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HSA honours Nurse Hessing's remarkable half-century milestone

# Ruth Eleanor McLaughlin Honoured

#### **By Stuart Wilson**

The Inauguration Ceremony for what is now the Ruth Eleanor McLaughlin School of Nursing was held at the University College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI) on 4th April, 2024.

A who's who of nursing in the Cayman Islands came out to pay tribute to one of the Islands' pioneers in the field of nursing, referred to by her peers as a 'trail blazer' and someone who changed the trajec-

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# **CINICO** expansion a boost for Cayman



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The Caymanian Times is pleased to bring you a new series in our new Monday edition focussing on the expansion of the Cayman Islands National Insurance Company, known by most people as CINICO. Over the coming months, CINICO is expanding the services it will be offering to include new insurance products. In this first article, CINICO discusses the reasoning behind its expansion and why the broadening of its offerings is important for the Cayman Islands as a whole.

The Cayman Islands National Insurance Company (CINICO) recently announced the commencement of its expansion outside of Health Insurance. Effective March 18, 2024, they began offering motor insurance and will offer home insurance in the not-too-distant future, on a limited scale.

There are several reasons for this expansion. The two main ones are set out below.

In the past, CINICO was regarded as the insurer of last resort. It is through CINICO that the Government administered a programme designed to provide coverage for those who were unable to or could not afford to get health insurance coverage elsewhere. This placed a very heavy burden on the Government and deviated from the underlying principle of insurance, the spreading of risk with a mixture of high and low risks in the portfolio, enabling an equitable spread of such risk.

To balance CINICO's portfolio and offset the losses from the higher-risk elements with lower and more profitable risks, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development sought to add a wider range of insurance products.

Against this background, CINICO initiated the expansion into motor and home insurance and will also be introducing new health insurance offerings in due course.

The second main reason finds its genesis in the desire to ensure sustainability in the local insurance industry. The health insurance sector experienced some turmoil with the withdrawal of Generali from the Cayman market in 2021. This prompted the Ministry to seek to reaffirm the Government's support for our insurance-seeking population by expanding CINICO's operations. This was intended to provide our population with the confidence that there is a company that is here to stay, along with the other long-standing companies. CIN-ICO is not seeking to compete with the private insurance companies. It is seeking to supplement the offerings available to our population with a view towards market stability and sustainability.

**CINICO** 

Developments in the international reinsurance sector have further highlighted this need. Regional insurance companies do not have enough capital to enable them to cover all of the properties and vehicles that require insurance. Accordingly, they must purchase reinsurance from the international reinsurance market. Within the past few years, we have seen a distinct reduction in reinsurers' appetite for catastrophe-prone regions such as the Caribbean in general, and Cayman in particular.

The result of this is the current situation wherein most insurance companies cannot provide coverage for existing properties, and worse, for new properties. This is a threat not only to the individual property owners, but also to the financial sector which will be reluctant to extend financing in the absence of insurance protection, and also to the construction sector which cannot build without financing or a reasonable expectation of being able to sell the newly constructed properties.

This is a problem that exists to varying degrees across the Caribbean and a day may well come when regional governments may be called upon to intervene by committing significant amounts of capital in support of homeowners, financial institutions, and the construction sector.

It is with this in mind that CINICO is initiating a gradual entry into the home insurance arena. Like the other insurers, CINICO is faced with severe capacity restrictions but regards this as a first step towards being able to play a larger part in the sustainability of the property insurance sector in Cayman. This is a longterm objective, rather than a short-term one designed to provide lower premiums. The issue now is not whether low-

The issue now is not whether lower-cost insurance is available, but rather, whether insurance is available at any cost.



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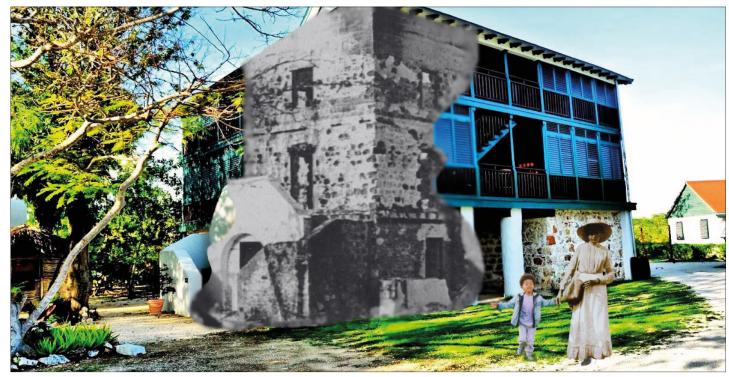
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# Let's Talk Sustainability

In the tapestry of Cayman's community, each thread represents a unique story - a story of resilience, wisdom, and hope. From the elders who have weathered life's storms to the youth who dream of a brighter future, we are bound together by a shared vision: to protect our home and ensure its prosperity for generations to come. As we navigate the challenges of climate change and environmental degradation, remember that it is through unity and collaboration across generations that we will chart a course towards sustainability.

