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We are inspired by your commitment to excellence;
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We Congratulate our Hotelier of the Year, all Cacique Nominees and Winners!





Minister of Tourism Message

Tourism is a relentless enterprise requiring the efforts of a well calibrated team. This evening, as a country, we pause, in the much anticipated gala ceremony of the 17th Cacique Awards, to celebrate those members of our national tourism team, individuals and organizations, who have distinguished themselves in the consistent delivery of excellent service and products.

The role of the Cacique Awards in rewarding excellence in tourism has become even more critical today. To rise above the crosswinds of global and regional tourism competition, we are compelled to dig deeper into our reservoir of excellence, to deliver services and products that exceed all expectations. In reviewing the profiles of the finalists among the 110 nominees for the 17th Cacique Awards, it is clear that the imperative of excellence is fast becoming the norm among practitioners of tourism in every sector of our industry.

Tonight, we applaud long and hard the front runners of excellence in each of the 18 categories of the Cacique Awards. You hail from across the spectrum of our tourism and hospitality sector: transportation providers, artisans, hotel managers, waiters and bartenders, tourism developers, special events maestros, airline service providers.... Your platinum standard of performance sets the benchmark to which we all must strive.

A nugget of wisdom bequeathed to us by the Aristotle, the Greek Philosopher states that "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit". This tenet of wisdom sums up superbly the intent of the Cacique Awards. These Awards seek to put excellence on a pedestal so that excellence becomes the quality that suffuses the daily work of all who labour in the Bahamian tourism industry.

I take this opportunity to thank all of you who put your hands to the wheel in all sectors of our tourism industry throughout the length and breadth of our archipelago. To those of you who tonight join the elite fraternity of Cacique Award recipients, we offer heart-felt congratulations. You have set the pace for all of us – the pace of excellence.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Obie Wilchcombe'.

Hon. Obie Wilchcombe, MP
Minister of Tourism

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Cacique Awards Chairman Message

As the recently appointed Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Tourism, I am delighted to serve as Chairman of the prestigious 17th Cacique Awards; to oversee the coordination of the exciting biennial event that brings to the attention of the nation the men and women- the players as it were- who are the foundation of the Brand we call The Islands Of The Bahamas.

Close to two thirds of our work force are employed in tourism and hospitality. You work day after day in your sector of a nation wide industry that sustains our economy. The vast majority of you perform your duties with dedication and pride, often going beyond what is required of you. Excellence in performance does not go long before attracting the attention of those around you. A nomination for a Cacique Award is, in and of itself, a tribute to the quality of your performance. To be considered for nomination for this esteemed award signals you as belonging to the vanguard of those who preserve “better” in our destination’s motto, “It’s Better In The Bahamas”.

I congratulate the staff at the Ministry of Tourism who go beyond the call of duty to ensure that these award ceremonies are properly planned, staged and facilitated. I congratulate the nominees and the winners of the 17th Annual Cacique Awards, who again demonstrate for us the integrity of Bahamian hospitality and the dignity with which we provide service.

Cacique is comprehensive in its scope, encompassing all of the eligible and important sectors and integral roles of our tourism and hospitality industry. The transparent, fair and democratic process of selection of the Awards ensures that importance, recognition and appreciation are accorded to every due component of our formidable tourism engine.

Over the preceeding two years, parts of our country have been challenged with the impact of high intensity hurricanes. Many of those who work in our number industry have had to re-construct, refurbish and reinvent. We applaud their tenacity and their resilience. Our industry is re-emerging better and brighter.

The Cacique Awards are the driver of an overall ethic of excellence that is taking hold of our industry countrywide. Again, we applaud the winners of the 17th Cacique Awards who are the champions of excellence.

Charles Albury
The Chairman of the Cacique Awards
Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Tourism

Cacique Awards

History and Emblems

Cacique Awards Purpose

The purpose of the Cacique Awards is to recognize the roles played by those individuals and organizations whose performance or products have consistently made a positive impact on the quality and the growth of tourism in The Bahamas. The Cacique Awards have an illustrious foundation in the National Tourism Achievement Awards and the Bahamas Hotel Association Awards.

History of Cacique

Leaders in Bahamian tourism assumed a name fit for a king – Cacique. This name has received the highest respect for hundreds of years. And it is now recognized as the highest honor for tourism in The Bahamas.

The Annual Cacique Awards, initiated in 1995, is used to reward those who have proven to be the most outstanding leaders in tourism.

The first Bahamians, the Lucayans, called their leader Cacique. As the supreme figure of authority, the Cacique would administer justice, resolve disputes, issue decrees and receive visitors in much the same way as a leader today.

The use of the name Cacique also pays tribute to the original inhabitants of The Bahamas, who greeted the first European

visitors with great warmth. The Cacique Awards serve as a reminder that the tradition of hospitality continues to be strong in The Bahamas, even up to this day.

Seat of Power

Another historic Lucayan symbol is the main element in Cacique Award trophies. The Lucayan Chief's seat of power – the duho – sits atop the trophies.

A Lucayan Cacique would hold official meetings and perform ceremonial functions while seated on an intricately carved stool, the duho. The Bahamas Hotel Association contributed the design of the duho to the Cacique Awards when the hotel industry awards were incorporated into the national tourism honors program in 1996.





President Bahamas Hotel & Tourism Association Message

Since the inaugural event came to fruition in 1995, the Cacique Awards have been considered by many to be the most prestigious awards ceremony in the country. The black-tie, red carpet style event attracts hundreds of people from all facets of the industry. Employers, fellow employees, family and friends come out to support their "choice recipient"; industry professionals, executives, salespersons, artisans, musicians; lifetime achievers who are to be recognized for their dedication and contribution to the tourism industry.

This Award plays an integral role in highlighting the fact that everyone matters in the tourism industry. The Cacique Awards finalists and winners exemplify qualities such as service excellence, integrity and commitment. However, the Award goes beyond recognizing great service and performance. It extols the achievements of persons we are proud to celebrate, admire and emulate.

The Bahamas Hotel and Tourism Association is proud to be a part of the Cacique Awards. We congratulate the nominees, finalists and the winners, their families, friends and work comrades. We would like to acknowledge the employers, who have taken the time to proudly put forth nominees. Your effort to acknowledge the best of the best in your respective organizations is commendable. Finally, I would like to offer our sincere gratitude to the cadre of judges who have had the difficult task of reviewing all of the nominees to determine the list of finalists and ultimately the winner of each category; thank you for your time, your expertise and your passion in this endeavor to recognize the best in Industry!

Carlton D. Russell
President
Bahamas Hotel and Tourism Association

The Business of Tourism

The business of Tourism in The Bahamas began in earnest more than 50 years ago when Sir Stafford Sands became the chairman of the then Bahamas Development Board, which would later become the Ministry of Tourism. He and real estate mogul H.G. Christie believed that The Bahamas should be positioned as a destination to attract the wealthy and persons looking for second homes in paradise. When Sir Stafford became chairman, The Bahamas annually welcomed a mere 32,018 visitors. However, with the introduction of the Hotels Encouragement Act of 1948, that all soon changed. By the 1950s, The Bahamas' tourism product began to take shape as many rooms were being added to its inventory. Throughout this decade, The Bahamas sold sun, sand and sea.

While hotels were erected in several areas of New Providence, they were also being constructed in Grand Bahama, Eleuthera and Abaco. Throughout the archipelago, foreign investors developed Tourism even further in the Family Islands by focusing on marinas, boutique hotels and lodges.

In the 60s, Sir Stafford and the UBP government of the day recognized that The Bahamas needed to sell more than sun, sand and sea. And so, Freeport, known as "Magic City," and Hog Island, which would later become Paradise Island, became the gambling meccas of The Bahamas.

By the mid 70s, the country's Tourism product had grown tremendously, so much so that The Bahamas visitor arrivals exceeded one million tourists.

The cruise ship industry would lend another boost to

Tourism, which became The Bahamas' number one industry. The cruise ships carved out a niche in the Tourism industry that would become one of its most valuable sectors. Cruise ships have taken advantage of The Bahamas' proximity to the United States by making the destination a must stop on their itineraries.

