



UNIVERSITY
OF THE BAHAMAS

SPRING 2026

*Teachers
Commissioning*

TUESDAY 26TH MAY 2026 | 10:00 A.M.

Loyola Hall, Gladstone Road
Nassau, The Bahamas

Honouring the Journey that Shaped Us
Embracing the Future that Calls Us





ORDER OF CEREMONY

Procession of Candidates for Graduation | School of Education

MODERATORS:

Kimoya Martin | Candidate for Graduation | Primary Education

Jadyn Laroda | Candidate for Graduation | Primary Education

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Alisha Wells | Candidate for Graduation | Music Education

INVOCATION

Savannah Munroe | Candidate for Graduation | Primary Education

REMARKS

Dr. Robert Blaine, III | President, University of The Bahamas

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Maria Oriakhi | Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs

SELECTION

Duet by: Anne Calixte, Music Education and

Valentino Stubbs, Family and Consumer Science Education

REMARKS AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CEREMONY

Dr. Thalia Micklewhite | Dean, College of Social and Educational Studies

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Dr. Natasha Swann | Chair, School of Education

COMMISSIONING ADDRESS

Mrs. Dominique McCartney-Russell

Director of Education, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology

GRADUAND'S RESPONSE

Kaitlyn Russell | Candidate for Graduation | Primary Education

TEACHERS' PLEDGE

Karvania Newton | Candidate for Graduation | Primary Education

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Dr. Natasha Swann | Chair, School of Education

VOTE OF THANKS

Daysha John | Candidate for Graduation | Secondary Education and
AA, Art

Candidates for Graduation | Spring 2024

WILLIAMSON, Elkeria

Candidates for Graduation | Spring 2025

WILSON, Johnette

Candidates for Graduation | Summer 2025

MILLER, Antwione, D.

Candidates for Graduation | Fall 2025

BARR, Shenequa

BARRY, Shoshanah, J.

BETHEL, Re'Gene, M.

BONABY, Crisca, K.

GRANT, Theodore, S.

JOHNSON, Guyia, G.

NEWTON, Karvania, A.

RUSSELL, Kaitlyn, L.

THOMPSON, Pheromone, S.

WILLIAMS, Derina, S.

Candidates for Graduation | Spring 2026

ADDERLEY, Savannah, S.

ARMBRISTER, China, R.

BAIN, Timesha, T.V.

BODIE, Rachea, R.

BROWN, Nathalia, T.

COLLIE, Latanya

DAVILMA, Alicia, D.

DEAN, Alyssa, R.O.

EDGECOMBE, Erquantae, E.

ELLIOT, Terrance, J.

GRANT, Timothy, A.

HAMILTON, Alexandria

JOHN, Daysha, A.

JOHNSON, Alicia, T.

JOHNSON, Keenan, S.P.

JOHNSON, Maxelle, A.

JOHNSON, Sameka, A.

KNOWLES, Aleandra, D.

KNOWLES, Aniya

KNOWLES, Lorraine, N.

LARODA, Jady, A.D.

MARTIN, Kimoya, T.

MILLS-CHARLES, Samantha, A.

MUNROE, Savannah, A.
NESBITT, Marcia, C.
NEWBOLD, Alrika, B.S.
PIERRE-LOUIS, Cassandra
ROLLE, Demi, E.
ROLLE, Mikayla, M.
ROLLE, Naja, K.
ROLLE, Vallyah, E.
RUSSELL, Elycia, L.
SANDS, Alyssa, M.
SEYMOUR, Benyanique, L.Y.
SEYMOUR, Kimara, B.
SIMMONS, Kalei, J.H.
SIMMS, Thaddia, C.
SIMONE, Myrlande
SMITH, Brinique, A.
STORR, Shantiqua, K.
SWABY, Makiah, A.
THURSTON – OLIVER, Aaliyah, L.
TURNER, Tenaj, L.
WELLS, Alisha, R.
WILSON, Lucy, N.
WOODSIDE, Aleka

EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY AND STAFF

Dr. Thalia Micklewhite | Associate Professor | Dean

Dr. Natasha Swann | Assistant Professor | Chair

Dr. Neresa Bandelier | Associate Professor | Head of Department, K-12

Dr. Dr. Kathleen Kellock | Assistant Professor | Head of Department |
Secondary

Dr. Dyontalee Turnquest | Assistant Professor | Head of Department | Primary
& Early Childhood

Dr. Faith Butler | Associate Professor | Professor-in-Residence | T.G. Glover
Professional

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Assurance

COORDINATOR

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Dr. Stacy Stubbs | Assistant Professor | Special Projects Coordinator

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Mr. Paul McCann | Assistant Professor

Dr. Peter McWilliam | Associate Professor

Dr. Norrisa Newton | Assistant Professor

Ms. Lindel Deveaux | Assistant Professor

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Dr. Virginia Romer | Assistant Professor

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Ms. Melanie Jones | Senior Clerk II

SPECIAL THANKS

Leadership Team of the School of Education

Faculty and Staff of the School of Education

Candidates for Graduation Class 2025-2026

Teachers' Commissioning Ceremony Committee

Ceremonial and Occasions Committee

Participants of the Teachers' Commissioning Ceremony

TEACHERS' COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE

Dr. Neresa Bandelier

Dr. Kathleen Kellock

Dr. Norrisa Newton

Dr. Virginia Romer

Dr. Stacy Stubbs

Dr. Natasha Swann

Dr. Dyontalee Turnquest

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 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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