



Jamaican Nationals Association
Of the Washington DC Metropolitan Area

in collaboration with the Embassy of Jamaica

Presents

**JNA Virtual Leadership Development
Scholarship Awards Ceremony
& Fundraiser**

Saturday, November 6, 2021
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. (EST)

Christopher Gibbons, MD, MPH
CEO, The Greystone Group, Inc.
Motivational Guest Speaker

Mrs. Nichollette Williams
Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Jamaica
Representing Her Excellency Audrey Marks,
Jamaica's Ambassador to the U.S.A.
Executive Host

Dr. Karren Dunkley, Ed.D.
Global Jamaica Diaspora Council (GJDC) –
Northeast Representative, USA

Mr. Dervan Malcolm
Master of Ceremonies

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of the Washington DC Metropolitan Area**

JNA MISSION STATEMENT

Jamaican Nationals Association (JNA) is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt, non-profit organization whose mission is to unify, foster and promote the welfare of Jamaicans and persons of Jamaican heritage in the Washington Metropolitan Area along with providing assistance and support to individuals and organization in the United States, and in Jamaica.

The Student Outreach and Educational Support Program was created by JNA's Education Committee to facilitate opportunities for education upliftment, network and mentoring relationships between our university/college students and our Jamaican professionals and diplomatic community within the Washington DC Metropolitan area.

2021 JNA Scholarship Awardees



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JD Candidate 2024



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College of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems



ZOE HILLOCKS – Pennsylvania State University
Biology – planning to be Pediatric Cardiologist



REV. NORLENE JACKSON – Yale School of Divinity
Masters of Arts in Religion



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Biochemistry with Microbiology

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Masters Degree in Forensic Psychology, Professional Licensure Track



PROGRAM

Jamaican Nationals Association of the Washington DC Metropolitan Area (JNA) Leadership Development College Scholarship Awards Ceremony

Saturday, November 6, 2021, 6:00 P.M. EST

National Anthem: USA

National Anthem: Jamaica

Invocation – The Rev. Dr. Agorom Dike: President and Founder of Caribbean and African Faith Based Leadership Conference and member of JNA's SOES Committee

Welcome – Dr. Elaine Knight, President, JNA

Introduction of Master of Ceremonies – Mr. Dervan Malcolm, Host of Power 106 FM

Scholarship Awardee: Ms. Aksania Morris

Recognition/Greetings – Dignitaries

Dr. Karren Dunkley, Jamaica Diaspora Northeast USA Representative

Executive Host: Mrs. Nicholette Williams, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Jamaica representing Her Excellency, Ambassador Audrey P. Marks: Embassy of Jamaica

Special Welcome to Mrs. Norma Walters, Custos of St. Ann and Mr. Radcliffe Walters, Custos Emeritus of St. Ann

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Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and Public Health and Founder and CEO, The Greystone Group Inc.

Entertainment: Mr. Christopher Daley, Comedian

Questions/Comments from Audience

ZOOM HOSTS

Ms. Olive Cox (Host) and Mrs. Delores McKoy (Co-Host)

Closing Remarks:

Ms. Jennifer Asher, Chair, Student Outreach and Educational Support (SOES)

Acknowledgement:

Thank You

Ms. Jennifer Asher

Slide Presentation for Credits/Acknowledgement

Program Adjourns

STUDENT OUTREACH AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT (SOES)

“LEADERSHIP & COMMUNICATION SKILLS”

Jennifer Asher, Chair



*Sowing Seeds of Success &
Lifting up With Helping Hands*

Purpose:

- Assist students with basic educational needs through leadership & text-book support scholarships • Provide students with community organizing and leadership training opportunities • Connect students with mentors • Provide networking opportunities between the local Jamaican community and students of Jamaican heritage through events and developing relationships with Caribbean Students Associations.

Program Goals:

The Student Outreach & Educational Support(SOES) Program was initiated by JNA to foster the participation and development of talented student leaders who will help to build strong, healthy and nurturing communities throughout the JamaicanDiaspora, and in Jamaica.

The Program’s goal is to develop future community leaders and encourage the circle of “giving back to community” reflected by JNA, which was formed by Jamaican students attending Washington, DC Metropolitan Area universities 50 years ago.

The SOES Program reflects the deep respect inJamaican culture for educational training, leadership and achievement. At its heart, the Program sends out an SOS that there is an urgent need to rekindle and foster “a strong sense of community”.