Bahamians took notice and thousands began to shape their livelihoods around the bustling industry. Generations of Bahamians were trained in the numerous sectors of the hospitality industry. Those would include transportation, guest services, culinary, straw vendors, hair braiders, woodcarvers, recreational activities and even opening their homes to strangers to share Bahamian life.

Today, the business of Tourism continues to evolve. The Islands of The Bahamas, affectionately known as the Isles of June, have sold more than sun, sand and sea to the world over the past 50 years. Today, the country has over six million visitors and is one of the most sought after destinations in the world.

While many would say that The Bahamas' greatest advantage is its proximity to the United States, most agree that it is the warm, hospitable people of the industry that personify Bahamian tourism product.

Congratulations to all of the Finalists and Winners of The Cacique Awards 2017!



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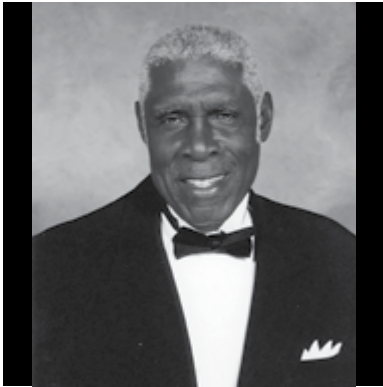
Over the past 22 years, Leisure Travel and Tours has mastered the art of ground transportation in The Bahamas. The company successfully transfers more than 60,000 passengers per month from various clients, including but not limited to Atlantis, Sandals Royal Bahamian, Lyford Cay Club, Melia, Carnival, Royal Caribbean, Norwegian, Disney, Princess and AIDA cruise lines and various destination services companies. Leisure Travel and Tours owns over 80 vehicles. These include passenger motor coaches and buses, ADA vans, luxury limousines, sedans, SUVs, luggage trucks and vans.

Southern Air *Charter Company Limited* *Nassau*

Southern Air Charter Company's operations commenced in fall 1998 with a five-seat Piper Aztec as the sole aircraft. In April 1999, the company acquired a nine-seat Navajo Chieftain thereby increasing its seat capacity by 200 percent. Southern Air has subsequently progressed to using the Beechcraft 19-seat airliner as the prime carrier of its fleet. The focus of the company is to provide reliable and timely scheduled air transport throughout The Bahamas, as well as providing on demand charters within the region including the United States. The company has regular scheduled service to North Eleuthera, Governor's Harbour, Deadman's Cay and Stella Maris on Long Island and Rum Cay.



Transportation



*Harry Strachan
Taxi Driver
Nassau*

Harry Strachan has been the unofficial ambassador of The Bahamas in the transportation sector for many years. However, his career in the Tourism industry began in 1957 when he worked at the Emerald Beach Hotel serving noted names like Sir Lynden Pindling, Sir Stafford Sands, Martin Luther King Jr. and Aretha Franklin, just to name a few. After leaving the hotel industry in the 1980s, he became a taxi driver. He served in the Bahamas Taxi Union in a number of capacities including vice president and trustee under the leadership of Pat Gomez and Oswald Nixon. Mr. Nixon said, "Harry has always served with excellence, dedication and integrity." Harry has contributed 32 years of service to the Tourism industry and continues to drive today.

*Captain Duke Davis
Briland Queen
Harbour Island*

Captain Duke Davis has contributed to the Tourism industry for many years as a water taxi driver. On the Briland Queen, Captain Davis services approximately 300 guests per day back and forth between North Eleuthera and Harbour Island between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. or later. Feedback from guests has been nothing but positive with comments that he acts not only as a driver, but also as a dynamic tour guide, as he is knowledgeable about the island's history and community at large.

*Milton 'Junior'
Strachan
Exuma*

Milton, who is affectionately known as 'Junior', began his career in the transportation industry as a taxi driver in Exuma in the 1960s. As the driver of Taxi #4, Junior showed kindness to all he would meet. Some years ago, he assisted an American citizen, who had no money in returning to the United States. The stranger, who eventually returned to Exuma, looked for Junior and rewarded him with a large sum of money. It was with these funds that Junior started Strachan's Aviation. His humanitarianism continues. Junior has done many generous acts, such as helping to light up Exuma's Airport runway and assisting with emergency flights to New Providence. As a taxi driver, he has transported noteworthy names, such as Bill Gates, Johnny Depp and Jimmy Buffet, just to name a few. Junior is known as a trailblazer in the Exuma community and an exceptional tourism ambassador.

Handicraft



Roganna Wilchcombe and Vernetta Frifft Grand Bahama

Roganna and Vernetta are the proprietors of Strawtacular Designs founded in West End, Grand Bahama. The sisters, who formed a partnership named Ro-Ve, grew up sewing for tourists as far back as 1978. Because of their love for country and indigenous items, their products are made from materials like coconut shells, seashells, rocks, corals and fans, which take their authentically made Bahamian products to the next level. Their products include handbags, clutches, portfolios, napkin rings, throw pillows and cushions. The products have been sold to tourists from the United States, Canada and Europe.

Currently, Vernetta and Roganna are respectively the president and vice president of the West End Craft Association. They are currently working to re-open the straw market in West End and hope to train Bahamians to mass produce products to straw vendors throughout The Bahamas.

Androsia Batik Factory Andros

The late Rosi Birch is the creator of the Androsia fabric - a vibrant, colourful fabric used to express not only the culture of Andros, but the culture of The Bahamas. Androsia Hand Made Batik was created in the 1960s and Ms. Birch held it close to her heart. The company has become an important employer of the people of Andros and continues to thrive today.

Veronica Ferguson Eleuthera

Veronica has been in the handicraft industry for over 30 years. She is a pioneer in the industry and one of the founding members of the Princess Cay Vendors Association. Her indigenous creations are made from material found in Eleuthera. Her shells and straw creations are unique and have been sold to tourists from all over the world. Veronica continues her work today and is dedicated to helping to train others.

Creative Arts



Junkanoo Commandos Nassau

Over the past 10 years, Junkanoo Commandos have been travelling internationally displaying the creative art of Junkanoo via performances and workshops. The group travels to two international shows per year showcasing The Bahamas' number one cultural expression. The group comprises all top participants of the Senior Junkanoo Parades. In 2010, the Junkanoo Commandos introduced a prize for best off the shoulder piece for high schools to assist children with fostering their creative skills. The group also donated 500 Junkanoo activity books called "Come do the Junkanoo" to the children of Stephen Dillet Primary for winning the primary school division.

In 2011, the group took its goal of education to Cat Island, where members held a number of workshops. This year, the Junkanoo Commandos plan to continue to take Junkanoo to the world by returning to the Brouhaha Festival in Liverpool, England.

Kevin Tomlinson Grand Bahama

Kevin Tomlinson is described as "a divinely-gifted" musician, songwriter, playwright, author, motivational speaker, television personality, youth mentor and entrepreneur. At 14-years-old, Mr. Tomlinson became the organist for the Mount Pleasant Green Baptist Church located on East and Quakoo Street. It was here where "Mr. T" (as he is affectionately called) became disciplined as a musician. Mr. Tomlinson composed the official school songs for A.F. Adderley Secondary School, The Sea Saw Christian Academy, the Temple Christian High School, The Sister Mary Patricia Russell Junior School, the Lucayan International School and numerous songs for Bishop Michael Eldon School.

He served as the music teacher for the Sea Saw Christian Academy, Temple Christian High School and Faith Temple High School. Mr. Tomlinson is the founder of the Grand Bahama Youth Choir Program, the Grand Bahama Performing Arts Center, the International Creative Arts Network (ICAN), which facilitate hundreds of young people throughout the island of Grand Bahama. Mr. Tomlinson is also the president of Majestic Sounds International Music publication/distribution company (MSI) and of Tomlinson Entertainment Management Co. Ltd.

Ruth Saunders Abaco

Ruth is the publisher and owner of the magazine Destination Abaco. Since 2003, the magazine continues to be the informational and promotional tool for all individuals seeking information on the Abacos. Ruth is also the owner of the Abaco Print Shop, Coordinator of Regatta Time in Abaco and Execuprint, which produces Destination Abaco. The magazine, which publishes 40,000 copies each quarter, is circulated through Bahamas Ministry of Tourism Offices in the United States, Canada and Europe.

