

LOCAL NEWS

Four male students to attend Future Teachers' Conference thanks to MP

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Member of Parliament for East Grand Bahama, Peter Turnquest assisted four young aspiring teachers to attend the Annual Future Teachers' Conference in New Providence taking place from April 19 – 21.

Several male students from Jack Hayward Senior High School (JHS) were eager to attend the Annual Future Teachers' Convention at the Melia Nassau Beach Resort and were disappointed, when unable to raise the funds to participate.

However, Turnquest stepped up and ensured the four young men were able to join their cohorts and those from other islands.

Darrell Duncombe, who one day wants to be a Mathematics teacher said, he was excited to be able to meet other high school students from all over The Bahamas, but the cost of the trip was a challenge.

"I am thankful that I was allowed to come on this trip, because it allows me to be one of the few males in the entire Bahamas that actually wants to be a teacher. Overall it is a great experience meeting new people who also aspire to be teachers and I hope that I will be an excellent teacher in the future," Duncombe shared.

Adagro Forbes, now in his



ASPIRING TEACHERS – Member of Parliament for East Grand Bahama, Peter Turnquest assisted four young aspiring teachers to attend the Future Teacher Conference in New Providence taking place from April 19 – 21. The young men are pictured boarding a Sky Bahamas flight with their peers.

final year of the three-year program and is scheduled to graduate the program at the conference.

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But this year the cost was too much for his parents to pay. "I had to call my teacher and say I would not be able to go. I was really disappointed, because there are so few men in education and I have always wanted to teach. My teacher later called me with the good news, that Mr. Turnquest had sponsored our trip. I am so grateful," Forbes said.

"When the leaders of our community step up and lend assistance, it makes those aspiring to be future leaders continue our

studies and reach our goals," Forbes added.

Another male student noted that this was his first trip anywhere off island and he was excited to have the opportunity to travel to the capital and experience his first flight.

All of the students expressed gratitude to Turnquest for his much-needed assistance.

The young men noted that the MP made one request of them, and that was for each aspiring teacher to write an account of their experience.

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Ministry of Social Services expresses grave concern over videos recently circulated

In a press statement yesterday, Wednesday, April 19, executives of the Ministry of Social Services voiced concerns of the circulation of a recent video that show a female, apparently be violated. Following is the statement in its entirety.

"The Ministry of Social Services and Community Development expresses grave concern about the recent circulation of videos, across several social media platforms, of a man apparently engaged in sexual intercourse with an unconscious woman.

The filming and sharing of this horrific act speaks to several problematic issues that The Bahamas continues to grapple with; the seemingly widespread acceptance of violence against women, girls and boys and the often interlinked, inappropriate use of social media.

Violence against women and girls is the most pervasive human rights violation with one in three women, globally, experiencing physical or sexual violence in her lifetime. We all must speak out against violence against women and reverse the perception that such acts are acceptable. We must focus on appropriate, helpful and useful responses and services for survivors and not on victim blaming.

The best way to end violence against women and girls is to prevent it from happening in the first place. This requires determining and addressing violence at its root. Strict and swift justice for perpetrators of such violence is crucial because it ensures justice for victims and demonstrates the government's and society's zero tolerance against all such acts.

While the Ministry and its various Departments remain committed to addressing this issue, a collective approach is essential. Each individual has a role to play in ending violence against women and speaking out as witnesses or survivors of such violence. Communities, civil society, and even private sector organizations, should work collectively with government agencies to ensure a coordinated response to ending all forms of violence in The Bahamas.

Additionally, greater responsibility and tact needs to be demonstrated by social media users when posting content and witnessing acts of violence.

Social media can be useful, but it must also be conscientious, keeping in mind that every human being is entitled to dignity, respect and basic rights – including the right to a life free from violence. We hope that those who captured this on video refrain from such actions in the future.

Violence against women and girls is rooted in gender-based discrimination, stereotyping and perceptions of women in society. The Department of Gender and

Family Affairs has prioritized its programming to eliminate all forms of violence and discrimination against women and girls. Key among their efforts is the implementation of the National Strategic Plan to Address Gender-Based Violence (GBV). To date, the Department has launched the "Reclaiming Our Boys" project, a violence prevention programme for boys and young men; initiated a national GBV awareness raising campaign highlighting an end to sex-

ual harassment; and is currently in the process of reviewing draft gender-based violence legislation.

The Ministry's Department of Social Services also provides assistance necessary through its various divisions, including the Domestic Violence and Counselling Unit and Health Social Services at Princess Margaret Hospital and Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

GENERAL ELECTIONS - WEDNESDAY, 10th MAY, 2017

POLLING PLACES FOR THE ADVANCED POLL ON WEDNESDAY, 3rd MAY, 2017

The Parliamentary Commissioner hereby informs the general public that the places listed below have been established as **polling places** for the day appointed for the **Advanced Poll on Wednesday, 3rd May, 2017**, between the hours of **8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

New Providence Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium, Mychal Thompson Boulevard (Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre)

Kendal G. L. Isaacs National Gymnasium, Mychal Thompson Boulevard (Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre)

Freeport, Grand Bahama The Police Training College, Pioneers Way (West)

All —

(a) special voters, who, have in accordance with section 49C of the Parliamentary Elections Act (Chapter 7), completed and submitted the prescribed **Form K** to the Parliamentary Commissioner **on or before Friday, 29th April, 2017** and who have been issued a special voter's certificate in **Form L**; and

(b) police officers and members of the Defence Force who are, in accordance with section 54 of the said Act, likely to be assigned, sent or employed in the discharge of their duties in some other polling division so as to prevent them from voting at the polling station which they would otherwise be entitled by law to vote,

are entitled to vote in the Advanced Poll on **Wednesday, 3rd May, 2017**.

Signed: *Sherlyn W. Hall*
Parliamentary Commissioner
Date: 18th April, 2017

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 2014 IN THE SUPREME COURT CLE/gen/FP/00370 Common Law and Equity Division

IN THE MATTER of an Indenture of Mortgage dated the 22nd day of August, A. D. 2001 and made between Charmaine Merlene Thompson and Finance Corporation of Bahamas Limited and recorded in the Registry of Records of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in Volume 8254 at pages 613 to 621

IN THE MATTER of an Indenture of Deed of Variation and Further Charge dated the 11th day of February, A. D. 2011 and made between Charmaine Merlene Thompson-Cooper and Finance Corporation of Bahamas Limited and recorded in the Registry of Records of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in Volume 11351 at pages 38 to 44

AND IN THE MATTER of The Conveyancing and Law of Property Act Chapter 138 of the Revised Laws

BETWEEN

FINANCE CORPORATION OF BAHAMAS LIMITED
Plaintiff

and

CHARMAINE MERLENE THOMPSON-COOPER
Defendant

To: Charmaine Merlene Thompson-Cooper
Freeport, Grand Bahama

TAKE NOTICE THAT:

TAKE NOTICE that a Notice of Appointment filed on the 29th day of July, A.D., 2015 by the Plaintiff for the hearing of the Originating Summons filed on the 8th day of September, A.D., 2014 and renewed on the 5th October 2015 and a Notice of Intention to Proceed filed in the above action on 12th April 2017.

The application will be heard at the Supreme Court, Garnet Levarity Justice Centre in the City of Freeport on Monday the 26th day of June, A.D., 2017 at 10:00 o'clock in the fore noon on which day and time you are to appear and if you do not appear at the time and place above-mentioned, such Order will be made as the Court thinks just.

HIGGS & JOHNSON
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Chancery Court, The Mall
Freeport, Bahamas

Attorneys for the Plaintiff