What is the Sustainability Pledge? At its core, the Sustainability Pledge is a promise - a vow we make to ourselves, our communities, and the planet to adopt more sustainable practices in our daily lives. It's a call to action that transcends age and bridges generations. It is a pledge to be stewards of our environment, champions of sustainability, and architects of a brighter future. From reducing our carbon footprint to protecting our marine ecosystems, the Sustainability Challenge offers a roadmap for positive change. Whether conserving water, supporting local businesses, or advocating for environmental policies, the pledge empowers individuals to take meaningful action towards a greener future. It's your roadmap for positive change. By taking part in this challenge, each of us becomes a catalyst for building a more resilient, sustainable Cayman.

Why Take the Pledge? As we navigate the complexities of modern life, it's easy to overlook the wisdom that comes with age and experience. If we take a moment to listen, we may find that history has much to teach us about resilience, perseverance, and the value of community. In turn, the younger generation brings fresh perspectives, innovative ideas, and boundless energy to the table. Taking the Sustainability Pledge isn't just about making a statement; it's about driving real change. Every small action adds up, and together, we can make a significant impact. It isn't just a symbolic gesture; it's a blueprint for transformative action. From immediate commitments to long-term goals, Caymanians can chart a course towards a sustainable future.



Symbolizing unity across generations, a grandparent leads a young grandchild, connecting with our resilient heritage and embracing a sustainable future.

### Take the Sustainability Pledge Taking action is simple.

Individuals can start by visiting the Facebook group Earth Month Cayman 2024 or plan to attend community events where the pledge is promoted.

There, they can learn more about sustainable living practices and how to commit to the pledge.

Examples of Sustainable Actions: • Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Embrace the three Rs in your daily life by minimizing waste, reusing items whenever possible, and recycling materials to reduce landfill waste. • **Conserve Energy:** Turn off lights when not in use, unplug electronics, and invest in energy-efficient appliances to reduce electricity consumption.

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• Support Local and Sustainable Businesses: Choose locally sourced products and support businesses that prioritize sustainable practices, such as reducing packaging and minimizing waste.

• Educate and Advocate: Spread awareness about sustainability within your community, engage in discussions about environmental issues, and advocate for policies that promote sustainability on local and global levels.

• Download the pledge for more ideas!



The Impact of the Pledge: By taking the Sustainability Pledge, individuals become part of a growing movement towards a more sustainable future.

Each pledge made represents a commitment to positive change and serves as inspiration for others to follow



tion for others to follow suit. Together, we can create a ripple effect that leads to significant environmental improvements and a healthier planet for all.

As we celebrate Earth Month, let us take a moment to reflect on our individual roles in shaping the world around us. By embracing the Sustainability Pledge, we not only commit to making a difference but also inspire others to join us on this transformative journey towards a more sustainable future. So, take the pledge today and be the change you wish to see in the world. Let us embrace the opportunity to come together as one community, united in our commitment to sustainability. Whether young or old, we each have a role to play in shaping Cayman's sustainable future.

Let us honor the wisdom of the past, celebrate the energy of the present, and chart a course towards a brighter tomorrow - one sustainable step at a time.

To find out more about organized Earth Month events, download the Earth Month committee calendar [here] (https://sustainablecayman.org/press-news-1).

#### About Sustainable Cayman

Our mission is to promote environmental sustainability and conservation in the Cayman Islands to create healthy communities and a flourishing natural environment.





## Financial Services Institute (FSI) Partners with Cayman Finance & industry partners to Host Seminar on Preparing for CIMA Onsite Inspections







Dara Keogh

The Financial Services Institute (FSI), in collaboration with Grant Thornton, Conyers and Cayman Finance, is organising its' fourth comprehensive training seminar on Preparing for an Onsite Inspection from the Cayman Islands Mon\_\_\_\_\_

etary Authority (CIMA). The unique seminar, previously organised by FTS and which takes place roughly every 2 years, will take place on Wednesday, 2 May 2024, at the Kimpton Seafire Resort & Spa.



