



Commencement 2016

"Feeding Minds, Growing Greatness"



You set the standard, you set the pace, for all that will happen in the future [of BAMSI].

Keynote Speaker: Rt. Hon Prime Minister Perry Christie



What you were two years ago, you are no more. You now see life through a different prism. You have grown emotionally and academically.

Ambassador Godfrey Eneas, President, BAMSI



The Bahamas Agriculture and Marine Science Institute

Awards for Excellence



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Gimel U. Morley (ASc '16)

Morley received The Prime Minister's Award for Overall Academic Achievement and Excellence. This award is given to the graduate who obtains the highest cumulative grade point average of 3.70 or above. She also received the Award for Excellence in Aquaculture as the top candidate in that discipline. Before continuing her studies, Ms. Morley will join the BAMSI team and work on special projects related to aquaculture, and the marine science department.



Sterling L. Symonette (ASc '16)

Symonette received the Award for Excellence in Agriculture as the top candidate in that discipline. The award is given to the graduate who has the highest cumulative grade point average over 3.50 and who had demonstrated academic excellence in that programme. Mr. Symonette expects to pursue studies leading towards a master's degree in Agronomy. He is also looking forward to working with BAMSI as it engages with and supports farmers as they implement best agricultural practices.



Romeo Josey (ASc '16)

Josey received The Eneas Agricultural Policy Award. The award is given to the Associate Degree graduate who has a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 and who exemplified outstanding academic achievement in Introduction to Agriculture I and II and who displayed acumen in agriculture policy. Josey will now pursue studies toward a master's degree in Resource Management and Forestry Business from Fanshawe College in Ontario, Canada.



Paul Major (ASc '16)

Major received The Spirit of BAMSI Award. This is awarded to the graduate who exemplified leadership, high personal character and who was involved in significant extracurricular activities and /or community service and obtained a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.85 or above.



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BAMSI and the Nation Celebrate the 2016 Inaugural Commencement

"I thank you for the enthusiasm and the eagerness that you have displayed in coming into this program. It was uncharted waters for all of you but you have demonstrated a true pioneering spirit.

Some of you in this Graduation Class will immediately find employment as Extension Personnel in the Institute's Outreach Program – the Associated Farmer's Program. All of you will be placed on your island of residence, and return to your home islands to impart the technologies which you all have learnt here.

Finally, let me say something about my vision for Andros and its overall development. I see BAMSI as the high tide that lifts all ships and this is particularly true for Andros as BAMSI will be a major plank in the overall development planning for Andros. .."



Keynote Speaker :
The Rt. Hon. Perry G. Christie
Prime Minister
Commonwealth of the Bahamas



BAMSI: Face of New Agriculture



Ambassador William J. Godfrey Eneas
President
BAMSI

"You graduates will represent the Face of New Agriculture in The Bahamas. You are a critical ingredient in the giant step our country has made in its move to ensure our food and nutrition security. When some of you enter the work force in the field of extension, as the first graduates of BAMSI, the farmers and fishermen will judge your capacity to introduce new technologies to them; for those of you who go on to further your training, institutions will review your preparedness; those who employ you in the private sector will determine your usefulness to their business.

In all of these circumstances, you will represent the Institute."

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“Our students are sought after because our program is designed for learners who want a focused curriculum, practical knowledge, and who have a desire to work in agriculture, marine resources or a related industry.

Today marks a milestone, the beginning of another exciting journey, one that we have been preparing for. To our graduates, you represent our hope in the future and the success of the mission of the institute. You are the vision personified. You are the hope. Class of 2016, you have been trained and challenged now go forth and make a change!”



