



## **Bermuda College Alumni and Employee Honorees for the 50th Anniversary Gala**

### **April 5, 2025**

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**1970**

#### **Dr. Terry-Lynne Emery as a Bermuda College Alumni**

Dr. Terry-Lynne Emery has been chosen as a Bermuda College Alumni for her trailblazing contributions to healthcare in Bermuda and her exemplary dedication to the community. A proud graduate of Bermuda College, Dr. Emery has achieved numerous milestones in her distinguished career as an obstetrician and gynecologist.

As Bermuda's first female Bermudian obstetrician, Dr. Emery has been in private practice for over 28 years. She is board-certified in her specialty by both the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Currently serving as the Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology for the Bermuda Hospital Board, Dr. Emery continues to lead with compassion and expertise.

Her academic journey began at Central School, The Berkeley Institute, and Bermuda College. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy (Cum Laude) from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science and practiced as a registered pharmacist in Bermuda and the United States. Dr. Emery went on to complete her Master's in Management and Human Relations from Webster University before earning her Doctor of Medicine at Wake Forest University. She completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at McGill University in Montreal, Canada.

Dr. Emery's impact extends beyond her clinical practice. She has been a fierce advocate for reproductive health education and care, working with government and grassroots organizations to raise awareness. She played a pivotal role in the establishment of the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) and continues to serve on the Bermuda Pharmacy Council and Bermuda Health Council's Pharmacy and Therapeutic Committee.

In addition to her professional contributions, Dr. Emery is an active member of the Sigma Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She is also a devoted mother of three adult children and a vocal advocate for diabetes awareness, inspired by her family's experiences with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes.



Dr. Emery's leadership, dedication to healthcare, and commitment to community service embody the values of excellence and service nurtured by Bermuda College. Her achievements make her a deserving candidate for recognition as a distinguished Bermuda College Alumni.

#### **Mr. Rees Fletcher as a Bermuda College Alumni**

Mr. Rees Fletcher is selected as a Bermuda College Alumni in recognition of his remarkable career achievements and contributions to Bermuda's business community. An alumnus of Bermuda College, Mr. Fletcher has risen to become one of the island's most respected business leaders.

Mr. Fletcher built an illustrious career at Chubb Bermuda, where he served as Chairman and President, becoming the first Bermudian to hold the role of President. During his tenure, he was instrumental in driving the company's growth and fostering a culture of excellence. Known for his strategic vision and commitment to mentorship, he has been a strong advocate for the development of Bermudian talent in the insurance industry.

Mr. Fletcher's distinguished career and exemplary service make him a deserving candidate for recognition as a Bermuda College Alumni.

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**1980**

#### **Mr. Larry Mussenden as a Bermuda College Alumni**

Mr. Larry Mussenden is selected as a Bermuda College Alumni for his outstanding career and contributions to Bermuda's legal and judicial systems. A proud graduate of Bermuda College, Mr. Mussenden's academic journey laid the foundation for his distinguished career, culminating in his current role as Chief Justice of Bermuda.

Mr. Mussenden's professional accomplishments include a notable tenure as Director of Public Prosecutions, where he demonstrated exemplary leadership and a steadfast commitment to justice. His legal career has been characterized by fairness, integrity, and a dedication to upholding the rule of law. As Chief Justice, he continues to shape Bermuda's judiciary with a focus on efficiency, innovation, and public trust.

Beyond his legal contributions, Mr. Mussenden has served in various capacities within the community, including as President of the Bermuda Football Association, showcasing his dedication to service beyond the courtroom.



His achievements exemplify the transformative impact of Bermuda College and its role in preparing graduates for leadership and excellence. Mr. Mussenden's legacy of service and dedication makes him a deserving candidate for recognition as a distinguished Bermuda College Alumni. Mr. Mussenden was also inducted into the College of Honorary Fellow in 2023.

### **Dr. Malcolm Brock as a Bermuda College Alumni**

Dr. Malcolm Brock is selected as a Bermuda College Alumni for his exceptional academic and professional achievements, which have elevated Bermuda's presence on the global stage. A former student of Bermuda College, Dr. Brock's academic journey led him to become a Rhodes Scholar, an honor that reflects his intellectual brilliance and dedication to excellence.

Dr. Brock's distinguished medical career includes his appointment as the inaugural Dr. E. F. Gordon Endowed Professor at Johns Hopkins University, where he specializes in thoracic surgery and cancer research. His groundbreaking work in molecular profiling for cancer patients has earned him international recognition and represents a significant contribution to advancing medical science.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Dr. Brock has been an inspiring figure for Bermudians, sharing his experiences as a Corange Science Speaker and serving as a role model for young scholars and professionals. His unwavering commitment to education, innovation, and service exemplifies the transformative power of opportunity and determination.

Dr. Brock's remarkable achievements and his dedication to inspiring others make him a deserving candidate for recognition as a distinguished Bermuda College Alumni.