Designed to equip industry professionals with the knowledge and tools needed to navigate CIMA onsite inspections effectively, the half-day seminar will run from 9am to 12.30pm. Notable speakers include Razaak Busari, Head of Onsite Inspections Unit at CIMA, Stephane Azan, Deputy Head of Onsite Inspection Unit at CIMA, and Abubakar Nyanzi, Deputy Head of AML Division at CIMA. Additionally, experts from Grant Thornton, including Scott Blench and Dara Keogh will provide insights into best practices for addressing inspection findings and the legal implications respectively. Roisin Liddy-Murphy, Partner and head of Regulatory and Risk Advisory of Conyers will deliver a presentation on the legal implications of onsite inspections.

"We are excited to partner with Cayman Finance and other industry partners to deliver this essential training seminar," said Paul Byles, Director of the FSI. "Preparing for onsite inspections is paramount for financial institutions in maintaining effective compliance systems from both an AML as well as a prudential perspective and maintaining high standards within our financial services industry."

Steve McIntosh

"Ensuring that industry professionals are well-prepared for CIMA onsite inspections is critical for fostering regulatory compliance and promoting trust and confidence in our jurisdiction," said Steve McIntosh, CEO of Cayman Finance. "We are pleased to support this initiative, which will provide valuable guidance and practical insights the industry."

Dara Keogh, Managing Partner of Grant Thornton, said, "As industry leaders, it is our responsibility to equip financial services professionals with the knowledge and tools needed to navigate regulatory challenges effectively. Grant Thornton is pleased to support this initiative which will offer practical guidance on preparing for regulatory inspections and addressing inspection findings."

The seminar promises to be a valuable learning opportunity for industry professionals seeking to stay abreast of recent regulatory approaches and enhance their understanding of CIMA's onsite inspections and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements in the Cayman Islands.

For more information and to register for the seminar, visit the FSI website at www.fsi.ky/seminar.





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# School of Nursing Renamed: Ruth Eleanor McLaughlin Honoured



 (L-R) Deputy Governor, the Honourable Franz Manderson, Health Minister, the Honourable Sabrina Turner and Tourism Minister, the Hounourable Kenneth Bryan unveil new signage inaugurating the Ruth Eleanor McLaughlin School of Nursing.

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tory of nursing for those who would come after her.

The Sir Vassel Johnson Hall at UCCI was filled to capacity with former students, colleagues, family, friends and members of Cayman's medical industry for the occasion.

### **Nursing School Renaming**





Health Minister, the Honourable Sabrina Turner delivering her remarks at a the inaugural ceremony for the Ruth Eleanor McLaughlin School of Nursing.

During the ceremony those in attendance heard from former Health Minister and Chairman of the Board of Governors for UCCI, the Honourable Gilbert McLean, who spoke fondly of Mrs. Ruth Eleanor McLaughlin and reminded the audience of her contribution and the importance of the petition to have the nursing programme/ school at UCCI named in her honour.

"I am delighted to honour one of our mosts valuable Caymanians. This is an outcome of our traditional Caymanian efforts and citizens playing a role to shape the future' he noted of the petition for the renaming of the nursing school.

"The Caymanian spirit is alive and well and Mrs. Ruth's life and service exemplifies the very best our traditions," he added, whilst reciting the adage: '...Nothing about us, without us,' which has been the slogan of democratic movements around the world.

Mr. McLaughlin noted that the effort to have the school renamed in honour of Mrs. Ruth Eleanor McLaughling was a practice in democracy.

"Petitions are at the top of democratic values," he remarked, adding that the school's renaming to honour the nursing industry's matriarch illustrates how citizens standing up for what they believe in can make a difference.

The Chairman and former Health Minister also thanked the government for its responsiveness and willingness to, "…recognise those who laboured for us to enjoy the life we do today".

Comments from Cayman Islands Premier Julianna O'Connor-Connolly were read out by a representative, as she was unable to attend the inauguration.

"UCCI has become the cornerstone of healthcare education in the Cayman Islands, with a 100 percent success rate, and unwavering dedication from staff and faculty," noted remarks by the Premier.

She noted that Mrs. Ruth Eleanor McLaughlin, who was Cayman first Chief Nursing Officer, had played a pivotal role in transforming the Cayman Island Hospital from a 5-bed facility fo over 60, among other great accomplishments such as starting the Islands' first nursing education programme.

"By renaming the nursing school in her honour we permanently etch her legacy into our national consciousness," she noted.

Current Health Minister Sabrina Turner, who was once a nurse and is now the first ever female Health Minister to serve in the Cayman Islands Government said it gave her great joy to be able to honour one of the pioneers in the field of nursing in the Cayman Islands.

