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Happy
Holidays!

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CELEBRATING OUR SCHOLARS

Amidst the joys of the Christmas season, Buxtonians are celebrating the huge success of scholars who recently graduated from the University of Guyana and other institutions of higher learning. Among them are two medical doctors - Dr. Shaldi Connell and Dr. Michael Haynes.

Congratulations to every one of you who succeeded in accomplishing your goal! You've done well for yourself and our village. Wishing you further success in your career journeys! Happy holidays to you and your family!

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Dr. Shaldi Connell, MBBS

BACHELOR OF MEDICINE, BACHELOR OF SURGERY

Dr. Connell attended President's College. He is the son of Ms. Michelle Booker & Mr. Bruce Connell (Bruce Rodney)

Dr. Michael Haynes, MBBS

BACHELOR OF MEDICINE, BACHELOR OF SURGERY

Dr. Haynes attended Queen's College. He is the eldest son of Mr. Anthony Haynes & Mrs. Beverley Haynes; brother of Juan and Samuel Haynes.

ConGRADulations!

Ms. Sonia Margaret Philander graduated with a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from the University of Bedfordshire in the United Kingdom! She enrolled through Nations University in Georgetown.

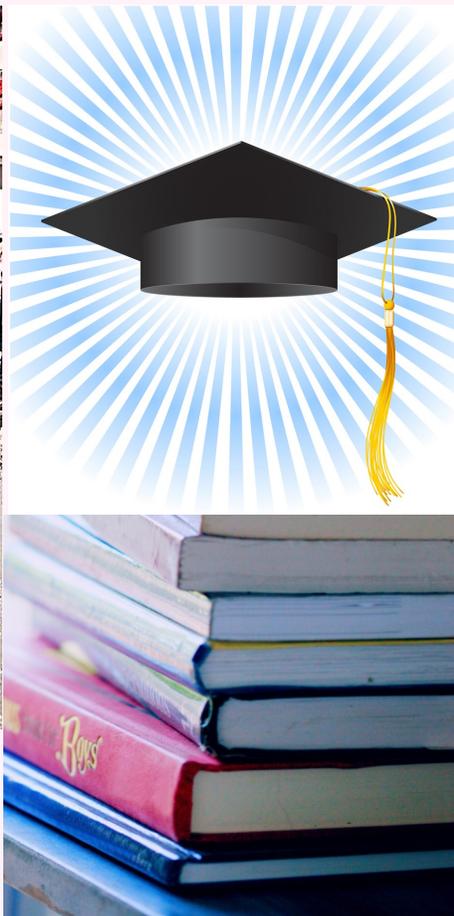
Ms. Philander, who has been a secondary school educator for the past 23 years, related that she chose to further her education in Business in the hope of eventually becoming an entrepreneur. She is currently Head of the Language Department at the Richard Ishmael Secondary School, teaching English Language and Literature.

Following in the footsteps of her late mother, Lydia Philander (née Thomas), Sonia took up teaching shortly after she completed the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination at St. Stanislaus College. She served for ten years at Bladen Hall Multilateral School, before being promoted to Richard Ishmael Secondary School. Her father was the late James Philander, and she is the mother of a beautiful daughter.

SONIA MARGARET PHILANDER, MBA



CHRISSY LIMBURGH FERNANDES
*M.Sc., Urban Planning
& Management*



MELINA HAYNES
Post-grad Diploma, Education

ConGRADulations!



EBONY TROTMAN
Bachelor's Degree



YAMANI ARMSTRONG
Bachelor's Degree



LATWANA VICTORINE
Bachelor's Degree



ALEXIS KINGSTON
Bachelor's Degree, Education



ANTON AZORE
Bachelor's, Civil Engineering



VONDA TAMISHA WILLIS
Bachelor's, Public Management

ConGRADulations!



