

SPRING 2018 AWARDS GUEST SPEAKER

Robbyn Thompson

At the age of 23, Robbyn Thompson is an experienced businesswoman. In 2012, she launched a hair and beauty retail business, 'Good Hair by Robbyn', in order to support her college education. Today, she is the sole proprietor of three stores on the islands of New Providence, Abaco and Exuma, with imminent plans for international expansion.

In 2015, Ms. Thompson obtained her Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Economics, with distinction, from the College of The Bahamas (now University of The Bahamas). She graduated with the Dienkabe Kureyang Memorial Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement in Economics and was nominated for the 2015 Bahamas Financial Services Board Student of the Year Award.

Two years later, Ms. Thompson obtained her Master of Science in International Trade, Strategy and Operations, with distinction, at the University of Warwick in the United Kingdom. She earned a first-class mark on her dissertation entitled, 'How could SMEs in The Bahamas Internationalize their Trade? An Examination of the Tourism Industry and Water-Based Tour Operator Sector of The Bahamas'.

Ms. Thompson has served in numerous leadership and professional capacities on national and international platforms. At COB, she served as Senator of the School of Business and Vice President of the Economic Society, earning her the 2015 Nassau Institute's Lecture Series Award. In the same year, she was selected as a research contributor to the National Development Plan of The Bahamas. While studying in England, she was selected as the Master of Ceremony for the 2017 Commonwealth Africa Summit.

Just recently, Ms. Thompson received the Commonwealth of The Bahamas Minister's Cup Award and the National Youth Award in Education in recognition of her outstanding achievements. She was recently invited to attend the 2018 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting where she, along with other youth ambassadors from across the Commonwealth, will have the opportunity to meet with Heads of Government and Foreign Ministers to communicate youth priorities and issues affecting The Bahamas and other Commonwealth Nations.

Today, Ms. Thompson is an adjunct professor in Economics and Finance at University of The Bahamas where she continues to be a staunch advocate for education and entrepreneurship as well as youth and women empowerment.

ORDER OF CEREMONY

Moderator

Ashley Foulkes

Candidate for Graduation

Dip.Ed., Secondary: Family and Consumer Sciences

National Anthem

Vocal Music Student Ensemble

Tonique Brown, Georvanta Wells,

Carlette Adderley, Destiny Knowles

Joel Sweeting, Christian Williams,

Krystoph Deveaux, Ezekiel Thompson

Invocation

Marisa Greene

Candidate for Graduation

B.A., Spanish

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Dr. Rodney D. Smith

President, University of The Bahamas

Introduction of Speaker

Ashley Foulkes

Moderator

Address

Ms. Robbyn Thompson, BBA'15

*Entrepreneur and Adjunct Professor,
UB*

Musical Selection "Light in the Hallway" Pentatonix

Vocal Music Student Ensemble

Tonique Brown, Georvanta Wells,

Carlette Adderley, Destiny Knowles

Joel Sweeting, Christian Williams,

Krystoph Deveaux, Ezekiel Thompson

Presentation of Awards

Dr. Craig Smith

Chair, English Studies

Dr. Walteria Tucker-Rolle

Chair, Communication and Creative Arts

Dr. Ruth Sumner

Dean, Social and Educational Studies

Mrs. Remelda Moxey,

Dean, Business, Hospitality and Tourism Studies

Dr. Carlton Watson

Dean, Pure and Applied Sciences

Presentation of Distinction Cords

Dr. Linda A. Davis

Provost

Presentation of the Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award

Dr. Linda A. Davis

Provost

Recipient:

Dr. Amin Kabir

*Assistant Professor, Mathematics,
Physics & Technology*

Vote of Thanks

Dr. Walteria Tucker-Rolle

Co-Chair, Spring 2018 Awards Committee

SPECIAL AWARDS

Governor General's Award

Awarded to the Bachelor degree graduate with highest cumulative GPA over 3.70, who has demonstrated consistent excellent performance throughout his or her academic studies.

Honouree: *Charleena C. Constantakis, BB.B.A., Accounting*
Donor: *University of The Bahamas*

President's Award

Awarded to the Bachelor degree graduate(s) with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50 and significant contribution to the University.

Honourees: *Marisa L. Green, B.A., Spanish*
Donor: *University of The Bahamas*

University of The Bahamas Alumni Association Leadership Award

Awarded to the Bachelor degree graduate with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 and demonstrated leadership in a University club or organization.