"Too often we forget where we came from," she said, adding that 'trailbalzer' could not adequately describe the profound contribution of Mrs. Ruth Eleanor McLaughlin and her impact.

"For 30 years she shaped the healthcare industry in the Cayman Islands and as small as our Islands are, we stand on the shoulders of giants," she declared.

Dr. Hazel Brown delivered remarks on the Life of Service of the late Mrs. Ruth Eleanor McLaughlin on behalf of former Member of Parliament and family member, Ms. Lucille Seymour, who was unable to attend the ceremony.

The youngest of 7 children, Mrs. Ruth Eleanor McLaughlin went to school in San Andrés, Columbia, before returning to the Cayman Islands at 17, at which time she was rewarded a scholarship to attend the

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### Ruth Eleanor McLaughlin Honoured

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Triple C School in Grand Cayman, graduating Valedictorian in 1951.

In 1952, after having her appendix removed and experiencing how the nurses had cared for her, she decided to embark on her own personal journey in nursing, attending university and further training before returning to the Cayman Islands and joining the staff at the Hospital in 1958.

During her time in nursing and midwifery, she delivered over 600 babies.

Her vision went far beyond the available resources at the time, however and she remained committed to improving the Islands' Health services.

She introduced the first nursing school in the Cayman Islands in 1971, which produced dozens of nurses and midwives and was also one of the founding members of the Cayman Islands Nursing Association.

In 1975 she was awarded the Member of the British Empire distinction and retired from service in 1986.

Transformation under her command was 'simply phenomenal', according to Mrs. Seymours conveyed remarks.

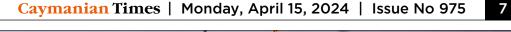
She was also a founder of the Business and Professional Women's Club and was posthumously awarded the Early Pioneer of Medical Services Award.

The fist Cohort to have attended her nursing school in 1971 were also present at the ceremony in honour of their mentor and teacher.

Keynote Speaker Mrs. Hyacinth Rose, told the audience that she considered it a blessing beyond measure to be able to shed light on the vision and life's work of Mrs. Ruth Eleanor McLaughlin.

"May all who come behind us, find us faithful," she remarked, adding that, "Her story is our story and we are happy to attest that her diligence."

Mrs. Rose said historically nursing has faced a struggle to receive its due among other professions and was not clearly de-





▶ Nurse Hyacinth Rose gave the keynote address to mark the renaming of the nursing school at UCCI in honour of Ruth Eleanor McLaughlin.



Seven nurses from the first nursing school formed in the Cayman Islands in 1971 by Ruth Eleanor McLaughlin were recognised during the ceremony to rename the nursing school at UCCI in her honour.

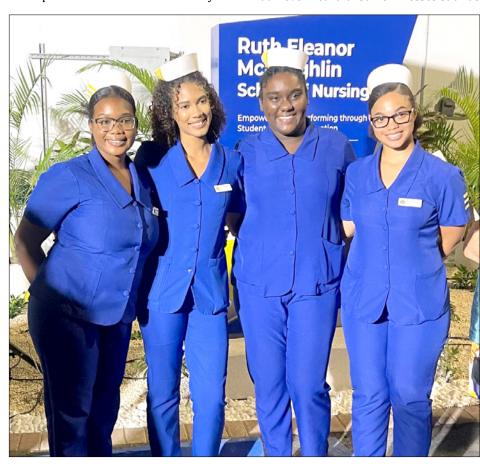
fine, particularly in the Cayman Islands. "We were doctors, anesthetists, ambulance drivers...."

She added that the Cayman Mrs. Ruth Eleanor McLaughlin found herself in was challenging and change was slow.

"Many doctors who came to the Islands had never heard of some illnesses such as fish poisoning but were expected to supervise," said Mrs. Rose, who explained that the nurses at the time quietly and compassionately schooled the newcomers and mentored them, as the care of patients was the ultimate objective.

"She pushed her nurses and made available every opportunity for higher learning while maintaining a quiet and dignified presence,' said Mrs. Rose, who added that Mrs. Ruth Eleanor McLaughlin was also a woman of faith.

Unveiling of new signage at UCCI in honour of Mrs. Ruth Eleanor McLaughlin was led by Members of Parliament, along with members of the school's faculty.





# HSA honours Nurse Hessing's remarkable half-century milestone



▶ Members of the HSA team led by CEO Ms. Lizzette Yearwood celebrate Nurse Elba Hessing's 50th work anniversary.

With a career spanning 50 years at the Cayman Islands Health Services Authority (HSA), Nurse Elba Hessing has played a significant role in caring for many and has seen first-hand the transformation in healthcare at the George Town Hospital and in the Cayman Islands.

