



# **CIIPA honours Caymanian degree earners**



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# FOOD SECURITY: FROM TALK TO ACTION – BASIL SPRINGER COLUMN

"This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me." – Matthew 15:8:

St. Lucian Nobel Prize winner Sir Arthur Lewis posited (circa 1950) that "... in the West Indies islands, it is not the case that agriculture cannot continue to develop if industry is developed, indeed they reinforce each other."

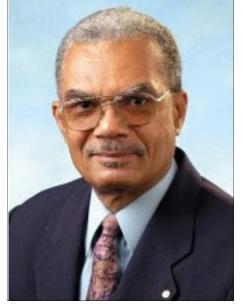
By extension, 72 years later we can further posit that in CARICOM, it is not the case that agriculture and industry cannot continue to develop if digitization is developed, indeed they reinforce each other.

In CARICOM countries we are faced with feeding local populations, our visitors, and we can exploit the export market for exotic Caribbean foods.

Food security, timely food supply and delivery to all markets, is facilitated by agricultural development.

The basic resources of arable land, sea and technology are available in CARICOM even though climate change, the COV-ID-19 pandemic and more recently the Russia-Ukraine war are external threats which have and will inhibit progress on the path towards food security.

In response to major labor protests and rebellions which swept across the Caribbean between 1934 and 1938, The Moyne Report was published by the

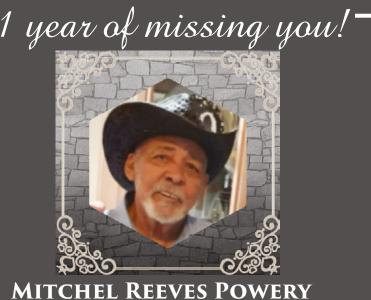


Dr. Basil Springer GCM is a Change-Engine Consultant

United Kingdom at the end of the Second World War and addressed many issues, including agricultural development.

Why then do we not have a comprehensive coordinated program for agricultural development in the Caribbean rather than a piecemeal approach by territory? The answer is that lip service only is paid to the issue of food security.

There have been no sustainable solutions for agricultural development in the



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#### **FOOD SECURITY: FROM TALK TO ACTION**





Food demand - Local, tourists, exports
Food supply and delivery - Land, sea, technology
Vision - Global Business Innovation Corporation
Action - Caribbean Food Business Innovation Revolution
Facilitation - Caribbean Export Development Agency

past 77 years and many billions of dollars of national and donor funds have been wasted.

I reflect on a company called the Global Business Innovation Corporation (GBIC), registered in the U.S. in 2015.

The principals who organized around this endeavor included Guyanese-American Dr. Owen Carryl (an Open Innovation Expert); Caribbean-American communicator Bevan Springer (Public Relations and Marketing); Brazilian Diego Bolson Ruzzarin (a Food Design Expert); and me (Shepherding for MSMEs).

The establishment of GBIC resulted in the birth of the Caribbean Food Business Innovation Revolution (CFBIR), a market-pull initiative. It was launched in Trinidad and Tobago in 2015 to a packed house. The presentations captured the interest of the audience as to how food and beverage manufacturers could quickly gain access to the U.S. market, in particular, with products which were appropriately developed to satisfy the needs of U.S. consumers.

I was privileged to have been the official observer for Marketplace Excellence (MPE), on behalf of Caribbean Media Partners (CMP), at the launch of Caribbean Export Development Agency's 2021



Annual Results Report at the Barbados Hilton Hotel earlier this month.

MPE and CMP were responsible for sharing the news from this event to regional and global audiences. CARICOM Secretary General, Dr. Carla Barnett, congratulated Caribbean Export – the agency tasked with supporting private sector development in the Caribbean – for focusing on delivering practical results.

She saluted pioneers working across the green economy, creative industries, and agriculture, which she described as a critical area where investment is needed to build food security.

It was my first appearance at an official in-person event for the two years of restrictions due to COVID-19 and I was very happy to be reacting once again with the Caribbean Export hierarchy.

There resides great partnership potential between the above-mentioned entities to help revive food security throughout CARICOM, CARIFORUM, the OECS, and elsewhere across the region.

I shall remain inspired by the late Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., who once stated that "change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle." Let's focus on action.

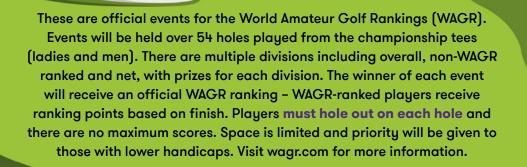
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# CIIPA honours Caymanian degree earners at 13<sup>th</sup>-annual Awards Gala



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Cayman Islands Institute of Professional Accountants (CIIPA) President Rennie Khan delivers his speech Saturday night (28 May) at the 13th-annual CIIPA Awards Gala. Photo – Maggie Jackson/CIIPA

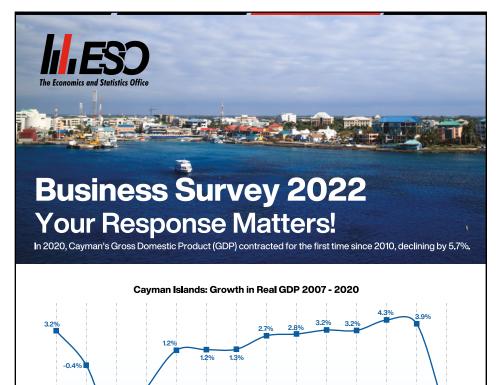
Bachelor's Degree honourees pose with their awards Saturday night (28 May) at the 13th-annual Cayman Islands Institute of Professional Accountants Awards Gala. Photo – Maggie Jackson/CIIPA

Government leaders and accounting professionals came together to laud Caymanians who have reached key milestones in their respective accounting careers Saturday (28 May) at the Cayman Islands Institute of Professional Accountants (CIIPA) Awards Gala, held at the Kimpton Seafire Resort.

