

# SPBS Newsletter

## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

There is a new pattern emerging by marrying covid along with Technology and SPBS took full advantage of this marriage with its first virtual event via zoom entitled, "A Celebration with SPBS" on September 6th, 2020. This was a moment to remind all that we continue to thrive and remain focused on our commitments. The teams continue to demonstrate growth through the birth of new chapters. We are still able to keep our commitment across the entire *circle of life*, by supporting kids entering school, graduating high school, and those in college. All along providing outstanding mentorship. For that I am most proud. SPBS thanks the many in our SKN community who provide the lifeblood for these programs. The program was graciously patronized by the Honorable Jonel Powell, Minister of Education, Youth Empowerment and Sports.

We share with you some key features of the event.

## THE PRINCIPAL AWARD

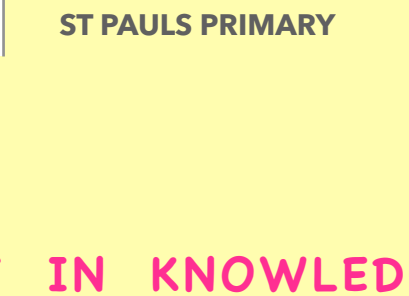
**SHERMIN STEVENS**

(President of the St. Kitts chapter)

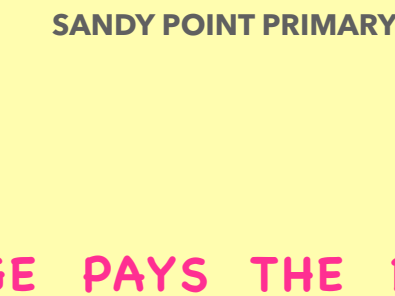
The first donation made by the Sandy Point Benevolent Society was a full-sized human skeleton given to the school's science department over twenty years ago. The ensuing years witnessed the school being the recipient of other generous gifts such as computers, a complete steel pan orchestra and a state of the art intercom system just to name a few. The Principal's award was birthed in 1997 with the top graduating students from the Sandy Point Primary, Newton Ground and St. Pauls Primary Schools. These students receive monetary awards and assistance throughout their high school tenure. The 2020 winners are:



JUSTICE KELLEY  
NEWTON GROUND PRIMARY



JHONIQUE WILLIAMS  
ST PAULS PRIMARY



TEJUAN WEBBE  
SANDY POINT PRIMARY

## "AN INVESTMENT IN KNOWLEDGE PAYS THE BEST INTEREST" - BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

We support our scholars  
By Dr Mervyn Richardson VP  
Of S.P.B.S

### Ridley Guishard Memorial

Sandy Pointers or past C.E.M.S.S students attending College/University in extreme financial need sponsored by Dr.Hannah Guishard

### Sir Hugh & Claudette Lady Rawlins

Past student of C.E.M.S.S enrolled in graduate studies Sponsored by Sir Hugh and Lady Claudette Rawlins.