Since beginning her journey at the HSA on March 19, 1974, Nurse Hessing has embodied unparalleled dedication, connecting with colleagues and patients to achieve optimal outcomes.

Her career as a Nurse Anaesthetist began in 1985 following the successful completion

of a three-year training programme at the School of Nurse Anaesthesia in Kingston, Jamaica, after being awarded a Pan American Health Organisation scholarship. Upon her return to the Cayman Islands, she became the first trained Nurse Anaesthetist.

Her commitment to serving others and advancing the profession led to her making a pledge to place the welfare of her patients as a priority, noting that, "my greatest satisfaction while working on the wards was to nurse patients, see them recover and hear them say, 'thank you, nurse', before leaving the hospital." Encouraged by the support of her colleagues Nurse Hessing expressed, "I am truly grateful to all the wonderful people for their kind professional encouragement and support over those years, without which none of this would have been possible. May God continue to bless us as we continue to serve."

Over the years, the highly skilled veteran nurse has played a crucial role in championing HSA's core values of integrity, responsibility, excellence, respect, and caring, highlighting a combination of factors that has led to her remaining dedicated.

"My patients have been the main driving force behind the longevity of my career. I would elevate and maintain the standards of the nursing profession by offering excellent quality care irrespective of the circumstances. Through the decades, things were made possible with great teamwork, modern technology, working hard and praying incessantly as God does care, to maintain that glowing flame of Florence Nightingale's lamp," she noted.

CEO at the HSA, Ms. Lizzette Yearwood, in observing the contribution of Nurse



Hessing stated, "we are appreciative of Nurse Hessing's contribution and dedication to the HSA for 50 years. We are proud to have her as a standard bearer of care and we thank her for the many years of service to the HSA and the community.

She continued: "Half of a decade in service, not only to an institution but to a nation is significant and is indicative of her commitment to offer exemplary care and foster an environment that is productive and ideal for overall wellness".

HSA's Medical Director Dr. Delroy Jefferson, in thanking Nurse Hessing for her many years of services noted that, "she is the quintessential professional, and it has been a profound honour to work with her as she brings a lot of experience and know-how to the team. She has always been and continues to be keen on sharing her knowledge to the benefit of all."

Outside the healthcare environs, Nurse Hessing's community involvement has earned her a Heroes Day Pioneer Award in 2015, recognising her exceptional contribution of more than 20 years to voluntary service.



Nurse Elba Hessing in the operating theatre.



▶ Nurse Elba Hessing (second right), with members of her team in earlier years.

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# Lands and Survey explores "PropTech" at Real Estate and Construction Conference



Panel Discussion by Lands and Survey Department on Tech-Driven Transformation Revolutionizing the Cayman Islands Land Administration System. From left to right - Andrew Edwards, NGIS Manager, Sophia Williams, Registrar of Lands, Uche Obi, Director of Lands and Survey, Ruth Watson, Chief Valuation Officer and Darren Kelly, Chief Surveyor



► RICS conference attendance



Premier Juliana O'Connor-Connolly delivering her welcome address



Panel Discussion on Insights from Industry Pioneers on Current Market Trends in the Cayman Islands. Simon Watson, Principal & Founder at Charterland (Moderator). James Bovell, Broker & Owner at Bovell of RE/MAX. Lou Dimitrov, Real Estate Economist, Manager at Dart Jeremy Hurst, Founder & Owner at IRG. Adam Johnson, Partner at Appleby. Khadene Lobban, Branch Manager at RBC, Matt O'Keeffe, Senior Real Estate and GIS Analyst at Dart

The 6th Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) Real Estate and Construction Conference, hosted by the RICS Cayman Chapter, was held at The Ritz Carlton Resort, Grand Cayman, on 15 March 2024. The biennial event brought together a myriad of real estate and construction professionals, including realtors, developers, valuers, quantity surveyors, along with representatives from various government departments.

The conference, themed "The Future of Proptech," focused on the integration of technology in the real estate and construction sectors, aiming to foster innovation, efficiency, and sustainability. With over 250 attendees, the conference provided a platform for knowledge-sharing and networking among industry stakeholders.

Keynote speakers included Laura Birrell, CEO & Co-Founder of Parallel, who discussed "Proptech in the Cayman Islands," and Chris Smith, Chair of Americas World Regional Board, who delved into "AI's Impact on PropTech Transformation". Panel discussions explored topics such as the power of AI, blockchain, and tokenization in Proptech, as well as insights from industry pioneers on current market trends in the Cayman Islands.