Forty-five Caymanians were honoured throughout the evening, including 35 who earned a bachelor's degree and 10 who earned a master's degree.

"It's no stretch to say that account-

ants in the 21st century are tasked in many ways with helping save the planet... or at the very least play a crucial role making this a better world to live in," said CIIPA President Rennie Khan, referring to the important role accountants play in matters relating to sustainable business practices and enhanced due diligence resulting from Russia and Belarus sanctions regimes. "Long gone are the days where accountants are primarily concerned with bookkeeping and preparing financial documents.



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#### How did this change in 2021?

The annual System of National Accounts (SNA) survey collects the information necessary to measure the health and performance of Cayman's economy and its various industries.

The survey runs April 11th to June 17th, 2022.

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His Excellency Governor Martyn Roper, Premier Hon. Wayne Panton, Deputy Premier and Minister for Finance and Economic Development Hon. Christopher Saunders, Opposition Leader Hon. Roy McTaggart and Attorney General Hon. Samuel Bulgin were each on hand to congratulate the award recipients, many of whom indicated they planned on pursuing their professional designation or otherwise continue their professional development.

"It feels really good to get up there and be honoured in front of the partners of the firm," said Deloitte's Piers Davies, who was recognised for earning both his bachelor's and master's degrees.

"Accounting offers a wide range of industries that you can look into so there's never really a dull moment. You switch from a hedge fund-based client to an insurance client to then going into an operating company. It's just a different thing every day."

Those honoured for earning their bachelor's degree included: Aaron

Fernandes, Alyssa McLaughlin, Carrie McLaughlin, Denry Howell, Derricka Neysmith, Errol Simms, Estefhany Rivers, Eva McLean, Germaine Ebanks, Indira McLaughlin, Jenna Alpuche, Joel Gayle, John Carlo Ow, Jonathan Walmsley, Jordon Williams, Jose Vasquez, Kevin Weber, Kimberly Dawson, Kireen Morris, Kirk Foster, Leyla Padilla Arcon, Lisa Royal, Lissette Carter, Luca Polloni, Lucas Byrnes, Mariah Webb, Mikhalia Byndloss, Ninna Bodden, Piers Davies, Rajiv Jaggernath, Shantae Hamilton, Steve Miller, Tramaine Roper and Yolanda Paredes-Arias.

Master's degree honourees included: Brittany Scott, Daniel Burns, Francella Martin, Jonathan Walmsley, Max Pairaudeau, Piers Davies, Rochel Gardener, Ryan Barnett, Selena Ross and Simon Butler.

The event marked the first of two CII-PA Awards Galas scheduled for 2022 as the gala had been postponed and rescheduled in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The second gala is slated to be held in September and will honour Caymanians who have earned their professional designation, and those who complete their bachelor's and master's degrees this year.



Master's Degree honources pose with their awards Saturday night (28 May) at the 13th-annual Cayman Islands Institute of Professional Accountants Awards Gala. Photo – Maggie Jackson/CIIPA

### TAG AVIATION GETS CAYMAN ISLANDS' AOC



Director-General, Mr. Richard Smith presenting Julyn Tan, Accountable Manager of TAG Cayman (SEZC) with the Air Operators Certificate (AOC) surrounded by representatives of the CAACI, the C.I. Government, TAG Aviation and CEC.

The Civil Aviation Authority of the Cayman Islands (CAACI) announces the issuance of an Air Operator Certificate (AOC) for fixed wing commercial operations to Tag Aviation (Cayman) SEZC, a company with its principle place of business in the Cayman Islands' Special Economic Zone. TAG Aviation currently operates fourteen aircraft on the Cayman Islands Aircraft Registry including a Gulfstream 650 to be operated by Tag Aviation (Cayman) under the SEZ AOC.

"We are pleased to issue Tag Aviation (Cayman) SEZC with a Cayman Islands Air Operator Certificate. TAG has been a longstanding operator of Cayman Islands' registered aircraft for private owners and we are delighted that they will now provide commercial air transport services under this new AOC. This addition to commercial operations demonstrates mutual confidence held by our respective organisations in assuring safe and compliant operations. We look forward to their continued growth and success as they serve the needs of this dynamic industry.

We also want to acknowledge the strategic partnership between the Civil Aviation Authority of the Cayman Islands (CAACI) and Cayman Enterprise City (CEC) that provides key elements required for the jurisdictional establishment for operators engaged in commercial operations offshore" said Director-General of Civil Aviation, Mr. Richard Smith.

Receiving the Cayman AOC will further enhance TAG Aviation's aircraft management options and charter service portfolio activities. The company also holds AOCs from San Marino, Malta and UK and currently manages a fleet of 80 business jets.

"The Cayman AOC allows us to extend the scope of TAG's capabilities and widen our range of bespoke services to our clients by providing the flexibility of various operating solutions" said Steven Young, President of TAG Aviation.

Julyn Tan, Accountable Manager of TAG Cayman AOC said, "We are delighted to have obtained this AOC from CAACI, enabling us to expand our commercial aircraft operations for our clients. The CAACI certification team worked both collaboratively and proactively with TAG throughout the whole process."

"Congratulations to Tag Aviation (Cayman) SEZC on the grant of your Cayman Islands AOC. We are delighted to welcome yet another high-quality operator and recognised industry leader to our vibrant and growing special economic zone community" said Charlie Kirkconnell, CEO, Cayman Enterprise City.

Hon. André Ebanks, Minister for Financial Services and Commerce, who was also in attendance said, "I am pleased to see the partnership between the CAACI, Tag Aviation (Cayman) SEZC and CEC. The issuance of the AOC to Tag symbolizes the credible partnership and globally recognized value of the Cayman Islands Aircraft Registry".