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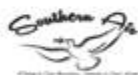


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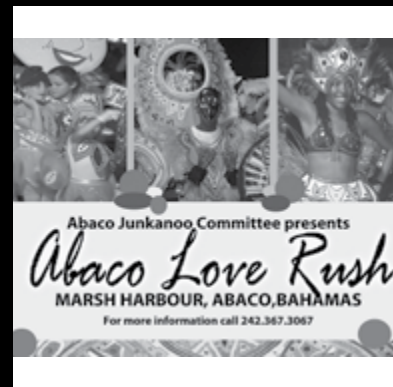
Special Events

Island Roots Heritage Festival *Abaco*

The Island Roots Heritage Festival is an annual event held on Green Turtle Cay to celebrate Bahamian history and culture as well as ties to Key West, Florida. Those ties go back as far as 1877 when many residents from Green Turtle Cay migrated to Key West establishing a permanent bond between the two towns. The event, which began in 2005, attracts with both to domestic and international tourists. A volunteer committee has organized the festival for the past 13 years. Some of the features of the event include a display of Bahamian art and craft, from fine art paintings to jewelry and straw work. Additionally, there are a number of musical performances and delicious Bahamian treats. The Island Roots Heritage Festival takes place the first weekend every May.

Abaco Love Rush *Junkanoo Parade* *Abaco*

The Abaco Love Rush Parade has grown tremendously since its inception in 2008. The idea behind the parade was to have a Junkanoo event that would not coincide with any other Junkanoo event on other islands during the spring break. Abaco is now the only island with a full weekend dedicated to the premier cultural expression. The event attracts both domestic and international tourists and brings business to hotels and rental companies. The Abaco Love Rush Junkanoo Parade brings the entire island together, from Moores Island and Sandy Point in the south to Grand Cay in the south and Crown Haven from the north. To date, this event can boast of 14 junior and five senior groups, which demonstrates that the festival's future is bright with in Abaco.

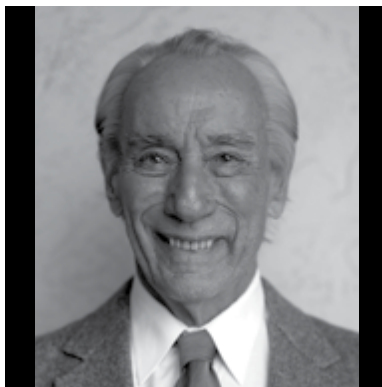


Cecil Rose Sports and Leisure



*Chris Brown
Nassau*

The Chris Brown Invitational is the brainchild of Olympian Chris 'Fireman' Brown, who has represented The Bahamas in the sport of track for more than 20 years. Originally from Eleuthera, Chris is perhaps one of The Bahamas' most decorated athletes having won a gold, a silver and two bronzes in different Olympics Games on different continents. In 2012, the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas named a street after him in his home of Wemyss Bight, Eleuthera. The Chris Brown Invitational, which was established in 2015, brought a number of world-class athletes to The Bahamas to compete and hold several training camps for youth. The event also gave The Bahamas exposure through the use of the Thomas A. Robinson Stadium which is also used for the IAAF World Relays.



*Neal Watson's
Bimini Scuba
Bimini*

Neal Watson, owner of Neal Watson's Undersea Adventures, opened his first dive center in The Bahamas in 1965. Over the years, Neal has worked as a commercial diver and stunt coordinator for the movie and TV industry, owned and operated hotels, an airline charter company and established a chain of Neal Watson's underwater sea franchise dive operations in The Bahamas. The Neal Watson's Bimini Scuba Center was opened in 1975. Additionally, Neal has worked numerous major motion pictures and appeared on television shows including 20/20, Inside Edition and The Today Show. Neal has set two world records in The Bahamas where he descended 437 feet and piloted the longest gyrocopter flight. Neal has also established the Great Hammerhead Shark Safari. For the past 20 years, Neal has served as President of the Bahamas Diving Association and helped to establish The Bahamas as a premier diving destination.



*Lincoln Jones
Abaco*

Lincoln Jones has been offering unique Bahamian experiences to tourists for over 30 years. During his island adventure, he hosts tourists to a fun-filled day of fishing, diving, snorkeling and a beach picnic. Lincoln, who is a native of Green Turtle Cay, takes guests where they catch their lunch followed by snorkeling in the beautiful reefs. Then it's on to "Lincoln Park" where he cleans and prepares the fresh fish. Visitors are able to interact with sharks, turtles and stingrays. Over the years, Lincoln has gotten many pleasing reviews with many guests saying, "Once is never enough".

Sustainable Tourism



Shaun Ingraham, One Eleuthera Foundation Eleuthera

Shaun Ingraham founded the One Eleuthera Foundation in 2008. The goal of the non-profit organization is to encourage South Eleutherans to take ownership of the island's natural assets, while providing a sustainable alternative development plan. Under its portfolio, One Eleuthera Foundation has preserved the historical Light House Point and other environmental and cultural assets. The organization is currently looking to purchase the Rock Sound Club, which has been abandoned for 30 years. One Eleuthera has received accolades from many local and international environmental agencies like the Bahamas National Trust, the Nature Conservancy; the Eleuthera School; Ministry of Tourism; BREEF, Leon Levy Native Plant Preserve; Pineapple Fields; Island Journeys; Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia; Cancer Society Eleuthera; Rotary; Susan G Komen and many more.

Friends of the Environment Abaco

Friends of the Environment's (FRIENDS) mission is to preserve and protect Abaco and its terrestrial environments in order to achieve sustainable living for wildlife and people of Abaco, Bahamas. To that end, FRIENDS has four program areas: habitats conservation, marine resources, litter and pollution and sustainability. FRIENDS' most recent accomplishment is the creation of the Frank Kenyon Centre for Research, Education and Conservation, which opened its doors in May 2015. The eight-bedroom facility was established to accommodate visiting researchers and school groups frequenting Abaco. More than 40 institutions have stayed at the Kenyon Centre and over 21 research projects have been conducted there.

West End Ecology Tours Grand Bahama

Founders of West End Ecology Tours Keith and Linda Cooper formed the company out of a deep passion to promote environmental programs to educate youth and adults in the settlement. The company is committed to educating visitors about the local ecology and how vital it is to protect natural resources. The company hosts a Stingray Feeding Tour where one may also hand feed stingrays in their natural environment. Additionally, guests can learn how to hand line fish, snorkel incredible reefs and boat wrecks as well as participate in a birding identification and observation tour. West End Ecology Tours also features an annual community outreach program for youth ages 8-18 years.

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Human Resources Development

Evelyn Pinder-Dames *Grand Bahama*

Evelyn Pinder-Dames is an educator who has prepared students for the development of tourism over 35 years. During this time, she has prepared students of Grand Bahama Catholic High School, now Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Academy for the annual Ministry of Tourism Junior Minister of Tourism competition. Mrs. Pinder-Dames, who works as the senior mistress at the school has taught many of the students to be true ambassadors and a number of the students she has coached have attained the rank of director of tourism for Grand Bahama. Her most notable achievement came about when she successfully coached Gabriele Josephs to the rank of Jr. Minister of Tourism for The Bahamas. In September 2016, Mr. Josephs competed against 12 other Caribbean delegates and won the title of Jr. Minister of Tourism for the entire Caribbean.

Della Bridgewater *Grand Bahama*

As the Operation Manager at Pelican Bay Resort in Grand Bahama, Della has shown her commitment to finding good staff. Della is never afraid of confronting performance that is not up to standard and has demonstrated how to go the extra mile for guests. In the first few weeks of meeting new staff, she ensures that her expectations are known. Recently, during Hurricane Matthew, the Pelican Bay was at full occupancy with no electricity for several days. Thanks to Della's "thinking outside of the box" mentality, she was able to assist greatly with keeping the hotel open.



Manager of the Year



*Tyrone Anderson
Director of Finance at
Valentine's Resort &
Marina*

Tyrone is a humble and man of integrity. He provides management and staff with superior leadership during critical transition phases. He also leads and implements budget reductions and assists with installation of effective management and information systems. He has compassion for his team members and finds time to assist team members in any possible way. In addition, he is the treasurer of the Association of Bahamas Marinas.