Premier Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly delivered an insightful speech highlighting the Cayman Islands Government's commitment to fostering development and innovation within the real estate and construction sectors. She emphasized the importance of embracing technology, making strategic investments, and creating an enabling environment for growth. The Premier and Minister responsible for Lands expressed, "As we navigate through the discussions and sessions of this conference, I challenge each one of you to be agents of change, to embrace the best systems, including Proptech, and to drive positive transformation within your respective spheres."

Commenting on the success of the conference, Uche Obi, Director of the Department of Lands and Survey, stated, "The RICS conference serves as a catalyst for collaboration and innovation within our industry. We are committed to leveraging technology to enhance efficiency and transparency in land administration and development, ensuring a sustainable future for the Cayman Islands."

The conference also featured breakout sessions focusing on various aspects of technology adoption in real estate and construction, including project management, property management systems, and facility management solutions.

As the conference concluded, attendees left with a renewed sense of purpose and commitment to driving positive change within the industry. The event underscored the importance of embracing technology and collaboration in shaping the future of real estate and construction in the Cayman Islands.

For more information about the Department of Lands and Survey and future events hosted by the RICS Cayman Chapter, please visit www.caymanlandinfo. ky<https://www.caymanlandinfo.ky/>

## Grand Opening of Oasis Rubis Batabano: Your Ultimate Fuel and Convenience Destination

Rubis Cayman Islands is thrilled to announce the grand opening of Oasis Rubis Batabano. The event will take place on April 17th, 2024, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at 123 Batabano Road in West Bay.

In summary, the name "Oasis" represents our aspiration to create a haven symbolizing tranquility, excellence, and the importance of water. It reflects our commitment to providing exceptional experiences and meeting the needs of both locals and tourists. We strive to be a shining gem along the coastline, symbolizing the vibrant energy of the Cayman Islands.

Oasis Rubis Batabano redefines convenience with everything you need under one roof.

With our state-of-the-art fuel pumps, high-quality products and efficient service, we strive to minimize wait times and ensure that each customer's refueling experience is a seamless process.

Our ULTRA SHOP convenience store offers a wide selection of essential groceries, refreshing beverages and a variety of snacks, ensuring a hassle-free shopping experience for everyday needs. To further enhance convenience, an ATM is available onsite for cash withdrawals and other banking transactions.

"At Oasis Rubis Batabano, we are committed to providing quality experiences for our customers," said Josh Bernard, Manager of Oasis Rubis. "Our mission is to offer a simple and convenient shopping experience for fuel, snacks, and everyday essentials, backed by exceptional customer service and a welcoming environment."



During the grand opening event, customers purchasing fuel for \$25 or more between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm will have the opportunity to participate in our exciting prize tent, featuring a small Plinko board with chances to win fantastic Rubis giveaways, including water bottles, caps, t-shirts, car air fresheners, fuel vouchers, and free food tickets.

"We invite everyone to join us for this grand opening celebration," said Andres Barthel, Managing Director of Rubis Cayman Islands. "Experience the future of convenience at Oasis Rubis Batabano and enjoy an evening filled with prizes, delicious food, and quality service."

For more information about Rubis Cayman Islands, visit www.rubiscaymanislands.com, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or YouTube.

# **Resurrection Scholarship- Part One**

Religion, the belief in the supernatural, offers a set of ideas which attempt to answer the fundamental questions of human existence. These questions include why was I born? What is the meaning of my existence? What will happen to me when I die? Why is the world filled with so much pain and suffering? How much control, if any, do I have over my life? And there are several others.