### SPBS Undergraduate

Past C.E.M.S.S student attending University/College Sponsored by S.P.B.S

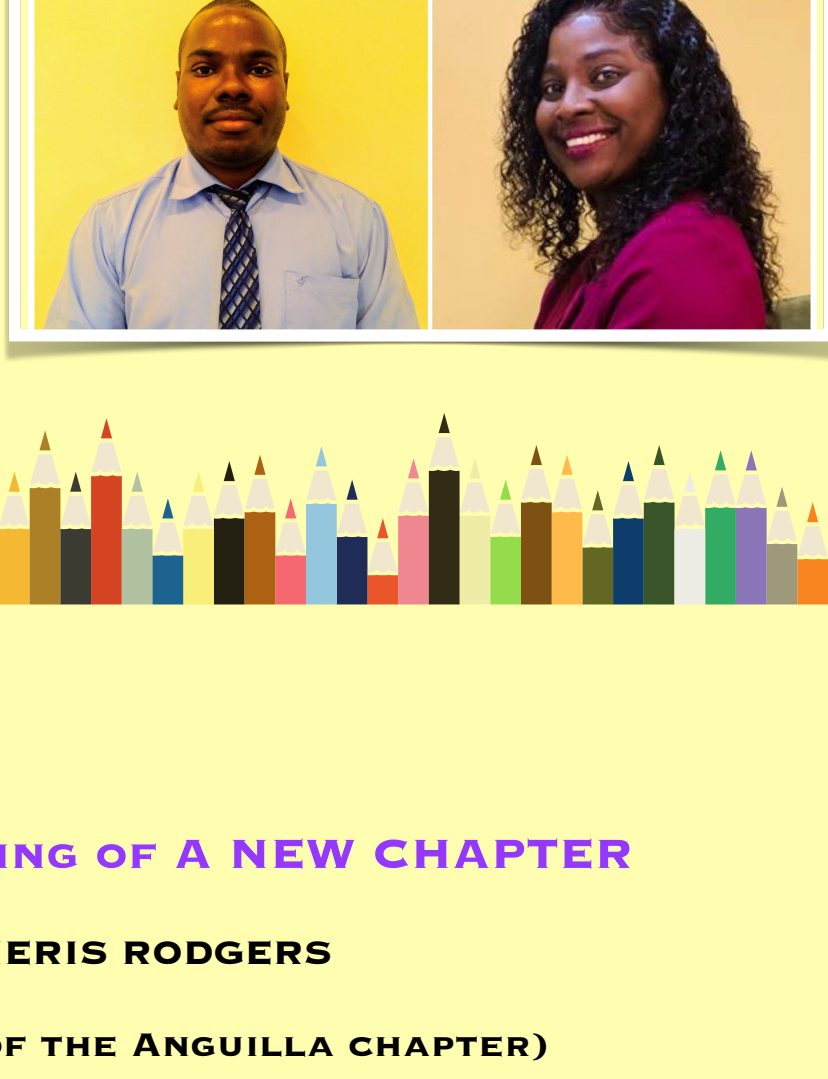
### SPBS Verchilds Scholarship

Graduates of Verchilds High school pursuing college studies Sponsored by an anonymous donor .

### Monroe College Award

6 undergraduate scholarship for students from the Federation of St.Kitts/Nevis enrolled at Monroe College Solicited by Kimarah Isaac.

The Vice President spoke about the various scholarships administered by the group. Here is a summary of the various college Scholarships offered by S.P.B.S. In addition to the College Scholarships and Principal Award Scholarship mentioned previously, SPBS also runs the WEE (Warner Excellence in Education), and the SPBS/SPF Vince DeSuza scholarship both of which targets students at CEMSS and the Verchilds High school. The Latter is new and awards needy students with demonstrated community activism.



## THE MAKING OF A NEW CHAPTER

**EMERIS RODGERS**

(PRESIDENT OF THE ANGUILLA CHAPTER)

A group of past students of the S.P.H.S who resides in Anguilla entertained the idea of forming a group similar to that of the Sandy Point Benevolent Society. On December 12th 2019 the group was formed and the executive was elected on March 2nd 2020. The group has decided to raise funds by having a membership fee of \$120.00 US per annum, Independence Day celebration with the sale of local drinks and food, quarterly activities and local endowments. The President Mr Emris Rogers said that they were glad to be added to the Sandy Point Benevolent Society family.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW

**ELOISE HERBERT**

(ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR OF THE US CHAPTER)

One of the best feelings other than receiving is giving, and nothing makes for a more inspiring story than one of paying it forward.

The awardees spotlighted that evening were Denver Mike, MBA, for obtaining the inaugural Principal's Award in 1999. Dr Duriel Pemberton scored the Hanna Riley Guishard Memorial Scholarship in 2016, whilst both Eloise Herbert, MHR and Dr Mitchell Queeley D.Ed. were awarded a Sir Hugh & Lady Claudette Rawlins Scholarship for Graduate Studies, in 2017 and 2018, respectively.

In our SPBS microcosm, we celebrate Denver Mike, MBA as 'the grandfather of all recipients.' Mike admits that he cannot recall receiving the award, whose hand he shook, nor does he remember the speech that launched the initiative, but that he remembers feeling like he was a part of something greater than himself.

Today, Denver is an avid entrepreneur. Mike's sense of community has led to his role as a founder of the Sandy Pointers Inspiring Real Improvement Throughout (SPIRIT), as well as the Sandy Point Proud Sports Limited. It is also honorable to state that Mike is a proud mentor with the SPBS, helping to shape students who are still in the program.