TAG Aviation currently have 14 aircraft registered with the Cayman Islands Aircraft Registry which are Gulfstream V, Gulfstream-VI, Bombardier-700, Dassault Falcon 7X and an Airbus A318. In addition, they hold a CAMO (Continuing Airworthiness Management Organisation) approval which allows them to provide aircraft maintenance in accordance to their maintenance program. Our relationship with TAG Aviation goes back with the first aircraft was a Bombardier -700 being registered on March 3 2011.

CAACI and CEC are jointly marketing the Cayman Islands to the business and corporate aviation industry, promoting its robust regulatory environment, neutral tax status, sound legal and finance systems and first-world life style.



### Grant Thornton Graduate Recognised at 13th CIIPA Awards Gala



Mikhalia Byndloss was recognised for her successful completion of a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting and Finance from Leeds Beckett University, at the recent Cayman Islands Institute of Professional Accountants Awards Gala. She is part of the Grant Thornton Graduate Programme and a member of the fund audit team, and is working towards her Association of Chartered Certified Accountants qualification.

"Our leadership team were delighted to celebrate this key milestone with Mikhalia and her family," says Dara Keogh, Managing Partner at Grant Thornton Cayman Islands. "People make the biggest difference to our firm, and we are excited to have Mikhalia as part of our team, and to support her in reaching her next career milestone."



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### BANK STAFF PRAISED FOR THEIR COMMITMENT ON EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY

The colour of the day was red, and the word was definitely "appreciated"!

All across its 15-member regional network of branches and offices staff arrived to work to a red-carpet welcome and other special treats and personalised messages on Thursday May 19, as CIBC FirstCaribbean toasted its near 3000 staff members on Employee Appreciation Day.

Employees at all levels of the regional bank were dressed in an array of red outfits, some even complemented with hats and custom-made pieces for the day, enjoyed a day filled with range of team building and fun activities as they marked the day under the theme: "One Caribbean: Collaborating for our Success".

Mark I. McIntyre, Managing Director, Cayman Operating Company stated "Employee Appreciation Day (EAD) is a much anticipated signature event on FirstCaribbean's annual calendar. It is the day where we take time to express our gratitude and appreciation to our entire staff across the region. This year the Cayman Islands Country Management Committee organized a BBQ lunch for the entire team and not only served the lunch but provided each team member with a token gift bag of branded materials and a tasty local treat. Staff are already looking forward to the 2023 edition of EAD."

The bank's Chief Executive Officer Colette Delaney hailed the day as "one of the most exciting days on our corporate calendar" noting that while the bank valued the contributions of all of its employees "all year round...on Employee Appreciation Day we get to spend the day celebrating and honouring all of you for making our bank the regional success that it is".



She added: "Our gratitude is multiplied times over when we reflect on the challenging operating environment that we have navigated over the past two years, as a result of your absolute commitment to team CIBC FirstCaribbean.

Your courage, creativity, ingenuity, dogged determination, right attitude, team spirit and at times sense of humour, saw us through those uncertain early months of the covid pandemic."

Chief Administrative Officer Neil Brennan in his short message to staff said "we may be in 15 territories, but we are solidly one bank – one team. Today, I thank all of you for making our bank so successful and keeping it on top!"

He noted the past "two years have tested and challenged all of us both personally and professionally. We have had to learn to work, play and socialize in new and not always easy ways, but all across our bank you rose to the new challenges, and you overcame them". Using technology to bridge the divide, staff members enjoyed a fun-filled day of engagement and interaction including One Caribbean fun zones and quizzes throughout the day. There was also the very entertaining online Pictionary and 'guess whose workspace' activities.

Staffers also engaged in lively discussions with executives and other senior personnel during special

"Let's Chat" sessions.

### Crooks swimming sibling to represent Cayman at 19th FINA World Championships

The Cayman Islands Aquatic Sports Association (CIASA) announced that sibling swimmers and regional powerhouses - Jordan Crooks and Jillian Crooks – have been selected to represent the Cayman Islands at the 19th FINA World Championships taking place in Budapest, 18 June – 25 June 2022.

Jordan, 20 and Jillian, 15 grew up training here in Cayman in a 25m pool – both now train predominantly in the US with access to both short course (25m) and long course (50m) pools.

A rising Sophomore at the University of Tennessee, Jordan made a big splash in both the SEC Championships, and then the NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Championships (SCY) in his freshman year, placing third in the 50 free. Jordan achieved a FINA World Championships qualifying B time in the 100 Freestyle with the time of 50.25 (B time is 50:48). "I am excited to represent my country," said Jordan about his first FINA World Championships event.

Meanwhile sister Jillian – who is home schooled and currently training in Florida – made a statement at the recent CARFTA Swimming Championships with a haul of



Jillian Crooks

seven medals, three Cayman Islands CIA-SA and three Cayman Islands National records and one CARIFTA relay record: "I shall proudly represent my country. I am honoured to be a Cayman Islands Swim Team member for the 19th FINA World Championships in Budapest, Hungary – and it is an honour to be on the same team as my brother Jordan."

Technical Director Coach Jacky Pellerin is accompanying the swimmers as



Jordan Crooks

head coach and is looking forward to working with the brother and sister swimmers.

"It will be interesting to accompany Jordan and Jillian to the next long course world championships (50m). I'm curious to see where Jordan will be in the world rankings. After his fantastic results in the NCAA Finals, I will not be surprised if he makes it to the 50m freestyle semi-finals, and then... who knows what happens next. Jillian proved at the CARIFTA Swimming championships that hard work pays off. I look forward to seeing how she will swim when racing the best swimmers in the world. The competition should help her lower some of the CIASA and National records she set at CARIFTA.

The Budapest swimming pool, which hosted the 2017 World Championships, is a modern and fast swimming pool which should allow our swimmers to compete in the best conditions."

CIASA President, Steve Broadbelt will virtually attend the FINA Congress being held in conjunction with the championships.