DELANNA THOMAS
B.Sc., Environmental Health



CARLO DOUGLAS
Bachelor's Degree



ANEISHA AZORE
B.Sc., Agriculture



ODELIA WILLIAMS
B.Sc., Biology



KENDUCE COOPER
Bachelor's Degree

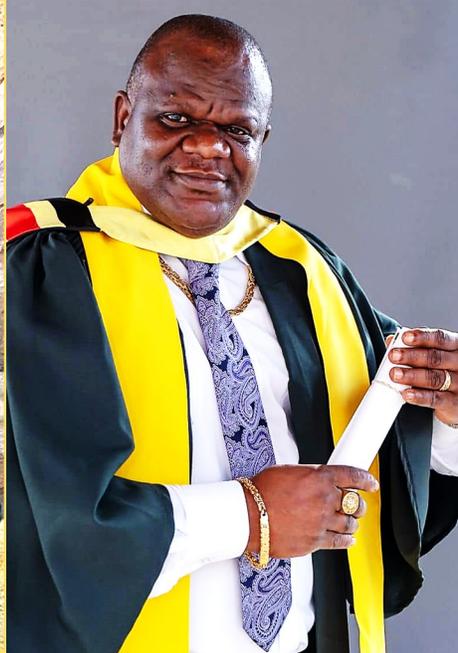


TAMIKA HILES
Bachelor's, Education

ConGRADulations!



MONEPHA BARNES
B.Sc., Biology



ANDREW HOLDER
Bachelor's, Public Management

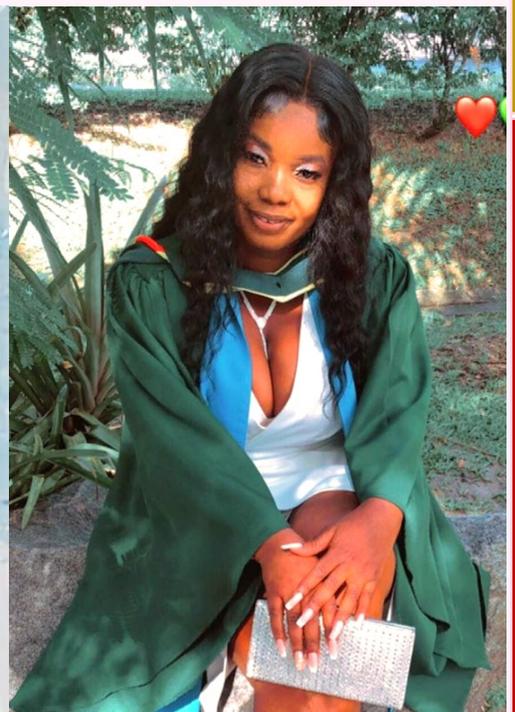


ANNA FRANCE
B.Sc., Management



RENÉ ADAMS
Bachelor's Degree

MARK ADAMS
Bachelor's Degree



TRICIA HARPER, B.ED.
*Bachelor's Degree in Education
SECONDARY (MATHEMATICS)*

ConGRADulations!



ATALYA LAWRENCE
Associate's Degree



EON GARNETT
Associate's Degree



ANNALEISIA TANNER
Associate's, Civil Engineering



AMANDA KINGSTON
Associate's Degree



STEVE SAMUELS
Associate's, Computer Science



SHEREENA STOBY
*Associate of Science
Architectural & Building Technology*

Forty & Majestic

Happy Birthday to Sir Collis Nicholson, who turned 40 on 11th November! The occasion was celebrated with a gala affair the next evening, attended by numerous relatives, colleagues and friends. The scenery was majestic, shining resplendently in glowing hues of periwinkle, accentuated with radiant white and shimmering touches of silver.

Tons of wishes, Sir, for many more years of health, happiness and success!



ConGRADulations



DR. CHARIS NEWTON-THOMPSON
Ph.D., Education
University of Toronto, Canada



Collis Nicholson

NGSA ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

This year's BUXTON SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS PRESENTATION saw 14 graduates from primary schools in the village receiving bursary awards totaling \$650,000 in recognition of their outstanding performance at the 2022 NGSA (formerly Common Entrance) Examination. The ceremony was held on 6th November at Company Road Primary School under the theme: "Make The Best Of Your Education".