*Monique Taylor
Executive Housekeeper at
Comfort Suites Paradise
Island*

Monique's five-year goal is to be promoted to Operations Manager and, in 10 years, International Hotel Inspector. To achieve these goals, Monique is continually studying online with Choice University. To date, she studied and received certificates in 48 courses taken this year, including the Room Condition General Manager Certification training program and the Housekeeping and Maintenance Management Certification. Ms. Taylor is a member of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) - Bahamas Chapter. Her leadership skills can be seen daily as she leads her team members to accomplish their jobs.

*Shanasco Vamara
Campbell
Director of Finance at
Executive Floor Manager at
British Colonial Hilton*

Shanasco has been in the front line of the hospitality industry for the past 14 years. Her level of productivity, strong customer service skills and tenacity have elevated her from Guest Service Representative, to Supervisor, Duty Manager and to Executives Floor Manager. She spearheads the Hilton Honors Loyalty program. Furthermore, she is empathetic and patient. One of her strengths is that he promotes team harmony.

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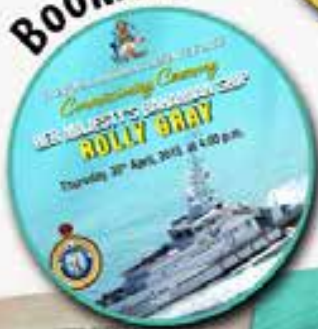
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Supervisor of the Year



*Avan Wilson
Laundry Plant Manager at
Atlantis Resort and Casino*

Avan has taken the initiative and shown the personal drive to complete and implement strategies learned from online courses available at the Atlantis E- learning curriculum site. Avan consistently carries himself with the dignity of a consummate professional who is thoughtful and intentional in all he does. Avan's complete ownership of the laundry's Quality Control Program stands as evidence of going beyond the call of duty. Avan has 16 years' experience as a washerman.

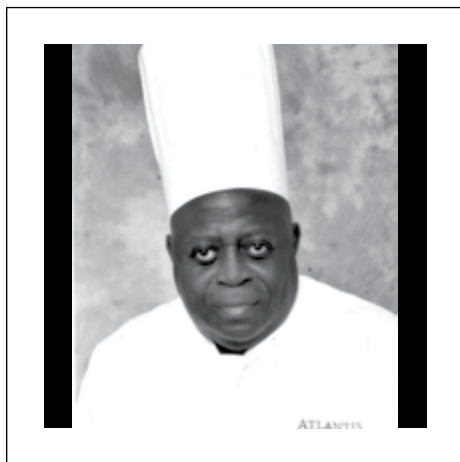
*Bhruna Neymor
Front Office Supervisor Et
Accounts Administrator at
Small Hope Bay Lodge*

Bhruna is keen on continuous development; an example is her promotion from front office agent to supervisor and accounts administrator. She is a great brand ambassador of Small Hope Bay Lodge. She always makes her guests feel like a part of the Small Hope Bay family throughout their stay. Bhruna has been working at Small Hope Bay Lodge for eight years, so her knowledge of repeat guests' preferences and the property management system is extensive.

*Jerome Tavaris Sears
Senior Banquet Captain at
the British Colonial Hilton*

In the past twelve months, Jerome has been engaging in a cross training program with the Catering and Sales Division. His philosophy is to train others to take over his job. According to his peers and managers, he always exceeds guests' expectations. Because of his commitment to quality service, Jerome has been the key person who has provided butler service to the British Royal Family during all of their visits in the last decade. He has served other dignitaries, as well, including the Lords of London (Privy Council).

Chef of the Year



Clement Williams Executive Sous Chef in Brookfield Hospitality

In 1995, Chef Williams joined the Atlantis as a Head Chef and worked at Seagrapes, Bahamian Club and Waters Edge Restaurants where he was recognized and promptly promoted to an Executive Sous Chef. He is presently an Executive Sous Chef at the Atlantis Resort & Casino. He is unique in having international experience from working at a Premier Hotel in Switzerland and from training in the United States. He has been an integral part of the team in opening three outlets, which played a crucial role in the Food and Beverage success.

Cheryl T. McKenzie Executive Sous Chef at British Colonial Hilton

Chef McKenzie has spent over 30 years in the culinary field working with various resorts on New Providence, such as Radisson Cable Beach and the Marriot Crystal Palace Resort & Casino. As a former member of The Bahamas Culinary Association, Chef McKenzie has assisted with many activities that have advanced the field of culinary arts in the Bahamas. She also has been a member of the American Culinary Federation, Inc. and many other Culinary Associations. In addition, she completed several development courses on Hilton University Learning platform in the past twelve months.

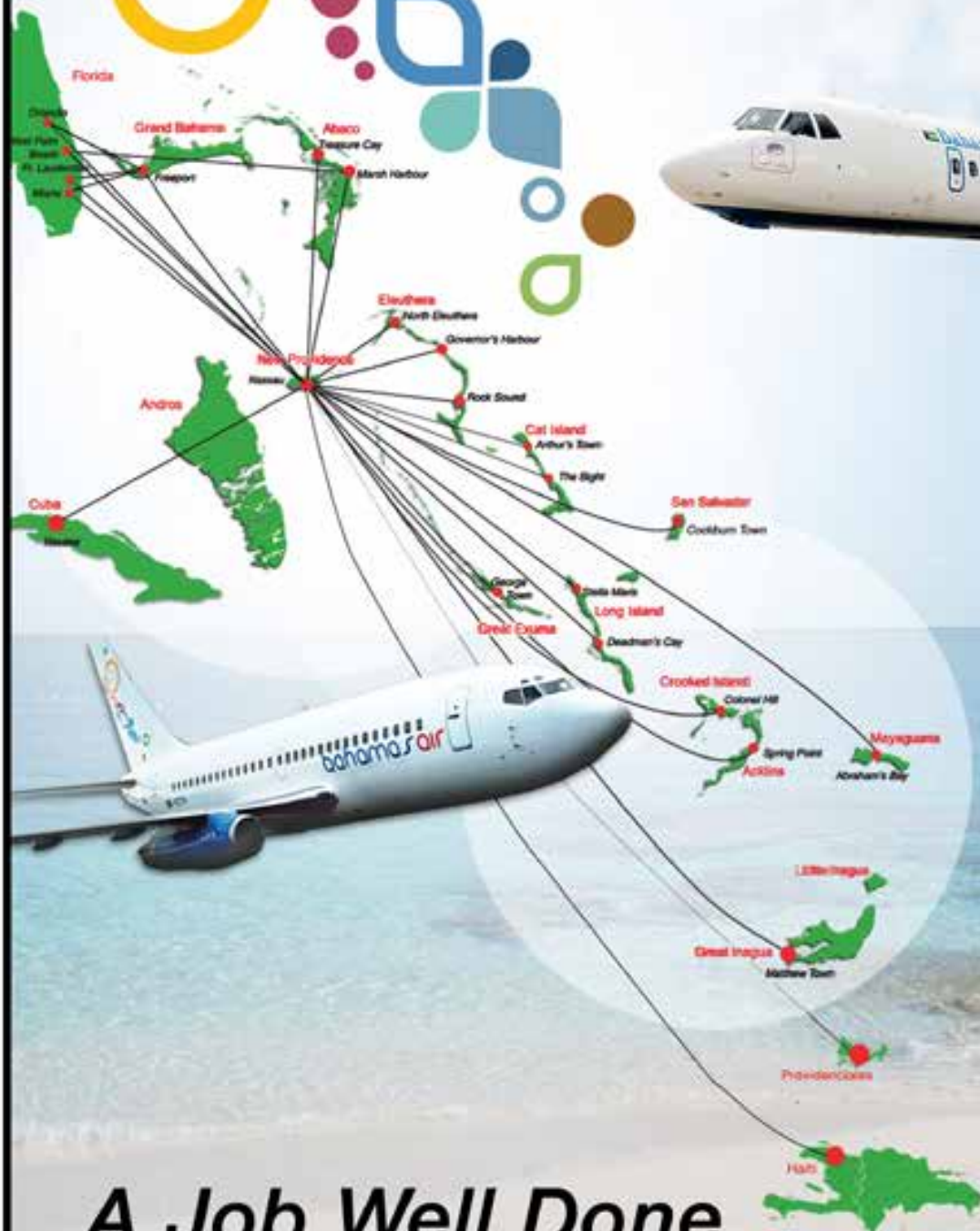
Mario Adderley University of The Bahamas

Chef Adderley is an Assistant Professor, Culinary and Food & Beverage Head of Department at the University of The Bahamas. He is a Johnson & Wales University alumni. He mentors numerous students. In addition, he is an advisor for Junior Culinary Association. As an advisor, he provides professional and personal advice. Furthermore, he judged the Ministry of Tourism's Music Heritage Festival Competition. He also has many awards, which include Bahamas Culinary Classics and Apprentice Chef & Pastry Chef of the Year Award.