The SOES Program is designed to engage college/university students from Jamaica and those of Jamaican heritage in the WashingtonDC Metro Area through their participation in:

Leadership & Textbook Support Scholarships: JNA's Scholarship Program began in 2006. In recent years has focused on leadership and text-book support. As textbooks, there continues to be a consistent rise in college expenses, particularly textbook and related costs. As a result, many students find it extremely difficult to access the resources necessary to achieve their educational goals.

Community Organizing & Leadership Training: JNA's leadership training offers opportunities for students to attend seminars and talks where community and industry leaders share their experiences in leadership, community organizing, communications and networking. "Sowing Seeds of Success & Lifting up with hands of help"

Mentorship Opportunities A unique aspect of the Washington Metropolitan area is the significant access to talented professionals. Our Mentorship Program will be launched early next year. A survey will be emailed to college students and persons interested in mentoring college students.

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Biography of Her Excellency Audrey P. Marks
Ambassador of Jamaica to the United States of America and Permanent
Representative of Jamaica to the Organization of American States (OAS)



H.E. Audrey Marks is Jamaica’s thirteenth Ambassador to the United States of America and the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the Organization of American States (OAS).

Ambassador Marks assumed duties at the Embassy in Washington, DC on September 12, 2016. She previously served in the same capacity for two (2) years from 2010-2012, thereby creating history by being the first Jamaican female Ambassador to the USA, and also the first Ambassador to be assigned to the same post twice.

Prior to assuming her Ambassadorial role, Ambassador Marks, an entrepreneur by profession, started and operated six previous businesses, including a 100-acre banana exporting farm, a transportation company, as well as a real estate sales and development company. She also operated a Venture Capital Company with diverse investments, including manufacturing, travel and entertainment.

She is perhaps best known for having founded Paymaster (Jamaica) Limited, an online paymaster system which she conceptualized and started in 1997. Paymaster operates payment agencies from which all types of bill payments and remittances can be made and is the first multi-transaction agency in the Caribbean.

Ambassador Marks has also served on several private and public sector Boards, including being the Chairman of the Central Wastewater Treatment Company Limited (CWTC); Chair of the Tourism Product Development Company (TPDCo); Deputy Chair of the Urban Development Corporation (UDC); Director of the Board of RBTT Securities Jamaica Limited; Jamaica Trade and Invest (JTI); National Health Fund (NHF); and the University of the West Indies (Mona School of Business). She has the distinction of being the first female President of the American Chamber of Commerce of Jamaica (AMCHAM), an organization which promotes investment and trade between the United States and Jamaica.

She holds a Bachelor’s and a Master’s Degree in Business Administration from the University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica, and Nova University, Florida, USA, respectively.

Ambassador Marks is the recipient of numerous citations and recognition from her peers and various organizations for her pioneering work, entrepreneurial endeavours and commitment to social causes. These include: Ernst & Young Nominee for the “Caribbean Entrepreneur of the Year 2000”; and the Florida International University Business Leader of the Year Award for 2003 and 2010.

She is married to Jassel Dunstan and they have two daughters – Morgan and Madison. She enjoys playing golf, mentoring young adults and spending time with her family.

BIOGRAPHY:



Chris Gibbons, MD, MPH
Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and Public Health
and CEO, The Greystone Group, Inc.

Dr. Gibbons is a digital health innovator, entrepreneur, physician and scientist. His career has been dedicated to solving some of life’s most challenging health problems. These include improving health among racial and ethnic minorities and using digital technologies to improve health beyond the walls of the hospital.

He is the Founder and CEO of The Greystone Group, a digital health innovation and transformation firm. The firm works with healthcare clients from the federal government, to large and small healthcare systems as well as silicon valley technology companies to help them understand and thrive in the emerging world of digital and virtual healthcare.

Dr. Gibbons is also the Chief Health Innovation Adviser for the Federal Communications Commission’s Connect2Health Task Force, an Assistant Professor (Adj), Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, a Visiting Professor, Duke University School of Medicine, a Board Member of Reach Thought Leadership Forum and an Advisory Board member at MetroHealth DC and Microsoft for Startups. Dr. Gibbons is a published author and international speaker.