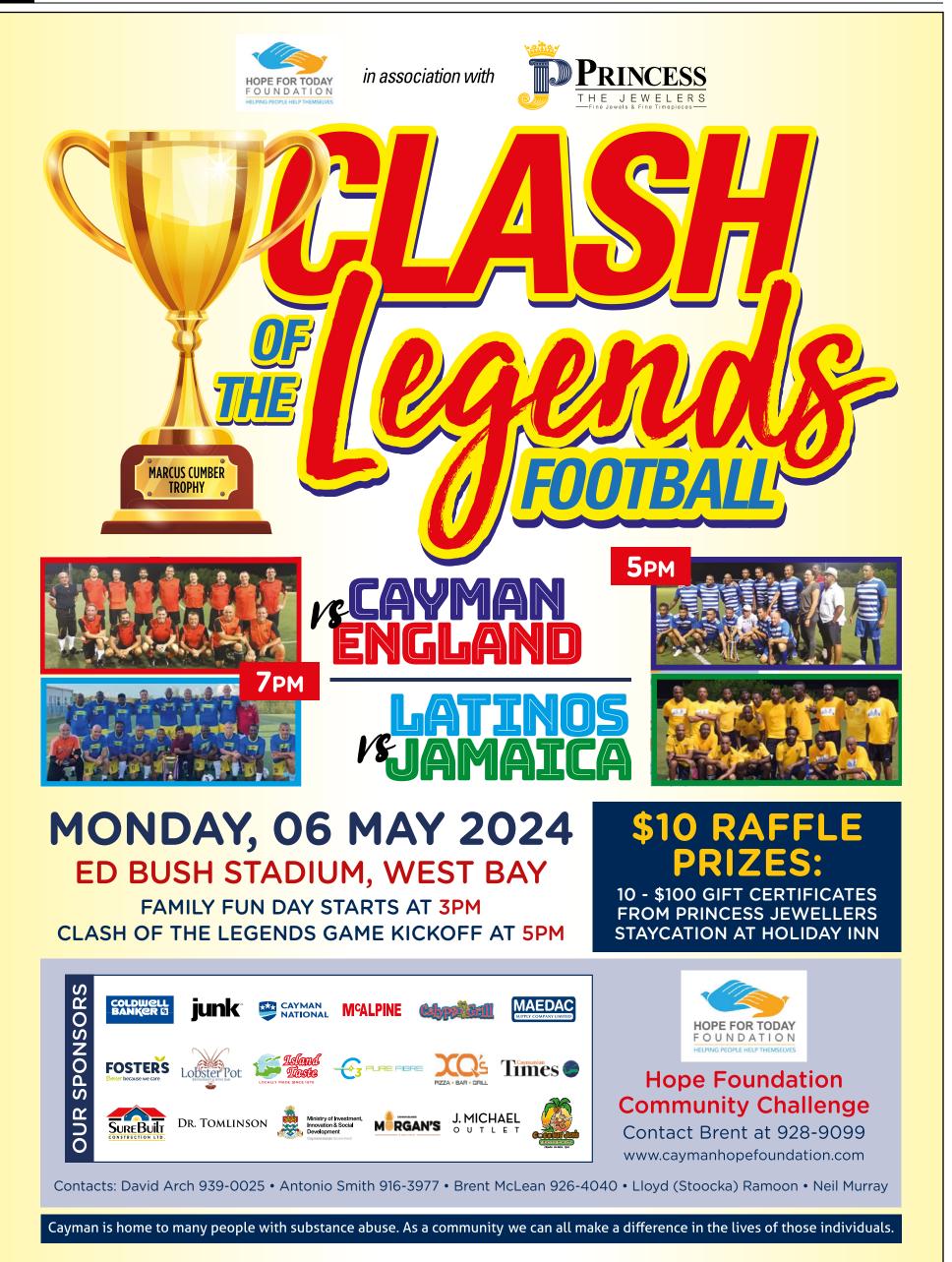
Christianity, for the Christian, offers satisfactory answers to these rather primary questions. The recent celebration of Easter provides an opportune moment to examine the cornerstone idea of this religion- the bodily resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. If the belief in the resurrection of Christ is taken from Christianity, this religion would likely cease to exist. Paul, one of the key contributors to the New Testament, and one the brightest minds of the Christian religion, says that if the bodily resurrection of the founder of Christianity did not in fact take place, then the entire Christian edifice is fake and the Christian calling futile and foolish. The Christian faith stands or falls on the resurrection.

For some, faith and belief suggest that one accepts core beliefs essentially from the heart, but not really from the basis of reason, evidence, and rational contemplation. Yet, in the case of the resurrection, there is a plethora of scholarship, and it continues to mount. If one desires to examine what is offered as proof, there is abundant reading available.

I will list a few of my favourites that readers might want to check out. These include N. T. Wright, **The Resurrection** of the Son of God (2003); N. T. Wright, Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection and the Mission of the Church (2008); William Craig, **The Son** Rises: Historical Evidence for the Resurrection of Christ (2001); Michael Licona and Gary Habermas, **The Case for the** Resurrection of Jesus (2004); Michael Licona, The Resurrection of Jesus: A New Historiographical Approach (2010); Gary Habermas, Risen Indeed: A Historical Investigation into the Resurrection of Jesus (2021); R. Swinburne, The Resurrection of God Incarnate (2023) and L. Strobel, The Case for Christ: A Journalist's Personal Investigation of the Evidence for Jesus (1998) These are but a few of the best books available on the resurrection of Christ.

In the articles that follow, I seek to lay out the arguments proposed in favour of Christianity's most daring belief and the counterarguments given by agnostics and atheists. The reader is then left to decide.