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National Anthem	Shantell Richardson
Presentation By Cacique Dancers	
Introduction of Nominees	
Video Presentation	
Sustainable Tourism	Presented by Earlston McPhee
Handicraft	Presented by Rowena Rolle
Travel Writer of the Year	Presented by Nikia Christie
Hurricane Drummers	Presented by Howard Bethel and the Cacique Drummers
Chef of the Year	Presented by Michael Adderley
Local Airlines and Operators	Presented by Carla Stuart
International Award: Cruise Lines	Presented by Andrew Malone
History of the Duho	Presented by Mikala Moss
Supervisor of the Year	Presented by Benjamin Davis
Cecil Rose Sports and Leisure Events	Presented by Virginia Kelly and Eldece Clarke
Island Church Tribute	Ministry of Tourism Choir and Cacique Dancers
Human Resources Development	Presented by Donald Glass
Manager of the Year	
Video Presentation	
Willie Love Hospitality Award	Presented by Betty Bethel
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Gospel Music Medley	Gospel Nominees
People's Choice Gospel	Ian Ferguson, Kendenique Moss, Mikala Moss
Blue Ribbon Panel	Presented by Reginald Smith
Sales Executive of the Year	Presented by Desiree Moxey
Transportation	Presented by Romeo Farrington
Special Events	Presented by Danny Strachan
International Award: Airlines	Presented by Ellison 'Tommy' Thompson
Hip Hop Dance	DJ Ampero and the Cacique Male Dancers
Employee of the Year-Front of House	Presented by Karen Carey
Employee of the Year-Heart of House	Presented by Karen Carey
Hotelier of the Year	Presented by Carlton Russell & Patrice Ritchie
Obituary Tribute	Jonathan Farrington and Karrington McKenzie and the Cacique Female Dancers
Minister's Award for Hospitality	Presented by Minister of Tourism Hon. Obediah Wilchcombe
Clement T. Maynard Lifetime Achievement Award	Presented by Director General of Tourism Joy Jibrilu
Video Presentation	
Secular Music Medley	Secular Nominees
People's Choice Secular	Ian Ferguson, Mikala Moss, Kendenique Moss
Finale	

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Employee of the Year- Front of House



Dicienzo Storr Bartender at Melia Nassau Beach Resort

Dicienzo is currently studying mixology online. In the nearly two years that he has been employed at Melia, he has received nearly two hundred positive mentions on social media. This also includes numerous mentions on TripAdvisor. For having so much positive feedback, he won the Most Mentions TripAdvisor Award for the first quarter. Mr. Storr also competed in the Hennessy Bartender Competition and placed third.

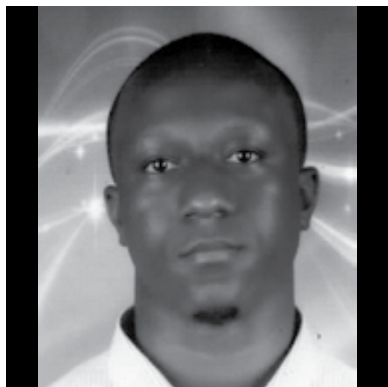
Wilkah Hart Waiter at British Colonial Hilton

Wilkah loves to be challenged and has completed six courses on the hotel's learning site, Hilton University, in the past 12 months. He has been selected highly by his manager as one of the team members that new hires are assigned to shadow. He exemplifies the word "Team Player". Wilkah practices team work by coming to work half an hour to an hour early each day just to assist with the set-up of the restaurant and other service areas.

Randy Rahming at Atlantis

Randy worked in the Bahamian Club for 27 years. He has participated in the Ministry of Tourism Bahamahost customer service training program and has also attended the Atlantis University. He always has repeat guests who return to the restaurant and specifically request to be seated on his station. Furthermore, he is a leader who clears away the restaurant's roadblocks that constrain his team's performance.

Employee of the Year, Heart of the House



Kendal Deveaux Technical Security Engineer at Atlantis Bahamas

Kendal is one of the youngest upcoming members on the IT team. He is recognized as an expert in his field and demonstrates his commitment to working as a contributing team member. For example, he has been instrumental in contributing to ensuring the company provides great WIFI coverage for the guests. Furthermore, with his in-depth knowledge of the Atlantis infrastructure, he was able to lead a team of six persons and find a workable solution to complete the project ahead time and on budget.

Jarrad Sullivan Thompson Houseman at British Colonial Hilton

Jarrad is an active learner and has completed numerous courses in the Hilton University Learning Platform. Because of his leadership ability, Jarrad has been selected as the departmental trainer for all the room attendants, laundry team, space cleaners and housemen. In addition, he has been selected by his manager as one of the candidates to be trained in the hotel's Management Development Program and because of this training he is able to substitute as a floor manager when a manager is out on leave. Mr. Thompson is described by his teammates "as a hands on" person and someone that you can always depend on to have your back.

Tiffany Seymour F&B Administrator / Coordinator at Melia Nassau Beach Resort

Tiffany has cross-trained in the Dinner Reservations Department and assisted that area with relief when necessary. She also assists with and supports the Paradise Plates initiative, which is an extension of Hands for Hunger. Furthermore, she assists with in-house guest complaints and meets with guests to hear their issues and helps to find an amicable solution. She is great at service recovery and does her best to ensure every guest she encounters leaves more than satisfied.

Sales Executive of the Year

Tia A. Duncombe- Forbes *Director of Revenue/ Information Technology*

Tia's commitment to working as a contributing member of the team is illustrated by her willingness to assist even after hours and off days to troubleshoot IT concerns the Food & Beverage Department, Front Office and the Sales Department may have. She most recently spearheaded a property wide system upgrade, which was a success. She has a great rapport with the guests. For instance, two groups of guests will only book with her and only stay at the hotel if she remains employed there.

Deryn Vindra Prabhu *Catering Sales Manager at British Colonial Hilton*

Deryn is a high achiever and is currently pursuing an online Master Certification in Event Management at Lincoln University. She annually updates her skill in Hilton DMPHE system, which is used for all Sales Bookings at the British Colonial Hilton property. Ms. Phrabu was selected Team Leader of the year in 2015 because of her direct and stable leadership ability. She is proactive and always takes the lead on projects without being asked to do so.





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Hotelier of the Year



Jeffrey Birch Small Hope Bay Lodge

Jeffrey Birch has been running Small Hope Bay Lodge for 20 years as the second generation to continue the Birch family's mission. He is a dedicated leader and motivator. He believes in the investment in his people and the continuous improvement of his product. Development is something that Mr. Birch is keen on, and he prefers to invest in his staff and be developed through them. For Mr. Birch, development never stops as he has had a lifetime of experience in our tourism industry. Over the last 12 months, he has invested in the further training of his staff in marketing and food and beverage.

Eltha Deleveaux Naughton Comfort Suites Paradise Island

Eltha has been instrumental within the local tourism sector since 1984. She has mastered and demonstrated excellence in operations, food and beverage management, marketing, leadership of human capital ensuring the continued development of staff while also coordinating efforts to promote and give back to the community. A philanthropist and leader, her private and public contributions to the growth of our number one industry are simply immeasurable. Eltha served as General Manager of Clarion Resort, South Ocean from 1999-2006. During her tenure, she oversaw a \$13 million refurbishment program, while successfully managing the property. In 2012, she used her experience to assist with an \$8 million refurbishment of Comfort Suites Paradise Island. Her community work is also stellar as she increased community awareness in charitable organizations such as Urban Renewal, the Bahamas Cancer Society, the Red Ribbon Ball, Hands for Hunger, BASRA, The Pilots of Nassau and the Senior Citizens.

