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# TEACHERS COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

*Spring 2018*



UNIVERSITY OF THE BAHAMAS

*Tuesday, 22nd May 2018, 10:00 a.m.*  
*Kendal G. L. Isaacs National Gymnasium*  
*Mychal Thompson Boulevard*  
*Nassau, The Bahamas*

*Forward Together in Pursuit of Greatness*

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## GUEST SPEAKER

### Ms. Shaquille Sands

Educator Shaquille Sands is a firm believer in the possibility model which considers faith in one's own potential, the abandonment of defeatism, and the willingness to be of service to others as a gateway to achieving and growing beyond expectation.

In her formative years, Ms. Sands was often seen as inquisitive, fearless and mischievous. This was an early manifestation of her desire to engage with the world, test her creativity and carve out her mark. A storyteller from an early age, she excelled at track and field and dance. Because they were important to her personal development, she became committed to extracurricular activities and community engagement. In 2010, she graduated from Charles W. Saunders High School (with Honours) as Deputy Head Girl.

In 2015, Ms. Sands became a proud graduate of The College of The Bahamas (now University of The Bahamas) where she obtained a Bachelor of Education Degree in English Language and Literature. At COB, she served as a part-time beat reporter for the student newspaper, The Spectrum, and taught for several years in the FOCUS programme, a non-profit organization committed to preparing underprivileged public school students for college.

Currently, Ms. Sands is a member of the teaching staff at C. V. Bethel High School where she played a pivotal role in coaching her school's debate team to the semi-finals of The Bahamas National Debate Series, a first-time feat in the school's history. Although relatively new to the teaching profession, Ms. Sands does not regard youthfulness as an excuse to shy away from the demanding and ever changing challenges of teaching and learning. Her classroom walls have become history murals thus serving to motivate her students. To ensure a more inclusive and organic environment, she is committed to defying the method of traditional teaching that dictates a fixed curriculum. As a result, she tailors her teaching to connect to the democratic life where the classroom is viewed as a micro-community that mirrors the wider society.

In addition to being a certified teacher, Ms. Sands is a speech coach, liturgical dance instructor, motivational speaker and mentor.

## ORDER OF CEREMONY

### Moderators

**Alexis D. Ferguson**

*Bachelor of Education*

*Early Childhood Certification*

**Tremeco O. Higgs**

*Bachelor of Education*

*Secondary Certification: Mathematics*

### Procession of Candidates

#### National Anthem

*Please join in the singing of the National Anthem led by:*

*Candidates for Graduation, Bachelor of Education, Kindergarten-Grade 12 Certification: Music*

Brunay C. Clarke, Matthew A. Johnson, Ervenique S. Lloyd, Keana K. D. Tonny, Rotalya L. Williams

### Invocation

**Kenteeshe B. Williams**

*Candidate for Graduation*

*Bachelor of Education, Secondary Certification: Spanish*

### Welcome

**Dr. Thalia Micklewhite**

*Chair, Associate Professor*

### Remarks

**Dr. Linda A. Davis**

*Provost*

### Significance of Ceremony

**Mrs. Neresa Bandelier**

*Assistant Professor*

### Musical Selection

**Lavanda P. Brown**

*Bachelor of Education, Secondary Certification: Family and Consumer Sciences – General Studies*

### Introduction of Speaker

**Dr. Ruth Sumner, Dean**

*Social and Educational Studies*

### Commissioning Address

**Ms. Shaquille Sands**

*Educator, C. V. Bethel High School, COB/UB Alumni, Class of 2015*

### Pinning of Graduates

#### Candidates' Response

**Irwinique M. Storr**

*Bachelor of Education, Secondary Certification: Biology*

### Pledge

*Led by: Nykeidar Durham, Candidate for Graduation, Bachelor of Education, Secondary Certification: Biology*

### Musical Selection

*Candidates for Graduation*

### Special Presentations

*Dr. Thalia Micklewhite*

### Vote of Thanks

**Ms. Bridgette Cooper**

*Assistant Professor*

## CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

### FALL 2017

ADAMS, Nathania J.  
BETHEL, Sydney T.  
BOWE-HERRY, Kizzy D.  
CAREY, Elizabeth  
CLARKE, Brunay C.  
DAVIS, Deann L.  
DAVIS, La-Tisha A.  
DEAN, D'Andra L.  
DEAN, Maranique A. Q.  
DURHAM, Nykeidar M. J.  
FERGUSON, Anthonique B.  
FERGUSON, Monique M.  
GIBSON, Tamica I.  
GOMEZ, Keiteria A.J.  
JOHNSON, Matthew A.  
LAVILLE, Victoria S.  
MCCOY, Robin S.  
MUNROE, Latoysa A.  
NAIRN, Therese B.  
NEELY-THOMPSON, Desiree N.  
NIXON, Stephanie K.  
PETIT-FRERE, Kesa  
POITIER, Racine M.  
PRITCHARD, Errolina C.  
RICHARDSON, Rashad T.

ROLLE, Valene E.  
ROSE, Aikia R.  
ROXBURY, Kahesia D.  
RUSSELL, Donnalee  
RUSSELL, Sandy M.  
SANDS, Shandira E.  
SHERMAN, Genaye A.  
SMITH, Georgette K.  
STORR, Irwinique M.  
TUCKER, Nikita J.  
WILLIAMS, Kenteeshe B.

