy and a sense of accomplishment to the honorees, such recognition also serves as the impetus for others to aim higher toward similar success.

I therefore congratulate all the Honorees for their achievements, and on their elevation to the National Sports Hall of Fame: Lorenzo "Ray" Minus Jr. (Boxing), Stephen Larrimore (Boxing), Wellington Edison Miller (Sports Administration), Everette B. L. Johnson (Softball), Sidney Bobby "Baylor" Fernander (Softball), Charles Franklyn Adderley (Martial Arts), Raymond Wilson (Volleyball), Perry Thompson Sr. (Basketball), Frederick Alonzo Laing Sr. (Basketball), Maxine Darville (Bodybuilding), Pauline Elaine Davis (Track & Field), Eldece Clarke-Louis (Track & Field), Savatheda Fynes-Coke (Track & Field), Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie (Track & Field), Chandra Sturup (Track & Field), Dr. Patti Symonette (Volleyball), and Monique Leary (Bowling); and posthumously Ivern Davis (Squash) and John Terry Wildgoose (Basketball).



Your commendable accomplishments have brought pride and joy to our Nation, and I wish all of you the very best as you enjoy this moment of being inducted into the National Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2022.

Cornelius A. Smith, O.N., GCMG
Governor-General



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MESSAGE FROM THE HONOURABLE PHILIP E. DAVIS, MP, KC
PRIME MINISTER & MINISTER OF FINANCE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

As our country celebrates National Sports Month, I pause to reflect on my own upbringing, and my being actively involved in the various sporting and recreational disciplines. I am reminded of the awesome personal and collective experiences and feelings of triumph, determination and achievement. I am thankful for those early lessons that came with being involved in sports as a solo athlete and as a team player. Those experiences assisted with the formation and development of leadership qualities, good character traits, goal setting, communication skills, social and interpersonal relations, fair play and comradery.

I am convinced that sports and recreation is a key component to sound nation building and produces good model citizens. Therefore, I continue to lend full support to the development of sports and recreation and to our Bahamian athletes. It is my prayer that all young Bahamians will embrace sporting and recreational opportunities which can provide so many positive opportunities, including educational advancement.

I am thankful for the passion, interest and insight of The Hon. Mario K. Bowleg, MP, Minister of Youth Sports and Culture, and his dedicated staff, for their sustained commitment to the development of sports and recreation in our country.

It is my esteemed pleasure to congratulate all the accomplished inductees of the National Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2022. I am well acquainted with your high achievements having watched and witnessed over time, in person and from a distance, so many of your great sporting feats and varied contributions to the positive development of sport, our communities, and our nation. You have all given so much of your blood, sweat and tears, your time, talent and treasure, and for this a grateful and gracious nation says, thank you!

I wish to further charge you honourees to endure in giving back to your various communities by sharing your stories so that all of us, especially our young people, can gain a greater appreciation of your individual and collective positive impact on sports in The Bahamas and in the world.

Once again, I offer great congratulations to the National Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2022, and pray God's continued blessings upon you.

The Honourable Philip E. Davis, MP, KC
Prime Minister & Minister of Finance



**MESSAGE FROM THE HON. MARIO K. BOWLEG. MP.
MINISTER OF YOUTH, SPORTS & CULTURE**

As someone who has been involved with sports for all my life either as an athlete, coach and even now the Minister with responsibility for sports, I can assure you that my appreciation for sports and its athletes is real. My success in sports however could not be measured without the benchmark set by those of whom we honour today by your induction into the prestigious Sports Hall of Fame.

There is no doubt that much of what we celebrate today would not have been possible without the contributions of our distinguished honorees whom we recognize today. Their passion, skill and professionalism has guided the footsteps our sports path has followed.

As a country we have so much to celebrate and in our celebration we must recognize those that helped light a fire in today's generation of athletes. Your selection for induction into the National Sports Hall of Fame symbolizes our appreciation of what you have contributed for us as a country and will memorialize your story for generations to learn more about you and their sport.

Whether an individual chooses to be a competitive athlete or merely involved for recreation, it is a known fact that sports is and has been the primary unifying activity which has galvanized our nation and we hope that your stories will motivate existing and new athletes to push harder and get involved in this wholesome activity.

Therefore, on behalf of my Ministry, and on behalf of the people of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, I offer our collective congratulations and welcome you to this distinguished institution known as the 'Nationals Sports Hall of Fame'.

God Bless!

**The Hon. Mario K. Bowleg. MP.,
Minister of Youth, Sports & Culture**



MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF SPORTS

The power of sports awakens a passion that drives one towards greatness. Sports also has the power to break social barriers, unite, educate and empower. It is on this backdrop, athletes, coaches and administrators are able to achieve, excelling to the highest levels - internationally, regional and locally.

The individuals inducted into this year's Class of 2022 Hall of Fame are diverse, having participated in a number of sports. Some now serve as head coaches or play an integral role in the organization's overall structure.

I take this opportunity to thank each of them for their unselfish contributions towards the growth and development of sports in The Bahamas. For their stickability and performance. The country is indebted to each of them. These trailblazers continue to demonstrate and prove how powerful sports can be. Their stories are motivating and should be memorialized.

Once again thank you for your service, contributions and continue to serve this great country, The Bahamas.



Kelsie Johnson-Sills
Acting Director of Sports



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**MESSAGE FROM ROMELL K. KNOWLES , PRESIDENT
BAHAMAS OLYMPIC COMMITTEE**

It is with a great sense of pride, I pause to congratulate the distinguished National Hall of Fame Class of 2022

I can attest first hand how these sports icons have played a hand in my own personal development.

Wellington Miller, Bobby Fernander, Terry Wildgoose and Monique Leary poured themselves into meduring my youthful days; I am positioned today, because these kind individuals gave back to sports and made me family as it were.

I am of the view, sports can be the antidote for so many of our social challenges we are experiencing as a country today. We need look no further than this class of 2022. Brilliantly, accomplished men and women who exemplifies positive attributes of sports; all of whom served as ambassadors at large through sports, representing the most powerful little sports country on planet earth.

On behalf a grateful nation, I express our gratitude to all of you.

I would be remiss, if I don't single out, one of country greatest treasure; that being the jewel of the Caribbean and our very own Golden Girls.

Your performances, generated excitement, enthusiasm and hope for thousands of young girls.

We will never forget you and your services through sports; Thank you, thank you.



May God continues to bless The Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

Best Wishes,

Romell K. Knowles
President
Bahamas Olympic Committee



Creation of The National Hall of Fame

Immediately after the First Bahamas Games in July, 1989, a Committee was established by the Minister of Sports, the Hon. Peter J. Bethel, to create the framework for establishing a National Hall of Fame to commemorate the accomplishments of Bahamian athletes of the past who excelled at inspiring local youth to pursue excellence through sports. The plan was to conduct inductions on an annual basis.

The founding Committee was comprised as follows:

Canon Dudley Strachan – Chairman

Mr. Freddie Higgs – Vice Chairman

Mr. Edward Shark Deveau

Mr. Fred Sturup

Mr. Sterling Quant

Ms. Winnie Russell

Mr. Livingston Bostwick

Mr. Martin Lundy – Secretary

At the request of Canon Strachan, Archdeacon, William Thompson replaced him as Chairman.

In fast-track fashion, the Committee developed a ballot form, guidelines for the selections process, and a system for canvassing the input of national federations, the sports media and the general public as regards the nomination of candidates deserving of Hall of Legends or National Hall of Fame status. The difference in the two was whether the achievements were undocumented, unverifiable and limited to the local level (Hall of Legends) (or whether they

were documented, verifiable and occurred at the international level (Hall of Fame).

All Core Sport Federations were requested to nominate candidates who met the qualification as established by the Committee. The response was such that more than one hundred nominations were received, the vast majority lacking sufficient supporting documentation. Of the total number of submissions, five clearly met all the criteria that were established by the Committee and were therefore recommended and subsequently approved for Hall of Fame Induction in 1989.

The Committee further decided that all the remaining nominees would be vetted and those deemed appropriate should be placed in a pool for further consideration.

The selection process underwent more refinement in advance of the impetus to continue the programme in 1998 when representatives of national federations and the sports media convened at the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium to review the process for nominating candidates and to finalize nominations. Two leaders of the original Committee



had transpired, leaving behind motivated colleagues they had inspired to continue the assignment.

That Committee supported the view of pooling nominations identified in 1989 and beyond, adopting the position that the selections process should seek to identify persons who favorably impacted society whether by achievement at the local or international level, those living as well as those deceased. Another prevailing sentiment was that the process should have the dual purpose of commemorating the contributions of heroes of the distant past as well as to lionize those more recent, thereby creating an unbroken link between the athletes of the past and those of the present, by further improving the chances of positively influencing current generations of athletes.

A total of twelve nominees were recommended and approved for induction to the National Hall of Fame in 1999, but as a result of limited manpower and the time-consuming efforts of finalizing the National

Sports Policy that same year, along with preparations for the Fifth Bahamas Games the next, the programme was held in abeyance until 2003 when the twelve candidates approved in 1999 were inducted. Approval had also been obtained in 2003 to induct fifteen candidates in 2004.

At the start of the 2007-8 National Budget Year, the mandate was given to revive the National Hall of Fame Programme and the recommendation was to resume by inducting the candidates that were approved in 2003 for induction in 2004. Such advice was approved in 2008, as did the list of candidates that were recommended for induction in 2009.

The pool of recommended candidates continued to expand, currently numbering two hundred and sixty-one (2610). As was done

for the Class of 2009, nominations will continue to be processed with the input of sports leaders and an appropriate number will continue to be recommended for approval.

Class of 1989

Thomas A. Robinson
Former Track & Field World Record Holder

Sir Durward Knowles
Olympic Gold and Bronze Medalist Sailor

Cecil Cooke
Olympic Gold Medalist Sailor

Andre Rodgers
Eleven year major League Baseball Player

Everette "Elisha Obed" Ferguson
World Champion Boxer

In Summary, attempts were made to continue the programme of recognition for sporting giants of the past: in 1991, 1995, 1997 and again in 1999. For one reason or another, however, none of these efforts materialized into success. The programme resumed in 2003 when the second class of inductees was accepted into the National Hall of Fame. This Class was comprised as outlined on the following pages.

Mr. Robert H. Bobby Symonette
World Champion Sailor

Mr. Sloan Farrington
Olympic Bronze Medalist Sailor

Mr. Roderick Simms
First Bahamian Physical Education Teacher

Mr. Charlie Major Sr.
World Record Higher Jumper
Deacon Leviticus Lou Adderley
First Bahamian National Volleyball Coach

Mr. Kingsley Poitier
Mr. World Bodybuilding Champion
Mr. Leonard "Boston Blackie" Miller
National Heavyweight Boxing and Cycling

Mr. Tony Curry
Baseball – Major League Baseball Player

Mr. Mychal "Sweet Bells" Thompson
NBA World Champion Basketball Player

Mr. Vince Ferguson



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Professional Baseball; Founding member and longtime Basketball President.

Ms. Betty Cole
First Bahamian Female Physical Education Teacher

Mr. John Sands
First International Medalist in Paraplegic Sport

To expedite all these previous efforts, the local sporting community was canvassed and a summary of the views gleaned were:

Individuals to be selected for induction should represent a wide variety of sporting disciplines.

Priority should be given to recognizing sports heroes of yesteryear, many of whom would have died without receiving proper national recognition.

A limited number of outstanding athletes of the most recent past should be selected ensure that they have the opportunity to "smell their roses" during their lifetime.

The exercise should be a mechanism for informing and educating present generations about the rich traditions and hearty legacies found in Bahamian sports history.

Toward achieving these objectives, all sports journalists, federations and associations were invited to nominate their choices for selection in the National Hall of Fame. Nomination Forms and the Criteria for nominations were forwarded to these entities.

That's how the National Hall of Fame started and continues.



Master of Ceremonies - Mr. Kendal Wright

MUSICAL PRELUDE

ENTRANCE

His Excellency Sir Cornelius Smith, O.N., GCMG
Governor-General

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION

Mr. Harrison Thompson

WELCOME

Mr. Montez Williams
Undersecretary, Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture

REMARKS

Romell Knowles
President of the Bahamas Olympic Committee

MUSICAL SELECTION

RBPF Pop Band

REMARKS

The Hon. Mario K. Bowleg, M.P.
Minister of Youth, Sports & Culture

INTRODUCTION TO THE NATIONAL SPORTS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2022

His Excellency Sir Cornelius Smith, CGMG, ON
Governor-General

RESPONSE

Mr. Raymond Wilson
Class of 2022

VOTE OF THANKS

Mrs. Kelsie Johnson-Sills
Actg. Director of Sports, Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture



THE NATIONAL SPORTS HALL OF FAME 2022

Lorenzo Minus - Boxing

Stephen Larrimore - Boxing

Ivern Davis - Squash

Everett Johnson - Softball

Sidney 'Bobby Baylor' Fernander - Softball

Charles Franklyn Adderley - Martial Arts

Raymond Wilson - Volleyball

Perry Thompson Sr. - Basketball

John Terry Wildgoose - Basketball

Maxine Darville - Bodybuilding

Dr. Patricia 'Patti' Symonette - Volleyball

Monique Leary - Bowling

Golden Girls - Track & Field

Wellington Miller - Sports Administration



GUIDELINES

Governing the Nomination of Candidates for The National Hall of Fame of The Bahamas

1. Nominations must occur by means of the completion and submission of the Official Nomination Form to the Department of Sports.
2. Nomination Forms must be fully completed to warrant consideration. Such forms should be as specific as possible in the presentation of evidence supporting the nomination.
3. Nominations shall be open to any qualified Bahamian, inclusive of a naturalized citizen, who has made a significant contribution to the development of The Bahamas through sports, as athletes, as sports administrators or as game official.
4. Nominees must have retired from all active competition for a minimum period of twenty years.
5. Nominees must be thirty-five years of age or older.
6. Nominees must have made significant or outstanding contributing to the development of his or her sport for a minimum sustained and continuous period of ten years, as athlete, coach, and game official or sports administrator.
7. Nominees must have represented The Bahamas in international competition over the sustained period of ten years or have excelled at the local level over the same time period.
8. Candidates may be persons whose participation and contributions might have been terminated inside the stipulated ten-year period, either by circumstances beyond his/her controls, such as an incapacitating illness or injury, or that such contribution would have been so monumental that it warrants exceptional consideration in spite of its failure to meet the required time span.
9. Naturalized Bahamians are eligible for nomination provided their contribution directly benefited his/her sport locally and at an international level.
10. Person to be nominated must have demonstrated exemplary personal deportment throughout the course of his/her sporting career, never having been sanctioned for the contravention of the rules, regulations and policies of the association or federation which governed his/her sporting discipline.
11. Persons eligible for nomination must not have been convicted of any capital offences in any local or foreign jurisdiction.
12. The Honourable Minister of Sports will reserve the right to set aside any or all nominations deemed to be inappropriate. He shall also retain the right to cause new nominations to be made once he is satisfied that the list of persons nominated would be significantly enhanced by the exercise of this right.



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SIR DURWARD KNOWLES, O.B.E.
"SEAWOLF"

CECIL COOKE

CLASS OF 1989 INAUGURAL CLASS

KENNETH ANDRE IAN RODGERS

EVERETTE FERGUSON
"ELISHA OBED"

THOMAS AUGUSTUS ROBINSON



LEONARD MILLER
"BOSTON BLACKIE"



MYCHAL THOMPSON
"SWEET BELLS"



SLOANE E. FARRINGTON
"BUNTY"

CLASS OF 2003

CHARLIE MAJOR, SR.