CIASA is the recognised national governing body of all Aquatic Sports (comprised of competitive swimming, open water swimming, diving, high diving, water polo and synchronised swimming) in the Cayman Islands and is an affiliated member of FINA, PanAm Aquatics, CCCAN, Island Games Association of the Cayman Islands, CARIFTA and the Cayman Islands Olympic Committee. For more information email ciasaboard@gmail.com or visit the CIASA website at www.ciasa.ky. COMMUNITY



Minister for Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage, Hon. Bernie Bush gave remarks at the Queen's Jubilee Family Tea Party at the Gallery on Saturday, 21 May 2022.



Tea Party attendee Ms Nelly Mungago was on trend at the Queen's Jubilee Family Tea Party at the Gallery on Saturday, 21 May 2022.



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The Cayman Islands Folk Singers performed at the Queen's Jubilee Family Tea Party at the Gallery on Saturday, 21 May 2022.

# Platinum Jubilee Family Tea Party Celebrates 70-Year Reign

#### By Elphina Jones GIS

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Family Afternoon Tea Party at the Gallery was a patriotic occasion on Saturday, 21 May 2022.

Held on the grounds of the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands (NGCI), the festive community event was hosted by the Gallery in partnership with the Ministry of Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage (MYSCH), Cayman National Cultural Foundation (CNCF) and the Youth Services Unit (YSU).

Welcoming remarks were made by NGCI Management Board Deputy Chairperson Mrs. Jennifer Dilbert. They were followed by addresses from MYSCH Minister, Hon. Bernie Bush and His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper.

In true tea party fashion, the afternoon offered buffet-style refreshments - including a wide assortment of sandwiches, mini patties, cookies and beverages as well as a showing of hats and fascinators by ladies in attendance. Steel pan-player Michael Lemay entertained visitors with a medley of songs, showcasing his talents with a range from well-known Caribbean tunes to classical music.

The eight finalists of the YSU's all-island high school poetry competition were announced at the tea party. Having recited their Majesty-themed prose, the winners - Kylah Murphy, Cayman International School (1st - \$500); Aiden Miller, Clifton Hunter High School (2nd -\$400) and Danielle Player, Cayman Prep and High School (3rd - 300) - received their prizes from His Excellency The Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper; Premier, Hon. G. Wayne Panton and Deputy Premier, Hon. Christopher Saunders.

The Cayman Islands Folk Singers' lively set included Limestone Schoolhouse, Song of the Yam and Munzie Boat. In addition, visitors took tours of the Gallery's The People's Collection and Salt Water in their Veins exhibits as well as viewing artwork from NGCI's National Art Collection. The Gallery's



Premier, Hon G. Wayne Panton (left) attended the Queen's Jubilee Family Tea Party at the Gallery. He along with His Excellency The Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper (second right) and Deputy Premier, Hon. Christopher Saunders (right) gave cheques to winners of the all-island high school poetry competition: (L-r:) Danielle Player,13, Cayman Prep and High School (3rd); Kylah Murphy,14, Cayman International School (1st) and Aiden Miller,13, Clifton Hunter High School (2nd).

family-friendly art activities and giant outdoor maze were particularly popular with younger visitors.

As well as Union Jack bunting, the Gallery hung up bunting designed by local students. The artwork was inspired by a lesson pack designed and supplied by NGCI's Education team on the national symbols and encouraged students to explore Cayman's relationship to the UK and why jubilees are celebrated here.

To see the Flickr album of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Family Tea Party at the Gallery, visit: https://bit.ly/3a0Ekle



▶ Visitors to the Queen's Jubilee Family Tea Party at the Gallery on Saturday, 21 May 2022.

# UCCI'S HIGHLY ANTICIPATED STEM SUMMER CAMP RETURNS THIS AUGUST



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INVESTORS IN PE⊖PLE<sup>™</sup> We invest in people Gold The University College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI) invites applications from eager young people aged 11 to 13 (approximately), for its highly anticipated STEM summer camp, which this year will include fun activities including computer coding, lionfish dissecting, LED badge creation, robot building, 3-D printing, and much, much more.

The hands-on camp runs at the University campus in George Town from Monday 8 August to Friday 12 August 2022 at a cost of only \$200, thanks to the generous support of Enterprise Cayman (CEC), who is sponsoring the camp.

This year, UCCI is looking for 25 participants who are willing to learn, have good communication skills and a sense of enterprise. The camp is also a great choice for students who have a passion for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Each year, UCCI receives many applications, so students are strongly encouraged to apply early for this amazing experience.

Antoinette Gayle, Organizer of the University College of the Cayman Islands' STEM summer camp, commented, "We are absolutely thrilled to once again be able to open up the University College of the Cayman Islands to eager, young students who want to learn about how fun and exciting a career in STEM can be. For only \$200, students can dissect fish, build robots, learn about computer programing and so much more. Everything they make they get to take home, and this genuinely is a great opportunity. We encourage students to apply early and we hope to inspire the next generation of Cayman's STEM experts.

During the camp, the students will be given a welcome package, activity kits, lunch, snacks, certification of participation and a pass to the upcoming STEM Carib conference, which takes place in November 2022. The STEM Carib conference is always a highlight on the Cayman community calendar and sees thousands of community members and students attend to learn about current trends in STEM fields and related industries and interact with some local and international STEM experts.

The STEM summer camp will begin on August 8-12, 2022, from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

To apply, students and caregivers can visit www.ucci.edu.ky/stem-camp

Applications open on Monday, May 30 and close when all 25 spaces are suitably filled.





EMT trainees undergo a course in bag valve mask (BVM).



► Trainees learn continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP).

### **HSA invests in EMT training for Caymanians**



► The trainees receive a lesson in oxygen therapy.

Eight Caymanians with varying backgrounds are training to help save lives by becoming Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) through the Health Services Authority's (HSA's) fully funded EMT Training Programme.

The trainees were among 73 applicants who registered for the programme by completing a competitive process for admission, including a written exam, a physical assessment, and a panel interview.