Among the special guests was Miss Chantelle Paul. She is both a past beneficiary of Buxton-Friendship Heritage Fund's Student Empowerment Programme (STEP) for new secondary school students and sole recipient of the 2018 Annie Daniels Memorial Scholarship Award. Miss Paul, who is now a final-year Law student at the University of Guyana, in delivering some timely remarks, shared her inspiring academic journey with the audience.

The event was also honoured with the presence of Former First Lady, Mrs. Sandra Granger. Her office sponsored the BUXTON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE, which provided remedial classes for primary school children in the community. Mrs. Granger delivered the Keynote Address. In exhorting the students to make the best of their education, she stressed: "EDUCATION EMANCIPATES US. EDUCATION GIVES US THE TOOLS TO SHAPE OUR WORLD."

Mr. & Mrs. Reuben Charles were also in attendance. They presented the Annie Daniels Memorial Scholarship Awards.



Front Row (from left): Mrs. Sandra Granger, Mr. Reuben Charles , Mrs. Paulette Charles

Second Row (Standing L > R): Kishana Thorne (St. Stanislaus'), Quasie Newton, Jr. (Bishops'), Tomiya Hatton (St. Stanislaus')

CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS TO MAKE THE BEST OF EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Fourteen students, who qualified for list A secondary schools at the 2022 National Grade Six Assessment (NGSA) examination, were presented with a total of \$650,000 in cash bursaries.

Through the ANNIE DANIELS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP foundation, Dr. Kerwin Charles - Dean and Professor of Economics, Policy, and Management at Yale University's School of Management - provided \$375,000, which was distributed equally to the top three students. This is the 16th year that the foundation has offered the award in remembrance of Dr. Charles' maternal grandmother. His parents, Mr. & Mrs. Reuben Charles made the presentations.

Another \$275,000 was granted by the Buxton-Friendship Heritage Fund through the huge generosity of Messrs. Reuben Robinson, Charles Dougall and Leon McLennon, and Ms. Jenifer Wendella Hodge. This amount was shared equally among the eleven students who qualified for Annandale Secondary School.

ANNIE DANIELS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
\$125,000 each:

- Quasie Newton, Jr. - Bishops' High School
- Tomiya Hatton - St. Stanislaus' College
- Kishana Thorne - St. Stanislaus' College

BUXTON-FRIENDSHIP HERITAGE FUND AWARD

Sponsored by Reuben Robinson, Charles Dougall, Leon McLennon and Jenifer Wendella Hodge

\$25,000 each:

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Makayla Sampson | Cleon Sampson |
| Tatiana Hodge | Kevin Huntley |
| Makaya McKenzie | Shamya Adams |
| Tiquan McRae | Shainqua Sandy |
| Angel Paul | Nickesia Craig |
| | Kwesi Richmond |



Dr. Kerwin Charles, sponsor of the annual Annie Daniels' Memorial Scholarship Award is the son of Teacher Paulette & Mr. Reuben Charles. He is currently the Dean and Professor of Economics, Policy, and Management at the Yale University's School of Management in the United States.



CHANTELLE SHARES KEYS TO SUCCESS



Here is Miss Chantelle Paul.

She was a special guest at the 2022 Scholastic Achievement Awards presentation ceremony, where she was invited to share the experience of her inspiring and successful academic journey with the students and other members of the audience.

In 2013, she took the National Grade Six Assessment (NGSA) examination at Friendship Primary School. As an incoming high school student that year, Chantelle participated in the BUXTON-FRIENDSHIP HERITAGE FUND's Student Empowerment Programme (STEP). In 2018, she was the sole recipient of the ANNIE DANIELS' MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD for her outstanding performance at the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate examination.

Here's her address:

"It is a great pleasure and honour that I stand before you as a 20-year old Buxton scholar to share my personal experience with you.