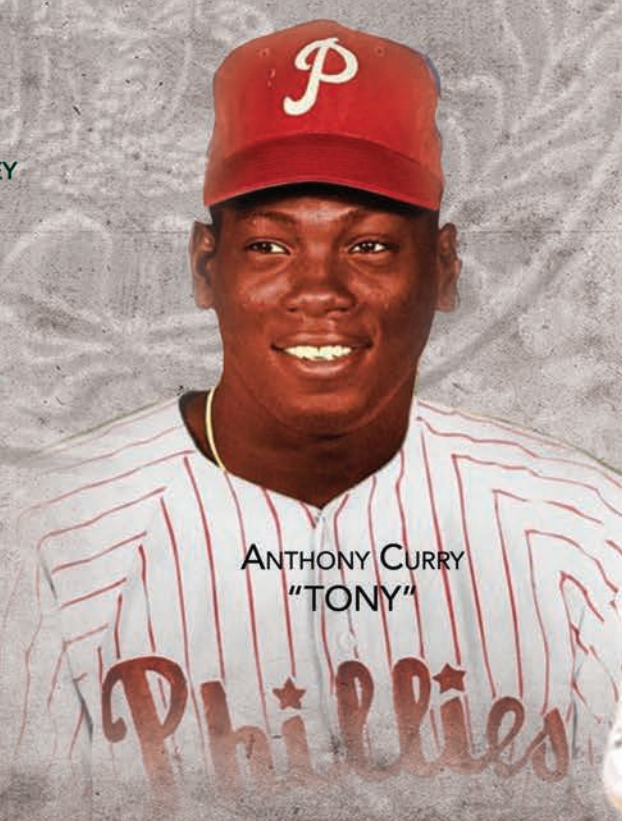
DEACON LEVITICUS ADDERLEY
"UNCLE LOU"

KINGSLEY POITIER

VINCENT LLOYD FERGUSON

ELIZABETH MARION COLE
"BETTY"

JOHN SANDS



ANTHONY CURRY
"TONY"



Dr. Hubert Wong

Peter John Bethel

Bertram Rolly Gray
"THE GRAND MASTER"

Sir Winston Tappy Davis

Churchill Tener Knowles

Delroy Kilpatrick Armbrister

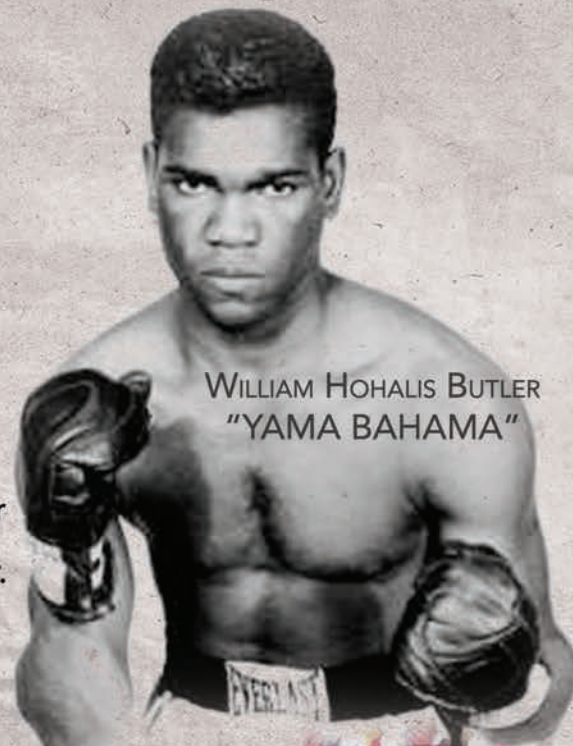
Henry Revders Crawford, Jr.

Betty Kelly-Kenning

Fred Smith
"PAPA"

Tom Berutti Grant
"THE BIRD"

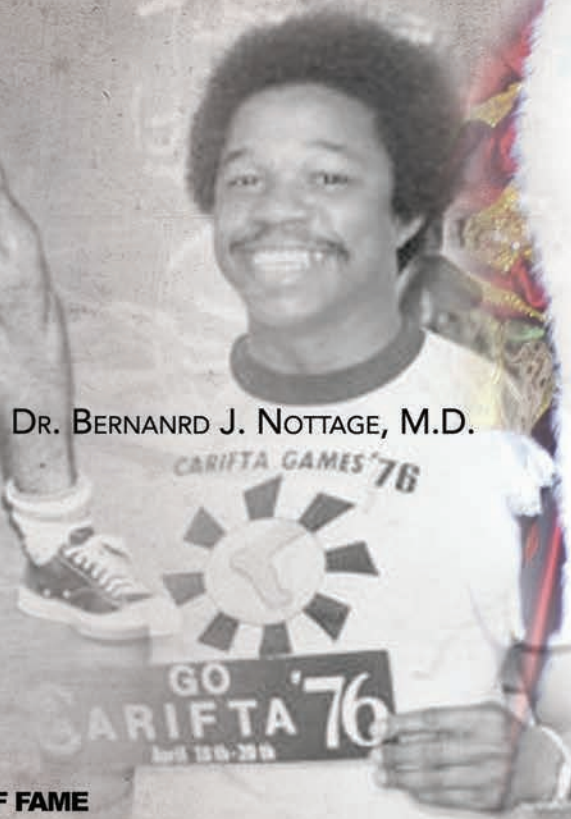
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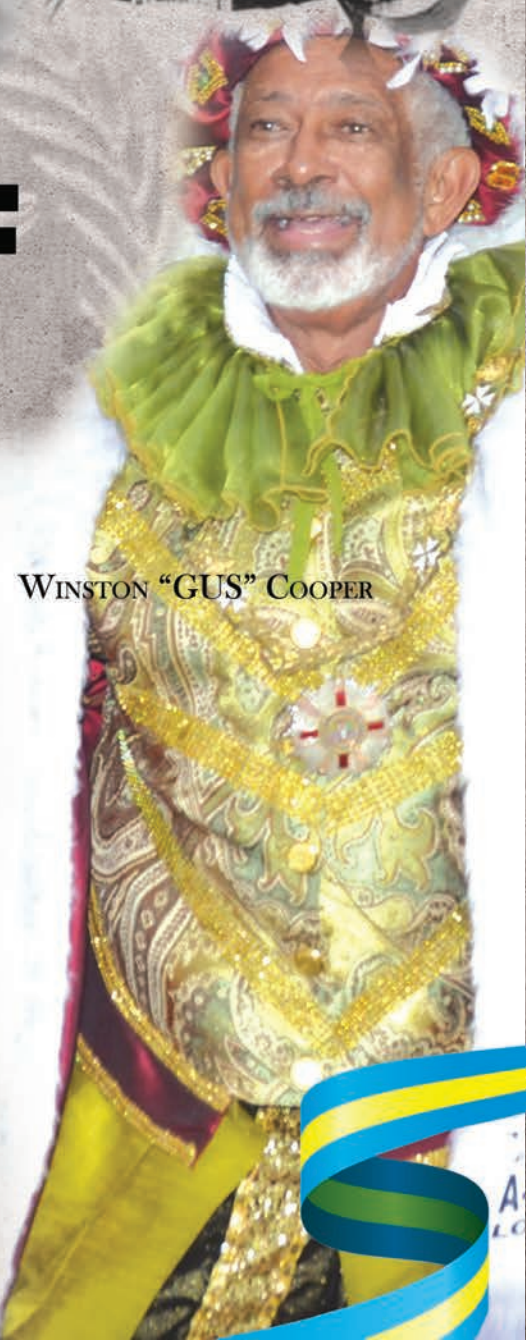
WILLIAM HOHALIS BUTLER
"YAMA BAHAMA"



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WINSTON "GUS" COOPER

BRADLEY TYRONE COOPER

FLORENCE ROLLE
"FLO"

CLIFF WILSON

ALEXANDER DOYLE BURROWS

RICHARD JOHNSON
"THE LION HEART"

DR. TIMOTHY BARRETT, M.D.

GLEN WELLS

ERROL BODIE
"BOB"

SAMUEL EDWIN PRICE DAVIES
"SIR DAY"

ANTHONY CARROLL

EDWARD LEON KNOWLES
"APACHE"

PERCIVAL EDMUND
WENTWORTH FORD
"WENTY"



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CLASS OF 2009

ED SMITH

PERRY CHRISTIE





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KEITH HOLLAND PARKER

Carl Minns
Douglas Smith
"DOUGIE"

Winnifred Russell-Bethell

Fredrick Charles Higgs

Percival Andrew Knowles
"ANDY"

Celestine Lutricia
Albury-Wilson

Osborne Rahming
"ANK"

Basil Trevor Kelly

Gorman Donald Brennan

Leonard John Dames
"SKEETER"

Earl Peter Brown
"SWEET PETE"

CLASS OF 2010

CYNTHIA PRATT
"MOTHER"

SHARON STORR
"THE GENERAL"

Martin Arnold Lundy

Austin Allen
Aladyce Knowles

Godfrey K. Kelly, CMG

Frank Rahming
"PANCHO"

Arthur Vincent
David Elden

Anita Louise Doherty

Glenroy Saunders
"FLO"

Wilfred Hillard Culmer
"SUDGY"

Prince Albert
Patrick McIntosh
"HEAD"

Sir Gerald Christopher Cash

Justice Maxwell
Thompson, OBE

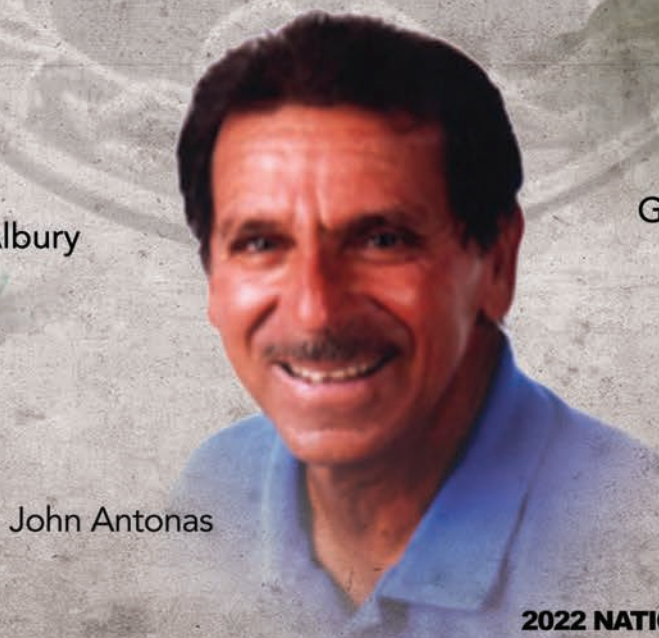


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CLASS OF 2011



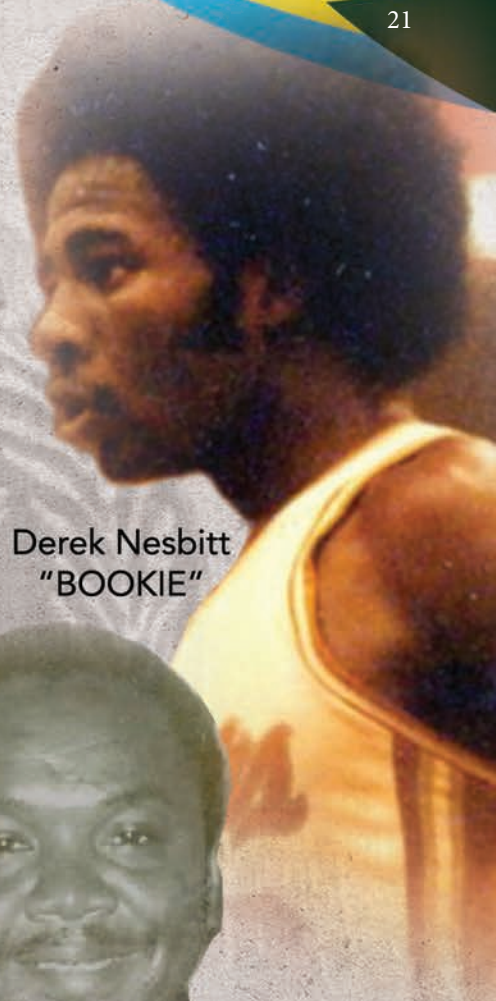
Margaret Albury



John Antonas



Gladstone McPhee
"MOON"



Derek Nesbitt
"BOOKIE"



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Edward Ford
"EDDIE"

Lorenzo Lockhart
"DOONIE"

CLASS OF 2012

Leonard Archer
"SKINNY"

DEWITT HANNA

KEITH SMITH
"BELZIE"

DAME BERTHA ISAACS

LESLIE CARTWRIGHT
"RUSSIA"

CHARLES WILLIAMS

OSCAR FRANCIS

PETER BOWE, SR.

JESSE FERGUSON
"BUTKUS"

SIR GEORGE ROBERTS

IRRINGTON ISAACS
"RINKY"

Cyril Johnson
"PEEPSIGHT"

Oscar Francis



CLASS OF 2013

Leroy Mitchell
"MITCH"

Basil Neymour

Phil Smith

Leroy Archer, Sr.

Rev Enoch Backford II
"NUCKY"

Jacqueline Barnett-Bethel

Sir Arlington Butler, KCMG

Harold Munnings Sr., OBE

Kendal Nottage

Dr. Gail North Saunders, OBE

Bernard L. Bostwick

Maryann Higgs-Clarke

John Barrie Farrington

Earl Eugene Haven

Dr. Norman Gay

Oswald Moore

Captain Hezron Moxey

Alpheus "Hawk" Finlayson
"HAWK"



KEVIN JOHNSON
PERCIVAL ANDREW KNOWLES
MARINA MCCLAIN
DONNIE MARTINBOROUGH
RAY MINUS SR.
EDITH POWELL
HARCOURT ROLLE
FREDERICK R. STURRUP

DANIEL SUMNER
FRANKLYN T.R. SWEETING
FREDERICK TAYLOR
CALVIN COOPER
DR. NORRIS STUBBS
ALLAN JACKSON
WILFRED COAKLEY
BERTRAM MUSGROVE



CLASS OF
2014

CLASS OF 2015



Foster Bethel
Softball

Kim O'Kelley
Lawn Tennis

Sidney 'Butts' Outten
Baseball

Judy Lundy
Track & Field

Shonell Ferguson
Track & Field

Oralee Fowler
Track & Field

Linda Woodside-Major
Track & Field

Leslie Miller
Track & Field

Neville Wisdom
Sports Administration

Jim Duncombe
Golf

Hubert Alexander Dean
Sports Journalism & Sports Administration

Kenneth 'Six' Francis
Sports Journalism / Administration

Anthony 'Bando' Bostwick
Baseball / Basketball

Mizpah Archer
Bowling

Kenneth Rolle
Sailing



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CLASS OF 2016

Carl Minns
Douglas Smith
"DOUGIE"

Winnifred Russell-Bethell

Fredrick Charles Higgs

Percival Andrew Knowles
"ANDY"

Celestine Lutricia
Albury-Wilson

Osborne Rahming
"ANK"

Basil Trevor Kelly

Gorman Donald Brennan

Leonard John Dames
"SKEETER"

Earl Peter Brown
"SWEET PETE"





CLASS OF 2017

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Leo Rolle

Fletcher J. Lewis Jr.