The programme is accredited in the United States by the Commission on Accreditation for Prehospital Continuing Education (CAPCE), enabling students to sit for the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) exam. This credentialing allows students greater mobility to progress clinically to the Advanced EMT or Paramedic level.

The programme's curriculum includes anatomy and physiology, oxygen therapy, basic life support (BLS) management, patient assessments, airway management, pediatric and obstetrical emergencies, trauma assessment, safe handling and moving, and emergency response driving.

"The HSA's EMT Training Programme is a great opportunity for us to invest locally, providing an avenue for our Caymanians to join the profession of EMS and change lives together as a community," noted EMS Manager Stephen Duval.

Mr Duval also noted that the service demands of our EMS system continue to increase with diverse needs. In 2021 EMS responded to over 8,000 911 calls for service compared to 6,714 in 2019. "Building the capacity to meet the needs of our patients is essential," he said. "Equipping our people with the necessary skills and knowledge in emergency care through this training will further support the HSA's plans to expand our EMS services to the eastern districts to significantly improve response time of our ambulance in critical lifesaving situations."

The trainees are expected to complete the programme in August 2022.



A trainee learns to administer oxygen.



# The Cayman Islands Digital Economy Conference returns for its 5th year

The fifth annual Cayman Islands Digital Economy Conference (CYDEC) returns to its in-person format, on 21 June 2022.

This year's theme "Remodelling the future" highlights the status of key local and global digital initiatives, delivered through presentations and panel discussions from a host of expert speakers.

Each year, CYDEC - the first conference of its kind in the Cayman Islands, showcases cutting edge ideas and applied technological advancements to an audience of forward thinking, public and private sector business leaders. Following the success of the first CYDEC event in 2018, industry body 'Digital Cayman' was launched with the aim to cultivate economic development.

Mr. Paul Byles, CYDEC founder, said, "There is no denying that digital innovation is remodelling the future. We have reached a pivotal point in the advancement of technology and business leaders need to ask, 'What does that really look like in the Cayman Islands?"

"Following the success of our four previous conferences, we are delighted to continue to offer

CYDEC as a platform to discuss digital growth across our Islands, and beyond."

CYDEC 2022 will feature the status of the Cayman Islands Digital ID, the future of the Metaverse phenomenon, the regulation of Cryptocurrency, NFT's place in the Cayman Islands and more, from glob-



Hon. Andre Ebanks, MP

al industry leaders and local technology figureheads.

The digital technology conference is aimed at business leaders across financial services, tourism, technology and the public sector - extending to those in compliance and enterprise risk management roles. The full-day event will take place at The Westin, Grand Cayman from 8.45am.

Guest speakers and moderators include: The Hon. Andre Ebanks MP, Minister of Investment, Innovation and Social Development

Laura Birrell, CEO, Parallel



Jennifer Vessels, CEO, Next Step

Corey Glaze, Chief Product Officer & Co-Founder, TERN

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Ian Tibbetts, Director of eGovernment, CIG

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Wednesday

**Friday** 

Chris Wall, Counsel, Ogier and Director, Digital Cayman

Ryan Watson, VP of IT, Brave Software. CYDEC is produced by local consulting



Ian Thornton-Trump, Chief Information Security Officer

firm, FTS. After two years on a virtual platform due to COVID-19 restrictions, the conference is returning to its in-person format for 2022.

CYDEC 2022 is proudly partnered with the following sponsors: Ministry of Investment, Innovation and Social Development, Loop, Cayman Enterprise City, Tower, Cayman Management, Ogier and Parallel.

Registration is available www.cydec.ky at a cost of KYD \$400 per person. The full conference agenda is published on the CYDEC website, at https://www.cydec.ky/schedule/

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Consumption (kWh)	Fuel Cost April 2022	Fuel Cost May 2022	Increase (Fuel Line item Only)
600	\$85.00	\$90.80	\$5.80
1100	\$155.83	\$166.47	\$10.63
1600	\$226.67	\$242.13	\$15.47

Please review your consumption in May of 2021. This will provide an estimate of what consumption you may be utilising in May of 2022. Please note that changes in average temperature and lifestyle will affect the resulting consumption.



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# Cayman Islands COVID-19 Situational Report (SitRep)



#### **International Situation**

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), COVID-19 cases increased in two of the six world regions, the Americas (6.9 per cent) and the West Pacific (5.6 per cent) while cases decreased in the remaining four regions.

Deaths attributed to COVID-19 decreased in four regions, including the Americas but increased in Europe (30.1 per cent) and the West Pacific (0.6 per cent).

Local Trends

Week 20, the first since the current wave

There was a slight decrease in Epi.

#### began in mid-March 2022.

There were 833 new positive cases in Epi. Week 20 compared to 895 in Epi Week 19; and the test positivity rate fell from 35 per cent to 31 percent.

More PCR tests were conducted in Epi. Week 20 at 2,691 versus 2,585 in Epi. Week 19.

#### **Hospital Admissions**

Five new patients tested positive for COVID-19 (one less than the previous week); of these admissions, only one was in an inpatient with COVID-19 related pa-

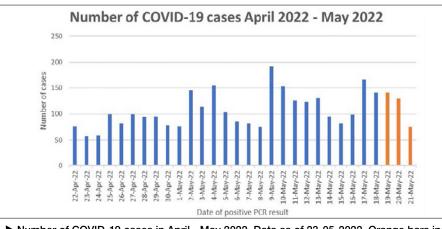
Total
25,318
3,229
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<sup>1</sup> Newly confirmed cases (PCR) reported to Public Health between 00:00 to 23:59 on 15 May 2022 –21 May 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Number of new positive PCR results over total number of PCR tests done (new positive PCR results/total number of PCRs conducted)\*100

<sup>3</sup> Case Rate = proportion of persons who tested positive over population standardized to 100K population (New cases/total population)\*100,000

#### COVID-19 case numbers (15 - 21 May)



Number of COVID-19 cases in April - May 2022. Data as of 23-05-2022. Orange bars indicate PCR results are pending thus figures may change. thology. The remaining four were patients admitted for other reasons and found to be positive on routine screening.