### SPRING 2018

ADDERLEY, D'Anthra B.  
ALLEN, Sipreanne J.  
AUGUSTIN, Claudette  
BANNISTER, Ronishka A. M.  
BARTLETT, Glenisha A.  
BECKLES, Stacey N.  
BETHEL, Leslie S.  
BRAYNEN, Rajevi R.  
BROWN, Erica D.  
BROWN, Lavanda P.  
BULLARD, Indira C.  
CARTWRIGHT, Michelle P.  
CARTWRIGHT-POWELL, Lydia E.

CHARLTON, Chakia N.  
COLEBY, Indira T.  
COX, Rickell S.  
CURRY, Keashia K.  
DEAN, Carlin N.  
DUNCOMBE, Ebony C.  
DUNCOMBE, Rachae S.  
ESTILIEN, Anouse  
FELIX, Sheala  
FERGUSON, Alexis D.  
FINLEY, Ophra O.  
FORBES, Brynae D.  
FOULKES, Ashley D. M.  
HALL, Raquel S.  
HARDING, Leanne W.  
HIGGS, Tremeco O.  
INGRAHAM, Kendia L. A.  
JOHNSON, Aleacha R.  
KING, Glen R.  
KNOWLES, Michalek S.  
LLOYD, Ervenique S.  
MALCOLM, Tanya T.  
MCINTOSH, Reve' B.  
MILLS, Debbie T.  
MOSS, Michelle J.  
PETIT, Rosie  
PRATT, Daniel  
RAHMING, Ben-Jade D.  
RICHARDS, Vanessa T.

ROLLE, Delmon E.  
ROLLE, Kirktiya S.  
ROMER, Leonardo R.  
ROSE, Sasha T.  
RUSSELL, Chrishanna B.  
SANDS, Sonovia T. P.  
SAUNDERS, Brittany T.  
SCOTT, Alexandria B.  
SIMMS, Shanteena S. L.  
SMITH, Chuck R.  
SMITH, Phoenicia J.  
STORR, Lashae B.  
STUBBS, Shaquita S. A.  
SWEETING, Shantell  
SYMONETTE, Aysha N.  
TANIS, Simenthia I. S.  
TAYLOR, Cara L.  
THOMPSON, Mandaleen K.  
THOMPSON, Radeshia R.  
THURSTON, De'jah A.  
TONNY, Keana K. D.  
WALLACE, Diandra J.  
WEBB, Catherine V.  
WILDGOOSE, Chelsy F.  
WILKINSON, Ingrid C.  
WILLIAMS, Rotalya L.

## EDUCATION FACULTY

**Dr. Ruth Sumner**

*Dean, Professor*

**Dr. Thalia Micklewhite**

*Chair, Associate Professor*

**Dr. Kathiann Antonio**

*Professor in Residence, T. G. Glover  
Professional Development & Research  
School, Associate Professor*

**Ms. Brenda Bain**

*Head of Department, Assistant  
Professor, UB-North*

**Mrs. Neresa Bandelier**

*Assistant Professor*

**Ms. Margo Blackwell**

*Special Projects Coordinator, Associate  
Professor*

**Dr. Faith Butler**

*Head of Department, Secondary,  
Associate Professor*

**Ms. Renee Chase**

*Associate Professor*

**Mrs. Bridgette Cooper**

*Head of Primary, Field Placement  
Coordinator, Assistant Professor*

**Mrs. Raquel Edgecombe**

*Assistant Professor (Study leave)*

**Mrs. Veronica Ferguson**

*Associate Professor, UB-North*

**Dr. Beulah Gardiner-Farquharson**

*Professor*

**Dr. Gloria Gomez**

*Head of Secondary, Field Placement  
Coordinator, Associate Professor*

**Senator Jennifer Isaac Dotson**

*Associate Professor (Political leave)*

**Dr. Jan Kreiner**

*Assistant Professor*

**Mr. Paul McCann**

*Assistant Professor*

**Mrs. Janice Munnings**

*Associate Professor*

**Dr. Andre Neely**

*AWET Coordinator, Associate  
Professor*

**Ms. Wendy Riley**

*IT Support Coordinator, Assistant  
Professor*

**Mrs. Natasha Swann**

*Assistant Professor (Study leave)*

**Mrs. Deborah Wright**

*Head of Department, Primary,  
Assistant Professor*

## SPECIAL THANKS

### Musical Support

**Christian Justilien**

*Assistant Professor, Music; Head of Department, Visual and Performing Arts;  
Communication and Creative Arts*

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for Graduation, Bachelor of Education, Kindergarten-Grade 12 Certification:  
Physical Education

### SPRING 2018 TEACHERS COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Yvette Albury  
Ms. Margo Blackwell  
Dr. Faith Butler  
Mrs. Melanie Jones  
Mr. Paul McCann

Dr. Thalia Micklewhite  
Mrs. Juliette Munroe Smith  
Dr. Andre Neely  
Ms. Wendy Riley

### TEACHERS' PLEDGE

I WILL promote equity in education, high expectations and giving strong  
support to all students.

I WILL create a learning environment which encourages mutual respect,  
personal trust and confidentiality among students and other stakeholders.

I WILL facilitate and monitor students' learning, actively building on their  
prior knowledge and experiences.

I WILL utilize research to inform professional practice and national  
development.

I WILL participate in relevant professional global communities for the  
enhancement of "sustainable education".

I WILL conduct myself with the utmost integrity, honesty and professionalism,  
always protecting those entrusted to my care.

I WILL uphold the principles and standards of this noble profession.

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