Patricia Elaine Thompson

Edith Louise Turnquest (deceased)

Rudy Levarity

WM. J. Godfrey Eneas

Michael "Mike" Sands





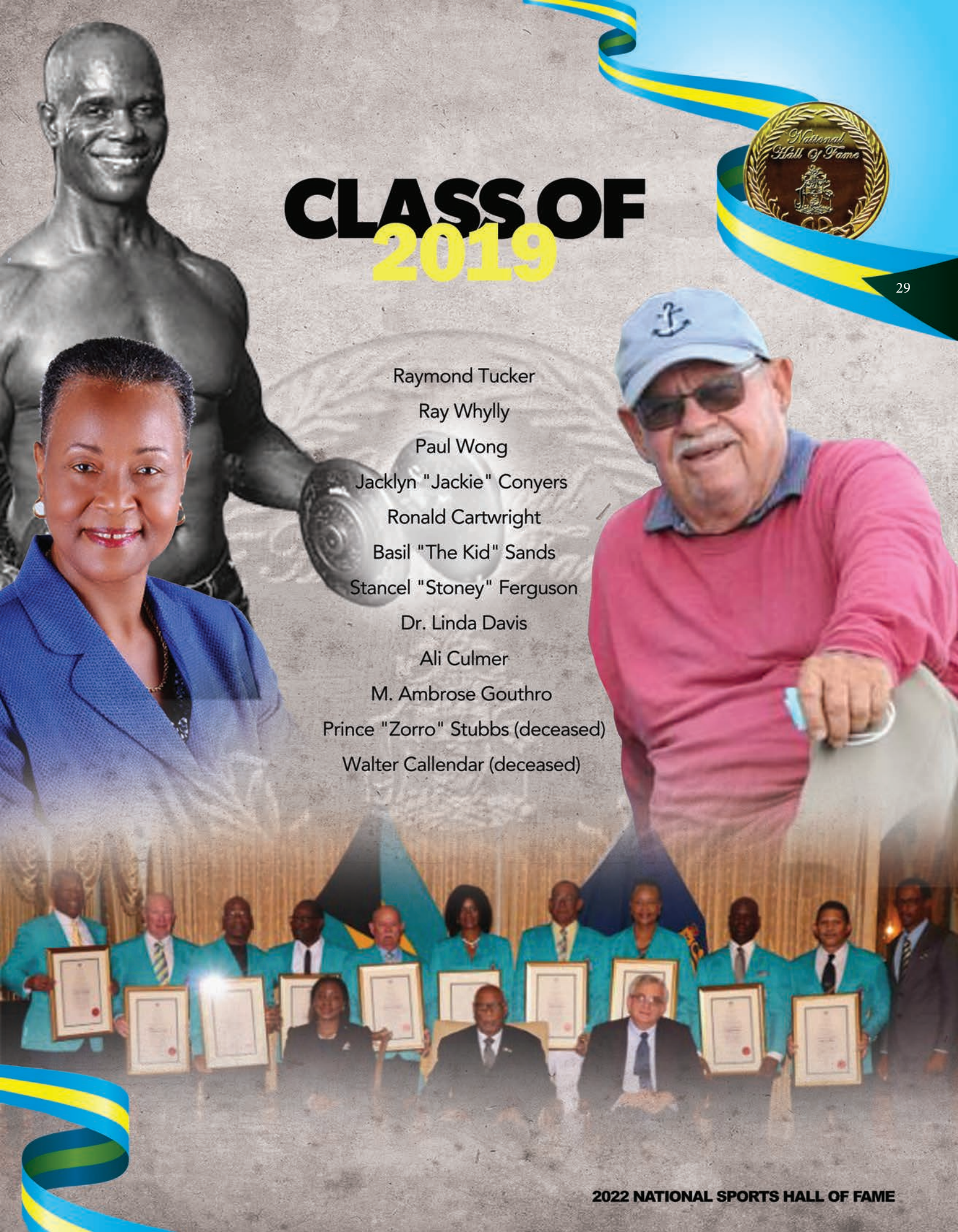
CLASS OF 2018

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Agatha Delancy
Harcourt "Coins" Poitier
Samuel "Sammie" Symonette
Cornell "Mickey" Williams
Wellington "Sonny Boy" Rahming
Peter "Macaroni" Gilcud (deceased)
Creswell "The Bommer" Pratt
Edmund Lewis
Charles "Softly" Robins
Arthur Thompson Sr. (deceased)
Jennifer "Jann" Mortimer (deceased)





CLASS OF 2019

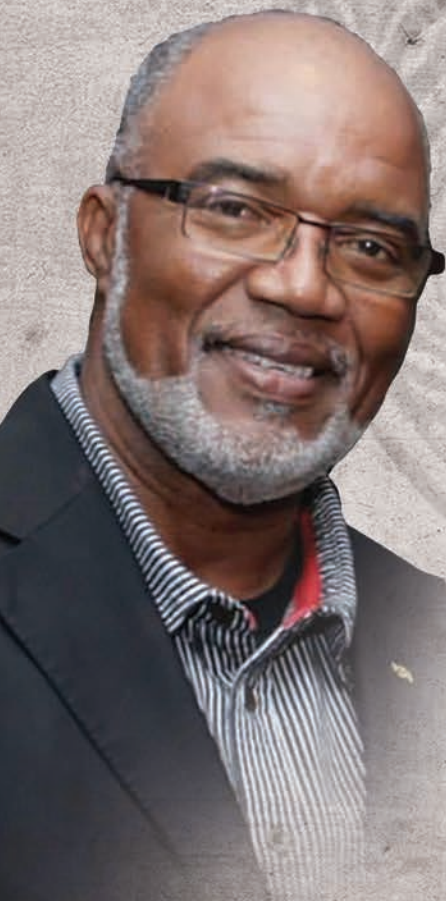
- Raymond Tucker
- Ray Whyllly
- Paul Wong
- Jacklyn "Jackie" Conyers
- Ronald Cartwright
- Basil "The Kid" Sands
- Stancel "Stoney" Ferguson
- Dr. Linda Davis
- Ali Culmer
- M. Ambrose Gouthro
- Prince "Zorro" Stubbs (deceased)
- Walter Callendar (deceased)





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CLASS OF 2020



William 'Will' Elliot

Andre Anthony 'Star' Wood

Ernestine Evelyn Darnell Butler Stubbs

Collin Anthony 'Trop' Knowles

Joe Smith

Cora Hepburn

Allan Ingraham



CLASS OF 2021



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Lavern Eve

Rev. William Thompson

Stella Knowles

Charles Thompson

Jena Mackey

Nell Wildgoose-Russell

Sheila Culmer

Oral Hudson

Joseph Demeritte

Barbara Thompson

Bert Bell



LORENZO

Ray

MINUS

Ray Minus (born 3 July 1964 in Nassau) is a Bahamian professional bantam/super bantam/feather/super feather/light/light welterweight boxer of the 1980s, '90s and 2000s who won the Bahamas' lightweight title, and the Bahamas' light welterweight title.

Internationally, Ray captured the World Boxing Council (WBC) Continental Americas bantamweight title, World Boxing Association (WBA) Inter-Continental super bantamweight title, and Commonwealth bantamweight title, and was the main challenger for the World Boxing

Council (WBC) Continental Americas super bantamweight title against César Soto, World Boxing Council (WBC) Continental Americas lightweight title against Leavander Johnson,

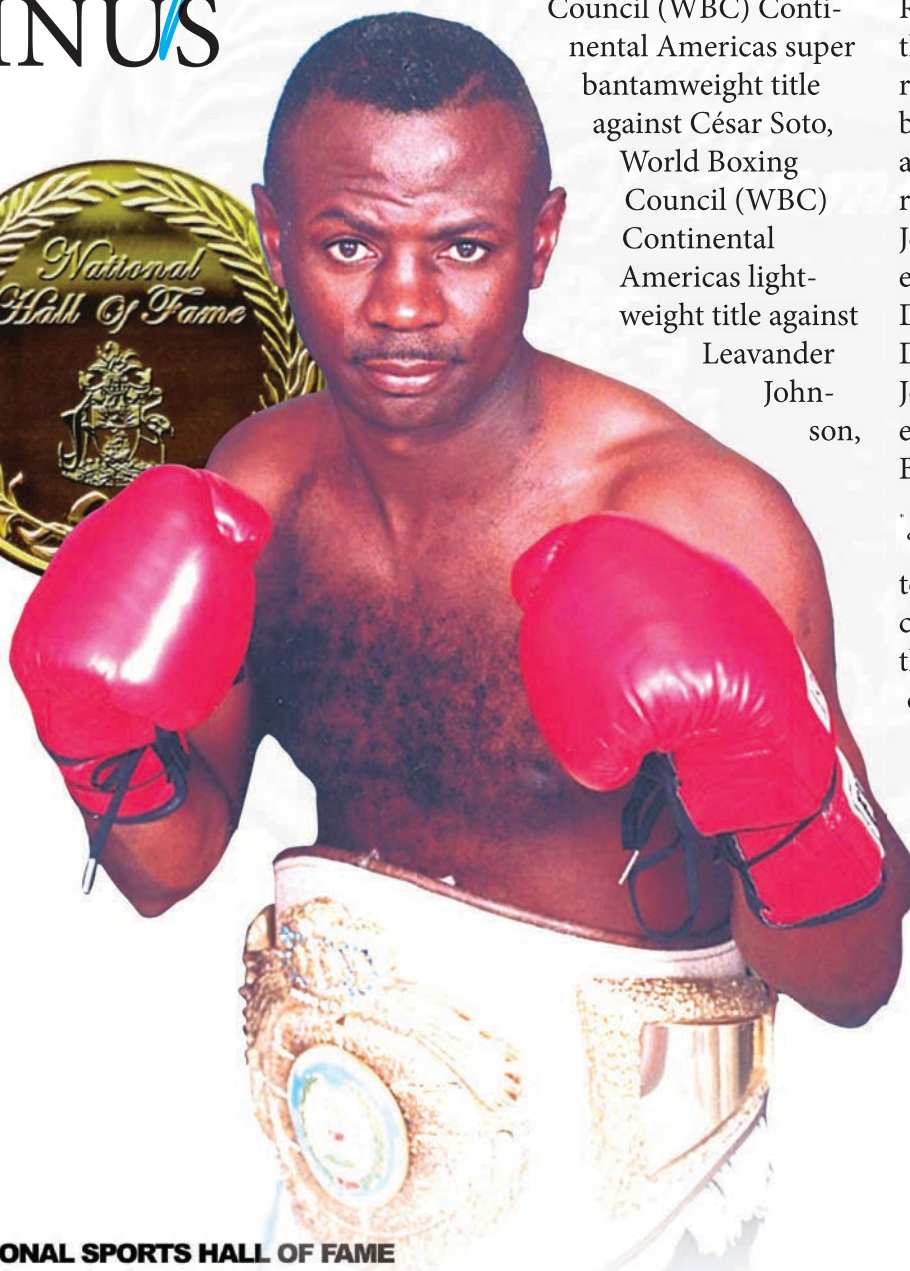
World Boxing Organization (WBO) bantamweight title against Israel Contreras, and International Boxing Federation (IBF) bantamweight title against Orlando Canizales.

His professional fighting weight varied from 117 lb (53kg; 8 st 5lb), bantamweight to 140 lb (64kg; 10st 0lb), light welterweight.

After he completed an impressive sting as one of the Commonwealth's greatest bantamweight/lightweight fighters, Minus Jr retired from competitive boxing in 2001 and launched his Champion Boxing Club at his home off Wulff Road in 1995. It would be there that Minus would play a pivotal role in the development of top boxers such as Valentino Knowles and Carl Hield in the amateur ranks and Meacher 'Pain' Major, Jermaine 'Choo Choo' Mackey, Elkana Saunders, Jerry 'Big Daddy' Butler, Alpachino Allen, Damien Thinker, Taureano 'Reno' Johnson, Ryan 'Big Youth' McKenzie, Wilson Theophile, Shimon Bain, Drexell McIntosh.

"I feel honored that I was able to give back to the country because we were able to take a lot of the guys off the street and made champions out of some of them, but also provided an alternative to crime for a lot more of them.

Over his career, ray accumulated a win/loss record of 37 wins (27 by way of knockout) and 9 losses (7 Kos).



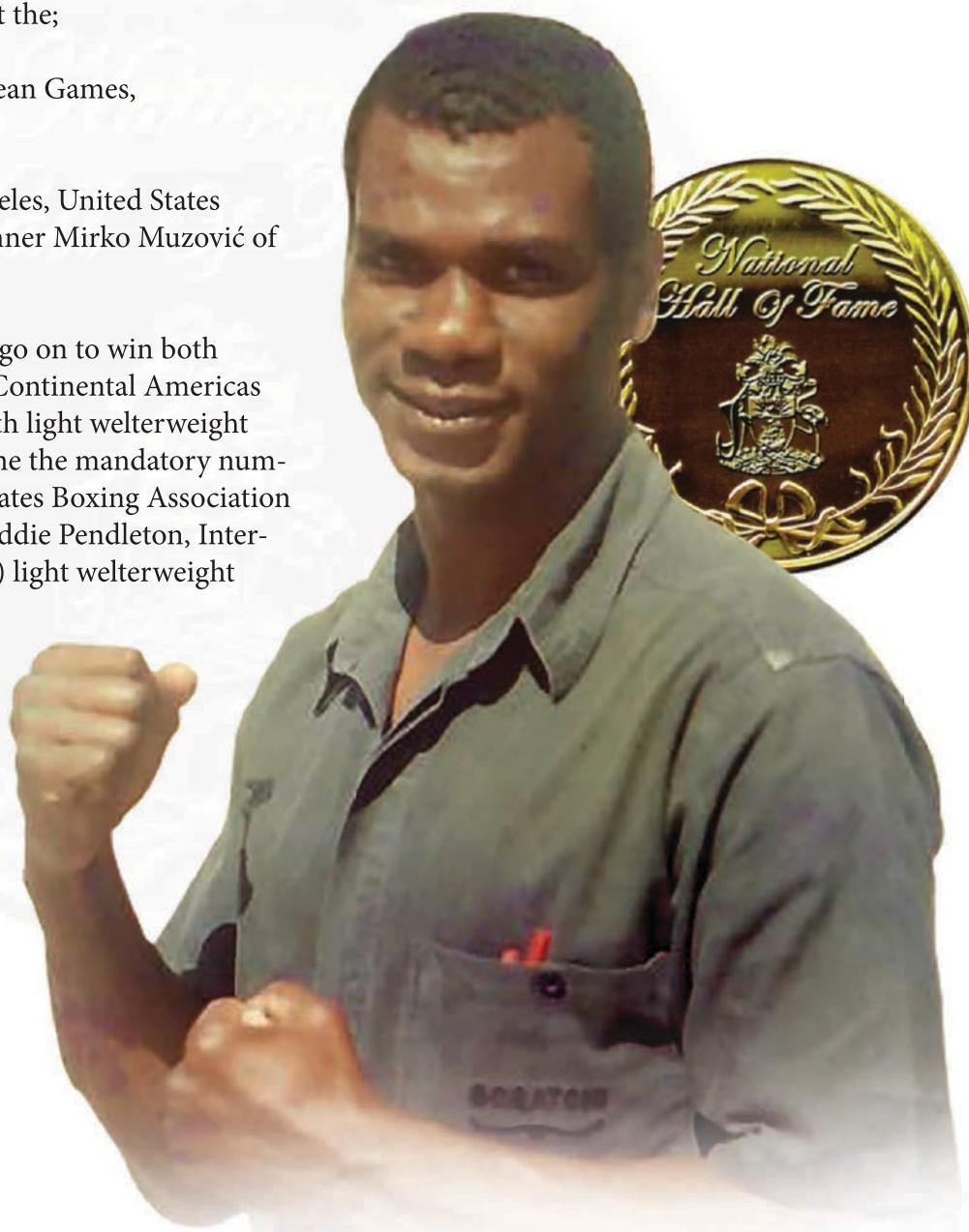
Steve LARRIMORE



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Steve Larrimore (born 14 February 1963 in Nassau) is a retired Bahamian amateur light welterweight and professional light/light welter/welter/light middle-weight boxer of the 1980s, '90s and 2000s who as an amateur represented the Bahamas at the; 1979 Pan American Games, 1982 Central American and Caribbean Games, 1982 Commonwealth Games, the 1983 Pan American Games and 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, United States losing to eventual bronze medal winner Mirko Muzović of Yugoslavia.

