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# UB North Baccalaureate Service

Tuesday 3rd June 2025 | 6:00 p.m.

Kingdom Worship Centre International

East Atlantic Drive, Freeport, Grand Bahama

Forging the Future in Excellence, Innovation and Leadership.



## ORDER OF CEREMONY

### OFFICIATING

Bishop Kermit Saunders | Senior Pastor

### MODERATOR

Reverend Whitney Bain

### PRELUDE MUSIC

Processional: Chariots of Fire (Instrumental)  
Vangelis Papathanassiou (1981)

Please stand and remain standing for the invocation and the singing  
of the National Anthem.

### INVOCATION

Jasmin Turner-Dareus, Candidate for Graduation | Bachelor of Arts  
Social Work

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

March on Bahamaland, Timothy Gibson (1973)  
Lift up your head to the rising sun, Bahamaland;  
March on to glory your bright banners waving high.  
See how the world marks the manner of your bearing!  
Pledge to excel through love and unity.

Pressing onward, march together to a common loftier goal;  
Steady sunward, tho' the weather hide the wide and  
treacherous shoal.

Lift up your head to the rising sun, Bahamaland,

'Til the road you've trod lead unto your God, March On,  
Bahamaland.

## ALMA MATER

Christian Justilien (2016)

We've come to build together a dream for this great land  
Like palm trees tall upon this landfall called Bahama land  
The future is before us like endless sea and sand  
We'll chart a course with alma mater proudly we will stand.  
A beacon for these islands embraced in shallow seas,  
UB will lift our spirits high for all the world to see.  
With hands and hearts together we'll be a guiding light,  
We'll live to praise our alma mater 'neath the clear blue skies.  
We'll live to raise our alma mater's banner waving high.

## WELCOME REMARKS

Ms. Janyne Hodder | President (Acting), University of The Bahamas

## CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

To God Be The Glory (Fanny Crosby and William Howard, 1872) | Led by Kingdom Worship Praise Team

To God be the glory, great things He hath done;  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

## PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Kingdom Worship Praise Team

## OLD TESTAMENT READING | PROVERBS 4:1-13 (NLT)

Hope Brown | Candidate for Graduation, Primary Education

1 My children, listen when your father corrects you. Pay attention and learn good judgment, 2 for I am giving you good guidance. Don't turn away from my instructions.

3 For I, too, was once my father's son, tenderly loved as my mother's only child.

4 My father taught me, "Take my words to heart. Follow my commands, and you will live. 5 Get wisdom; develop good judgment. Don't forget my words or turn away from them.

6 Don't turn your back on wisdom, for she will protect you. Love her, and she will guard you.

7 Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And

whatever else you do, develop good judgment. 8 If you prize wisdom, she will make you great. Embrace her, and she will honor you. 9 She will place a lovely wreath on your head; she will present you with a beautiful crown.” 10 My child,[b] listen to me and do as I say, and you will have a long, good life. 11 I will teach you wisdom’s ways and lead you in straight paths. 12 When you walk, you won’t be held back; when you run, you won’t stumble. 13 Take hold of my instructions; don’t let them go. Guard them, for they are the key to life.

## SPECIAL MUSICAL SELECTION

### NEW TESTAMENT READING | ROMANS 2: 1-10(NLT)

Natasha Thompson | Candidate for Graduation, Bachelor of Arts  
Social Work

1 And so, dear brothers and sisters,  
I plead with you to give your bodies to God  
because of all he has done for you.

Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he  
will find acceptable.

This is truly the way to worship him,

2 Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world,  
but let God transform you into a new person by changing  
the way you think.

Then you will learn to know God’s will for you,  
which is good and pleasing and perfect.

3 Because of the privilege and authority God has given me,  
I give each of you this warning: Don’t think you are better  
than you really are.

4 Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves,  
measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.  
Just as our bodies have many parts and each part  
has a special function,

5 so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body,  
and we all belong to each other.

6 In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing  
certain things well.

So, if God has given you the ability to prophesy,  
speak out with as much faith as God has given you.

7 If your gift is serving others, serve them well.  
If you are a teacher, teach well.

8 If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging.  
If it is giving, give generously.

If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously.  
And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

9 Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them.  
Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good.