Who am I, you may ask? For those of you who do not know me, my name is Chantelle Paul. I was given the name by my cousin, Stephen Sam, when he visited Guyana in December 2001. But who I am today is a reflection of whom I was and where I came from.

Imagine that, as a three-year old child, I could not spell my name. It is quite long, has nine letters, and I had a hard time putting the letters together. So, I created a shorter version - "Chanel 9", and that nickname has stuck with me.

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PERSEVERANCE IS KEY TO SUCCESS

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I eventually became a Spelling Bee champion, not only for my [St. Augustine Anglican] Church, but I also represented the East Coast [Demerara] and Georgetown at the national levels where I was successful.

My journey began [in 2013] when I was awarded 489 marks at the NGSA and a place at Annandale Secondary School. In that moment, I thought I was a failure and a disappointment to a lot of people. However, I did not let that thought consume my abilities.

Two years later, I was given a chance to write the Placement Examination, and I was awarded a place at St. Stanislaus' College. After one chapter concluded, I started another where I was preparing to write the CSEC examination. This is where Life threw challenges at me, considering I was at a disadvantage - I did not attend extra lessons. Notwithstanding, I wrote and passed eleven (11) subjects, which made me the top CSEC student for Buxton in 2018.

I furthered my CAPE (Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination) studies at The Bishops' High School, and I was successful in receiving an Associate's Degree in Law. I am currently a final-year Law student at the University of Guyana.

During my school life and accomplishments, I tried to maintain a balanced life where I find the time to take part in extra-curricular activities. I attended Sunday School in my primary school years; I was a member of Guyana Scouts' Association; I spent time with friends; and much more. My mom also made sure that I did house chores. After all, "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy".

Behind all my accomplishments, I had the full support of my family, who played a major role and always believed in my potential. It's not all diamonds. Some days were tough, but I never lost sight of my goal.

To the parents and guardians, I encourage you, please, to make time for your children or child. Sometimes, it is not always about financial support, but just to know that you have someone there by your side is enough to get through a tough day.

Seeing me here, you may assume I had everything and my life sorted out. But no! Life does not always give handouts and free passes. There will be obstacles, and there will be challenges.

I want to let you know that as you elevate in life, sometimes your journey might not be led by a straight path. There will be curves; there will be bumps; there will be ups and downs. But, never let that stop you from reaching your true destiny and potential! Perseverance is the key. Never lose sight of your dreams, because you can accomplish anything once you believe in you!



Make the Best of Your Education

EDUCATION EMANCIPATES US

It is always a pleasure for me to be in Buxton, more so on an occasion such as this one honouring the academic achievements of the students of this community.

Back in 2015, I met with community leaders here to find out their views on the kind of project I could do which would be beneficial to this community. The unanimous choice was: Education. So, working with community leaders, teachers and parents, we began the Buxton Youth Development Initiative which provided remedial classes based on the school curriculum for primary school children from Friendship Primary, Buxton Primary and Company Road Primary whom the teachers had identified. They attended classes three times a week and, over time, through the dedication of our Coordinator, Deon Abrams and our volunteer teachers, we saw improvements in the literacy rate and the number of children who were successful in the NGSAs, with some students gaining places at the Bishops' High School, St. Rose's, St. Joseph's and President's College. To tell you the truth, I felt like a proud grandmother when I saw those children fulfilling their potential. I feel the same way today, when I look at the bright faces of these young people who have started their secondary school education.



*...Mrs. Sandra M. Granger
Former First Lady of Guyana*

I have always been impressed by the importance which this village and this community attach to education. They recognise that education is vital for the growth and development of the individual leads to the growth and development of the community and the country. Over a century ago, they set up a scholarship fund to send deserving students to university. They value knowledge. They value the opportunities that come to us through education. I think it also fosters that sense of pride they feel in being Buxtonian wherever in the world they may be.