Dean Spychalla Valentines Residences, Resort Et Marina- Harbour Island

Dean Spychalla has demonstrated management of hotel operations including financial front desk operations, housekeeping repair, reservations and maintenance for many years. As the top operator for many years, Dean has not only overseen the day-to-day operations of the property on Harbour Island, he also provides training for all front desk personnel via hands-on and webinars to those at Valentines Central reservations office in Ft. Lauderdale, which is owned and staffed by Bahamians. Dean has also championed a number of philanthropic activities. He established a Bahama Out-Islands Scholarship program on all Out Islands. This "evergreen" initiative will award \$22,500 to 11 students (2,500 per student) until they have completed their degrees. He has also assisted with hurricane relief efforts through hurricanes Joaquin and Matthew, assisted with flats fishing legislation and as well as with small hotels website support.

Minister's Award



Antoinette Carlese Rolle Bimini

Antoinette Carlese Rolle is a homegrown Biminite, who has mastered the art of hospitality. "Ms. Antoinette," as she is affectionately called, began working in the hospitality industry since the 1960s at the Brown's Hotel in Bimini. She then moved to the Big Game Hotel to work as an employee there. In the 1980s, Ms. Antoinette received hotel management training at Lindsey Hopkins Technical College in Miami, Florida. Upon completion, she, along with her late husband Basil H. Rolle, began operating and managing the Bimini Bay Restaurant and Resort. For over 20 years, they ran a first class restaurant and provided living accommodations for people who came to visit Bimini. Currently, Ms. Antoinette diligently welcomes visitors to her home for a taste of Bimini flavor through the Ministry of Tourism's People-to-People Program. She continues to be a role model and an asset to the tourism industry.

Ethelyn C. Major Grand Bahama

Ms. Major has been a part of the People-to-People Program in Grand Bahama since its inception in 1974. Hospitality is her passion and her hard work and dedication to the program over the past 40 years plus have made an indelible contribution to the development of Grand Bahama. Through hosting hundreds of guests over the years, she has strengthened The Bahamas' reputation by making guests' experience noteworthy. Even in the most difficult times, she invites tourists to stay at her home, cooks Bahamian traditional food and takes them on lengthy tours to explore the island. She has never received more than a "thank you" for her contributions, but gives tirelessly each time she is called upon.

Wilfred Solomon Grand Bahama

Wilfred Solomon migrated from Central Andros to become an "international cultural ambassador" for The Bahamas. He has travelled to most of the Islands of The Bahamas to perform at local and international events, many facilitated by the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism. Wilfred has also travelled with the Ministry of Tourism internationally and is always a crowd pleaser with his energetic approach in both song and dance. He took the same dynamic style to a five-year contract on board Disney Cruise Line where he always encouraged passengers to convert to stopover visitors. Wilfred has performed at many properties in The Bahamas including The Memories Resort; the Grand Bahama Harbour; Port Lucaya Count Basie Square; Old Bahama Bay; Holiday Inn; Lucayan Beach Hotel; Atlantic Beach Hotel. He has also won many awards such as the Prime Minister's floating trophy; Entertainer of the Year Award and the Timothy Award and Best Recording Band.



Wilfred "Willie" Knowles Award Winner

Wilfred Knowles

This Grand Bahamian icon was imbued with such love that he is remembered today simply as "Willie Love."

The Grand Bahama community is blessed to have benefitted from the talents and gifts of Willie Love for five decades. It is acknowledged that Willie Love hailed from Long Island in the south but the people of Grand Bahama claim him as their very own because he had such passion and love for Grand Bahama.

Through music, Willie Love spoke eloquently to the hearts of all who listened. He was a prolific folklore songwriter, a vocalist, playwright, and in his younger days, a very entertaining dancer. Willie Love was a one-of-a-kind musician who employed his art to bring greater awareness to social issues. His social conscience music, always respectful, rose above partisan politics to speak to the issues confronting the community of Grand Bahama.

In addition to being a virtuoso musician, Willie Love served for many years in the Grand Bahama tourism sector, as a taxi driver, tour bus driver and as a tour guide. In 2007, the Ministry of Tourism - Grand Bahama had the great fortune to be able to recruit Willie Love as a Tourism Ambassador. Visitors and residents arriving at the Freeport International Airport felt the warmest welcome as they were embraced by the high wattage smile and alluring music of Willie Love.



Blue Ribbon Panel Award Winner

Phil Stubbs

Throughout many years, Bahamian musician Phil Stubbs has personified traditional “Goombay and Rake n’ Scrape” sound. In his numerous recordings, he has given Bahamians a sense of history by recording the struggles, catastrophes and triumphs and encouraged Bahamians to strive for greatness. Through his songs, he not only speaks to young Bahamians but involves them in music making. Mr. Stubbs teaches patriotism and perseverance to the youth and encourages elders to preserve these values. Notably, the Training and Education Department at the Ministry of Tourism has used his song “Proud to be Bahamian” for many years at BahamaHost graduations to give the participants of the programme a sense of pride.

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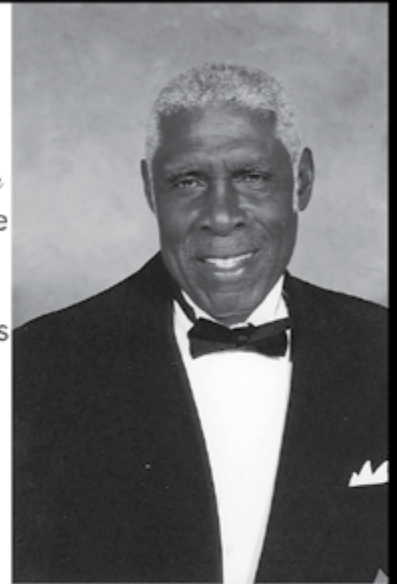
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Clement T. Maynard Lifetime Achievement Winner

Enrico Garzaroli

Enrico Garzaroli is a veteran of The Bahamas' Tourism industry. When he migrated to The Bahamas from Italy in 1972, he bought a mansion once owned by the notorious pirate Captain Graysmith. He transformed the property not only into a luxury hotel, but also into a cigar company and a wine cellar that houses over 250,000 bottles, with 3,000 different wines from over 400 vintners and 15 countries. The property has also expanded to accommodate a chocolate factory and a heritage

village. Today, Mr. Garzaroli has been in the Tourism industry for 50 years. Graycliff Luxury Hotel and Restaurant has become a household name around the world; winning accolades from many recognizing bodies.

In fact, Graycliff was the first hotel in the Caribbean to receive a triple AAA rating for a hotel. It has won awards from Conde Nast Traveler, the Reader's Choice Award, Trip Advisor; Fine Wine, The Wine Spectator Grand Award and Gold List, just to name a few. Mr. Garzaroli continues to improve his business and is a trailblazer in the Tourism industry.

People's Choice Gospel



Lyrically Blessed

Japheth D. Ferguson whose stage name is "Lyrically Blessed" began singing as a child in classrooms and playgrounds. His singing quickly took him to churches and gospel concerts and all around the world. God has transformed his gift and now Lyrically Blessed uses his talents to create a musical blend of reggae, rap and worship to capture his audiences. Lyrically Blessed has ministered on all the Islands of The Bahamas and in the Caribbean, including the Cayman Islands, St. Lucia, Trinidad and Antigua, as well as in Canada and US. Lyrically Blessed is nominated for his hit song "I'm Still Here".

Rocky and Uncle Sam

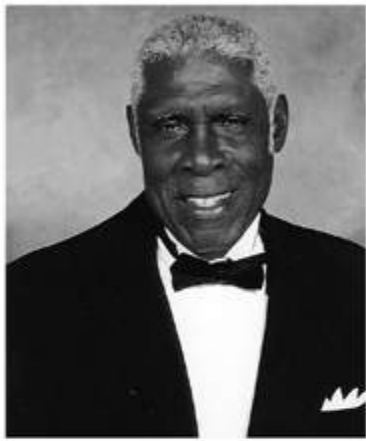
Bishop Samuel Higgs is the host pastor and senior pastor of the Lighthouse Church of God on Harbour Island. 'Uncle Sam,' as he is referred to by many, has been singing Gospel music for 37 years. He has performed internationally in Tennessee, Kentucky, Jamaica and throughout the Islands of The Bahamas. Uncle Sam is the writer of the song "God is the Boss".

