
School of Education Teachers Commissioning Ceremony



University of The Bahamas

Tuesday, 25th May 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Nassau, Bahamas

Unleashing Our Creativity: The Key to a Sustainable Future

Guest Speaker Dr. Sharmane Miller

An educator of twenty-seven years, Dr. Sharmane C. Miller has taught at various levels ranging from preschool to eighth grade and now at the tertiary level. As a public school teacher with the Ministry of Education she served in many capacities, including grade level leader, workshop facilitator, teacher-mentor, mentor trainer, writing specialist, national exam writer and chief marker for the Grade Level Assessment Test (GLAT). Her passion for teaching earned her the title of Teacher of the Year in 1997 and again in 2002 at her respective schools and at the district level for the Southeastern school district in 2002. She is the recipient of the Ministry of Education's award for "Outstanding Contribution to Education in The Bahamas" 2002-2003. Dr. Miller is the co-designer and developer of the Ministry of Education's National Teacher Mentoring Programme. She is the author of several collaborative and individual research articles published in international journals, including a global leadership paper published in the Leadership Advance Online Journal. She is the author of many short stories and poems, including a book of poetry entitled, "School Daze: A Rhyme Time Adventure," and a children's picture book, "On Granddad's Back". She has also co-authored a children's leadership book series with her pastor the late Dr. Myles Munroe and a literacy book series for a joint Organisation of American States-Ministry of Education initiative. Dr. Miller's passion for writing, performing, and teaching, has for the past few years, culminated with her original, animated performance and ministry on stage at the Culture Up Children's Leadership event.

As a consultant, Dr. Miller conducts workshops for educators and other industry leaders. She has presented at the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) in Portland, Oregon, at a special research symposium hosted by Columbia University's Teachers College in New York, and locally at the Yes to Education Conference here in The Bahamas. Dr. Miller was educated at the A. F. Adderley High School, The College of The Bahamas, the University of Houston, Florida State University and Regent University. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, a Master's in Reading and Language Arts and a Ph.D in Organizational Leadership (Human Resource Development). She has served as consultant for Harcourt Publishers for several years, and now continues to pursue her passion for facilitating learning and organizational development through her roles as adjunct professor at the University of The Bahamas' School of Education, and as a private educational consultant with Proactive Skill Developers.

Dr. Miller is married to Byron Miller and they have three children, Jada, Michael and Amara.

Order of Ceremony

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

Ms. D’Nevia Seymour

Candidate for Graduation

School of Education: History and Geography

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Dr. Dion Cunningham

Assistant Professor, School of Education

Ms. Charzia Curtis,

Student, School of Education, Music

INVOCATION

Dr. Tarah McDonald

Head of Department & Associate Professor, School of Education

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Rodney D. Smith

President & CEO, University of The Bahamas

SIGNIFICANCE OF CEREMONY

Mrs. Janice Munnings

Associate Professor, School of Education

POETRY SELECTION

Landy Laroda,

Candidate for Graduation, School of Education: Biology

REMARKS

Dr. Ruth Sumner

Dean, Social and Educational Studies

TRIUMPHS, CHALLENGES & THE VISION

Mrs. Raquel Edgecombe

Chair, School of Education

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Dr. Faith Butler

Associate Professor, School of Education

COMMISSIONING ADDRESS

Dr. Sharmane Miller

Adjunct Professor, School of Education

CANDIDATES' RESPONSE

Daneah Woods

Graduate, Class of 2020

Jamie Wilkinson

Candidate for Graduation, Early Childhood Education

TEACHERS' PLEDGE

Lukson Touissant

Graduate, Class of 2020

DeVerne Neely

Candidate for Graduation & Former EAS president

RECOGNITION OF RETIRED FACULTY

Dr. Thalia Micklewhite

Associate Professor, School of Education

VOTE OF THANKS

Dr. Norissa Newton

Assistant Professor, School of Education

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ADDERLEY, Natasha M.

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BASDEN, Julie T.

BENEBY, Shantelle V.

BEVANS, Keva A.

BODIE, Khadijah K.

BROWN, Codisha A.

BURROWS, Felecia N.

CARTER-ROLLE, Monique J.

CARTWRIGHT, Alexia C.R.

CARTWRIGHT, Kamera U.D.

CARTWRIGHT, Kirsty D.

CHARLES-DORELY, Nancie C.

COAKLEY, Sarah P.

COOPER, Bradley S.

CUNNINGHAM, Kirstin D.

DEAN, Janet C.

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DEUS, Victoria

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FARRINGTON, Nadia N.
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FERGUSON, Dashante E.
FERGUSON, Janae M.
FERGUSON, Kendera L.
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JEAN-PIERRE, Chanese
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JOHNSON, Franosha R.T.
JONES, Byron D.
KELLY, Garineach L.
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KNOWLES, Azaria M.
KNOWLES, Bryan D.
KNOWLES, Caithlyn A.
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LONGLEY, Kenris L.
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MARSHALL, Petra T.L.
MCKINNEY, Dion P.

MILLER, Stuart B.O.
MORLEY, Abnia E.
MOSS, Feltonique S.
MUNROE, Victoria D.
MURRAY, Ophelia G.
NEELY, DeVerne M.
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NURSE, Taryn S.M.
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ROLLE, Jerez A.
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WILLIAMS, Krystal S.

WILLIAMSON, Roya A.

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ADDERLEY, Abishai J.

BAIN, Dominic T.

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BRAYNEN, Vashti R.

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GAYLE, Veriene T.

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GREEN, Gaylene F.

GREENE, Davantee F.A.

GREENE, Nina N.

GRIFFIN, Angelique D.

HALL, Rashae D.A.

HARVEY, Keanna A.

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HORTON, Rozanna R.G.
HUDSON, Ariel S.R.
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KING, Koreh A.P.
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KNOWLES, Idirea M.
LEARY, Naria M.
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MACKEY, Garvinique S.
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MCPHEE, Myeesha K.M.
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MOXEY, Maxine M.
MUNNINGS, Cordeia S.

MUNROE, Kimberly T.
NEELY, Breann A.
NEELY, Lakishna W.R.
NEWBOLD, Lethera B.
PEARSON, Trinice N.
PERCENTIE, Daishon E.
PIERRE, Lucy
PINDER, Fredesha V.
RECKLEY, Talia A.
ROLLE, Branique S.
ROLLE, Fallon K.
ROLLE, Lashonya A.
ROLLE, Niketra P.
ROLLE, Shaynae T.
ROLLE, Tessa P.
RUSSELL-CULMER, Christina E.
RUSSELL, Dale D.
SANDS, Kevin D.
SAUNDERS, Kendia B.
SAUNDERS, Pazya N.
SAUNDERS, Sherina J.
SAUNDERS, Tanesha M.
SMITH, Alexandria T.
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STORR, Jerrard A.
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Graduates Class 2019-2020

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Ceremonial & Occasions Committee

Dr. Sharmane Miller

Participants of the Teachers' Commissioning Ceremony

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D'Nevia Seymour

TEACHERS COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Natasha Swann

Mrs. Deborah Wright

TEACHER'S PLEDGE

I WILL promote equity in education, having 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 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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