As a professional, Larrimore would go on to win both the World Boxing Council (WBC) Continental Americas lightweight title, and Commonwealth light welterweight title. Additionally, Larrimore became the mandatory number one challenger for the United States Boxing Association (USBA) lightweight title against Freddie Pendleton, International Boxing Organization (IBO) light welterweight title against Israel Cardona, and National Boxing Association (NBA) Junior Middleweight Title against Hasan Ali. His professional fighting weight varied from 134 lb lightweight (61 kg; 9 st 8 lb), to 153¾ lb light middleweight (69.7 kg; 10 st 13.8 lb).





Ivern U. DAVIS



Ivern U Davis is considered the 'Founder of the sport of Squash in the Bahamas'. Davis had learned the game of Squash during his time in Canada and Keith while he lived in England. Both were avid lovers of that sport.

In early 1960's Davis, so determined to play as much of the sport as possible, built his own court at his home...in the front of his home, much to the initial displeasure of Mrs. Davis. Before long, the easily accessible court attracted much attention as more and more persons would come over to play and or watch Davis and Keith fiercely battle it out together on this new facility.

Together as a double team, Davis and parker would qualify for the 1966 Commonwealth

Games in Jamaica, but as circumstances would have it, the then BOC said they had not sanctioned the event and the pair was not allowed to participate.

About a year later the Blue Hills Sports Center was established which included two squash courts. Many of those that play on the home court now moved to those Blue Hills courts, meanwhile Davis and some friends and family remained on the home court where he also taught his three daughters how to play.

Entering the first local squash tournament Davis was the first runner up while parker advanced to the semi-finals and the tournament eventually being won by an Englishman, that resided in Freeport.

The evident growing popularity of the sport led to new courts now being built in Freeport. Then in 1975 the grand opening of The Village Road Squash Courts was held. Hashim Khan from Pakistan, a world renowned player came and participated in the opening tournament.

Recognizing the need to organize and structure the rapidly growing sport to ensure others squash athletes are recognized for competition opportunities, Ivern Davis formed the Bahamas Squash Association, becoming its first President and assisted by Keith Parker was the Secretary.



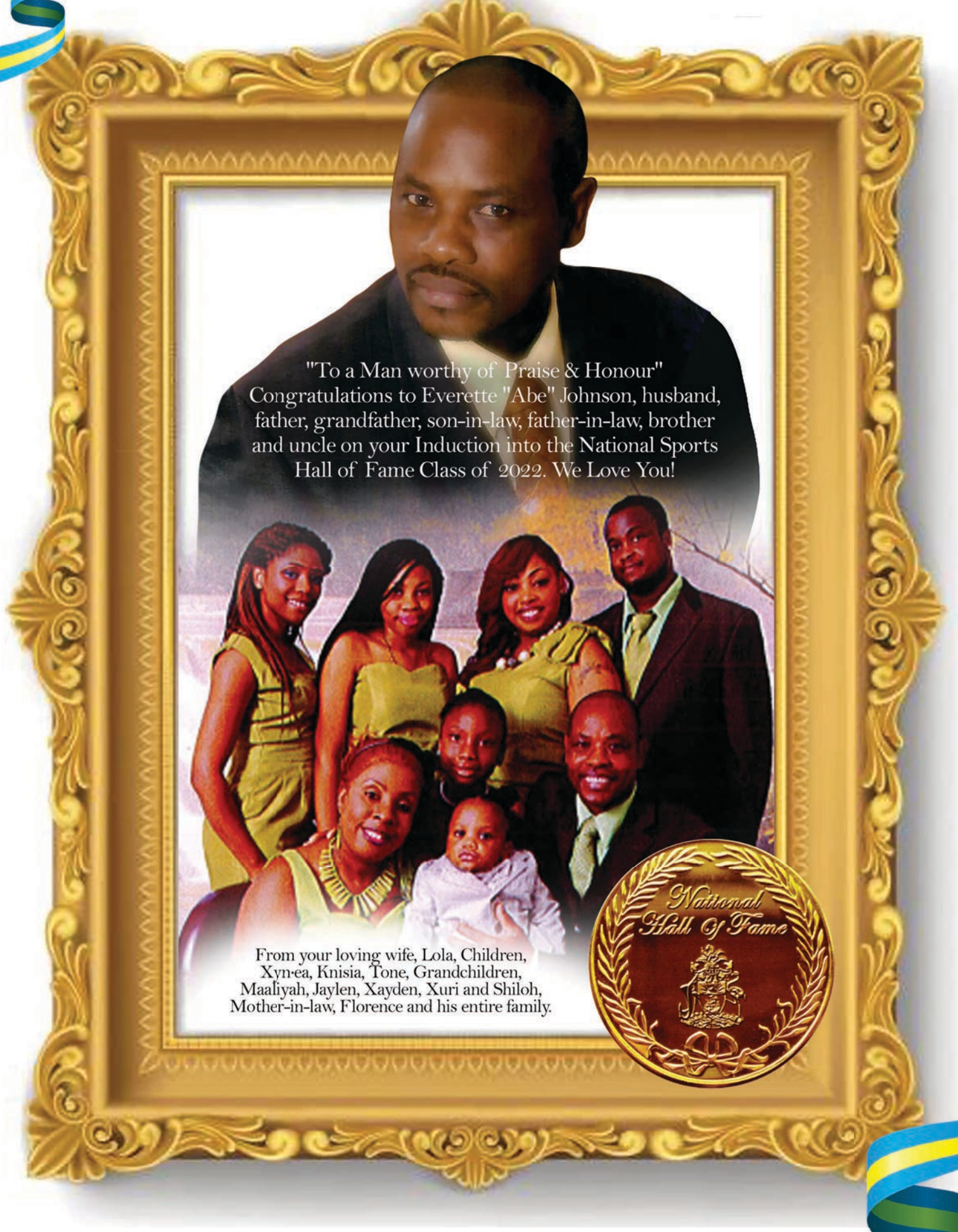
We the Siblings of Ivern Davis, recognize with pride the achievement of our brother, Ivern, being inducted into The Bahamas Sports Hall of Fame for his significant role in the development of Squash in The Bahamas "

Sending you Love & Congratulations Daddy!

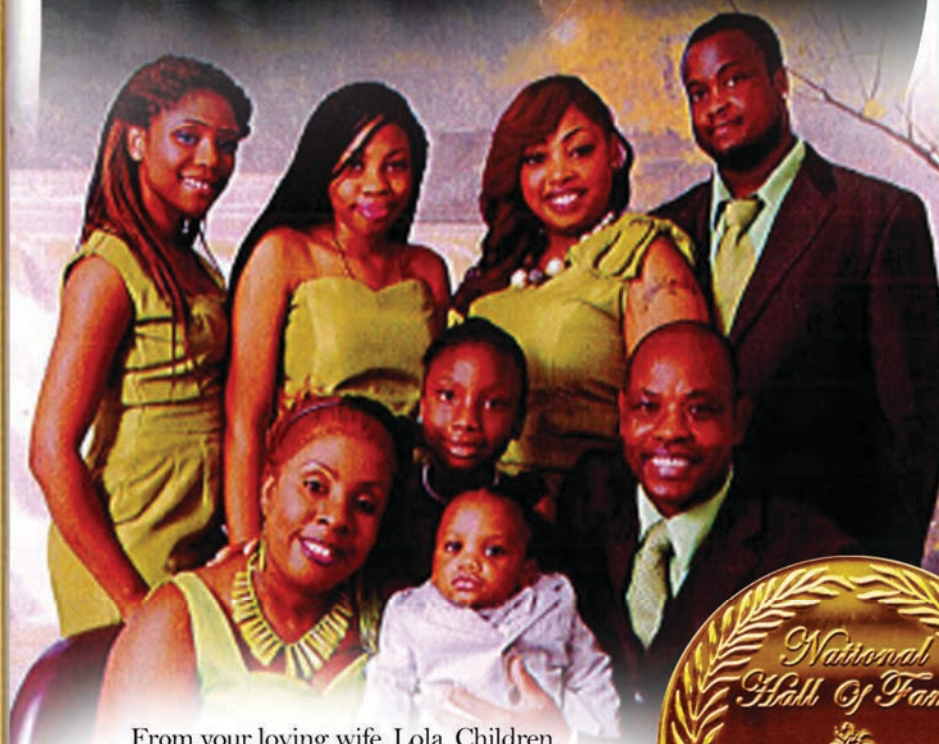
Dad, you never looked for recognition, but you are so deserving of this honor for your part in the development of Squash in The Bahamas. We are so proud of you.

IN MEMORY, WITH LOVE!





"To a Man worthy of Praise & Honour"
Congratulations to Everette "Abe" Johnson, husband,
father, grandfather, son-in-law, father-in-law, brother
and uncle on your Induction into the National Sports
Hall of Fame Class of 2022. We Love You!



From your loving wife, Lola, Children,
Xyn-ea, Knisia, Tone, Grandchildren,
Maaliyah, Jaylen, Xayden, Xuri and Shiloh,
Mother-in-law, Florence and his entire family.



Mr. Everette Bernard Lee Johnson affectionately called "Abe" was born on 23rd October, 1954 in New Providence, Bahamas to Christopher Thomas Johnson and Ivy Viola Johnson nee Wright. Everette is the ninth of twelve children. Everette is married to Lola Johnson nee Brathwaite and they are the proud parents of three (3) beautiful daughters and five (5) grandchildren. He along with his family attends Bible Teachers International (BTI).

Everette commenced his early education at Western Prep, Western Jr., and eventually matriculated to Government High School where he established himself as a unique and versatile athlete playing Softball, Volleyball, Basketball and Track and Field where he set records in the Quarter Mile and Long Jump in his Intermediate year. Everette graduated from Government High in 1972.

In 1973 Everette began playing Softball in the New Providence Softball Association as a Pitcher and Lead Off Hitter for the Coke Real Things. Everette's speed and hitting abilities netted him a 4th place finish in the batting average in his rookie year, hitting at a 420 clip. Everette became a perennial All Star, Top 10 Hitter and Top 5 in ERA as a Pitcher. Eventually he became a National Team Player. He was a member of the national team that went to Saskatoon, Canada. He played Fast Pitch Softball for over 30 years.

Over the course of Abe's Fast Pitch Softball career he played with teams like The Coke Real Things, Tennent Strickers, Del Sol Arawaks, Kiwi Polishers, Maura Sports Centre, Colt 45 Trashers,

EVERETTE BERNARD LEE *Abe* JOHNSON

Supermalt Vipers, T-Bird Flyers and the D's Truckers. While he played with Del Sol Arawaks and the T-Bird Flyers they won one (1) championship each and as a member/player of D's Truckers they were the recipient of two (2) championships.

Abe took a one year lay off from fast pitch due to an elbow injury during that time off he coached the Club 77 Softball team in the Old Timers League where he won Manager of the year.

Eventually, Abe retired from Fast Pitch Softball and committed all of his time to Modified Pitch in the New Providence Old Timers Softball Association where he played on many teams to name a few The Sports Centre Lions, 2 championships, Southern Lions, Joshua Knights 5 championships, The Truckers all in the A Division and Micklette Stokers in the B Division where they won two (2) championships.

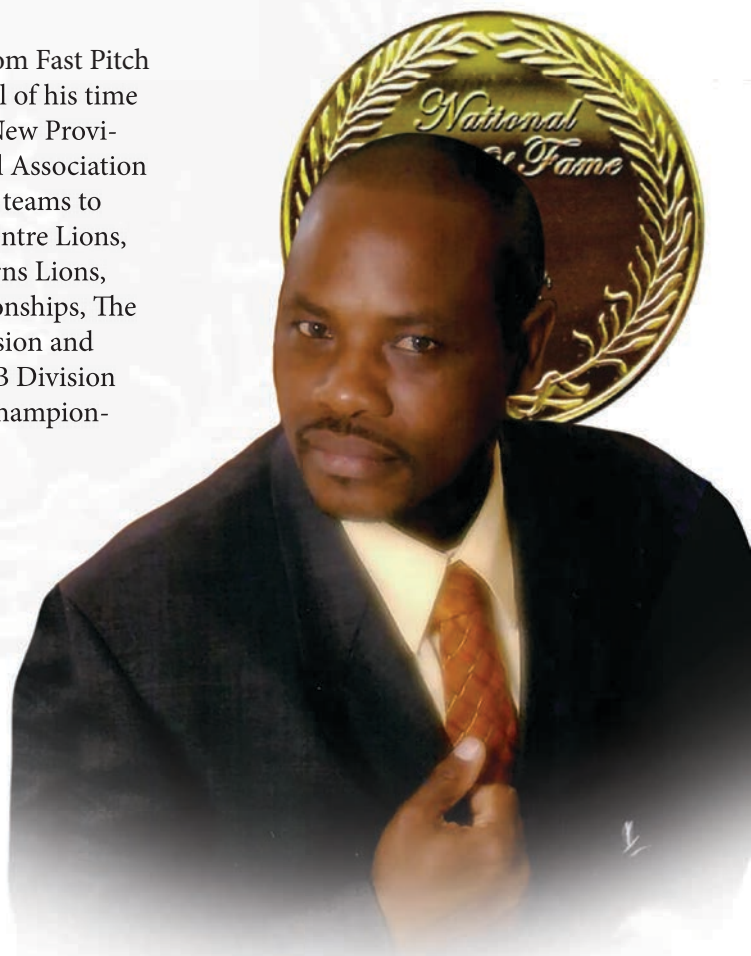
After the Masters Softball League was formed to accommodate players 50 years and older, Abe became a player in that league first with the Joshua Knights who won seven (7) championships and then the Truckers who won two (2) championships.

BASEBALL

In 1978 Everette began his Baseball career as an Infielder/Outfielder for the Becks Bees, eventually becoming the starting Center fielder for the Bees where he played until 1986 when he left to play with the Grants Town Braves. That same year he won the Batting Average Crown with a 446 average. Everette played Baseball for more than 20 years before injury forced him to choose to play only softball.



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In 1954 Sidney began watching softball as a fan at the Garfunkel field and soon thereafter started playing the game for recreation at the southern recreation grounds up to 1959.

In 1961, prior to the formation of the Bahamas Softball Federation, he played with the Nassau Beach Hotel then joined the St. Bernard's baseball team where he won many national championships.

The keen eyes of top coach and manager, Vince Ferguson noticed Sidney's game improvement and selected him to the national team in 1968. With the hard working team, led by Vince Ferguson, Sidney and his team won their first game in 1969 in Kansas City. The following year, Andre Rodgers took over as the new team manager and they experienced even more success by winning three (3) games.

No longer playing the game, but still enjoying the sport, he was selected as the coach for the 1979 Pan American Games in San Juan Puerto Rico where they placed 5th overall but defeating the great Venezuela who came 6th.

SOFTBALL

In 1972 he made his first trip as a coach along with Mr. Leon "Apache" Knowles. As manager they went to El Salvador and placed second for the softball men's team.

In 1972 they went down to "Bermuda" for the lady's team. This was the first ladies' team for Leon Knowles and Sidney and the result showed it as they got shut out with no wins in the tournament.

In 1973, the team went down south to Belize where this time they were successful in winning two games. In 1974, Sidney got his first managerial job and won three (3) games here at home in the Bahamas. In 1975, Sidney and team returned to Belize and dominated the tournament, returning as the champions with GOLD in the Caribbean Amateur Softball Tournament (CAST). Sidney and the team continued to do very well as they traveled extensively to compete against the very best teams in the region.