#### Vaccination

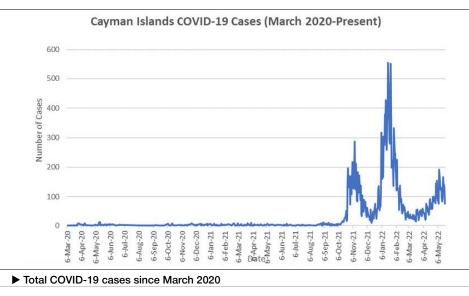
Children's ( age 5-11) vaccination restarted this week, with 12 first doses and 45 second doses administered during one session on May 21.

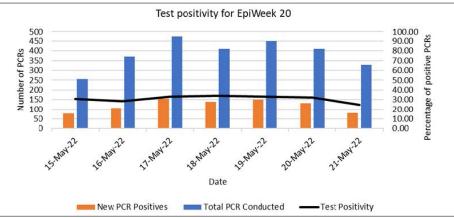
#### Key Messages

While the number of new positive PCR results remains high in Cayman during the current wave, hospital admissions

have remained low. This is due to the epidemiological status (high vaccination) we are now in compared to the pre-vaccine period in the early stage of the pandemic.

As new public health challenges appear in our global community, such as Monkeypox, it is vital that we continue to strengthen our local surveillance system and preparedness status while maintaining prevention measures, such as frequent handwashing and maskwearing inside public spaces, which offer protection for more than just COVID-19.





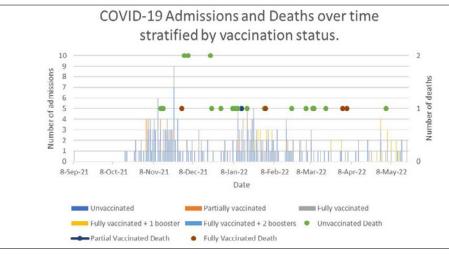
Test Positivity Rate (15 -21 May 2022). Data as at 23-05-2022. Data refers to the percentage of patients who tested positive via PCR in the prior 7-days.

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	Total
Total inpatients for reporting period	15
Percentage of admissions vaccinated(boosted)	60%(20%)
New admissions	5
	(*1/5 in hospital for COVID)
Number on supplemental oxygen	0
Number ventilated	0
Number in intensive care	0
Number of new deaths	0
Total COVID-19 inpatients since March 2020 to 21 May 2022	284
Total COVID-19 deaths since March 2020 to 21 May 2022	28
Number of COVID-19 inpatients 10 and older	239
(8 Sep 21 – 21 May 2022) <i>(Fig. 5)</i>	
Number of COVID-19 inpatients below age 10	21
(8 Sep 21 to 21 May 2022) (Fig. 5)	

\*One out of the five new admissions to hospital was for COVID-19 morbidity related issues; 4/5 tested positive to PCR for COVID-19 as a result of routine in-patient screening

#### COVID-19 hospitalisations (15-21 May 2022)



Current hospitalisations (since 8 September 2021 to 21 May 2022)

Based on Total Population of 69,350 (Fig. 6) Percentage of Total **Dose Number** Count Percentage of vaccine Population coverage of population over 5 94.3 1 61,042 88.0 2 59,188 85.3 91.4 3 23,322 33.6 36 1.5 4 1,021 1.6

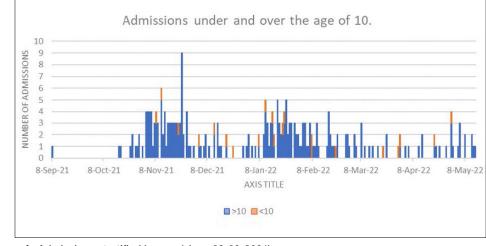
CUMULATIVE COVID-19 VACCINE STATS (21 May 2022)

3rd dose coverage for population >20 (Fig.7).	42.3%
Number of children (5-11) immunized with the paediatric vaccine*	612
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3	58					
4	176					
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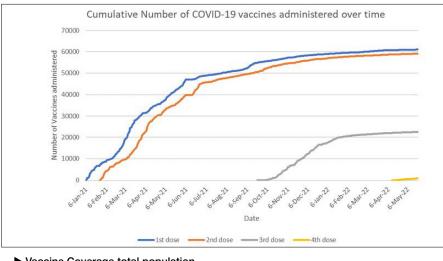
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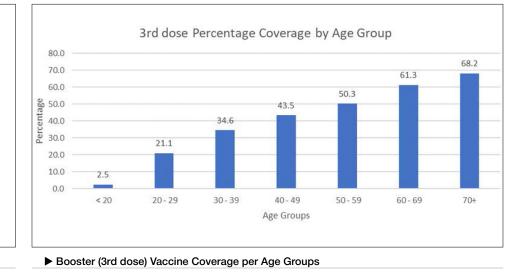
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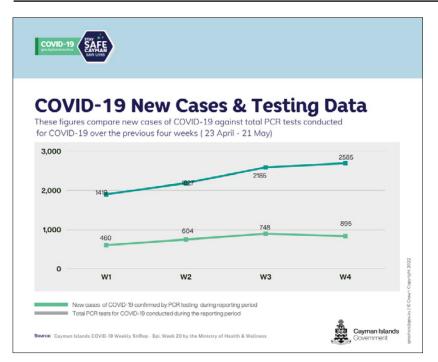


\*First COVID-19 patient was in March 2020 but represented on Figure 5 as September 2021 for graphical reasons





Vaccine Coverage total population



### Weekly Newsletter to replace situational report; Decline in cases reported

This is the final situational report, as the Ministry and to 2,185 tests in Epi. Week 18. of Health and Wellness will transition to a weekly newsletter on communicable and non-communicable diseases effective 1 June. Daily COVID-19 updates will continue, and the newsletter will also include epidemiological information on COVID-19.

