



## Bahamas Barry Alumni Chapter Newsletter

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### Message from Alumni Board of Directors President



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Dear Fellow Alumni,  
Welcome to a New Year, a particularly momentous one, as Barry celebrates "75" years of life!

- What a genuine honor each of us has to be actively representing the core values of Barry.
- What a tremendous re-

sponsibility each of us has to be actively promoting the mission of Barry.

- What an awesome feeling each of us has to be actively fostering relationships with students and alum at Barry.

For me, the message is simple-each of us needs to stand up and be counted while shouting unconventionally:

**BARRY UNIVERSITY IS A GREAT PLACE TO BE.**

Please check out the calendar of events in this issue and consider supporting your Chapter, and reflect on the impact you can singularly make by participating, communicating, and/or

networking for the Bahamas Barry Alumni Chapter.

Congratulations to the newly elected Bahamas Barry Alumni Chapter Board! The Alumni Board of Directors and I are available to you and welcome your thoughts, questions, and or concerns.

**BARRY PROUD!**

*Noreen Bevilacqua Virgin*

President  
Barry University Alumni  
Board of Directors

At the end of our lives, we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made or how many great things we have done. We will be judged by "I was hungry and you gave me to eat. I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless and you took me in". ~ Mother Teresa

This alumni e-newsletter is provided as a quick and easy way to receive monthly updates about the Bahamas Barry Alumni Chapter and also to obtain information regarding upcoming alumni events. To send us your news and information you would like to see included, please email Dr. Yvonne Campbell, at [ycampbell@barry.edu](mailto:ycampbell@barry.edu)

# Newly Elected Chapter Board

Congratulations!



**Back Row (L-R):** Joan Knowles-Turnquest (Public Relations Officer), Jamilah Thompson (Events Coordinator), Keva Campbell (Secretary), Janet McKenzie (Vice President).

**Front Row:** Stephen McPhee (Chapter President )

# EVENTS CALENDAR

## 2015-2016 Upcoming Events for Alumni, Friends, and Family

### *Bahamas Barry Alumni Old School Dance*

**October 23, 2015**

8:00 PM until.....

Paul Farquharson Conference Center  
Royal Bahamas Police Headquarters  
East Street, Nassau

Admission: \$10 at door

All Barry University alumni, friends and family are invited to this pre-Halloween party to celebrate Barry's 75th Anniversary. Celebrate Barry through the decades and come dressed in 1940s to 1970s costumes. Enjoy a good time with music, food and drinks! Adults only. This event is a fundraiser for the Bahamas alumni chapter trip to Barry's Distinguished Alumni Awards and Reunion Weekend in Miami in February 2016.

### *Bahamas Barry Alumni Networking Mixer*

**November 7, 2015**

Time: 7:00 PM

Havana Cay Lounge  
Grand Lucayan Resort, Freeport  
Free admission

Join Barry University's Bahamas Alumni Chapter for this networking mixer! Meet the Bahamas Alumni Chapter board members and network with your fellow alumni.

### *Bahamas Barry Alumni Professional Development Workshop*

**November 17, 2015**

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Learning Resources Center Conference Room  
Mackey Street, Nassau

Please join us for this free networking event and seminar featuring guest speaker Edison Sumner, president and CEO of the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Federation. Mr. Sumner will present information and answer questions on financial health and other topical personal growth and development subjects. Refreshments will be served.

### *Bahamas Barry Alumni Holiday Mixer*

**December 5, 2015**

Time: 7:00 PM

Bullion Restaurant & Lounge  
British Colonial Hilton, Nassau  
Free admission

Join the Bahamas Barry Alumni Chapter for this holiday mixer. Reconnect and network with fellow Bahamas alums while enjoying a fun, festive atmosphere.

### *Bahamas Barry Alumni Day of Service*

**December 12, 2015**

Time: 12:00 PM

Adelaide Primary School  
Adelaide Village, Nassau

If you've ever wanted to give back to your community and bless the life of a local child, here is the perfect opportunity to do so. As part of Barry University's 75th Anniversary and its 75 Acts of Service, you are invited to join Barry alumni from across the Bahamas as they come together to give back to the Adelaide Village community, and specifically to the children. In an effort to promote literacy during this day of family fun, alumni will read stories, play educational games and other activities including kites marbles, jump rope, music and a DJ. We look forward to seeing you on this day of family fun in recognition of Barry University's ongoing commitment to collaborative service.

### *Bahamas Barry Alumni Day of Service*

**February 13, 2016**

Time: 11:00 AM

Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre - Geriatric Hospital  
Fox Hill Road, Nassau

As part of Barry University's 75th Anniversary and its 75 Acts of Service, you are invited to join fellow Bahamas alumni for a day of giving back to our elders. Spend time with the patients, talking, reading and praying with them. Donations of sleepwear/nightgowns, slippers, tams/caps, etc. are also welcome. We look forward to seeing you and being a part of Barry University's ongoing commitment to collaborative service.

### *Bahamas Barry Alumni Networking Mixer*

**May 27, 2016**

Time: 7:00 PM

Bullion Restaurant & Lounge  
British Colonial Hilton, Nassau  
Free admission

Join Barry University's Bahamas Alumni Chapter for this networking mixer! Meet the Bahamas Alumni Chapter board members and network with your fellow alumni.