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**1990**

### **Dr. Leslie Steede as a Bermuda College Alumni**

Dr. Leslie Steede is selected as a Bermuda College Alumni for his remarkable achievements in psychology, research, and academia, as well as his impactful contributions to Bermuda through his work in market and social research. A proud graduate of Bermuda College with an Associate Degree in Arts, Dr. Steede's academic journey began at The Berkeley Institute and continued at the University of Waterloo (Honours BA) in Canada and the University of Sussex in the UK, where he earned both a Master's degree with distinction and a Doctorate in Psychology.

With a strong foundation in research methods and statistics, Dr. Steede gained valuable teaching experience at the University of Sussex, where he taught statistics at both



undergraduate and master's levels. His research expertise is evidenced by numerous publications in international psychology journals.

As the Owner and Director of Research at Global Research, Dr. Steede has nearly a decade of experience in designing and directing comprehensive research studies. His portfolio includes a wide range of clients, such as Bermuda Hospitals Board, Bermuda Tourism Authority, Bank of Bermuda Foundation, and more than 50 government departments. His work has provided data-driven insights that have informed critical decisions across the public and private sectors.

Dr. Steede's career exemplifies academic excellence, professional leadership, and a commitment to community development. His achievements and contributions make him a deserving candidate for recognition as a distinguished Bermuda College Alumni.

#### **Nomination of Mr. Gino Smith as a Bermuda College Alumni**

Mr. Gino Smith is selected as a Bermuda College Alumni for his exceptional achievements in the global reinsurance industry and his contributions to Bermuda's prominence in financial services. graduate of Bermuda College, Mr. Smith completed his Associate Degree, further solidifying his academic foundation to complement his distinguished professional career.

Mr. Smith has held prominent leadership roles in the reinsurance sector, including his recent position as Head of Property for EMEA and LATAM at AXIS Re, where he was responsible for overseeing property underwriting strategies across Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America. Prior to this, he served as Senior Vice President at AXA XL, contributing significantly to underwriting and property risk management. Recognized for his expertise and strategic leadership, Mr. Smith has successfully managed complex reinsurance portfolios and played a pivotal role in driving innovation and operational excellence within the industry.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Mr. Smith actively supports Bermuda's financial services sector and serves as an inspiration to aspiring professionals in the reinsurance field. His dedication to excellence, continuous learning, and Bermuda's global reputation underscores the transformative power of education and leadership.

Mr. Smith's remarkable career and contributions make him a deserving candidate for recognition as a distinguished Bermuda College Alumni.

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**2000**

#### **Ms. Beza Dagnachew as a Bermuda College Alumni**



Ms. Beza Dagnachew is selected as a Bermuda College Alumni for her exceptional contributions to healthcare and education in Bermuda. A proud graduate of Bermuda College, Ms. Dagnachew credits her education there as the foundation for her thriving career as an Infection Preventionist and Nursing Instructor at Bermuda College.

Ms. Dagnachew's journey is a testament to the transformative support provided by Bermuda College. Through academic guidance, financial assistance, and career opportunities such as Career Day and college introductions, she was able to excel in her studies. She holds the distinction of being the first nursing student to earn a scholarship under the 2003 agreement between Bermuda College and Hampton University's nursing program. Additionally, she was awarded a scholarship from the Bermuda Nursing Council, alleviating financial challenges and enabling her to focus fully on her education.

Her professional journey has been marked by a commitment to giving back to the community. As a ward nurse, infection prevention specialist, and now a nursing instructor, Ms. Dagnachew has made a significant impact on Bermuda's healthcare system. She finds immense fulfillment in mentoring and educating the next generation of healthcare professionals, whose success in the field stands as a testament to her dedication and expertise.

Ms. Dagnachew's achievements and her unwavering commitment to advancing healthcare and education make her a deserving candidate for recognition as a distinguished Bermuda College Alumni.

#### **Mr. Jason Hayward as a Bermuda College Alumni**

Mr. Jason Hayward is selected as a Bermuda College Alumni for his exceptional contributions to Bermuda's workforce and governance. A graduate of Bermuda College with an Associate Degree in Business Administration, Mr. Hayward has leveraged his education to become a leader in the community.

His academic foundation provided a strong platform for his career, which has included serving as President of the Bermuda Public Services Union and, more recently, as a Member of Parliament and Minister of Economy and Labour. His leadership in both the labor movement and public service has been characterized by a commitment to improving the lives of Bermudians through advocacy, policy development, and economic initiatives.

Mr. Hayward's success story highlights the vital role Bermuda College plays in fostering local talent and preparing graduates for impactful careers. His dedication to service, leadership, and community development makes him a deserving candidate for recognition as a distinguished Bermuda College Alumni.



**2010**

### **Nomination of Ms. Andesha Busby as an APACE Alumni**

Ms. Andesha Busby is selected as an APACE Alumni for her outstanding achievements and contributions to her profession. A former Real Estate student, Ms. Busby has excelled to become a qualified Estates Surveyor with the Ministry of Public Works, holding professional accreditation from the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (UK).

During her studies, she was introduced to the Bermuda Government Apprenticeship Programme, which she successfully entered, receiving sponsorship from both the Ministry and the Hamilton Parish Council. She completed the programme, gaining practical experience through internships with Land Valuation and Public Works during summer and school breaks.