During Epi. Week 20, there were a total of 833 new cases of COVID-19 reported by Public Health. This was 62 cases less than what was reported in the previous Epi. Week (8 - 14 May 2022), and the first decrease in cases since the current wave of infections began in mid-March.

More tests were conducted in Epi. Week 20 at 2,691 compared to 2,585 tests in Epi. Week 19,

The test positivity rate was at 31 percent for Epi. Week 20.

During Epi. Week 20, there were 15 inpatients admitted to hospital. Of these, 60 percent were vaccinated (two doses) and 20 percent had received third doses/boosters. Five patients were admitted to hospital during this Epi. Week, but it is important to note only one of five arrived to hospital for symptoms of COVID-19. The remaining four came for other medical reasons and were discovered to be COVID-19 positive during routine screening.

There have been 284 COVID-19 patients admitted since March 2020 to 21 May 2022.

# Cayman Broadens List of Agricultural Imports from Jamaica

Under a new import export arrangement between the Cayman Islands and Jamaica, the Ministry of Agriculture has approved a broadened list of agricultural produce that can be imported to the Cayman Islands, effective May 23.

The produce that have been added to the list are plantain, breadfruit, soursop as well as blanched and frozen ackees.

Minister of Agriculture Hon. Jay Ebanks, who recently visited Jamaica and held bilateral meetings with his counterpart in an effort to strengthen local food security, said the new arrangement will allow the Cayman Islands direct access to high quality and fresh produce from Jamaica. "With the ongoing and increasing threats to global food supplies from climate change to the war in Europe, expanding intra-regional trade within the Caribbean is critical to our food security and economic stability," he stated.

Minister Ebanks further commented, "The demand for some of these newly added produce have exceeded what we grow locally. Until sufficient supply is produced locally, Jamaica offers a good alternative as it is closer than other countries from which we import similar items. In the meantime, we will continue to provide our farmers with the resources needed to strengthen their resilience to boost the Islands food and nutrition security".

Under the agreed import conditions, all exporters from Jamaica must have a valid import permit from the Department of Agriculture to Jamaica's Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries' Plant Quarantine's produce inspection officers.

Additionally, the produce must be sourced from farms registered and certified by Jamaica's Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

All commodities intended for entry into the Cayman Islands must be inspected and certified to be of good quality, clean, free of pests, soil and foreign matter by authorised officers from Jamaica's Produce Inspection Division at approved packing houses or at designated export complex.

Consignments must be accompanied by a valid phytosanitary certificate that is issued and signed by an officer of the National Plant Protection Organisation of Jamaica and are subject to inspection on arrival by officers in the Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Health Inspection Services Unit.

The Cayman Islands and Jamaica have a long standing trading relationship spanning over 20 years, facilitating the export of agricultural commodities from Jamaica to the Cayman Islands in accordance with international standards.



#### **POLICE NEWS**

# Man Injured and Two Arrested as Police Investigate Stabbing and Firearm Incident

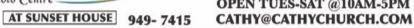
Shortly after 12:30AM today, Sunday, 29 May, officers responded to a report of a stabbing incident, involving a firearm, at a residence in the Prospect area of George Town. It was reported that three persons, two men and a woman, all known to each other, were involved in an altercation at a residence on Domino Street. The woman brandished a firearm at one of the men, who grabbed it from her and made to leave the location. As he did so he was stabbed by the second man. The injured man left the residence and sought help from persons nearby. He was assisted by the occupants of a nearby residence on Satinwood Street, where he remained until the arrival of the police.

Officers of the Firearms Response Unit attended the location and recovered the firearm, which contained one round of ammunition. Emergency services also attended and the man was transported to the Cayman Islands Hospital for treatment for his wound, and subsequently released. The two other persons involved in the altercation, a man age 28 and a woman age 20, both of George Town, turned themselves into police and were both arrested on suspicion of possession of an unlicensed firearm and wounding. They remain in custody as investigations continue.

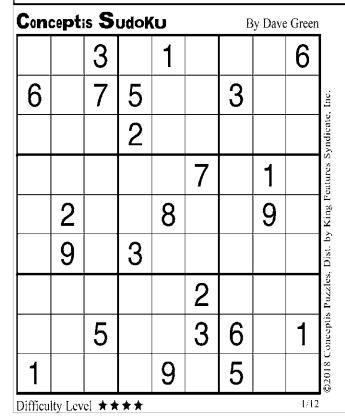
The RCIPS would like to express appreciation to the persons who assisted the wounded man, one of whom is a juvenile who first answered the man's calls for help.











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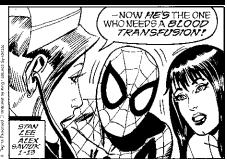
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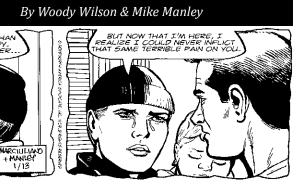
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# Girls Softball – Game Report

#### Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> Coldwell Banker 9, Pizza Hut 4

Jialy Archbold-McLaughlin drove in two runs and pitched a complete game as Coldwell Banker clinched the regular season title with a hard-earned win over Pizza Hut last Wednesday.

The two teams were in a virtual deadlock in the standings entering the night, so the winner would emerge as champions. Pizza Hut had clobbered Coldwell Banker the week before, so Coldwell Banker was hoping to turn the tables.

Rio Windsor and Sofia Watler both walked and scored in the top of the 1<sup>st</sup> as Pizza Hut took the early lead. Coldwell Banker bounced back with three runs in the bottom of the 1<sup>st</sup> as McKenna Knapik reached on a fielder's choice and she scored on Jialy's double. Jialy sprinted home on the play as he ball eluded the left fielder and went to the fence. Mya Williams walked and she scored the third run of the inning on a sharp single by Lili Anne Aleria.