In 1981 in the World Games, in Seattle Washington the Men's Softball Team won 'Third in the World' during this tournament in which they we played 19 innings. Later in the same year, The Bahamas defeated New Zealand moving our team up to the 'BIG Three'.

1982, was a remarkable year for Sidney and the Bahamas National Women's team. Competing in San Jose California at the World Games, eliminated most of the worlds best teams and bigger countries and placed third (3rd) overall in the World Games, being beaten only by the USA in 1st, and Canada in 2nd.

BASKETBALL

In 1961, Sidney also got to play basketball with the legendary Kentucky

Colonial's up to 1973 and was coached with the assistance of Martin Lundy. Some of his team members included Robert Lloyd-Quant, Keith 'Belzie' Smith, Sharon Storr, Cabbage Poitier, Charlie Robbins, T. Fat Clarke and others.

A NEW ERA

Now, having retired from playing and coaching, Sidney continued his connection with the sport and decided to move into Administration where he would serve as Vice President of the Bahamas Softball Federation. Mr. Fernander was also elected as President of the New Providence Softball Association (N.P.S.A) from 2008 – 2009. Despite the success of Sidney Fernander, his path was not always so easy. Fernander struggled at times with unhealthy substances which jeopardized his life, family and career. Fortunately, through his passion for sports and desire to win, he was able to overcome these challenges to have a very productive life. Mr. Fernander remains ever grateful to all those that supported in his sporting career and encouraged him over the years.



Sidney
FERNANDER

Professor C. Franklyn Adderley began Martial Arts in the year 1967, at The Bahamas Karate School under the supervision of Sensi Kermit Ford. After many years of study, Frankie Adderley became the first Bahamian to achieve the rank of Grandmaster and is internationally respected for his teaching style and his devotion to his students. The Cosmopolitan Florida Hall of Fame inductee has more than 40 years in martial arts and 10 degrees under his belt. Grandmaster Adderley has been given credit for much of the development and growth of martial arts in the country

On 9th April, 1971, Franklyn Adderley, 1st Degree Black Belt was presented an award for participating in the fourth annual Karate demonstration held at the Nassau Stadium, Nassau, Bahamas on 17th April, 1971 by Sensi Kermit Ford.

In 1978 he was awarded the rank of Sadan 3rd Degree Black belt by the new modern Jui Jitsu Pia Association and the Black Belt Association of New York City by Dr. Moses Powell.

In 1981, he was awarded the official instructors Certificate and Godan 5th Degree Black Belt and was also awarded a certificate of appreciation from Woman 52 and Woman 53 by Dr. Keva Bethel. In addition, he was awarded the rank of 5th Degree Black Belt by The Tong Leong Two Shuh Goan International Association in February of 1983 under the supervision of Grand Master Mannie Agrella.

Master Frankie Adderley and the National School of Self Defense was awarded a certificate of appreciation for their invaluable support and assistance with the 1983 Abilities Unlimited Fair. The following year he was awarded 7th Degree Black Belt by Dr. Moses Powell under the SANUCES RYU SYSTEM.

Master Frankie Adderley was also honored at the 7th annual Pan American Championship Tournament in October of 1987 in Hialeah, Florida by the Mayor and City of Hialeah, Florida and awarded a Service Above Self Certificate at the Rotary Club of East Nassau.

Master Adderley's outstanding contributions to his sport and craft led to him being inducted into multiple institutions' Halls of Fame. On 29th November, 1977, he was inducted into the University of Martial Arts and Science Hall of Fame.

Then on 25th March, 1995 he was inducted into the Hall of Fame for outstanding achievements in sports by his Excellency the Governor General of The Bahamas Sir Orville Turnquest, K.C.M.G.Q.C. Following this, Master Adderley

He was inducted into the Cosmopolitan Florida Hall of Fame Martial Arts Brotherhood and presented with the Silver Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Soke Little John Davis Black Belt Hall of Fame

was also proud to add Master Adderley's name to its lifetime membership on 30th May, 2004.

Ultimately, he was awarded the rank prestigious rank of Grand Master 10th Grand Degree Red Belt from the founder SANUCER RYU SYSTEM of Jui Jitsu Pia Association and the Black Belt Association of New York City by Dr. Moses Powell.

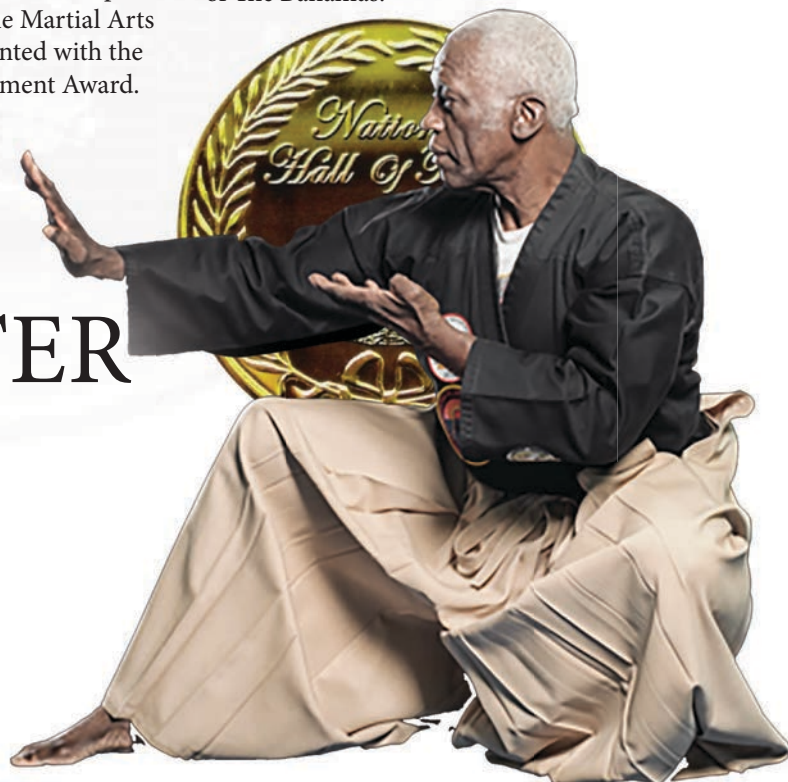
This giant of a role model has achieved many awards, too numerous to mention. Over the past decades, he has demonstrated unquestionable character and possesses the true spirit of an outstanding Jui Jitsu.

Professor Adderley is widely respected by his peers, the community at large, and the people of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.



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GRAND MASTER FRANKLYN *Frankie* ADDERLEY



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Raymond Hartman 'Rhymes' Wilson was born on October 29th, 1959 to proud parents, Merel Bain-Laing and Howard Wilson in New Providence, Bahamas. His early education was at Ridgeland Primary, A. F. Adderley Junior High School and C.C. Sweeting Senior High. Raymond was an active youth that found his love for sports at a very young age and would often be seen playing on parks, in gyms and on the historic 'Prairie', where only the best played. This athlete was also trained and coached by some of the greats, namely Larry Cartwright (volleyball), Tom "The Bird" Grant (basketball & volleyball),

Rodney Johnson (basketball), Stancil Ferguson (basketball) and Arthur 'Gully' Rolle (basketball).

After completing high school, Raymond

worked in the banking industry for a few years and started his family. It wasn't long before an opportunity presented itself and Raymond went off to further his education at Bauder College in Fort Lauderdale, Florida where he played basketball and graduated with an Associate's degree in Business Administration & Systems Analyst. Once he returned home, his mark in coaching began.

Coach 'Rhymes' began coaching in 1996. This pursuit came about as three of his children, Tia, Prince and Q'Jannis fell in love with the sport of volleyball. In 2000, he obtained and completed his certification in Level 3 coaching. In addition to coaching, Raymond also continued to play basketball and volleyball for a number of years. Some of the teams he was involved in include: Police, Schweppes Giants, the legendary Becks Cougars, Sky Unlimited Falcons, National Fence Intruders, St. Agnes and the 14x championship team Scottsdale Vixens. On the international side, he was the first coach to take a Bahamas Junior National Team to the first ever Caribbean Volleyball Championships in 1997 that was held in Bridgetown, Barbados. Though the teams finished last, he went back to the drawing board and over the years his accomplishments were:

- 1999 Jr. National Men's Gold & Jr. Women Silver medals in Suriname.
- 2001 Jr. National Men's Silver medal in Martinique.

- 2005-2014 Assistant/Trainer Senior National Women's Program.
- Head Coach/ Trainer Senior National Men's program.
- 2013 Trainer for the Sr. National Men's Team Gold Medal. (He was unable to travel due to job commitments).

Raymond has held several positions on the Bahamas Volleyball Federation. Presently, he is the federation's treasurer, a position he has held since 1999. Decades after he started his volleyball journey, Raymond recently became the head coach of the University of the Bahamas' female volleyball team.

During his many years in the sport, Raymond has helped to train countless young athletes who went on to secure partial or full athletic scholarships, including two of his children. His contributions to the sport continue today.

In an effort to boost volleyball participation, Coach Rhymes started a youth volleyball club with the support of some of his past and present athletes. The goal of the youth team, The Spikers, is to bring the sport of volleyball to our inner city youth. Additionally, the team provides opportunities for education and mentor ship. When asked what drives, Coach Rhymes he quoted his favorite verse, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". His journey continues.



Raymond
WILSON



We would like to congratulate Our Coach, Our Friend, Our Family and Our Mentor Mr. Perry 'Coloring' Thompson on this great Achievement at this time in his life.

Coloring has been a passionate basketball player and caring coach starting with his years with the Kentucky Colonels Basketball team, all the way up to now with the Giants Basketball club.

He is a cherished leader who has taken the time to develop and support hundreds of young boys and men and even some female players from the Grant's Town community.

We have been blessed by Coloring, who has taken the initiative in the community to ensure that our children have a safe, positive and uplifting outlet not only as they learn the game of basketball, but are also taught life lessons such as good manners and respect for themselves and each other.

Congratulations Coloring on this well-deserved recognition.

On behalf of Michael "Bain Head" Bain and Mr. Eugene "Gene" Horton.





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Mr. Thompson was born in the island of New Providence, Bahamas, to Milton & Euterpie Thompson, the fourth child of five children and grew up in the constituency of Grants Town, Fowler Street.

His sporting career began with track & field, softball and basketball at T.G. Glover Primary School. His career continued to develop more towards softball & basketball due to my interest and passion in both sports as I entered Aquinas College on a basketball scholarship. Thompson was able to attain several championships in both sports during my tenure at Aquinas College along with team captain of the basketball team.

Thompson later played basketball at the collegiate level at St. Leo College for a short stint.

Upon returning home to The Bahamas he was able to make an indelible mark in night league sports. Thompson was a softball pitcher for the Batelco Raiders under the guidance of head coach Keith Archer winning a national championship. He further embarked on his basketball development by playing basketball as a point guard for several great coaches and winning many championships. In his early playing time under the leadership of coaches such as Sharon "The General" Storr (Avengers & Warriors Junior Teams), Carlon Cartwright (General Electric

Shockers Division II) and finally Martin Lundy (Kentucky Colonels). He would go on to win Rookie of the Year & Best Defensive player in his first season of night league play.

After concluding his career as basketball player, my enthusiasm and passion for the sport of basketball continued in the development of the youths of the country by commencing a youth development program and basketball known as the "GIANTS" for Mini, Super Mini, Junior, Division 11 & Division 1 basketball players on the Joe Billy Park, Fowler Street.

Additionally, Johnson was the co-founder and treasurer of the Sunblazers & Alliance Athletic Track & Field Clubs.

Mr. Johnson was afforded the opportunity to showcase my basketball skills and knowledge on the international level by being selected as an assistant coach for the Bahamas National Team in 2001. Today he continues to lend his guidance, experience and support to the Giants Basketball Club, the club with the most championships in night league basketball.

Education: T.G Glover Primary



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School – 1969 -1973 - Played Basketball, Softball & Track & Field

Aquinas College - 1973 –

1977- Played Basketball & Softball

Saint Leo College - 1977-

1978 - Played Basketball.



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Congratulations
Mr. Perry Thompson Sr.

The President, Officers and Members
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Wish to congratulate you on your induction into the
National Sports Hall Of Fame

We are proud of your achievements and the positive impact you have made
on the lives of so many young men through the sport of basketball.

You are truly an exemplary leader!



Congratulations
To OUR MEMBER
Dr. Patti Symonette
On your Induction into
The National Sports
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John TERRY WILDGOOSE

On the fifth day of October in the year 1955, John Terry Wildgoose was born to parents John Wildgoose and Yvonne Hepburn-Wildgoose (both deceased). He was the sixth of seven children and was affectionately called 'Goose'.

He brought lots of joy to the family and although the youngest of the Wildgoose sons, he was known from a child to be very protective and outspoken.

Terry was schooled by his mother Yvonne and later she enrolled him in Eight Mile Rock All Age School where he excelled. Later he joined his older brother Washington "Washy" at St. Augustine's College in Nassau where he excelled both athletically and academically. He was a superstar in both track and soccer and played in the Commercial Softball League where he was the youngest player. After graduating from SAC, he continued to play softball, baseball, and soccer.

Upon returning to Grand Bahama, Terry devoted his life to the sporting community and the Bahamas.

He was an excellent basketball player in his youth but as a coach of the game, he was nothing short of amazing! He secured several Grand Bahama and National Basketball Championships with the team he coached to prominence the Island Lobsters.

Coach Terry Wildgoose is accorded the honor of winning Grand Bahama's first National Basketball Championship in the late 1980's. Wildgoose coached the Island Lobsters to a thrilling Sunday afternoon victory over the legendary Kentucky Colonels in game 5 of a five game series

resulting in one of the biggest celebrations ever on Grand Bahama; breaking a trend of almost 2 decades.

Hundred would pack into the YMCA gymnasium to watch his team, that included the greats, Derrick "Bookie" Nesbitt, Charlie "Softly" Robins and Dencil "Inch Mcquire" Swain. They were under his leadership and it was reflected by their preparation, discipline, and togetherness.

As a soccer player, Terry was a Goal-keeper; he was a team leader who knew how to motivate his teammates. Win, lose or draw, Terry, played and coached the game of soccer for what it gave him - heart and pride.

As a softball player, Terry triumphed in doing the dirty job. He was a catcher and marveled in being able to block up the plate. As a catcher who was amongst the best in The Bahamas. Terry's love, commitment, and dedication to sports in its entirety, enabled him to share that love with those with special needs also. At the Abu Dhabi 2019 Special Olympics World Summer games, as Head Coach for the Bahamas' soccer team, he was overjoyed and proud as his young players were successful in beating China to bring home the Bronze.

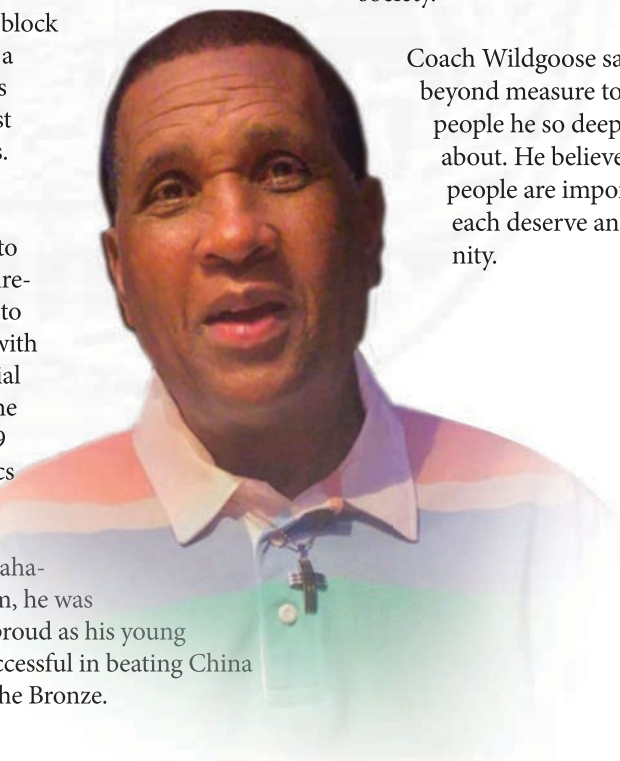
Terry was also an avid junkanooer, spending over 20 years with the Classic Dancers and most recently he formed his own group called "ShowTime", a group that focused on developing the youth in our society.