Honourees: *Clifford N. Adderley, B.B.A., Marketing*
Marlon K. Miller, B.A., Psychology
Donor: *University of The Bahamas Alumni Association*

Arlene Albury Scholar-Athlete Award

Awarded to the Bachelor degree graduate with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00; member of a varsity team for a minimum of two years; leader and mentor to other student-athletes with involvement in community activities.

Honouree: *Marlon K. Miller, B.A., Psychology*
Donor: *Family of the late Arlene Albury*

UNIVERSITY OF THE BAHAMAS-NORTH AWARDS

University of The Bahamas-North Award

Honouree: *Tyler Smith, B.Ed Primary Cert.: Special Education*
Donor: *University of The Bahamas*

University of The Bahamas-North Award for Academic Excellence

Honouree: *Kizzy D. Bowe-Herry, B.Ed. Primary Certification*
Donor: *University of The Bahamas*

BUSINESS AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

Business and Hospitality Management Overall Student Award

Honouree: *Clifford N. Adderley, B.B.A., Marketing*
Donor: *Fidelity Bank and Trust*

Bahamas Chamber of Commerce Award for Academic Excellence

Honouree: *Charleena C. Constantakis, B.B.A., Accounting*
Donor: *Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation*

Albania Academy Award for Management

Honouree: *Denzanique T. McPhee, B.B.A., Management*
Donor: *Dr. Albert Ferguson*

The Training Authority Award for Marketing

Honouree: *Malcolm F. A. Foulkes, B.B.A., Marketing*
Donor: *The Training Authority*

Bahamas Institute of Financial Services Award

Honouree: *Erica D. Symonette, B.B.A., Banking and Finance*
Donor: *Bahamas Institute of Financial Services*

Bachelor of Business Administration Banking and Finance with a Foreign Language Award

Honouree: *Jacquella E. Gardiner, B.B.A., Banking and Finance with a Foreign Language*
Donor: *Santander Bank and Trust*