Dr. Raveenia Roberts-Hanna
Executive Director
BAMSI



HISTORY WILL RECALL: The 2016 inaugural class of The Bahamas Agriculture & Marine Science Institute stand with Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling, Governor General (front row, in blue), Prime Minister of the Bahamas The Rt. Hon. Perry Christie (front row, blue tie). (Back row, from left) BAMSI President Ambassador Godfrey Eneas, Minister of Education Jerome Fitzgerald, Executive Director of BAMSI Dr. Raveenia Roberts-Hanna, Minister of Health Perry Gomez and Minister of Agriculture & Marine Resources Alfred Gray.



2016 Graduates



ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMME

AQUACULTURE

Distinction

Gimel Urecca Morley

MARINE SCIENCE

Pass

Keith Christian Treco

AGRICULTURE

Distinction

Sterling Louis Symonette

Credit

Montez Ernest Hopkins

Romeo Desmond Josey

Pass

David Livingston Adderley

Marina Angela Newton

Paul Leon Major, II

Shanell LaToya Adderley

Travone James Pinder

Ty Montana Sands

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME

AGRICULTURE

Pass

O'Kendo Shamar Armbrister

Shadrick Farrington

Sheri Hortence Fountain

CROP MANAGEMENT

Pass

Marilyn Marguerite Lafluer

MARINE SCIENCE

Pass

Garneth Albert Campbell, Jr.

Paulamae White

Samantha Mitchell

SPECIALITY CERTIFICATES

Fundamentals of Entrepreneurship

Diana L. I. Curtis

Edward E. I. Rolle

Academic Upgrade & Transitional Studies

Preston Patton

Leah T.G. Seymour

Donavon Rodney Lewis





Commencement Day: Thursday July, 7th 2016

It was a summer morning to remember! Sizzling temperatures, vivid blue skies and the vibrant green of the Andros pine forests formed the backdrop to BAMSI's inaugural commencement ceremony. Nearly two dozen candidates would present themselves before family, friends, faculty, the BAMSI administrative team and invited guests to receive their Associate of Science Degree in Aquaculture, Agriculture or Marine Science and certificates in their respective programmes.

Commencement Class Speaker Gimel Morley (ASc '16) reflected on a journey that involved long bus rides, expanding knowledge of agriculture, supportive lecturers, and healthy exchanges with fellow students - all against the backdrop of Family Island life. "...My wish for the future of BAMSI is that it will continue to grow and nurture the minds of Bahamians in agriculture and marine resources. Bringing back the traditions of farming and integrating modern technology practices. This may be the ending chapter of one stage in our lives but it just prepared us for a new page."

Acknowledged as a transformative moment in the nation's history, the ceremony was recognized as a national event. Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas Rt. Hon. Perry Christie served as the keynote speaker. Also on hand was the Governor General, Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling. Guest speakers included: Hon. Perry Gomez, Minister of Health; Hon. Jerome Fitzgerald, Minister of Education and the Hon. Alfred Gray, Minister of Agriculture & Marine Science and Anglican Archbishop Emeritus Drexel Gomez. On hand for the celebratory moment was Minister of National Security Bernard Nottage, Mistress of Ceremony Rena Ginton, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Marine Resources; Senior members of the College of the Bahamas Administrative team, Government officials from North and Central Andros and the Royal Bahamas Police Force Pop Band.



Governor General Marguerite Pindling (blue) and Minister of National Security Bernard Nottage.



Commencement Class Speaker Gimel Morley (ASc '16)



Special platform guests



Dr. Earl Cash, Council Chairman
College of the Bahamas





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Graduate Luncheon



With the pomp and pageantry of the commencement ceremony at an end — the nerves smoothed away as the joy of the moment washed over all. Two years of focused effort, distance from loved ones and the experience of rural life were now in the past. Once students, now graduates, they could take a moment to feel the pride of successfully completing a rigorous academic programme.

As part of the day, an intimate celebration and feasting had been planned. Family, friends and special guests joined the graduates at a celebratory luncheon hosted by BAMSI. The school's cafeteria was transformed into a beautiful space befitting of the occasion, with parents, children, family and friends able to get close with their loved ones and share their happiness for the graduates' success.

