

## FTPD-Issue 25

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Dear Members of the University Family, today, September 1, 2021, marks the second anniversary of the day Hurricane Dorian struck The Bahamas and took the lives of friends and family members while leaving utter destruction, post-traumatic stress and devastation that we will never fully comprehend. Today, we pay tribute to all who have lost loved ones as a result of this catastrophic event in Bahamian history.

I wish to remind you that as human beings, we have experienced destructive events and have survived. We have survived because we are resilient. We have learned from our experiences and we have adapted.

I remind you that the following were all associated with catastrophic times in our global history: smallpox, rabies, tetanus, typhoid fever, tuberculosis, diphtheria, whooping cough, yellow fever, influenza, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, and chickenpox. Eventually, as a result of vaccines, these were all brought under control and millions of lives were saved.

Today, the world is faced with yet another global catastrophic event, the COVID-19 pandemic. Just as in the past, we have vaccines now that will allow us, as human beings to bring this under control as well. The only way, however, to even begin the process is that we all take the vaccine unless we have specific medical reasons as to why we should not.

I am hearing of deaths every day due to this awful disease. In some instances, several family members are being infected at the same time, and are dying. I am pleading with you to get vaccinated. All members of the University's senior administration are vaccinated. We know all too well what it is like to lose colleagues, family members and friends to COVID-19. We know we will never see them again.

Let us protect ourselves and those we love. Please get vaccinated. To make an appointment online visit <a href="vax.gov.bs">vax.gov.bs</a>.

Please continue to spread joy and send inspiring quotes or scriptures to <u>presidentsoffice@ub.edu.bs</u>. Please stay safe and be encouraged.











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