10 Love each other with genuine affection,  
and take delight in honoring each other.

## MUSICAL SELECTION

Kingdom Worship Center Praise Team

## MESSAGE TO GRADUANDS

Bishop Kermit Saunders | Senior Pastor

## PRAYER WITH RESPONSE

(Remain Seated)

### Reader 1

Rakia Higgs | Candidate for Graduation, Business Administration,  
Accounting

### Reader 2

Shyann Fox | Candidate for Graduation, Business Administration,  
Accounting

## **Response**

Congregation

**Reader 1:** Heavenly Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, You have promised to hear us when we pray in faith. We pray faithfully for The Commonwealth of The Bahamas,

all nations of the world and for all institutions of learning. We ask Your blessings on all those who govern and lead our nation, on the Church and all its leaders, and on all peoples and institutions in all the nations of the world.

**Response:** Direct the people of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, the church and all nations of the world in the ways of righteousness, justice and truth, that peace and stability may prevail.

**Reader 2:** With Jesus Christ as our Great High Priest, who intercedes eternally on our behalf, we hold onto Your grace and mercy that the leaders of all educational institutions and all those who are in positions of public trust, authority and leadership, may fulfill their high calling with humility, fairness and truth.

**Response:** Give wisdom to all who are in positions of public trust, authority and leadership, that they may promote integrity, godliness and peace among people everywhere.

**Reader 1:** We pray for the unfailing guidance of Your Holy Spirit for educators and learners. We ask Your blessings, particularly at this time, on the graduating class of 2025 of the University of The Bahamas North, the instructors and all the other students of the University of The Bahamas. Enable them by Your grace to accept the demands of scholarship, the privilege of schooling and the responsibility of education.

**Response:** Illuminate with Your Spirit, all places of education and learning. In our schools, and especially the University of The Bahamas North, may true knowledge, sound wisdom and godly discipline always prevail.

**Reader 2:** We pray for all the departments, colleges and departments within the University of The Bahamas, that their work may edify the people of this land and bear faithful witness to the University's purpose, its mission and vision.



**Response:** Give us the courage and willingness to utilize our resources and talents rightly in the service of others and do it all to Your honor and glory.

**Reader 1:** We thank you heavenly Father for your kindness, love, generosity and the life you have given us. For the gift of learning, for the class of 2025, for their parents, family and friends who have provided guidance, direction and support as well as counselled and empowered them to fulfill their academic dreams, ambitions and responsibilities, we especially thank you.

**Response:** Strengthen the bonds of family to carry forward the work of our True Master Teacher; thank you Lord for setting us tasks which demand our best efforts and unite us in Your truth. Enfold us in Your love that through us Your glory may be revealed to the world.

**Reader 2:** For ourselves and all who confess the Name and Word of Jesus Christ, we humbly beseech You, who has called us out of the darkness into Your marvelous light, for Your favor, Your mercy, Your grace and Your forgiveness of our sins, so that we may show forth Your excellence today and forevermore.

**Response:** That our pursuits and the advancement of our skills may ever be in the service of that true humanity which is created in Your image, the image of God, please accept, O LORD, our thanks and praise for all You have done for us and continue to do for us.

**Reader 1 & 2:** Enable us, O LORD, to be worthy of Your presence, and to glorify Your Name and enhance the reputation of the University of The Bahamas as we continue in the building of resilience within ourselves in the pursuit of Knowledge, Truth, Integrity and Excellence.

## CLOSING PRAYER

Congregation

Loving God may Your mercy and grace ever be before us. Help us to always seek Your face and live by Your Words. May the principles of Your Holy Word always be our guiding light, directing us on the path of righteousness. Help us to show the love we have for You, by living in peace and showing kindness to those around us. Help us to always be willing to forgive, for through forgiving we are forgiven. May we be

ever mindful that it is only through You that we live, breathe, and have our being. To the only wise God, all honour and glory. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

## BENEDICTION

Bishop Kermit Saunders

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Ancient Words Medley

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world They resound with God's own heart Oh, let the ancient words impart

Words of life, words of hope Give us strength, help us cope In this world, wherever we roam Ancient words will guide us home

Ancient words, ever true Changing me and changing you We have come with open hearts Oh, let the ancient words impart

Holy words of our faith Handed down to this age Came to us through sacrifice Oh, heed the faithful words of Christ

Ancient words, ever true Changing me and changing you We have come with open hearts Oh, let the ancient words impart

We have come with open hearts Oh, let the ancient words impart

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