The luncheon also provided graduates with the opportunity to express their appreciation for the support given them. Romeo Josey and Travone Pinder reflected on their time at BAMSI and Marina Newton shared her thoughts through poetry. The graduates also made special presentations to Ambassador Godfrey Eneas, Prime Minister Perry Christie and Dr. Raveenia Roberts-Hanna.

Along with his role as President of BAMSI, it was Eneas' desire to touch the life of every student on an individual level. His idea was to empower young learners to push forward with their studies in agriculture, stir up within them a passion for the field and provide an historical perspective of the industry.

For two years Ambassador Eneas took on the task of leading two courses — Introduction to Agriculture I and II — which all students participated

in. Such was his commitment to the students and his belief in agriculture and its importance to the economic and social well being of the nation, that he flew between BAMSI's head office in Nassau and Andros on a weekly basis just to ensure each student understood his/her role in the future of agriculture in the Bahamas.

The students also recognised Prime Minister Perry Christie and his vision realized in BAMSI. Dr. Raveenia Roberts-Hanna was also honoured.

As Executive Director she is tasked with developing the Institute's academic arm. Her daily efforts on the ground in Andros - sometimes tedious, many times challenging, always moving forward in the realization that she is sowing into the Institute's motto — 'feeding minds, growing greatness' were acknowledged by the graduates. She helped them grab hold of the notion that they should position themselves as critical thinkers and professionals in their chosen field and focus on producing work of an excellent standard.



Romeo Josey (ASc '16)



Marina Newton (ASc '16)



Travone Pinder (ASc '16)



The Blue Hole

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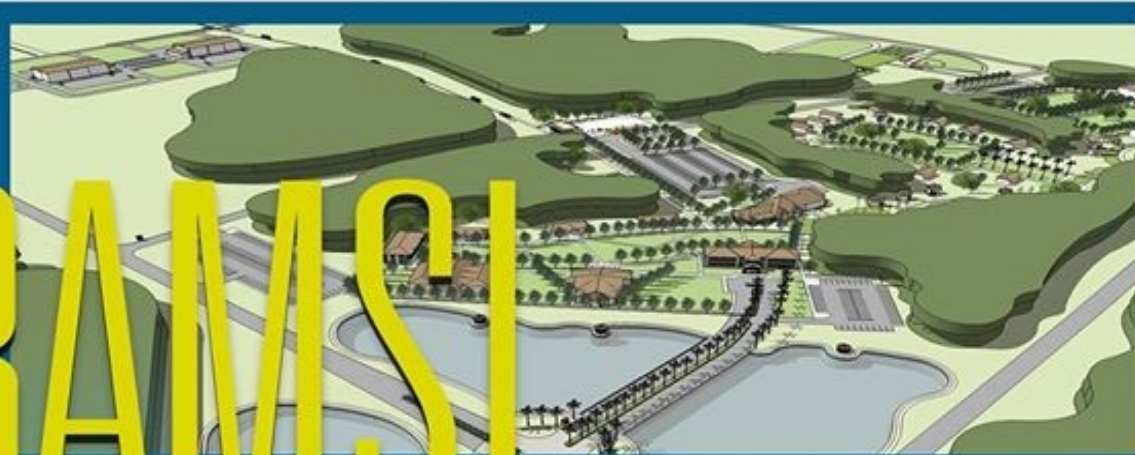
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ACADEMIC PROGRAMS INCLUDE ASSOCIATE DEGREES:

MARINE SCIENCE

Oceanography
Marine Zoology
Marine Conservation & Policy
Global Fishery Biology
Coral Reef Management
Marine Ecology

AGRICULTURE

Soil & Water Management
Crop Science
Agri-Business
Post Harvest Management
Animal Science
Agro-Tourism

AQUACULTURE

Tropical Ichthyology
Pond Tank Management
Aquaculture
Fish Nutrition & Health
Mari-Business
Fish Genetics



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