Also acknowledged was Dr Duriel Pemberton. One can describe him as reliable and conscientious. Dr Pemberton learned responsibility at an early age. He derived such commendable traits from the years he's spent in the St. Kitts Boys Brigade, Cadet Corp, and notwithstanding his 2-year stint in the St. Kitts & Nevis Defense Force.

He is honored to give back, "It has always been my pleasure of being a part of the SPBS family, so that I can help others in moving forward and help to make their dream a reality." Dr Pemberton currently plays an integral role as Vice President for the St. Kitts SPBS Chapter.

Meanwhile, Eloise Herbert, MHR who has always engaged in philanthropy and fostering relationships cited one of her favorite quotes by the late Dr Martin Luther King Jr. "Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve!" Herbert now serves on the SPBS board and says the motto, "We give back to others can move forward," resonated with her. Today, Herbert is a TV producer and philanthropist.

Dr Michelle Queeley, D.Ed. has always demonstrated sound leadership and took this into her church and community. For 28 years, Dr Queeley has exhibited unbridled love for teaching and has invested her time as a teacher, impacting many lives.

She was a 2018 recipient of the Sir Hugh & Lady Claudette Rawlins Scholarship for Graduate Studies. The scholarship funded her travels to research for her doctorate studies at the University of the West Indies, Open campus. In January 2020, she acquired the title of Doctor of Education in Higher Currently, Dr. Queeley serves as the newly appointed Dean of Studies at the Anguilla Community College.

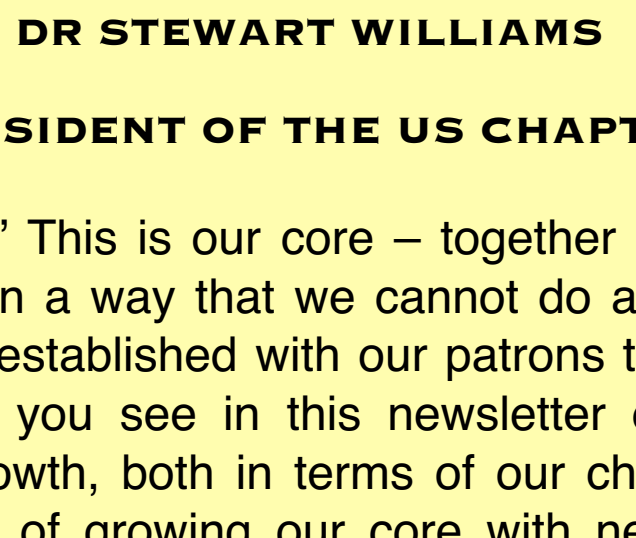
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For the past 20 years, the Sandy Point Benevolent Society and its patrons, have awarded students' scholarships to offset mounting educational expenses. As part of the application process, each applicant must clarify their intent on giving back. In giving back, beneficiaries are also shaping SPBS' organizational culture, closing engagement and generational gaps.

## We give back so others can move forward!

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TREVOR DUGGINS



## "THE S.P.B.S RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC".

GET INVOLVED

DR STEWART WILLIAMS

(PRESIDENT OF THE US CHAPTER)

"It takes a village!" This is our core – together we can grow and influence change in a way that we cannot do as individuals. It is the trust we have established with our patrons that fuels us to do even more. What you see in this newsletter demonstrates our commitment to growth, both in terms of our charitable programs and also in terms of growing our core with new chapters. This speaks volumes to our ability to have sustainable presence. We cannot do it alone. Put this SPBS army to work on your behalf! You can donate by visiting us at [www.spbsinc.org](http://www.spbsinc.org) and selecting our DONATE button. If you are interested in supporting specific programs, then please contact us as [info@spbsinc.org](mailto:info@spbsinc.org). We are a registered 501c(3) organization in NY and your contributions would qualify for tax exemption (in the US). What we promise is that we would direct 100% of your contributions to a just cause.

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About Us:

OUR MOTTO:  
Empowerment through Education

OUR MISSION:  
To Strengthen Our Hometown SandyPoint Community via Support for Educational Institutions & Positive Youth Activities.

We are a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.