Joseph Rocky Saunders, better known as "Rocky," is a former member of the famous band The Brilanders. He is now the Minister of Music in the Lighthouse Church of God. He is the lead guitarist and one of the vocalists of "God is the Boss". This song has been played all over the world.

Drs. Edison and Mattie Nottage

Dr. Edison Nottage is a teacher, powerful preacher, prophet, visionary and an Apostle of Faith. He accepted Jesus at the age of 16 and immediately began witnessing by sharing the gospel of the kingdom with others. He became an active and faithful member at his local church, where he served as a youth minister and aide to his pastor.

Dr. Nottage is married to Prophetess Mattie Nottage and together they have founded and established two powerful ministries, Believers Faith Outreach Ministries, International in Nassau, Bahamas and Believers Faith Breakthrough Ministries International in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Dr. Mattie has produced a number of riveting plays and her most recent accomplishment is the release of her #1 selling CD smash hit song "The Verdict is in...Not Guilty!" Drs. Edison and Mattie Nottage are esteemed as dynamic, anointed tag-team partners and are nominated for their hit song "I'm a Warrior".



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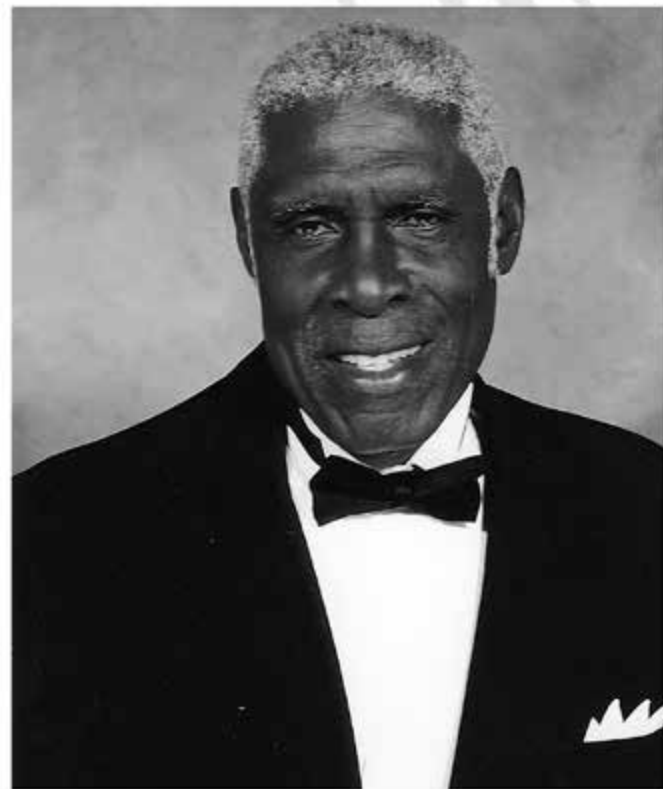
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Bahamian Trae

Atreaeu Davis is a 17-year-old native of Abaco who moved to New Providence with his family to as a child. When he began his musical career, he took the name Bahamian Trae because he wanted his audience to know he would be using Bahamian dialect to deliver his music. Trae stands out from the crowd with a fresh, young, Bahamian Fusion Sound, that is a step above Bahamian folk music. Trae's youthful sound has an appeal to Bahamian youth and he has developed a large following. With the help of his managers Charlie Brown and DJ Reality of the Exile Media Group, his songs "Muggle Like Me," "Bahamian Story," and "Teef," which were recorded with legendary Bahamian artist Ronnie Butler, the artist who has caught the attention of music lovers worldwide.

FanShawn Taylor-Evans

At the tender age of six, FanShawn realized that she found joy in singing. At that time, singers Whitney Houston and Celine Dion became two great influences on her musical career. FanShawn also developed as a songwriter as well. In September 2013, FanShawn was introduced to the very versatile and well-known Sky Juice Band. As the band's lead vocalist she enjoys challenging herself with different genres of music who from R&B, Reggae and Pop. She also has a strong love for Bahamian music. In 2016, she challenged herself to fuse Junkanoo and soca and wrote the song "Digg Up Di Road". The song was entered into the Bahamas Junkanoo Carnival Music Masters competition and won.

MDeez

When MDeez released his album titled "Classics" it quickly became a phenomenon worldwide. As he was able to secure a deal with VP records, his music is now distributed in Canada, Trinidad, Anguilla, Belize and many countries around the world. Youth advocacy is important to MDeez and he often lends his talents and gives support via speaking engagements or charity performances to local youth organizations.

International Categories

Julie Ring-Hansen (Denmark) *Travel Writer of The Year*

Julie's roots in Journalism are classic. However, she prefers to unite her passion with experiences. That's what she did when she visited Nassau and the Exumas. From her experiences she wrote three articles for the Danish magazine Vangabond, which highlighted The Bahamas. Those articles feature the beloved swimming pigs, a boat excursion, Junkanoo, Graycliff and Pirates. Vangabond has been on newsstands for more than 20 years. In 2016, Vagabond won the design prize for 'Redesign of the Year'.

Karin Buhuse *Tour Operator / Travel Agent of the Year*

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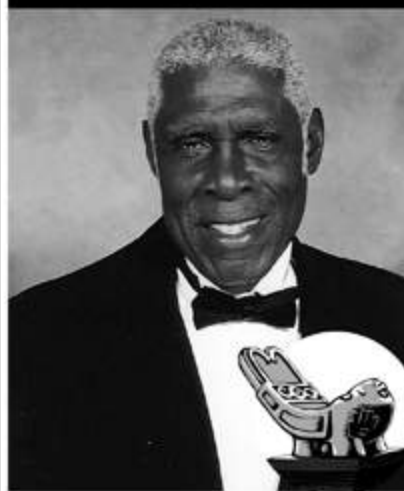
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Bahamasair *Airline of the Year*

Bahamasair, the national flag carrier of The Bahamas, was established June 18, 1973 and will celebrate 44 years of service to the Bahamian people and visitors alike, this year.

Since then, Bahamasair has grown tremendously boasting over 31 domestic and international destinations. Its original mission of linking the Islands of The Bahamas together and promoting the country's image both home and abroad has evolved as it seeks to become one of the best airlines in the region.

As a good corporate citizen, Bahamasair has gone above and beyond the call of duty to provide benevolent service to a community that has remained extremely faithful to the airline. Its medical travel program for the chronically ill is one of the hallmarks of the airline's commitment to service above self. Moreover, through the provision of special rates and fares for educational, cultural or athletic activities, the airline focuses on the youth of our nation by ensuring their involvement and exposure both domestically and internationally.

During hurricanes in The Bahamas and even the recent earthquake in Haiti, Bahamasair provided airlift for emergency goods and service personnel to impacted islands.

Norwegian Cruise Line *Cruise Line of the Year*

Norwegian Cruise Lines (NCL) is The Bahamas' longest serving cruise line, offering uninterrupted service for 50 years. NCL has performed well, and to date, has been awarded the Cacique only once, unlike Carnival that won the award four times, Royal Caribbean – five times, and Disney – three times. NCL ranked third in overall delivery for 2016, operating fewer vessels than competitors CCL and RCCL. NCL will add seven additional Breakaway and Breakaway Plus class vessels between 2017 and 2025. NCL is vested in The Bahamas, and all vessels are registered under the Bahamian flag.