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#### Overview

The University College of the Cayman Islands' mission is to provide higher learning that contributes to the Cayman Islands and global societies by advancing knowledge and developing innovative graduates through its educational, cultural, and social activities.

UCCI is a growing intellectual community of leaders and trailblazers including 1,200 students and 70 full-time faculty and staff members representing 30 nationalities and a kaleidoscope of expertise and experiences.

#### **Responsibilities include:**

- Contributes to the University's teaching programmes that are consistent with its mission and core commitments.
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- Ensures the quality of all department courses and programs in accordance with the guidelines of the UCCI Curriculum Committee
- Develops and implements new methods of teaching to reflect changes in research.

#### Additional Requirements

- Previous teaching experience at a tertiary level would be an asset.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Outlook, and Excel
- Proactively resolves problems and builds strong team relationships
- High level of integrity in dealing with confidential and sensitive matters
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills and a commitment to collaborative and collegial processes

#### Compensation

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#### How to Apply

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### UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CAYMAN ISLANDS

UCCI is inviting qualified applicants for the following position:

Administrative Assistant, Provost & Vice President's Office Division: Administration

#### Overview

The Administrative Assistant is the principal aide to the VP/Provost, providing specialized services and support on an extensive range of matters of institutional importance. The Administrative Assistant ensures that key ongoing projects are effectively designed, coordinated, managed, implemented, evaluated, and meet scheduled deliverables while maintaining effective relationships with key internal and external partners.

The Administrative Assistant assists the VP/Provost and senior university leadership, faculty, staff, and students, as well as a wide range of external partners, on a breadth of strategic, operational, and organizational matters.

The individual reports to the VP/Provost, this position performs complex secretarial duties of an administrative nature and assists the Vice-President/ Provost and Deans in the day-to-day operations.

#### Requirements

- Minimum bachelor's degree with at least five (5) years of demonstrated relevant experience reporting to and providing advanced administrative support.
- Excellent skills in critical thinking, judgment and decision making.
- Talent for prioritizing multiple simultaneous demands effectively and quickly shifting priorities as necessary. Responds flexibly to change.

• Self-directed, dependable and detail oriented with high integrity, fairness, and emotional maturity.

- Demonstrated experience in building trust-based relationships with internal and external stakeholders.
- Exceptional oral and written communication skills.
- High level of discretion and confidentiality.
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office
- Knowledge of the principles of office management and of office procedures, systems,
- and equipment.
- Effective written and verbal communication skills.
  Excellent time management skills.
- Problem solving and prioritization skills.
- Ability to organize and coordinate functions and tasks.
- Initiative balanced with judgment when responding to requests.
- Speedy and accurate data entry skills with strong attention to detail.
- Ability to adapt to changing organizational needs.
- Ability to use independent judgment and discretion.
- Ability to take initiative and follow through.
- Monitors and reports on activities and provides relevant management information.
- Performs duties in a safe and efficient manner.

#### Responsibilities

- Serves as a resource person on behalf of the VP/Provost for students, faculty, staff and the public.
- Prepares meeting agendas and minutes.
- Attends meetings as required and serves as the recording secretary with responsibility for the distribution of said minutes to relevant parties.
- Develop and maintain professional relationships with Deans, all faculty, and staff.
- Assists the VP/Provost and Deans in the preparation and compiling of information and
- documents.
- Orders office supplies for the VP/Provost and Deans
- Prepares memorandums, letters, and correspondence.
- Responsible for establishing and maintaining official documents and records in appropriate files.
- Makes appointments, schedule meetings, and coordinate travel arrangements.
- Answers calls and manages personal calendars for VP/Provost and Deans.
- Performs miscellaneous job-related duties as assigned by VP/Provost or Dean.
  Maintains a current list of all projects and activities that the VP/Provost is involved in
- ensuring schedules are kept.
- When required, takes the main role in projects specified by the VP/ Provost;
  Keep informed of the work of the AAC and help to organize and prepare for these
- meetings.
- Creates and maintains important files.
- Follow up on the work of all committees in which the VP/ Provost is involved to ensure that all matters are up to date.
- Capability to review documents making substantial changes to academic documents and articles.

#### Compensation

- KYD \$44,700.00 \$60,108.00 (Grade M) per annum.
- Contributory medical and pension plans; annual leave, three (3) weeks

#### How to apply

Applications should include a cover letter and CV to <u>recruitment@ucci.edu.ky</u> along with three (3) professional references.

#### Deadline: May 03rd, 2024

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Preference will be given to Caymanians or Residents of the Cayman Islands.

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