Previously Dr. Gibbons was the Associate Director of the Urban Health Institute at Johns Hopkins and an Assistant Professor of Medicine, Public Health and Health Informatics at Johns Hopkins schools of Medicine and Public Health. Dr. Gibbons attended medical school at the University of Alabama School of Medicine. He then trained in Preventive Medicine and Public Health, completed basic science research training in molecular neuro-oncology and fellowship training in General Surgery all at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
JNA 2021
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES**

BIOGRAPHY:



KARREN DUNKLEY Ed.D.
Global Jamaica Diaspora Council (GJDC) –
Northeast Representative, USA

Dr. Karren Dunkley, born in Spanish Town, Jamaica, is an educator, transformational leader, and social advocate. A graduate of St. Catherine High and Wolmers Girls (Sixth Form) schools, she is an internationally recognized educator. As a former high school principal and deputy superintendent, Dr. Dunkley is known for her transformational leadership and her inspiring relationships with the young people whom she has mentored in Jamaica, New York, and Pennsylvania.

She holds a doctorate in Urban Education with a concentration in Organization and Leadership from Teachers College, Columbia University; a Master's degrees in Political Science and Education Leadership from St. John's University, and Columbia University, respectively, and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science with a minor in Education from St. John's University. She is the principal/CEO of KND Consulting, LLC, and the co-proprietor of Spiritz of Montego Bay.

Education & Early Literacy - Dr. Dunkley is committed to ensuring high-quality early literacy programs for every child in Jamaica and every Jamaican-heritage child in the United States, secondary and post-secondary skills training for young adults and adults, and youth empowerment.

Over the last twenty-five years, Dr. Dunkley has collaborated with Jamaican schools, individuals, and organizations, including the St. Catherine High School Alumni Association, Uhuru Incorporated, Spiritz of Hanover, and SHALK Security Limited to improve and support educational and community development at the grassroots level.

Women's Empowerment - In the area of women's empowerment, Dr. Dunkley mentors teenage moms and organizes empowerment seminars at the community level. She is committed to empowerment through Sports and served as a major sponsor of Jamaica's Senior Netball team, "The Sunshine Girls." Dr. Dunkley works closely with homeless and displaced youth to facilitate access to safe housing solutions.

Economic and Cultural Empowerment - Dr. Dunkley is committed to economic and cultural empowerment,-sponsoring academic and graduation scholarships, heritage activities, providing athlete assistance, and ensuring access to early literacy resources. During the school year, she assists with basic needs such as uniforms, books, bags, textbooks, and scholarships for graduation. She has empowered communities through access to clean water for every household, and capacity building at the community level in rural Jamaica.

Awards - She is the recipient of the Tuskegee University Education Advocacy Award, Omega Psi Phi Education Achievement Award, Philadelphia OIC's Impact Award, and the Team Jamaica Bickle Community Educator Award.

BIOGRAPHY:



DERVAN MALCOLM
Power 106 FM Radio Host

DERVAN MALCOLM'S career as a Broadcast Journalist was spurred by his outstanding achievements in the Performing Arts. It was one of his performances in the Jamaica Cultural Development Commission's Festival of the Performing Arts that propelled him onto the media landscape on October 24, 1993, while he was still a student and Headboy at Calabar High School.

Almost 24 years later, Dervan Malcolm is still employed to Independent Radio Company, operator of talk-oriented radio station, Power 106 FM and adult contemporary music station Music 99 FM. Of note is the fact that until recently, Independent Radio Company was a member of the Gleaner Group. Today, like the Gleaner Power 106 FM and Music 99 FM are now members of the RJR Gleaner Communications Group, which makes the offerings of Independent Radio Company Limited all the more dynamic. During his more than 23 years at Independent Radio Company (Power 106 FM/Music 99 FM), Dervan has served in numerous capacities; from News Presenter to News Editor; Sportscaster; Talk Show Producer; Executive Producer, Programmes and since March 26, 2007, the Producer and Host of the current affairs programme "Both Sides of the Story".

Both Sides of the Story allows Dervan Malcolm to further his mission to "Educate, Empower, Enlighten and encourage Entrepreneurship" and he looks forward to continuing on this mission wherever in the world it takes him. He's been honored for his work in the promotion of Road Safety and the care and protection of Children. In November 2014 he was recognized by the City of the Los Angeles and the Jamaica Awareness Association of California, J.A.A.C, for his contribution to the J.A.A.C. More recently Team Jamaica Bickle presented Dervan Malcolm with the Bickle Award in recognition and appreciation for his outstanding service, exemplary journalism and dedication to the issues of pertinence and concern to the Jamaican Diaspora.

Mr. Malcolm's work continues on "The Jamaican Diaspora Live Online" which airs Saturdays 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and an ever-increasing number of LIVE broadcasts from across the Jamaican Diaspora.



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