Certified Financial Analysts Society of The Bahamas Finance Award

Honouree: *Angelique A. Butler, B.B.A., Finance*

Donor: *Certified Financial Analysts Society of The Bahamas*

Livingstone Evans Memorial Award for Economics and Finance

Honouree: *Ashley A. Murray, B.B.A., Economics and Finance*

Donors: *Ms. Karen Lockhart and JARLEM Bahamas*

Ernst & Young Award for Accounting

Honouree: *Charleena C. Constantakis, B.B.A., Accounting*

Donor: *Ernst & Young*

Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants Award for Accounting

Honouree: *Charleena C. Constantakis, B.B.A., Accounting*

Donor: *Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants*

JARLEM Award for Computer Information Systems

Honouree: *Georgette E. Greenslade, B.B.A., Computer Information Systems*

Donor: *JARLEM Bahamas*

Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management Award

Honouree: *Keri. S. Cartwright, B.Sc., Hospitality Management*

Donor: *Bahamas Hotel and Tourism Association*

Bachelor of Science in Tourism Management Award

Honouree: *Ianta E. Stubbs, B.Sc., Tourism Management*

Donor: *British Colonial Hilton*

CHEMISTRY, ENVIRONMENTAL AND LIFE SCIENCES

Chemistry, Environmental and Life Sciences Overall Student Award

Honouree: *Andrell Burrows, B.Sc., Biology with Chemistry*

Donor: *Dr. Veronica Toppin*

Chemistry, Environmental and Life Sciences Award for Academic Excellence

Honouree: *Javonya N. Bethel, B.Sc., Biology with Chemistry*

Donor: *Chemistry, Environmental and Life Sciences*

Portia M. Smith Memorial Award for Bachelor of Science in Biology with Chemistry

Honouree: *Javonya N. Bethel, B.Sc., Biology with Chemistry*

Donor: *Chemistry, Environmental and Life Sciences*

Bachelor of Science in Small Island Sustainability Award

Honouree: *Louis A. Cleare, II, B.Sc., Small Island Sustainability*

Donor: *Dr. Dion Hepburn*

COMMUNICATION AND CREATIVE ARTS

Communication and Creative Arts Overall Student Award

Honouree: *Shawn Gomez, B.A., Media Journalism*

Donor: *H. G. Christie, Ltd.*

Communication and Creative Arts Award for Academic Excellence

Honouree: *Marissa L. Green, B.A., Spanish*

Donor: *Mr. Haldane Chase*

Bachelor of Arts in Spanish Award

Honouree: *Marissa L. Green, B.A., Spanish*

Donor: *Innovative Travel and Cuba Tours*

Bachelor of Arts in Media Journalism Award

Honouree: *Shanaye S. Smith, B.A., Media Journalism*

Donor: *Kyle Walkine*

Associate of Arts in Art Award

Honouree: *Kiana K Christie, A.A., Art*

Donor: *Popop Studios*

Associate of Arts in French Award

Honouree: *Sabian K Catalano, A.A., French*

Donor: *N & M Architects*

Associate of Arts in Music Award

Honouree: *Eric T. Fowler II, A.A., Music*

Donor: *Ambassah*

CULINARY ARTS AND TOURISM STUDIES

Culinary Arts and Tourism Studies Overall Student Award

Honouree: *Kenria A. Taylor, A.A.Sc., Culinary Arts*

Donor: *Ministry of Tourism*

Culinary Arts and Tourism Studies Award for Academic Excellence

Honouree: *Kenria A. Taylor, A.A.Sc., Culinary Arts*

Donor: *University of The Bahamas*

Associate of Applied Science in Culinary Arts Award

Honouree: *Kenria A. Taylor, A.A.Sc., Culinary Arts*

Donor: *Nassau Hotel & Restaurant Supplies and Original Patties Bakery Limited*

Associate of Applied Science in Hospitality Operations Award

Honouree: *Anynke N. Austin, A.A.Sc., Hospitality Operations*

Donor: *Sun Oil Limited*

Hans Von Rotz Memorial Pastry Award

Honouree: *Kenria A. Taylor, A.A.Sc., Culinary Arts*

Donor: *Original Swiss Sweet Shop*

EDUCATION

Bahamas Union of Teachers Overall Student Award

Honouree: *Tremeco Higgs, B.Ed., Secondary Certification: Mathematics*

Donor: *Bahamas Union of Teachers*

Education Award for Academic Excellence

Honouree: *Kizzy Bowe-Herry, B.Ed., Primary Certification*

Donors: *Chase and Poitier Family*

Bachelor of Education Early Childhood Certification Award

Honouree: *Alexis Ferguson, B.Ed., Early Childhood Certification*

Donor: *Mrs. Neresa Bandelier*

Bachelor of Education Physical Education Award

Honouree: *Sonovia Sands, B.Ed., Kindergarten-Grade 12 Certification: Physical Education*

Donor: *Mrs. Jennifer Isaacs-Dotson*

Bachelor of Education Primary Certification Award

Honouree: *Kizzy Bowe-Herry, B.Ed., Primary Certification*

Donor: *Primary Principals Association*

Bachelor of Education Secondary Art Award

Honouree: *Genaye Sherman, B.Ed., Secondary Certification: Art*

Donor: *Dr. Faith Butler*

Bachelor of Education Secondary Biology/Combined Science Award

Honouree: *Irwinique Storr, B.Ed., Secondary Certification: Biology/Combined Science*

Donor: *Hepburn Enterprises*

Bachelor of Education Secondary English Language and Literature Award

Honouree: *Glen King, B.Ed., Secondary Certification: English Language & Literature*

Donor: *Association of Public Secondary Schools*

Bachelor of Education Secondary History/Geography Award

Honouree: *Michelle Moss, B.Ed., Secondary Certification: History/Geography*

Donor: *Mrs. Elma Garraway*

Bachelor of Education Secondary Mathematics Award

Honouree: *Chakia Charlton, B.Ed., Secondary Certification: Mathematics*
Donor: *Mr. Patrick Bethel*

Bachelor of Education, Secondary Certification: Spanish Award

Honouree: *Aleacha Johnson, B.Ed., Secondary Certification: Spanish*
Donor: *University of The Bahamas*

Bachelor of Education, Secondary Certification: French Award

Honouree: *Anouse Estilien, B.Ed., Secondary Certification: French*
Donor: *Dr. Peter McWilliam*

Bachelor of Education Secondary Music Education Award

Honouree: *Matthew Johnson, B.Ed., Kindergarten-Grade 12 Certification: Music*
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The Sheila Seymour Family and Consumer Science Education Award

Honouree: *Racine Poitier, B.Ed. Secondary Certification: Family and Consumer Sciences*
Donor: *Dr. Linda A. Davis*

Grace Taylor Memorial Award for Diploma in Secondary Education

Honouree: *Ashley Foulkes, Dip.Ed., Secondary*
Donors: *William Taylor and Family*