Ms. Busby is one of the few young Black Bermudian women in a profession traditionally dominated by men and non-Bermudians. Her career path was shaped by her decision to pivot from studying Sociology overseas to pursuing Real Estate after taking the APACE "Intro to Real Estate" course in 2013.

Her success story exemplifies the transformative power of APACE programs and highlights her dedication and drive. Ms. Busby's accomplishments make her a deserving candidate for recognition as an APACE Alumni.

### **Ms. Taiyana Allen as a Bermuda College Alumni**

Ms. Taiyana Allen is selected as a distinguished Bermuda College Alumni for her exceptional academic achievements and contributions to Bermuda's actuarial and insurance sectors. As one of Bermuda College's inaugural dual enrollment students, Ms. Allen graduated in 2016 with an Associate of Science degree in Actuarial Science, concurrently earning her high school diploma from CedarBridge Academy.

Ms. Allen's academic journey continued at Georgia State University, where she obtained dual Bachelor's degrees in Actuarial Science and Finance in 2019, followed by dual Master's degrees in Actuarial Science and Data Analytics in 2022. Her commitment to professional excellence is evident through her role as an actuarial analyst at Wilton Re, where she has been employed since January 2020. Ms. Allen is actively pursuing her Associate of the Society of Actuaries (ASA) designation, having recently passed her second actuarial exam.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Ms. Allen is deeply involved in community service and industry development. She serves on the Bermuda College Insurance Advisory Board and is a



co-founder, secretary, and board member of the Actuaries of Bermuda. Additionally, she contributes to the Bermuda International Long-Term Insurers and Reinsurers (BILTIR) Social Impact Committee and the Insurance Linked Securities (ILS) Education and Outreach Committee as co-lead for the mentorship module. Ms. Allen also holds the position of finance vice chair for Crime Stoppers Bermuda.

Ms. Allen's dedication to academic excellence and her significant contributions to Bermuda's actuarial profession exemplify the high standards and transformative impact of Bermuda College's dual enrollment program. Her achievements make her a deserving candidate for recognition as a distinguished Bermuda College Alumni.

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## **Employees**

### **Mr. Craig Simmons as a Bermuda College Former Lecturer**

Mr. Craig Simmons is selected as a distinguished Bermuda College Alumnus and former lecturer for his outstanding contributions to education, economics, and Bermuda's financial landscape. As a graduate of Bermuda College, Mr. Simmons laid the foundation for a career marked by academic excellence and a deep commitment to advancing economic literacy in the community.

Mr. Simmons returned to Bermuda College as a lecturer, where he spent decades inspiring students through his engaging teaching style and his ability to make complex economic principles accessible and relevant. His dedication to education has had a transformative impact on countless students, many of whom have gone on to pursue successful careers in business, finance, and public service.

In addition to his role as an educator, Mr. Simmons is widely regarded as one of Bermuda's leading economic commentators, frequently providing insights and analysis on key economic issues affecting the island. His expertise and thought leadership have made him a trusted voice in the public discourse on financial policy and economic development.

Mr. Simmons embodies the mission of Bermuda College, demonstrating the power of lifelong learning and the importance of giving back to the community. His achievements as an alumnus, educator, and economist make him a deserving candidate for recognition as a distinguished Bermuda College Alumni.



### **Ms. Marie Franklin as a Bermuda College Former Employee**

Ms. Alice Marie Franklin is selected for her exceptional contributions to Bermuda College over a remarkable 40-year career. Beginning in 1978 at the College's original Robert's Avenue campus, Ms. Franklin played a vital role in the growth of the institution, serving in various capacities with increasing responsibility in finance, payroll, and personnel administration.

Starting as an Accounts Clerk in the Bursar's Office, Ms. Franklin advanced to senior roles, eventually becoming the College's authority on compensation and benefits. She seamlessly combined her expertise in accounting and human resources, handling payroll, recruiting, health insurance, retirements, and union matters. Her encyclopedic knowledge of the College's staff and history earned her the affectionate title of the "human personnel directory."

More than her technical skills, Ms. Franklin was known for her warmth, kindness, and unwavering dedication to her colleagues. She was a source of guidance, support, and encouragement, embodying the values of service and loyalty that define Bermuda College.

Upon her retirement in 2018, Ms. Franklin left an immeasurable legacy of excellence, impacting countless employees over four decades. Her steadfast commitment and compassionate spirit make her a deserving honoree at the Bermuda College 50th Anniversary Gala.

### **Statement Prepared by Necheeka Trott, Special Projects**

This document has been prepared by Necheeka Trott, Special Projects, to support the nominations of outstanding individuals for recognition as distinguished Bermuda College Alumni and Employees. These nominees have demonstrated exceptional achievements in their respective fields and have made significant contributions to their professions and communities, embodying the values of excellence, service, and leadership nurtured by Bermuda College.

The information in the nominations has been sourced from publicly available platforms such as LinkedIn profiles, newspaper articles, and nominations submitted by employees. This compilation celebrates Bermuda College's transformative impact on its alumni and their ongoing influence on Bermuda and beyond.