That tradition continues today as we celebrate the young people who succeeded at the NGSAs and have now entered Grade Seven. The late Nelson Mandela, freedom fighter, boxer, lawyer and President of South Africa, said that "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

When we speak about education, we are not only talking about what we used to call "book learning." (We have to expand it in this age of technology.) Book learning is important. We need it to increase our knowledge not only about the subjects we are studying in school, but also ourselves, the world around us, technology, climate change and the impact these have on our lives. Education is also what we learn from the world around us. Our day-to-day experiences with people, animals, places and things, are equally important. As an example, we can use this ceremony today, where people who grew up in this community absorbed the lessons they learnt while growing up here – respect for your elders, respect for your family and friends, respect for your community, respect for yourself, and a deep, abiding love for these villages – and felt inspired to give back to the community that raised them.

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MAKE THE BEST OF YOUR EDUCATION: IT EMANCIPATES US

Education gives us the tools to shape our world

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Education includes our traditions which build our sense of belonging: the food we eat, our music and dance, our language – what we say, how we say it and when we say it. It includes the tradition of going to the “line top” to commemorate Emancipation and honouring the ancestors. It includes knowing the history of these villages and the people who built it, such as one I learnt as a child about Buxton people stopping the Governor’s train to protest against high taxes. It includes folklore, ‘Nansi story and stories about various village people which have been passed down from generation to generation.

Students, this Awards Ceremony recognises and honours your achievement and lets you know how proud the people of the Buxton-Friendship Heritage Fund are of you. The members of this audience are here because they, too, are proud of you. The theme of this year’s event is **“Make the Best of Your Education.”**

Make the Best of your Education by learning all you can about the subjects which interest you and which you think may help you in the career you choose to pursue. There is so much knowledge out there, in books, on the internet, on the television, and in the experience and knowledge of your elders.

One thing I will emphasise: build up your language skills. No matter how competent you are in whatever field you choose, you have to communicate. And to communicate successfully, you have to have a good grasp of language: to understand it and to share information with it. Your language skills have to be better than good; more so, as you are promoted and advance in your field. So, please read. We need more than “Idk,” “Imao,” “lol” and so on. You have to read so that you can give clear instructions when you become the big boss.

Make the Best of Your Education by seeking knowledge about the issues which are important to you, and these will change and evolve as you grow older.

Make the Best of Your Education and do not let anyone, ever, tell you who you are and where you ought to be.

Sometimes, it will not be easy. Things may get hard, and you may feel that there’s no sense in getting an education. As you grow, your friends (and maybe some family members) may encourage you to set aside your assignments and go with them to sport, whenever two spoons knock, or just to lime. Some of your friends may be afraid that you will leave them behind. Far from it! Education makes you bigger. Better. Stronger.

I promise you, there will be someone in your community, or several ones, for that matter, who will encourage you and guide you along the way.

As you learn more, you begin to reason for yourself. You will not be led by anyone telling you to do this or do that. To go here or go there. You will ask: Why? Why are you telling me to do this? Why should I go there? Why do you want me to go there? You begin to understand the logic of things.

Make the Best of your Education, be disciplined in whatever field you choose, so you have the knowledge and the power and the freedom to make the right choices for yourself and the choices that will help you become another proud woman or man from Buxton-Friendship.

How many of you know Bob Marley’s “Redemption Song”? Do you remember those famous words: “Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery / None but our selves can free our minds...”? Education emancipates us. Education gives us the tools to shape our world.

Malcolm X said that *“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.”*

For these reasons I say, Congratulations to all the awardees. “Make the Best of Your Education.” Congratulations to the parents and teachers who helped bring you here today! And congratulations and thank you to the Buxton-Friendship Heritage Fund for recognising these ascending stars in their community.

Thank you!