Diploma in Education Adult, Workforce Education and Training Award

Honouree: *Tamica Gibson, Dip.Ed., Adult, Workforce Education and Training*
Donor: *Dr. Andre Neely*

ENGLISH STUDIES

English Studies Overall Student Award

Honouree: *Breyant T. Marshall, B.A., English*
Donor: *Friends of English Studies*

English Studies Award for Academic Excellence

Honouree: *Janell L. Watkins, B.A., English*
Donor: *Friends of English Studies*

MATHEMATICS, PHYSICS AND TECHNOLOGY

Bahamas Power and Light Co. Ltd. Award for Mathematics, Physics and Technology

Honouree: *Synade B. Smith, B.Sc., Mathematics*
Donor: *Bahamas Power and Light Co. Ltd.*

Mathematics, Physics and Technology Award for Academic Excellence

Honouree: *Daenell L. Thurston, B.Sc., Electrical Engineering Technology*
Donor: *Mathematics, Physics and Technology*

George Swann Award for Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology

Honouree: *Daenell L. Thurston, B.Sc., Electrical Engineering Technology*
Donor: *George Swann*

Carol Ritchie Memorial Award for Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

Honouree: *Sean L. Adderley, B.Sc., Mathematics*
Donor: *Union of Tertiary Educators of The Bahamas*

Associate of Arts in Architecture Award

Honouree: *Edeisha R. McIntosh, A.A., Architecture*
Donor: *Institute of Bahamian Architects*

Bahamas Society of Engineers Award

Honouree: *Jeremy G. Stevens, A.Sc., Engineering*
Donor: *Bahamas Society of Engineers*

Associate of Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology Award

Honouree: *Jeremy G. Stevens, A.Sc., Mechanical Engineering Technology*
Donor: *Dr. Llewelyn Curling*

Associate of Science in Civil Engineering Technology Award

Honouree: *Rikeeya K. Williams, A.Sc., Civil Engineering Technology*

Donor: *Dr. Daniel Donkoh*

Associate of Applied Science in Electro-Mechanical Technology Award

Honourees: *Samson Hield, A.Sc., Electro-Mechanical Technology and
Dickensen Cepoudy, A.Sc., Electro-Mechanical Technology*

Donor: *Mr. Zenda Forbes*

NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Nursing and Allied Health Professions Overall Student Award

Honouree: *Tiajuana Been-McKenzie, B.Sc., Nursing*

Donor: *Nursing and Allied Health Professions*

Nursing and Allied Health Professions Award for Academic Excellence

Honouree: *Cheyenne Courtamanche, B.Sc., Nursing*

Donor: *The Nurses Association of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas*

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Award

Honouree: *Cheyenne Courtamanche, B.Sc., Nursing*

Donor: *Public Hospitals Authority*

Midwifery Award

Honouree: *Lennohka Munroe, Dip., Midwifery*

Donor: *Public Hospitals Authority*

Community Health Nursing Award

Honouree: *Gina Ferguson, Dip., Community Health Nursing*

Donor: *The Department of Public Health*

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Social Sciences Overall Student Award

Honouree: *Dominique E. Walker, B.A., Public Administration*

Donor: *Social Sciences*

Social Sciences Award for Academic Excellence

Honouree: *Antoinette King, B.A., Social Work*

Donor: *Social Sciences*

Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration Award

Honouree: *Dominique E. Walker, B.A., Public Administration*

Donor: *Department of Law and Government, UB*

Bachelor of Arts in Social Work Award

Honouree: *Antoinette King, B.A., Social Work*

Donor: *Social Sciences*

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology Award

Honouree: *Frankila D. Sands, B.A., Sociology*

Donor: *Social Science Academic Unit*

Bachelor of Laws Award

Honouree: *Alphonso B. Lewis, III, LL.B.*

Donor: *Justice Rubie Nottage (Ret.)*

Paul Albury Memorial Award for Bachelor of Arts in History Award

Honouree: *Brittany O. Ritch, B.A. History*

Donor: *Bahamas Historical Society*

Bahamas Psychological Association Bachelor of Arts in Psychology Award

Honouree: *Lathiera D. Pratt, B.A., Psychology*

Donor: *Bahamas Psychological Association*

Associate of Arts in Law and Criminal Justice Studies Award

Honouree: *Ericia L. Saunders, A.A., Law and Criminal Justice Studies*

Donor: *Department of Law and Government, UB*

DISTINCTION CORD

The gold cord is worn by degree candidates graduating with distinction. The cumulative grade point average required for the award of distinction is 3.51 - 4.00.

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