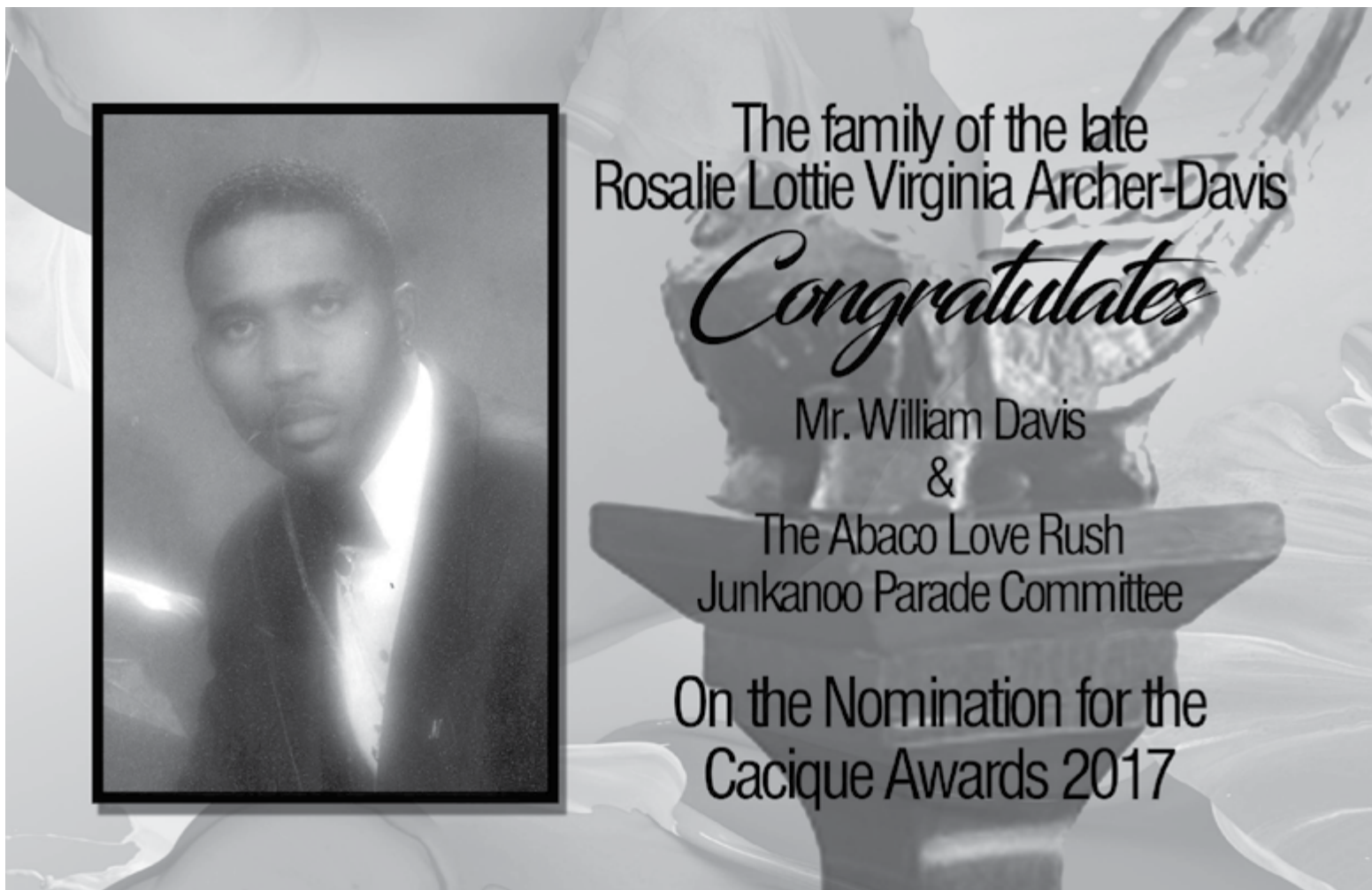


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and especially recognize our own

*Mrs. Antoinette Rolle,
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*You have excelled in your profession
as a teacher, community leader and business woman
and is deserving of this prestigious recognition and honour*

From: Pastor Mike, Officers & Members of
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Blue Ribbon Panel

The Blue Ribbon Panel is a group of distinguished individuals who labour over Cacique nominations in an earnest search for the best candidate nominated in various categories. After deliberations, the Blue Ribbon Panel selects winners in 12 public categories - Transportation, Local Airlines and Tour Operators, Human Resources Development, Creative Arts, Handicraft, Sustainable Tourism Development, Minister's Award for Hospitality, Clement T. Maynard Lifetime Achievement Award, Cecil Rose Sports and Leisure, Special Events, Blue Ribbon Panel Award and Willie Love Award.

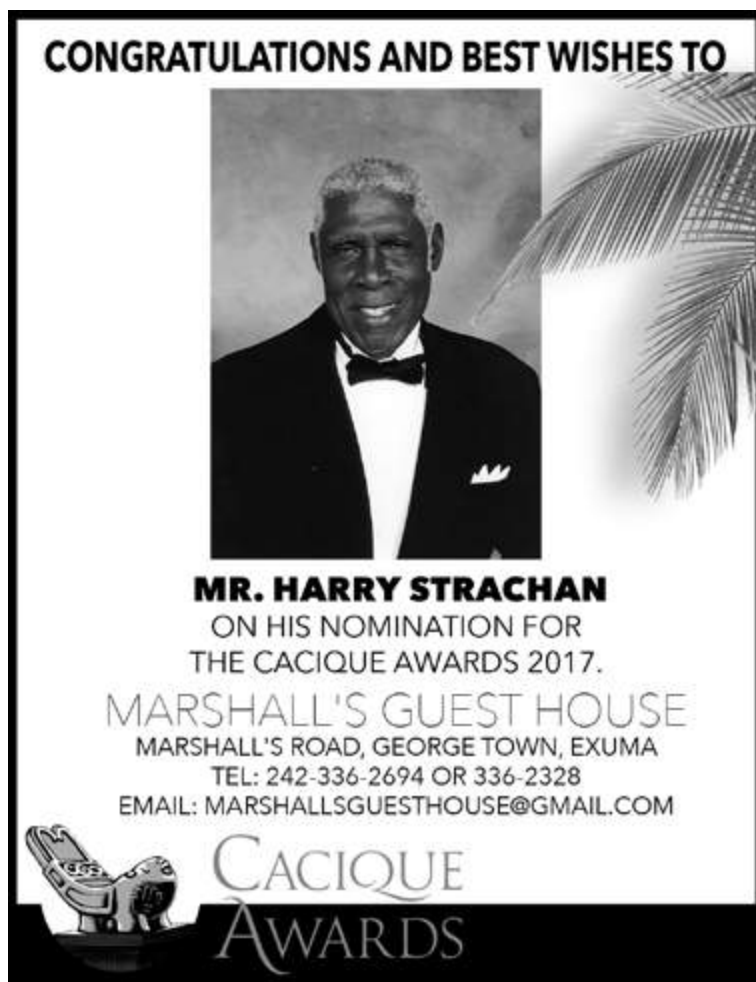
The panel also ratifies the Cacique winners in the international categories, the People Choice Music category, which are determined by public voting, and in the categories that are marshaled by the Bahamas Hotel & Tourism Association - Chef of the Year, Hotelier of the Year, Manager of the Year, Sales Executive of the Year, Supervisor of the Year, Employee of the Year Front of House, and Employee of the Year Heart of House.

Panel Members are:

Charles Albury (Chairman of Cacique Awards), Angela Cleare (Chairperson of Blue Ribbon Panel), John Deleveaux, Romeo Farrington, Herman Rudolph Sawyer (Grand Bahama), Reginald Smith (Exuma), Philip Simon, Stan Burnside

BHTA Judging Panel

The (2017) BHTA Cacique Judging Panel is comprised of a number of executives in the Hospitality Industry; seasoned Master Chefs from the Culinary Arts, and professionals from the University of the Bahamas. Our esteemed panel of judges include: E. John Deleveaux – Honorary Chairperson; Bridget Murray – Chairperson, University of The Bahamas; Natasha Williams - Royal Bank of Canada; Ruth Gardiner, University of The Bahamas, CHMI; Micklyn Lightbourne - Past Cacique Winner; Chef Michael Adderley – Chef category Chairperson, Atlantis Paradise Island; Chef Don Ingraham – RIU Hotel and Chef Edwin Johnson – Sapodilla Fine Dining Restaurant.





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We salute our 2017 Cacique Nominees on their achievements.

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence therefore is not an act but a habit"
Aristotle

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Avan Wilson
Laundry Plant Manager



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Heart of House
Kendal Deveau
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