Sandra M. Granger

BACKPACKS FOR HIGH SCHOOL

One hundred and ten (110) new first formers (Grade 7 students) benefitted from this year's high school backpack distribution, which included: Dictionaries (English, French, Portuguese and Spanish), Geometry Set, Scientific Calculator, Magnifying Glass, Composition and Spiral Notebooks, Binder, Folders, Filler Paper, Pens, Lead and Coloured Pencils, Yellow Highlighter, Eraser, Sharpener and Ruler.



EQUIPPED FOR NGBSA SUCCESS

Two hundred and eighteen (218) pupils in Grades 5 and 6 at Buxton/ Company Road Primary and Friendship Primary schools were thrilled to receive new backpacks filled with essential school supplies – Composition Notebooks, English Dictionary, Pencils, Eraser, Sharpener and Ruler. The donation from Buxton-Friendship Heritage Fund (USA) provides them with tools necessary to enhance their performance at the crucial National Grade Six Assessment (NGSA) examination and the opportunities afforded for further success.

Special thanks to donor, Jenifer Wendella Hodge, for her huge contribution in making this project possible! Wendella is a born-Buxtonian of the Ifill family from Company Road, but she was raised in Linden. The former New York City high school teacher and philanthropist is forever proud of her Buxtonian heritage and very supportive of the community’s developmental programmes. We’re so grateful for her kindness and support.



Buxton/Company Road Primary School pupils



Friendship Primary School pupils

BUXTON SMALL BUSINESS EXPO

The Buxton Market Square recaptured some of its old glory on Saturday, 26th November, when the BUXTON/FRIENDSHIP ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP held its BUXTON SMALL BUSINESS EXPO at the previously thriving business hub in the village. The organisers were proud of their efforts in creating the event which offered dozens of farmers, producers and service providers wider exposure and priceless takeaways to improve their businesses. Not only did vendors express appreciation for the opportunity to showcase their stuff, some are calling for the venture to take place more frequently so as to stimulate business enterprise, local consumption, and redevelopment of the Buxton Market.

Some of the items displayed were: fresh greens and fruits, meat products, green seasoning, pepper sauce, casreep, breads and cakes, local drinks, sweets, fruit and tonic wines, crème liqueur, clothing apparel, costume jewelry; hairdressing, cosmetology and beauty supplies; dancing classes, farming and consultancy services in animal healthcare, plant and crop health, pest and disease control, business plan development and cost analysis.

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Crotchet Apparel & Decorations



Farmers' Produce: Tomato, Lettuce and Breadfruit



Pepper Sauce, Seasoning and Casreep

BUSINESS EXPO

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Co-facilitator of the Expo, Slater Jeffrey, in thanking the participants, said: *"I believe, as our first effort, we all did very well. So, give ourselves a tap on the back."* The Atlanta-based Guyanese community organizer also noted that there were areas for improvement, as he urged them to share their experiences and offer suggestions for future events. He concluded, *"I am proud of us all."*



Fraser's Farming and Consultancy Service



Dixie's Capadulla Crème Liqueur



**Black Cake and Banana Bread
ALL J'S CATERING**



Jacklyn's Tonic Wines

MISS EAST COAST 2022

On the spectacular evening of November 12th, Buxton's Tipperary Hall was transformed to a glamorous stage for "MISS EAST COAST 2022" pageant, styled "*Beauty with a Mission*". A bevy of nine intelligent, talented and beautiful young women vied for the crown and several attractive prizes. The delegates came from Turkeyen, Annandale, Buxton, Friendship, Vigilance, Melanie Damishana, Paradise, Enmore and Ann's Grove.

Performing the honours for Buxton was Miss Nutanda Blair, and for Friendship it was Miss Shakel Tatiana Lewis. Miss Qweiasha Sealey represented Annandale, while Miss Alicia Baptiste was the delegate for Vigilance.

The other contestants were Latanya Williams - Miss Turkeyen, Izanna Rogers - Miss Melanie Damishana, Travina Durant - Miss Paradise, Nikeesha Baksh - Miss Enmore, and Younette Stepheny - Miss Ann's Grove.