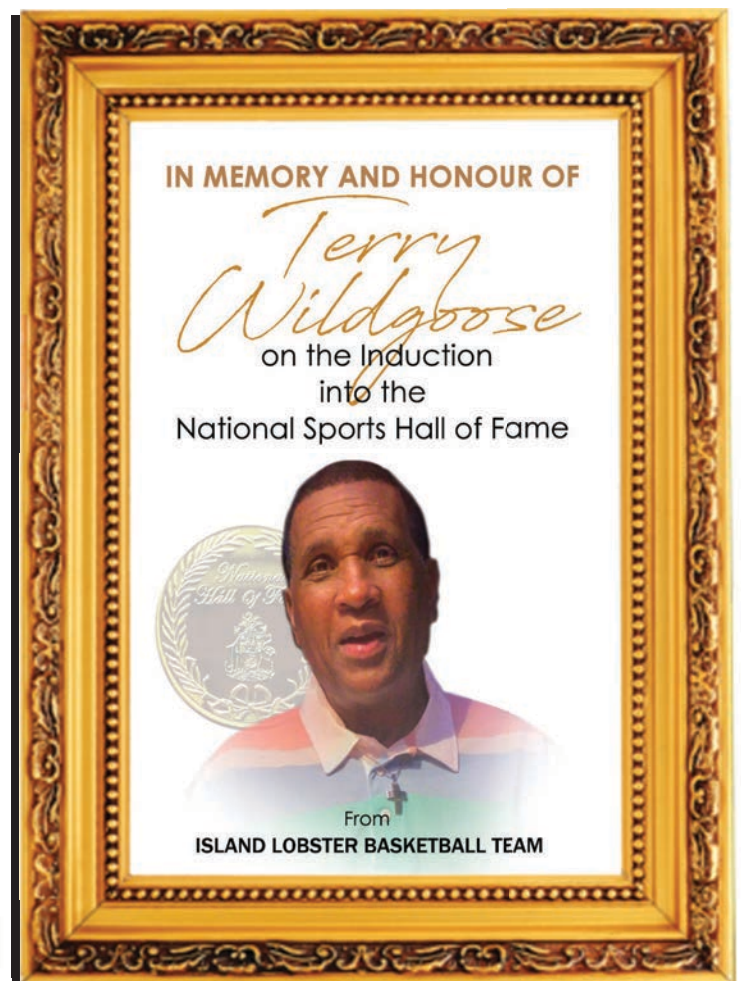
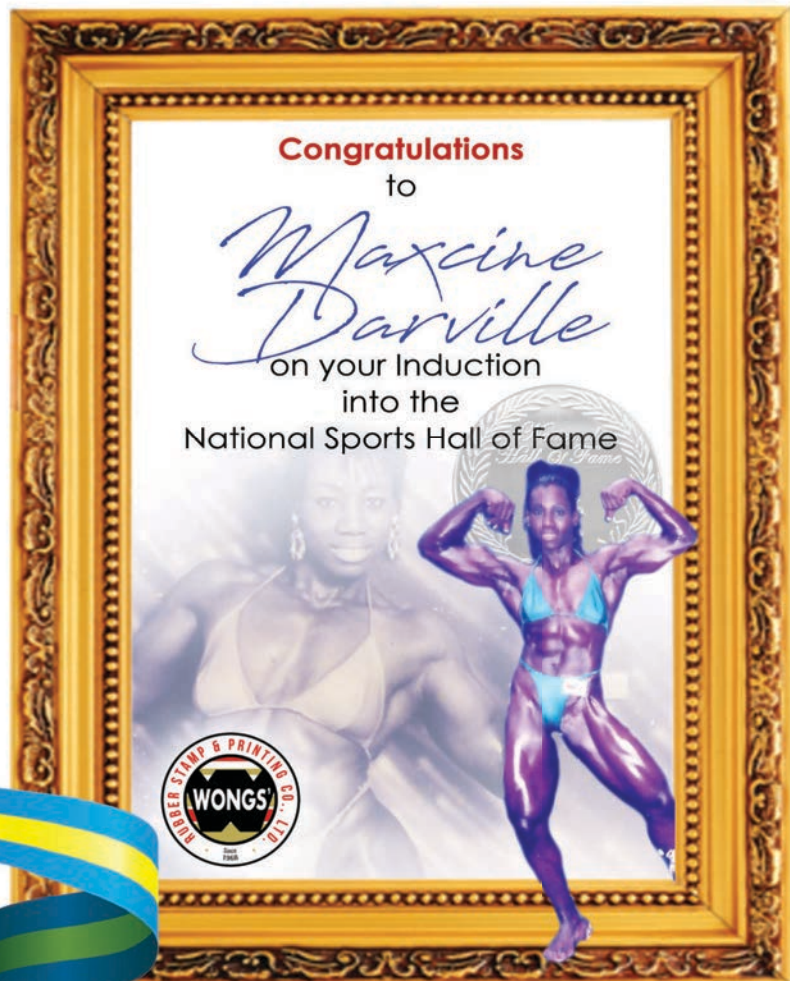
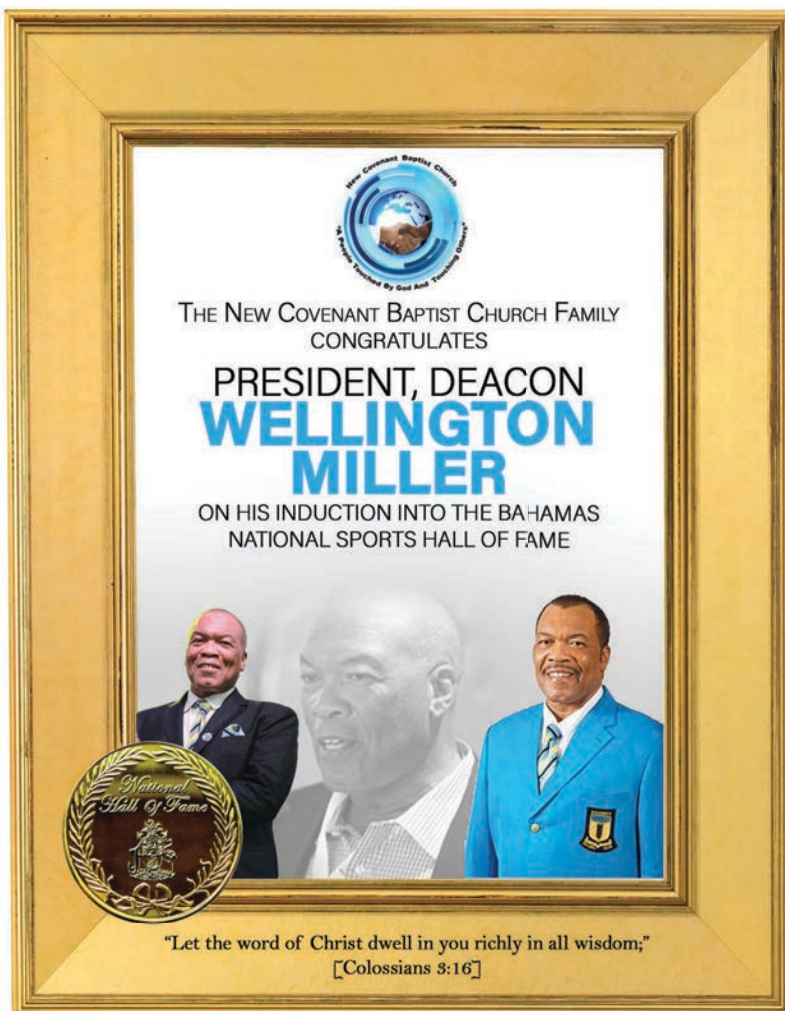
Terry spent several years as a coach at Mary Star and Bishop Michael Eldon (Freeport High) schools and was Director of Sports for the YMCA.

Goose's proudest moments were not just winning basketball titles but seeing his athletes become leading citizens of The Bahamas and in the development of sports.

Terry Wildgoose dedicated his life to using the vehicle of sport to drive honor and dignity among our youth, making boys men and contributors to our society.

Coach Wildgoose sacrificed beyond measure to better a people he so deeply cared about. He believed all people are important, and each deserve an opportunity.





Maxcine Darville

Congratulations on being inducted into The Bahamas National Sports Hall of Fame! Anyone can "talk the talk," but very few of us actually "walk the walk." I am thrilled to see your efforts being rewarded. As a witness to the work and effort it took to accomplish your goals, it gives me great inspiration to achieve my own goals in life. You should be incredibly proud of yourself for what you have accomplished. Your ambition is an inspiration, and I couldn't imagine a more deserving inductee!

From Malachi & Shannon



*Special Congratulations to
our beloved*

**MAXCINE
DARVILLE**

Your hard work and dedication has finally paid off. We salute you. From the whole family. May God continue to bless you.

Proverbs 3: 5-6



Maxine DARVILLE

Maxine Darville began her bodybuilding journey began about 30 years ago after she became mother to two wonderful children. Her goal was to drop the baby weight, which many women can relate too and ended up in a small but popular facility called Vonnie's Fitness Gym, which was located on Robinson Road. As she saw the impressive weight loss and tremendous physical changes to her body, Maxine became hooked on her fitness journey and wanted to do more and learn more about the sport.

She delved deeper into her newfound passion of sculpting her body, never realizing that other members were taking notice not only of the changes in my body and my naturally gifted physique, but they were even more impressed with my hunger and passion of wanting to improve every day. Not long thereafter, Maxine was approached by the gym owner and a few of its members encouraging me to enter my first bodybuilding competition. Nervous and flattered, I accepted the challenge and the rest became history.

The Miss Bahamas Novice Bodybuilding competition was her first show. Trusting the process and carefully following the plan and instructions of my coach every step of the way Maxine came out the victor of the 1987 Novice bodybuilding championship also walking away with the best physique award. Elated with this accomplishment she wanted more. She wanted women to see that lifting weights does not make you masculine but instead it enhances the body and makes it even more appealing.

After winning the Novice Championships, Maxine went on

to compete in the Bahamas National Championships. Not only did she win in 1987 but she went on to win the Overall Heavyweight title consecutively for the next 10 years. Additionally, she was also winning the Mixed couples award for the next seven years. Winning the National Championship qualified Maxine to participate in the CAC Championship where all the Caribbean countries compete for the overall title. Maxine was always a hard worker and never afraid of taking on a challenge. Her traits of being dedicated, committed and determined were key to her decade long record of success.

She went to represent the Bahamas at the CAC Games achieving three (3) gold medals, nine (9) silver medals and four (4) bronze medals. Even today these achievements are some of her proudest moments where she got to travel and represent her country on an international stage. As a bonus, Maxine gained more knowledge, experience and made lots of new friends.

When the CAC Games ended, she still wanted to do more so decided to venture to the USA to compete in shows where the competition would be even greater. Her first international show was the Guinness First Annual Iron Man Classic in 1992, where she again walked away with the Overall Champion Title. Maxine held the WNPFF Women's Natural Overall Heavyweight Champion title for five (5) consecutive years. She also represented the Bahamas at the Jan Tana NPC Norfolk Virginia Competition in 1995 where I won overall champion.

Now considered among the most accomplished and experienced female bodybuilders in the region, Maxine would go on to enter the prestigious and highly regarded competition, The Southern State Championship in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida in 1995. Maxine's finely sculpted body would dominate the stage and the score cards of the judges catapulting her to international stardom and into the pages of both Flex magazine and Muscle Magazine, two of the premier publications for bodybuilding and fitness.

Maxine's passion and drive allowed her to experience an incredible valuable journey that she is pleased to share as an inspiration to others.





Congratulations to our Classmate

**DR. PATRICIA
SYMONETTE**

Patricia

**on her Induction into the
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of Fame 2022**

**We always believed in you and
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DR. PATRICIA *Pat* SYMONETTE

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Sport is intrinsic to who I am. It's where I've always felt myself belonging, naturally. In the mid to late sixties, the term athlete hardly applied to females. I got used to being called a tomboy even though I did all the girly things as well. At Christmas time I would get dolls and tea-sets, but along with that would be a pair of Union-5 roller skates and a cowgirl outfit with killer boots. Being born in a family of athletes, as both my parents were, it helped that I had to be mentally tough surrounded by three brothers who were also athletes and had no mercy on me, regardless of what games/sports we played – even wrestling. I climbed trees, roller skated down Agusta Street Hill, played roundance with the kids in the neighborhood, and organized our own neighborhood sports competition. It was a way of play and life for me.

By the time I entered Xavier's College (upper school) having just turned 12 years of age, I was seasoned and conditioned. My mother always encouraged me to be active and supported my participation in sports, Brownies, Girl Guides, and other competitive activities. When I entered Form-3 at St. Augustine's College (SAC), Xaviers College (Upper School) became integrated with St. Augustine's College, my athletic career was fine-tuned under the tutelage of Mr. Leviticus Adderley (Uncle Lou) and Mr. Vincent Ferguson. This is really when competitive, organized sports took control of my life. I competed at the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior levels at SAC in basketball, softball, volleyball, track and field (high jump, long jump, team relays, and sprints, and threw the Shot-put).

At SAC, I served as House Captain for Bernard House, team captain for basketball and volleyball, pitched for SAC's Championship Softball team, and ran the 150 yards dash, and on each category relay teams. In my final year at SAC IN 1971, I achieved the honor of the Most Outstanding Female Athlete, as well as awards in academics.

SOFTBALL

In 1970 before graduating from SAC, I started competing in volleyball and softball in the Bankers League and Weekend League. I was the starting pitcher for Deltec Banking and in 1970 pitched the first ever no-hitter in The Bahamas Ladies Softball Association. This performance was against Bank of Nova Scotia with a score of

25-3. Following that performance, I pitched another no-hitter, this time against Chase Manhattan Bank. However, my team Deltec Bank lost that match by a score of 7-2. During the same season, I captured the Batting Title with a batting average of .500.

During the 1971 softball season, I pitched and played the in-field for the Tribune Blazers in the Bahamas Inter-Company and Departmental Softball Association. This team was perhaps one of the strongest in women's softball during this era. The Tribune Blazers won the National Championship that year. It was truly a team of all-stars with many members representing The Bahamas on the National Softball team. I had the opportunity and privilege to pitch for The Bahamas National Softball Team against Bermuda (in Bermuda) and secured a win for The Bahamas.

My softball career continued while pursuing undergraduate studies



at Howard University in Washington, D.C. on a full athletic scholarship in volleyball and basketball. Howard University did not have a women's varsity softball team at the time that I matriculated there. I was able to compete for the Sunset Sluggers (1978) in the Anheuser-Busch League and was selected to the All-Star Team as the team's pitcher with a 14-0 record. I pitched six games in two days, winning five, including four in one day to lead our team to victory in the Championships before boarding a plane to return home for summer vacation.