Coldwell Banker tallied six runs in the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning, aided by five walks. Keilah Gordon, Lorlie Bryan, Natalia Cugliari, Hanna Bodden, Demae Lee and McKenna all scored, with the final run coming on an RBI single by Mya.

Shay Windsor doubled and scored for Pizza Hut in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and sister Rio doubled and scored in the 5<sup>th</sup>, but that was all the offense they could muster as Jialy pitched a superb game, striking out ten batters while allowing just three hits and three walks.

Withney Jackson pitched really well in relief for Pizza Hut, allowing no runs and no hits over the final two innings of the game.

Scoring	by inning:
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TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL
Pizza Hut	2	0	1	0	1	4
Coldwell Banker	3	6	0	0	-	9
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Final Standings – Regular Season:							
TEAM	Won	Lost	Tied	RF	RA	GB	
Coldwell Banker	9	2	1	106	84	-	
Pizza Hut	7	3	2	116	94	1.5	
Digicel	0	11	1	100	144	9	

#### Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> Pizza Hut 16, Digicel 14

The Girls Softball mini-tournament got underway on Saturday as Pizza Hut rallied from a 9-1 deficit to overcome Digicel, 16-14, in an exciting game with several changes in momentum.

Digicel came out fired up and ready to play, building up a 9-1 lead after two innings, thanks to on form pitching by Tracey Campbell, good defense, and an aggressive offense. Eight different Digicel players scored a run, with Eowyn Hawkins scoring twice. Maya Willis had a perfectly placed RBI bunt single in the  $1^{st}$  and Ariel Vasquez-Ritch had a sharp single to right field to open up the  $2^{nd}$ .

Pizza Hut fought back in a six run  $3^{rd}$  inning, with Coco Windsor and Withney Jackson both hitting 2 RBI singles. Digicel got a loan run in the bottom of the  $3^{rd}$  as Maya singled and used her speed to round the bases, eventually scoring on a fielder's choice.

Pizza Hut's Sofia Watler pitched beautifully in relief, allowing just one run over the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> innings, giving her team a chance to rally. Sisters Rio and Shay Windsor hit back-to-back doubles with two outs in the 4<sup>th</sup>, and both would score to make it 10-9.

In the top of the 5<sup>th</sup>, Pizza Hut tallied seven runs, with Shay scoring her fourth run of the game and Coco smacking her second 2 RBI hit of the night. The team

also took advantage of four walks and a couple of throwing errors.

Digicel bravely battled back in the bottom of the 5<sup>th</sup> as Clara Ramos and Eowyn led off with singles and Maya hit an RBI single. All three of them would ultimately score, as did Renell Parchment, who walked. With the score 16-14, Shay made two very good plays at shortstop for the final two outs to preserve the win for Pizza Hut.

The teams continue their mini-tournament through June 8<sup>th</sup>. For further information on Cayman Islands Little League or the upcoming fundraising raffle, visit www.littleleague.ky, or check out the Facebook or Instagram pages.

Scoring by	innin	g:				
TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL
Pizza Hut	1	0	6	2	7	16
Digicel	3	6	1	0	4	14

# **Cayman Prep Girls triumph in Cricket Rally**



Cayman Prep 1 (batting) defeated Cayman Prep 3 to win the 2022 Inter-Primary Girls Under-11 Rally.

The young ladies from Cayman Prep 1 were crowned 2022 Inter-Primary Girls Under-11 Cricket Rally champions on Wednesday, May 25 at the Truman Bodden Sports Complex as they defeated their school mates Cayman Prep 3 46 runs to 32 runs in an exciting, well-contested final.

In the third-place game, Sir John A. Cum-

ber Primary School got the better of Cayman Prep 2 by a score of 29 runs to 25 runs.

The Girls Rally included 17 teams from a majority of elementary/primary schools including three teams from Cayman Prep, Cayman Academy and Cayman International School respectively and one team from Sir John A. Cumber Primary, Red Bay Primary, St. Ignatius Catholic, Edna Moyle Primary, East End Primary, Joanna Clarke Primary and Theoline L. McCoy Primary. The Rally was a 6-A-Side, six over tournament with each school playing a minimum of four games.

#### 2022 Inter-Primary Cricket Competition

Round 4 of the 2022 Inter-Primary Cricket Competition continued on Friday, May 27 as several schools took to the field at venues across the Island.

In Zone A, St. Ignatius Catholic defeated Joanna Clarke Primary 53 runs to 52 runs to retain the top spot in the standings. The two other matches between Cayman Prep B vs. Edna Moyle Primary and Prospect Primary vs. Theoline L. McCoy Primary were postponed and will be re-scheduled. East End Primary were not scheduled to play.

In Zone B, Cayman Prep A got past Red Bay Primary 114 runs to 64 runs to remain undefeated and the 'team to beat' in Zone B. Cayman Academy outlasted Cayman International School 54 runs to 53 runs and George Town Primary beat Sir John A. Cumber Primary 63 runs to 62 runs.

The 2022 regular season continues this Thursday, June 2 (Friday, June 3 is a Public Holiday) with Round 5 games including, in Zone A, Edna Moyle Primary vs. Joanna Clarke Primary (at Edna Moyle Primary), Cayman Prep B vs. Theoline L. McCoy Primary (at Cayman Prep) and St. Ignatius Catholic vs. East End Primary (at the Annex Field). Prospect Primary are not scheduled to play.

In Zone B, it's Cayman International School vs. Cayman Prep A (at Cayman International School), Sir John A. Cumber Primary vs. Red Bay Primary (at Sir John A. Cumber Primary) and Cayman Academy vs. George Town Primary (at the Annex Field).

The Inter-Primary Cricket Competition is organised and coordinated by the Department of Education Services and the Department of Sports and sponsored by CUC and the Cayman Cricket Association.

Parents and supporters are encouraged to come out and cheer on our young cricketers.