Miss Enmore - Nikeesha Baksh was crowned "Miss East Coast 2022" and awarded \$300,000, donated by Ansa McAl. Miss Melanie Damishana, represented by Izannah Rogers emerged as First Runner-up, followed by Miss Buxton - Nutanda Blair as Second Runner-up and a cash prize of \$100,000, donated by Benjamin's Bakery.

From all appearances, the event was well attended, and some expectations seemed to have been surpassed. The organizers deserve every commendation for their sterling efforts. They did an amazing job preparing the delegates, who promoted their villages very well. They were all outstanding in poise and presentation. Kudos to them! As for the décor, it was quite lovely.

Congratulations to the winners!

Photo Credit: "Miss East Coast Beauty with a Mission Pageant 2022"



Miss Buxton - Nutanda Blair
2nd Runner-up



Miss Enmore - Nikeesha Baksha
Miss East Coast 2022

Still Batting Strong at 90



Agnes Fredericks (née Ifill)



Mrs. Maudeleine Bacchus

Mrs. Agnes Fredericks, née Ifill, was born on 6th December, 1932. The matriarch of the Lesfrance-Ifill family was surrounded by five of her six surviving children - Pauletta, Ezlyn, Charwin, Clairmonte and Noella, joined by several grandchildren, great-grands, nieces and other family members at a fabulous celebration in Staten Island, New York. A few days later, she traveled to Guyana to enjoy the warm Christmas holiday at home.

Aunty Agnes is gratified to have reached this milestone. She hopes to follow her eldest sister, Edna, in scoring at least 100.

Happy Birthday, Aggo. Best wishes for longer life!

Mrs. Maudeleine Bacchus, née Gentle, was born on 11th December, 1932, but her much younger appearance and vibrant spirit belie her 90 years around the sun. Giving birth to fourteen children and having worked very hard as a vendor to support her large family and children in the community, Mrs. Bacchus continues to be blessed with incredible vigor, sharp mental acuity and fair health.

For the milestone birthday, Aunty Maudeleine, as she is affectionately called by relatives and acquaintances, was honoured with a grand celebration fit for a queen, in Washington, DC.

Happy Birthday, Aunty Maudeleine!

Cheers for many more healthy and happy years!

SQUARING A CIRCLE

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As an inventor, Lyndon Barton is the holder of six U.S patents, including four on board game accessories, and a math puzzle:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vscn7ulpuUE>.

Among the awards and recognitions Lyndon has received are:

- A listing among *Who's Who in Science and Engineering In America*, Marquis Publication
- Award for *Contribution to Art in Buxton*, his native village, by CIMBUX – U.S.-based Committee for the Improvement of Buxton.
- Cultural and Creativity Award**, by The Buxton/Friendship Heritage Fund, a U.S.-based charitable and support organization.
- Founder's Special Award** by Buxton/Friendship Museum & Archives Committee
E. I. DuPont **"Excellence in Engineering Award"**

Lyndon attributes his multi-faceted career to the following:

- His love for art and mathematics
- Being fortunate to have good role models
- His creative approach to problem-solving

Lyndon and his wife Olive are proud parents of four children, and proud grandparents of three children.

Dearly Missed

We join in mourning the passing of "Cousin Lynette", a much beloved villager, generous patron of Buxton-Friendship Heritage Fund, and an ardent supporter of almost any cause for the improvement of the Buxtonian community. Lynette Anderson-Thomas left us on 9th December, 2022, following a brief admission to a New York City hospital.

Mrs. Thomas demonstrated considerable interest in the education of children in Buxton/Friendship through generous contributions to provide learning resources for students and schools. She could also be counted on to attend and amply support fundraising activities. Just this past Labor-Day weekend, she braved the night and distance to come meet, greet and enjoy the Patronal Picnic in Brooklyn.

Cousin Lynette was a wonderful soul. She would have touched the lives of many, was loved by all, and will be dearly missed. May she rest in peace!