*Join, Connect, Support!*

# Alumni Profiles

## Lee Ann Forbes

As a young girl I always felt that my destiny was connected to children. I thus often coached and tutored the neighborhood children and also my family members. I believe that all children were created with a wealth of potential, talents and gifts and these gifts are the tools needed for them to fulfill their purpose in life.

Consequently, with this powerful belief in my heart I graduated from the Grand Bahama Catholic High school and enrolled in the Associates of Arts and Teacher Certification program of the College of the Bahamas, in New Providence. Within eighteen months I had obtained my Associates of Arts degree in Primary Education and my Teacher's Certification. In 2009, I completed my Bachelor's Degree in Primary Education at the College of the Bahamas. I was very excited and grateful that, despite my physical limitations, I was able to accomplish these goals and grad-

uated with honors and distinction.

In the back of my mind, I knew that my life's dream (i.e., becoming a relevant, reputable and honored educator, as well as the owner of my own learning and literacy institute) would require further studies, training, and mentorship and selected Barry University to pursue a master's degree in Curriculum & Instruction. Weekend after weekend I gave it my best. Balancing my pedagogical duties as both a fifth-grade teacher and a private tutor, made this academic journey more demanding, but yet so fulfilling.

On December 7, 2014, I proudly walked across that stage graduating from Barry University with a Master's degree in Curriculum & Instruction.

Today, because of my rewarding journey at Barry University, I am a better educator, researcher, and curriculum designer. Furthermore, I was offered and accepted the position of new Writing Specialist at my school. Convinced that all children can learn,

I will continue to reevaluate, revise and improve my curriculum instruction and assessment.



I am Lee Ann Forbes and I am Barry proud!

## Leandra Kelly-Adderley

I am married to Jerome Adderley and am the mother of one amazing three year old, Jerlea. I am a Spanish teacher at Aquinas College Catholic High School. I live by the scripture verse: Jeremiah 29:11, "I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future".

My educational philosophy is that as educators, we must take our students from where they are, to where they need to be and ultimately, EVERY child is capable of learning.

Catholic education has shaped me into the woman that I am today because of the prac-

tices, beliefs and practices of the church. Despite the fact that I am a convert, through my experience in Catholic education, I have come to learn that when Christ is the center of all we do, then we are enabled to redirect our focus of life towards an understanding of the world in which we live that is geared towards the promotion of human dignity and the common good.

I enjoy reading, travelling, shopping and treating my daughter and me to biweekly hair and nail appointments.

I completed my Bachelor of Science Degree (Spanish, Secondary Education) at the College of the Bahamas in 2005 and my Master of Science Degree (Curriculum and Instruc-

tion) at Barry University in 2014. In September of this year, I will relocate to the island of Abaco to assume the role of Acting Principal of St. Francis de Sales Catholic School.



To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."

"You can have everything in life you want, if you will just help other people get what they want."

"One must be poor to know the luxury of giving."

~ George Eliot

# Alumni Update

**Birth**— Jatón Martin, MBA '08, and her husband Obi, welcomed a baby boy, Maliq William Martin, on December 22, 2014. Jatón is former Communications Co-Chair for the Bahamas Barry Alumni Board and we congratulate Obi and Jatón with the birth of their son.



## **THANK YOU!**

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Jatón Martin for her time served as co-editor of this Newsletter. With the demands of taking care of her beautiful family, she can no longer serve in this capacity. We wish her well. Jatón's contribution was invaluable to the timeous publication of the Barry Bahamas Alumni Newsletter.

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## **CONTACT US:**

We encourage contributions from our Bahamas Barry Alumni. Please submit your latest news. Where are you now? Do you have a new job, marriage, children, etc., we'd love to hear from you. Want to be profiled in our newsletter? Send us your bio information with headshot picture. Update your contact information to stay in touch with fellow alumni and the latest Bahamas Barry alumni news and events. Please submit information to Dr. Yvonne Campbell at [ycampbell@barry.edu](mailto:ycampbell@barry.edu)

## Barry University in the Bahamas

Barry University has expanded its geographic reach into Nassau and Freeport! The Adrian Dominican School of Education is proud to offer dynamic degree options to Bahamian leaders and educators interested in advancing their education and careers. Our master's and doctoral programs provide the knowledge and support for students to excel in their personal and professional endeavors.

### **Nassau- Spring 2015 Degree Offerings:**

- Master's in Organizational Learning & Leadership
- Master's in Curriculum & Instruction
- Master's in Exceptional Student Education
- Autism Certificate

### **Freeport-Spring 2015 Degree Offerings:**

- Master's in Organizational Learning & Leadership
- Master's in Curriculum & Instruction
- Master's in Exceptional Student Education

### **Program Highlights:**

- Cohort Format
- Classes offered on alternating weekends
- Receive a Bahamas tuition discount
- Locked tuition rate until completion of program
- Courses are taught in Nassau or Freeport with face-to-face instruction

For more details, contact Betsy Thomas at [ETHomas@barry.edu](mailto:ETHomas@barry.edu) or call (305) 899-3725



Barry University offers more than 100 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs. The Barry community includes a dynamic, multicultural student body of more than 9,000 students from nearly all 50 states and 80 countries. Founded in 1940 as a Catholic university, Barry promotes knowledge and truth, an inclusive community, social justice, and collaborative service.