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball is a sport I love, and like softball, the foundation was laid at SAC. To represent The Bahamas on The Bahamas Volleyball Federation's Women's National team was an honor and a privilege once again. As a national team member, we travelled the Caribbean, South and Central Florida and competed in regional tournaments representing The Bahamas well. This exposure and experience proved to be instrumental in helping me to secure a dual sport scholarship to Howard University in Washington, D.C. Along with other Bahamian national volleyball team members (namely Margaret Albury and Winsome Davidson), Howard became a name to be reckoned with in women's volleyball in the D.C. Metropolitan area. During this time, we led the team to the MEAC Volleyball Championship. Our collective performance at Howard U. paved the way for other Bahamians to follow who also received full athletic scholarships.

BASKETBALL

Basketball was truly a family sport. All four of my brothers and two of my sisters played basketball in high school. In fact, my two older brothers played on the Bahamas Men's National Team. In addition to competing on the SAC varsity basketball team at both the junior and senior levels, I also played varsity basketball at Howard University at the point guard and small forward positions. My size and height were never an issue or a challenge, at least not for me. My academic demands at

Howard forced me to make a choice between volleyball and basketball. I chose volleyball, after playing for two years on the varsity basketball team, and finished my eligibility on the varsity volleyball team for the full four years of participation.

GOLF

I started playing golf while working on my graduate degree at Howard University, and at the same time working as a Sales/Marketing Representative for The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism (MOT) in Washington, D.C. While at Tourism, I was responsible for special interest markets (primarily sports) and was instrumental in organizing golfers from the D.C. Metropolitan to The Bahamas. While playing and competing in tournaments in the Mid-Atlantic Region, my golf game improved significantly. Upon returning home after completing my graduate studies, I was selected to the National Ladies Golf Team and represented The Bahamas in golf. I was also The Bahamas Ladies Amateur Golf Champion and competed in the Caribbean Amateur Golf Championships for The Bahamas.

After five decades of competing in sports, I continue to be very active in both golf and tennis from a competitive standpoint. I also find ways to give back.

BAHAMAS GAMES 2001 – Worked with the Organizing Committee and served as the Nutrition Consultant for the games.

BAHAMAS ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION (BADC) – Currently a member of the Board and served as a member of the Board for several terms. Certified as a Doping Control Officer (DCO) and was the first Bahamian to be selected to the Doping Control Teams for the Pan American Games (Toronto 2015) and the Olympic Games (Rio De Janeiro 2016) where I had the opportunity to serve as Doping Control Station Manager (on rotation) at the Games Athletes' Village. While serving on the BADC Board, I was responsible for testing and training of DCO's and Chaperones. I

have also tested at other international competitions held in The Bahamas, including the IAAF World Relays, The Commonwealth Games held in The Bahamas in 2018, and CARIFTA. Currently certified as an International Doping Control Officer.

BAHAMAS GOLF FEDERATION – Serving second term as a member of the BGF Executive Team. Currently serving as Chair of the Ladies Division.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL (HPC) – Served on the Board for two terms. Still volunteer services when requested, and currently serving on Ad Hoc Committee of HPC.

BAHAMAS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (BFA) – Volunteered with the BFA for many years, serving as nutrition consultant, team doctor for player health and wellness, and consultant for the FIFA Beach Soccer World Championships held in The Bahamas in 2017, with responsibility for organizing the medical and doping control coverage for the Championships.

BAHAMAS CRICKET ASSOCIATION – Provided nutrition guidance to the national team prior to travel for international competition last year (2021).

INDIVIDUAL ATHLETES – Provide guidance and support to local athletes to help them improve their performance and gain a competitive advantage. This list is not all inclusive, but hopefully it provides a meaningful perspective of my commitment, efforts and involvement in building and promoting sports in The Bahamas and strengthening our reputation and brand on the international level.





Monique ELIZABETH LIGHTBOURNE -LEARY

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Mrs. Monique Leary is married to Mr. Christopher Leary. They are blessed with three (3) beautiful sons: Christopher Jr., Twins Jonathan, and Jordan Leary; however, she has mentored and supported hundreds of young people in pursuing their educational goals and careers. She attends St. Paul's Methodist Church and is a member of the Praise Team, Choir, and Church Steward.

Educational background: Associate Degree in Business Administration, Bachelor's Degree in Business Management, Executive Master's Degree – in Business Administration, Certified Corporate Trainer, Certified E-Learning Instructor, Certified USA Silver Level Bowling Coach, and a Certified Anti-Doping Officer.

Currently employed with the Ministry of Youth, Sports, and Culture (Grand Bahama Division) as a Cultural Affairs Officer. The Proprietor of Jewels Management and Mon-Q Solutions, a Motivational Speaker, Trainer, Financial Analyst, and an Organizational Specialist.

In the bowling sporting arena, won many international and national bowling championships, Bahamas National Champion – 3 consecutive years (her most pride and joy). She sits on many international sporting boards, was a member of the International Women in Sports Committee (FIQ), and has many honors in the beautiful sport of bowling – locally and internationally. Given the opportunity to travel globally

representing the Bahamas – stepping onto every continent, gaining tremendous knowledge and experience spanning over 40 years.

Notable Awards and Honors and accomplishments:

- Bahamas Women in Sports
- Government House recognition – Cultural
- Community & Training
- Mentorship
- Sports and Project Management, Marketing & Administration (Variety of Sporting arenas)
- Augusta Bowling Open Doubles Championship (USA) (Gold medal)
- Commonwealth Games Invitational (Canada) Doubles Division (Bronze medal)
- Bowler of the Year (Grand Bahama Women's Bowling Association)
- Bowler of the Month (Grand Bahama Women's Bowling Association)
- Bahamas National Champion (3 – consecutive years) 1993, 1994, 1995
- Mixed Bowling League Champions: Monday Night Winterset, Tuesday Night Mixers & Wednesday Night Early Bird Bowling League.
- President of the G. B. Women's Bowling Association

tion (4 years)

- Advance Bowling Institute – Certified Trainer 1995
- United States Bowling Congress – Certified Coach (Silver Level) 2000
- Pan-American Bowling Confederation (PABCON) – IOC Certification Course El Salvador 2009
- First Woman to Bowl in the USBC Open Championship (men only for decades)
- Bahamas National Team Member (8 years)
 - FIQ Zone Championships
 - FIQ World Championships
 - Tournament of Americas
 - AMF World Cup
 - Island Championships
 - American Bowling Congress Championships (ABC)
 - Women's Int'l Bowling



Congress Championship
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- Pan American Games
- Commonwealth Games
- Bahamas National Team Head Coach (10 years)
- Training Clinics – hosted beginners, intermediate and advance (2007 – 2013)
- League & Tournament Coordinator/Administration
- Bahamas Bowling Federation Junior Program Coordinator
- President Bahamas Bowling Federation (7 years) 2005 – 2012
- Design the new Federation emblem (2005)
- Move legislation to change Federation status from Amateur to International status:
- Bahamas Olympic Committee – Associate member
- World Ten Pin Bowling Association - full membership
- Name change from Bahamas Federation of Amateur Bowlers (BFAB) to Bahamas Bowling Federation (BBF)
- Establish – Federation Website
- Live Streaming (Media Platform) – National Championships
- Develop and establish the new National Team Code of Conduct
- Establish Bowler's Hall of Fame (2007)
- Vice President (American Zone) Commonwealth Ten Pin Federation (2011- present)
- World Ten Pin Association (WTBA)/FIQ Women and Sports Committee - (2012 – Present)
- Bahamas Olympic Committee – “Women In Sports Honoree” – October 2013

Other Interest: Pilot International/
Pilot Club of Lucaya, Anchor Clubs
(Service Organization); assisted
with many community
projects, mentoring stu-
dents in the perform-
ing arts platform
- community choirs
for special projects,

coordinator for National events
and cultural exchanges. Event and
Organizational Planner on many
community projects nationally and
internationally; God's Pantry – assist-
ing families in need without publicity
(Special project).

The new passion is now focusing on the
environment and the effects of climate
change – how we, as Bahamians, can
make a difference in protecting our
planet and our beloved country.

Hobbies interests include all sporting
disciplines, music, photography, sew-
ing, baking, traveling, and networking
by meeting interesting people.

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as long as you have the right
people, a great plan, and the right
equipment.” Paul Cramer, CFE, Clas-
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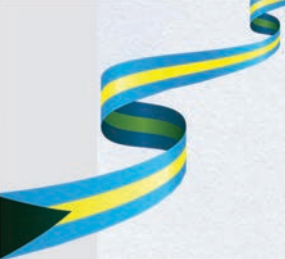


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The Golden GIRLS

Fresh out of high school were Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie and Savatheda Fynes-Coke were fresh out of high school. Chandra Sturup was winning collegiate titles at Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Virginia, and Pauline Davis-Thompson was doing her best to coerce Eldece Clarke to come out of retirement and aid the relay cause.

The vision was an Olympic gold medal and the time period was the early '90s.

It took two Olympiads for the dream to be realized, but it showed that anything is possible for Bahamian track and field

and started a renaissance of the sport at the highest level globally for The Bahamas. To date, it is arguably the greatest race in Bahamian history. It's been 22 years since that historic gold medal-winning run at the Sydney Olympic Games by The Bahamas' Golden Girls – Fynes-Coke, Sturup, Davis-Thompson and Ferguson-McKenzie, in that order with Clarke as the substitute having run in the heats.

The times in successive years of 1999 and 2000, in winning gold at the world championships and Olympics, 41.92 and 41.95 seconds, respectively, still stand today as the two fastest times for any female quartet in the one-lap relay in Bahamian history. Producing five women who were running really fast during that time, having three of them make the final of the women's 100m at the Sydney Olympic Games, The Bahamas went on

to win gold in the women's 4×100 meters (m) relay at those same Olympics in 41.95 seconds. Jamaica, led by the grand dame of track and field Merlene Ottey, as she was called, finished second in 42.13 seconds, and the United States, anchored by the drug-tainted Marion Jones, settled for the bronze in 42.20 seconds.

Indeed it was not an easy process, as they would stand on the street corners of New Providence to solicit support to training intensely and aggressively to produce the desired times. The Bahamas' Golden Girls shocked the world and won silver behind the United States in the women's 4x100m relay at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia. It was totally unexpected at the time, but it proved to the world that they were coming. Initially, it was anticipated that they could make the final and contend for a medal but the silver was expected to be a



long shot, particularly with nations like the United States, Jamaica, France, Russia, Nigeria and Great Britain competing.

After that, the team was a disappointing sixth at the 1997 World Championships in Athens, Greece, but then bounced back two years later and shocked the world again, winning gold at the 1999 World Championships in Seville, Spain. It was a prelude of things to come for 2000, and almost every Bahamian could remember where they were and what they were doing when they crossed the finish line first in Sydney for Olympic gold.

Davis-Thompson, herself, is the gold medalist from the 200m at those Olympics. She crossed the finish line in second place in that race but was awarded the gold medal years later after Jones was stripped for doping.

Reminiscing on the relay, she said she just ran as hard as she could on that third leg, following Ferguson-McKen-

zie to the finish line. She could be seen on videos of the race, behind Ferguson-McKenzie, leaping for joy after she realized they had won.

When the Girls beat the American in 1999, it was felt the world still did not respect their performance as was deserved so they purposed to do it again the following year in front of the whole world. Ferguson-McKenzie, is currently an assistant coach at the University of Kentucky, serving under Head Coach Rolando "Lonnie" Greene, another Bahamian. Fynes-Coke, lives and coaches college athletics in New Jersey, and Sturrup, coaches high school athletics in Raleigh, North Carolina. Former International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) Council Member Davis-Thompson, is a consultant with the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture and just completed publishing her autobiography. Meanwhile Clarke, is working at the Ministry of Tourism.

For their outstanding and commemo-

rative performance, the Golden Girls were gifted with parcels of land and cash grants.

Sturrup still owns the national record of 10.84 seconds; Fynes and Ferguson-McKenzie are both timed at 10.91 seconds; Clarke has stopped the clock at 10.96 seconds; and Davis-Thompson has a personal best of 10.97 seconds.



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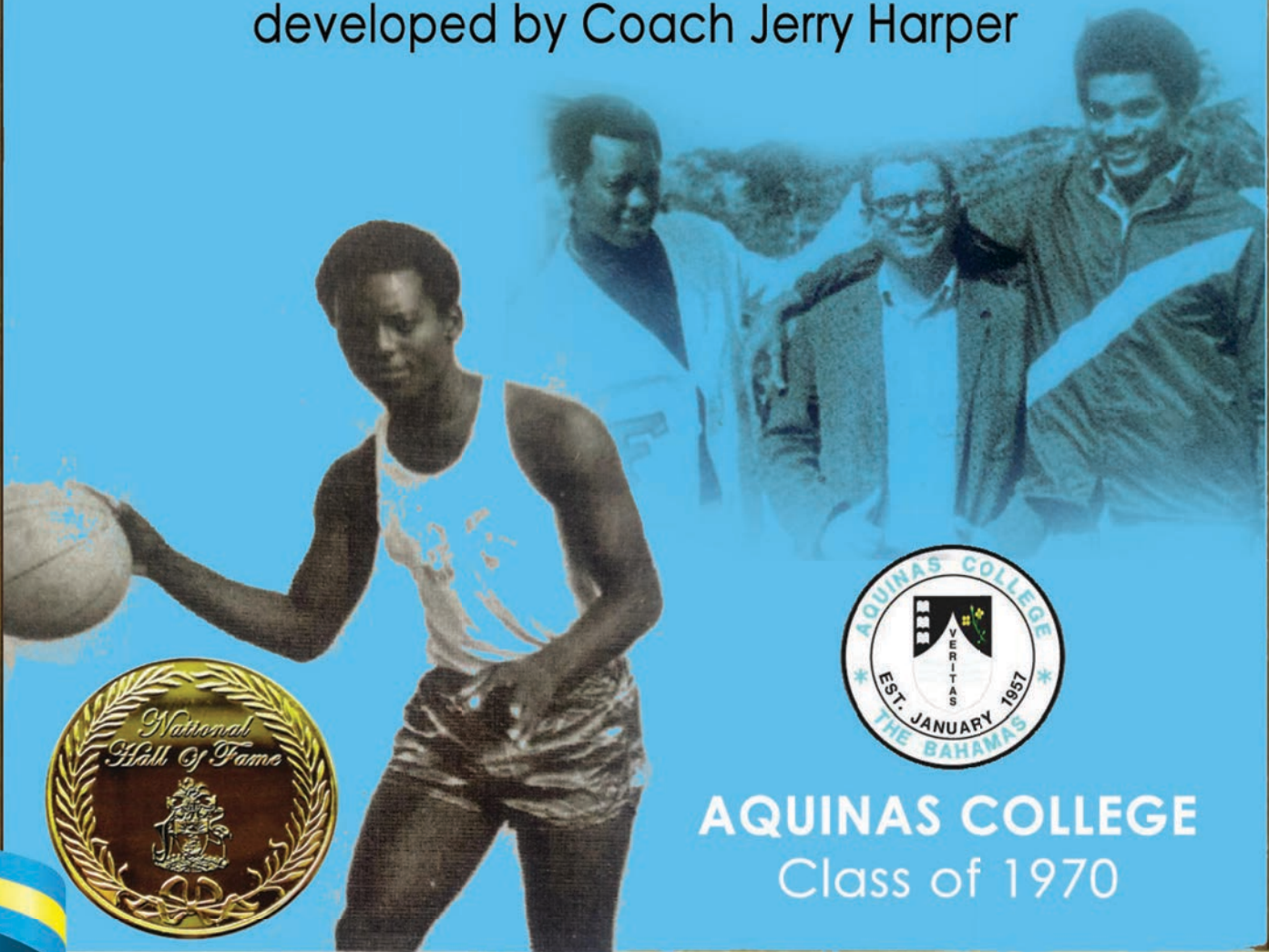
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Fredrick ALONZO LAING

Mr. Fredrick Alonzo Laing was born On November 22, 1951 in Nassau Bahamas.