Lynette Anderson-Thomas
1934/10/05 - 2022/12/09

ANNUAL REPORT

BUXTON-FRIENDSHIP HERITAGE FUND, INC.

Income & Expenditure Statement:

October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022

REVENUE

| | | |
|--------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Donations | \$16,458.96 | |
| Fundraising | <u>\$ 4,977.19</u> | |
| Gross Income | | \$21,436.15 |

EXPENSES:

| | | |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Backpacks & Supplies | \$5,758.75 | |
| Scholastic Awards/Prizes | \$4,898.00 | |
| Shipping & Customs | \$1,039.00 | |
| Mailing | \$ 170.40 | |
| Stationery | \$ 98.96 | |
| Bank Fees | \$ 13.39 | |
| Total Expenses | | <u>\$11,978.50</u> |

NET INCOME

\$9,457.65

Donations & Support Vital

As you would have seen from the financial report above, contributions made by our donors and supporters are vital to the work we do for the Buxton/Friendship community. We cannot do what we do without them, and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to every one of you who volunteered to share some of your resources to help our children and needy families back home. Sharing is caring, and we thank you for your commitment and sacrifice.

We also to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of all our recent donors, notably Brother Lyndon Barton and Sisters Barbara Dorsett, Hermine Grant and Thandi Drakes-Muno. We appreciate your generosity, and thank you for your ongoing support!

Wishing all of you a wonderful Christmas and a New Year filled with health, happiness and continuous prosperity!

BECOME A DONOR

Donate for improvement of Education, Health and Livelihood in the Buxton/Friendship community!

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Lynette Anderson-Thomas

A Licensed Practical Nurse, Lynette gave 33 years of dedicated service to patients in the New York City hospitals of Bellevue, Lenox Hill, Mount Sinai, and Beth Israel. In June 1979, when a budding flutist was pushed onto the E train tracks severing her arm, Lynette was a lauded member of the Bellevue team that performed all-night surgery and successfully reattached the limb. This was one of her proudest professional moments.

Lynette was born to Pearl Ifill and George "StirAbout" Anderson on October 5, 1934 in Buxton Village. She attended St. Augustine's Anglican School, Tutorial High School, and the Carnegie School of Home Economics, after which she worked as an expert dressmaker. But she dreamed of becoming a nurse - a dream deferred due to her mother's death when she was a teenager. Lynette seized the opportunity to pursue her nursing studies when she immigrated to the United States in 1967. Through night school, working double shifts in hospitals and nursing homes, grit, and determination, she lifted herself up from nurses' aide to LPN while focused on the welfare of her six children.

She was a strong proponent of education. "You must go to school" was her mantra to people of all ages. She demonstrated her love for family and friends by sharing her joy of cooking and by showing up, regardless of the distance, to provide support in their times of joy, grief, or sorrow.

In retirement, she travelled extensively, exploring other cultures in Egypt, Ghana, Nigeria, Peru, Panama, the Philippines, and Senegal. And, consistent with her love of learning, she took swimming lessons at her neighborhood recreational center, creative writing classes at her church, and piano lessons that culminated in a recital at the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

To the very end, Lynette cultivated an extensive network of loving family and friends, young and old, who enjoyed her indomitable spirit, amazing hospitality, and her jovial wit - telling jokes with a wink of the eye.

She is survived by her children Joan, Dawn, Audrey, Paul and Tracey, son-in-law Jack Gaspar, and grandchildren Taylor Gaspar, Reginald Mousa Touré, and Sybil Maimouna Touré. She was predeceased by her son Reginald Thomas.

Buxtonians in particular will remember her unwavering support to her birthplace, its school children, and St. Augustine Anglican Church, where she was baptized and confirmed.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Marble Collegiate Church in Manhattan on Sunday January 22, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday January 21, 2023, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m., at Glen Terrace in Brooklyn. Internment of ashes will take place in Buxton, in February.

Donations in Lynette's memory may be made to: BUXTON-FRIENDSHIP HERITAGE FUND, Inc., 454 Vermont Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207



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