His basketball career began in 1966 when he played with Rockey Cougars Junior Team. He continued to excel at the game of basketball and later attended Aquinas College (1968-1970) where he competed against teams from Florida, New Hampshire, Local senior teams.

Upon graduating from Aquinas College he attended Kitrell College where he played basketball from 1970-1972.

Mr. Laing represented The Bahamas on Numerous National Teams; unfortunately his Career as a player ended with an injury that occurred in 1976 against Canadian National Team.

However, this did not stop his passion for the sport. Mr. Laing redirected his skill set and Coached in the B division. He Coached Resort International Basketball team for hotel league for 2 years.

Mr. Laing attained his associates degree in hotel management from Miami Dade College and continued his studies at The University of the West Indies where he achieved a Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Tourism Management.

Mr. Laing has extensive experience in the hospitality field working at Resort International

(1973-79) in the Accounting department, as manager in the Sales Department at Ocean Reef Time Share Resort. Freeport, Grand Bahama (1980-83), at The Lyford Cay Club in Food and Beverage where he was in control of the wine cellar and stores (1985-1996).

Later on in his career Mr. Laing worked at Bristol Wines & Spirits in the Sales and Marketing Department as wine brand manager 2003-2021.

Outside of Hospitality, Mr. Laing also worked at Neymour Construction as a Manager on multiple Road building projects on various islands including the Nassau Road improvement project. 1977-2002.

Mr. Laing is a devoted Baptist who recently retired. He has five sons Rico, Marvin, Khalif, Dominic and Frederick, Three granddaughters Afrianna, Jordyn, Milan and two grandsons Erin and Raja Laing.



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Wellington MILLER

Wellington Miller was born in the Settlement of Conch Sound on the island of Andros, to the late Mary Woodside Miller and Charles Miller.

Education

He was first educated at Auntie Marion Kindergarten School in Mastic Point, Andros. From there he went to the Public School in Nichols Town, Andros, where he obtained five BJC's and then moved on to the Nassau Technical College in New Providence:- At NTC, Wellington was certified in Electrical Installation. But he was not satisfied and went on to receive additional educational courses. One of which landed him a job as a Night Auditor at the then called Sheraton British Colonial Hotel. Following a two-year stint, Wellington moved to the Nassau Beach Hotel, and remained there for two years before joining the Bahamas Government Service in the Immigration Department.

Employment

It was at Bahamas Immigration that Wellington started a career in the Public Service and went on to attain the rank of Senior Immigration Officer over the course of 33 years. During that time, he furthered his education and traveled the world and the Family Islands, gaining knowledge and expertise in this vital department of the Government that would lay the foundation of what was to come.

Wellington then transferred to the Ministry of Sports and eventually retired from the Government after more than 43 years in the Public Service.

Church

Wellington Miller is a devout Christian and has participated heavily in his church at New Covenant Baptist Church from 1982 to the present and is also involved

in the Baptist movement in the Bahamas. His role has been so diverse which included his initial involvement as a bus driver for the church for 14 years. He was then President of the Young Boys Ministry for 14 years as well, and mentored young boys, helping to change the lives of so many. His teaching and mentoring programs in the church was so instrumental in helping, that the church named him as the Man of the Year in 2000.

Presently he is an Executive in the National Baptist Men's Department and is also serving as the President of Bethel Baptist Men's Association. He indeed finds time to teach Junior Church at New Covenant Baptist Church to this day.

Sport

At an early age, Wellington showed prowess as an athlete. From his school days Wellington participated in all inter-school sports on the island of Andros. He was also part of the founding members that organized a Baseball League on the island, where he played until 1970 and then moved to Nassau.

His love was basically for all sports, but his real love was Boxing. He developed his skills and talents and achieved some of his most memorable moments when he represented the Bahamas at international competition in Boxing on numerous occasion.

Then in 1984, Wellington became President of the Bahamas Amateur Boxing Association and served until 1994. He then stepped down to spend more time with his young family.

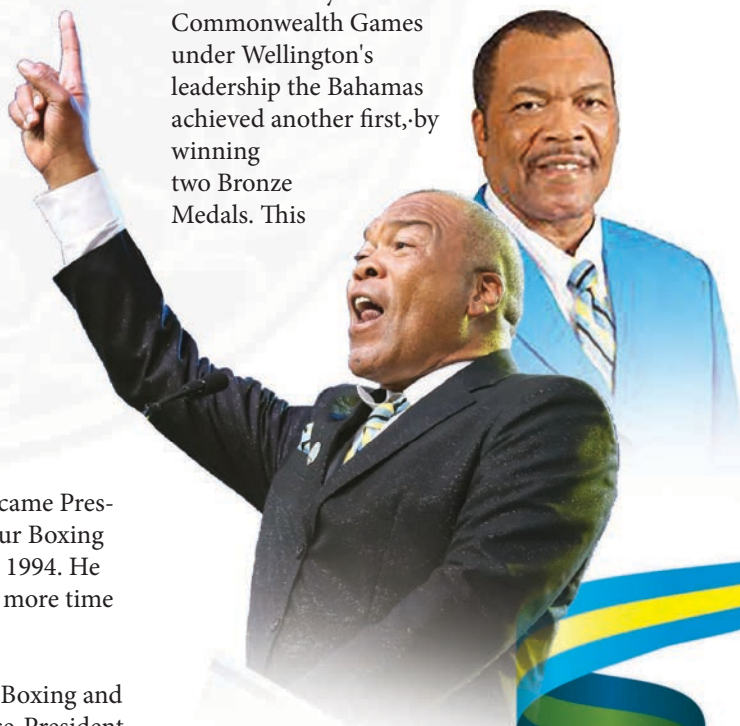
Wellington later returned to Boxing and in 1998 he was elected as Vice-President

of the Boxing Association. In 2000 he was re-elected as President of the Bahamas Boxing Association and served until 2018 when he retired.

It was during this time that the Boxing Association of the Bahamas really started to grow and participated at many more international events, giving boxers more exposure through the Association and helping them sharpen their skills.

Boxing became a prestigious sport through the leadership of Wellington and the Bahamas attained many first in Boxing internationally than ever before. The Bahamas Boxing Federation was the first Federation in the Bahamas to win two Caribbean Championships back-to-back, 2002 and 2003. In 2003, The Bahamas the Games for the second time.

In 2010 the Bahamas made history by winning its first Gold Medal at the Central American and Caribbean Games. And later that year at the Commonwealth Games under Wellington's leadership the Bahamas achieved another first, by winning two Bronze Medals. This



feat was again topped when the Bahamas won a Silver Medal at the Pan American Games in 2011.

Bahamas Olympic Committee

Wellington Miller was not done, his legacy in sports in the Bahamas was just beginning to move to new heights never envisioned by him or his peers. As president of the Bahamas Boxing Federation, Wellington was then elected to the prestigious Bahamas Olympic Association as a Vice-President in 2002. Then the near impossible happened. The president of the Bahamas Olympic Association who head the helm of that organization for more than 36 years, was slated to run for president again, but this time against Wellington Miller. As fate would have it, Wellington won the presidency of the most prestigious sporting body in the Bahamas in 2008. It was now time for a new day and Wellington was elected to make those changes along with a new team of executives.

It started with the re-branding of the Bahamas Olympic Association and Wellington and his team successfully moved the Association to a new spacious headquarters and employed full time staff. Athletes and Coaches were given scholarships to further their education and expertise through the Olympic Solidarity. It was truly a new day. In alignment with the International Olympic Committee, The Bahamas Olympic Association became the Bahamas Olympic Committee. It was a hard-fought battle to make all the necessary changes, but Wellington Miller was trained for a time such as this.

Wellington and his team were challenged to make the difference in sports and as a result the coming of age in sports was birthed. The Bahamas went on to record so many firsts and became known as a sports power in the world, especially following winning the Olympic Gold by the Men's 4x4 Relay team in London England in 2012, and Shaunae Miller winning the Women's 400M in the 2016 Olympics. THE BAHAMAS Olympic Committee under the presidency of Wellington who was elected for a second term will go down in the annals of Bahamian History in Sports as our major turning point.

The Bahamas Olympic Committee, as it was now called, established so many sporting ventures that it will take a book to record all. But some of Wellington's proudest moments as President was in 2014 with the

Honoring of Sir Durward Knowles and Cecil Cooke's 50th Anniversary of winning The Bahamas' first Olympic Gold Medal in Tokyo Japan in 1964. That event which was attended Prime Minister of The Bahamas and other international and local sporting giants including the IOC, will serve as a benchmark for years to come. Other notables that Wellington achieved as President included the hosting of the first time ever in our history the 6th Commonwealth Youth Games in 2017, with over one thousand five hundred athletes and coaches from sixty-five Commonwealth countries. This was an achievement second only to hosting an Olympic Games.

Wellington and his executives have established a sports legacy.

Wellington was invited to serve on the Coordination Committee for the Pan Games in 2015 in Toronto, Canada, a first for our Bahamas. He was also invited to serve on the Pan American Technical Committee for the Pan American Games in Lima Peru in 2019, also another first for the Bahamas. His accolades

He served as a Board member with the National Sports Authority here in the Bahamas from 2012 to 2020. Wellington and his team challenged and successfully gained the Bahamas rightful Bronze Medal in the 4X4 Men's 400m Relay Team at the 2000 Olympic Games in Australia after the country that also finished ahead of the Bahamas tested positive for a banned substances.

And on of the crowning achievements was getting the Gold Medal for The Bahamas when Pauline Davis came in second behind the country that was again tested positive for banned substances.

Credit must also be given for the battles Wellington and his executives undertook in successfully getting The Bahamas its rightful position of winning a bronze medal for the swimming team, when the Country that came in ahead of The Bahamas tested positive for banned substances at the 2007 Pan American Games in Brazil.

Wellington has traveled to dozens of countries all over the world representing The Bahamas in capacity as President of the Bahamas Olympic Committee. He was a trailblazer abroad and at home, especially with the BOC hosting the first ever tribute to our outstanding Women in Sports in 2013 at a Special 40th Independence Anniversary Luncheon. Such notables honored were the late Betty Cole, Cynthia "Mother" Pratt and many other outstanding Bahamian Women in Sports to celebrate our 40th Independence.

Then there was the First ever Grand Bahama Youth Olympic Games and the first ever Andros Olympic Fun/Run/Walk event. All these and more were just some of the many other notable events that were held under his presidency.

In 2016 The Bahamas held the Commonwealth Games Association Regional Meeting of the Americas and the Caribbean that was another first in our sporting history ..

In 2020, Wellington was honored by the Women in Sports Committee for his outstanding contribution to women in sports in the Bahamas.

Wellington Miller served two-terms in the re-branded Bahamas Olympic Committee and lived up to all the changes and challenges that they faced. The BOC has established itself as the leader in sports organizers and have the complete backing of the Bahamas Government and the International Olympic Committee, thanks to its former president Wellington Miller, who became president of that august body at the right time in our history.

Whats next for Wellington Miller is anybody's guess as his experience and talents can be most beneficial to many areas of our country. We anxiously look forward to what's next.





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Ministry of Youth, Sports And Culture, Extends Condolences To The Family of Former Deputy Director of Sports

Mr. Kevin Colebrooke



On behalf of the admin-

istrative and technical staff of all Departments of this Ministry, we offer gratitude for the tremendous contributions rendered to national sports development by our retired colleague and our fallen immediate past Deputy Director of Sports and the husband of our Permanent Secretary, Mrs. Cora Bain-Colebrooke, the late Kevin Colebrooke.

A graduate of St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, North Carolina, Kevin was an outstanding track and field athlete of the 1980's. He joined the Public Service as a member of staff of the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture on the 2nd of March, 1981, where he spent his entire

career of 38 years contributing to the development of sports in The Bahamas.

For throughout his tenure in the Department of Sports of this Ministry, Mr. Colebrooke honestly pursued the profession to which he aspired, and when he faced challenges in realizing those aspirations, he painstakingly created the framework for achieving them in whatever the capacity of his service. Mr. Colebrooke consistently exhibited such a constructive approach throughout his years of productive service, beginning from his entry in this Ministry as a youthful Sports Officer, in what was

then the newly-minted Department of Sports, which was under the supervision of the founding Director of Sports, Winston "Gus" Cooper, a pioneer in this country's quest towards national sports development.

In such a regard, Kevin also proved himself to be another revolutionary figure in national development through sports. For in his extended tenure with my Ministry, he himself, serving as the liaison officer for a number of national Core Sport Associations and Federations, among which were Golf, Table Games, Rugby, Swimming and the Royal Life Guard Association. His ultimate focus centred on Swimming / Life Guarding however, no doubt a reflection of his keen interest in the propagation of that sport in a country two-thirds of which is comprised of water but as much two-thirds of its youth unable to swim.

Perhaps further reflection of Kevin's passion for growing the sport of swimming is reflected in his joyous acceptance of his assignment to dedicate himself to representing the interests of the Department of Sports by understudying all aspects of the construction of the Betty Kelly Kenning National Swim Complex at the Queen Elizabeth Sports Center in 2010. In assuming such a demanding task, he inhabited the construction site from start to finish, resulting in him becoming intensely familiar with all the many complexities of that facility's computerized infrastructure,

all its systems of operation and all best practices in an ordained maintenance programme.

Equally as nationally notable is that Kevin was more than supportive of

the decision by the late Betty Kelly Kenning, a genuine nationalist who maintained her pledge to construct the National Swim Complex, undeterred by the escalation in the cost of completing the project, from the initial \$3.5 Million to \$5.0 Million and then to \$7.5 Million. No doubt such determination to complete the project emanated from her personal experiences and exploits as a member of this country's first national swim teams in the early days of the 1940's. Likewise was Kevin in Kelly-Kenning's confidence when she eschewed kinetic lobbying to instead construct the Swim Complex on a private school property some miles to the east, away from the densely population centers surrounding the Queen Elizabeth Sports Center.

Conclusively then, in the course of his superlative career, Kevin played a major role in the organization and execution of every Bahamas Games held in 1989, 1991, 1995, 1998, and in 2001, and was actively engaged with the planning of the Golden Jubilee Bahamas Games scheduled for 2023. Kevin also provided the impetus for the Bahamas to host the Junior Commonwealth Games in 2017. Also, he implemented a number of developmental programmes at the National Swim Complex and provided the framework for many others.

Among them were:

- Learn-to-Swim programme for all Public School pupils.
- Learn-to-Swim programme for Sports Ministry staff,
- Learn-to-Swim programme for employees of the wider Public Service.
- Development of public programmes promoting water safety.

- Hosting of courses in Life Guarding and Water Safety.
- Hosting of Summer Learn to Swim Programmes for Adults.
- - Development plans for an Annual Inter Community/Constituency Summer Swim Championships.
- Liaison Relations with the Royal Life Guard Society.
- Relations with the Bahamas Red Cross.
- Study and proposals for the development of proper swim facilities in select Family Islands and,
- Liaison Relations with the national swim community and with both local Olympic Sailing Clubs.

In closing then, our prayer is that the entire Ministry and the national sports community join with us in committing into the bosom of The Almighty, the soul of our brother and colleague, Mr. Kevin Colebrooke. Thank you in advance for your kindest consideration for his dear wife and our esteemed colleague, Mrs. Cora Bain-Colebrooke, his daughters, and members of their extended families. Thank you for your usual consideration and firm support.

May his soul rest in peace.

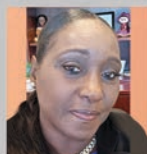


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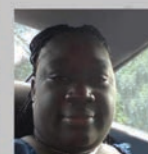
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