



## EDITORIAL

### PLP organization now at crossroads

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**ORIENTATION SESSION**—Students taking part in the Ministry of Youth Sports and Culture's Summer Employment Program attended an orientation session on Friday June 30 at Christ the King Parish Hall. Carla Brown-Roker (at right) coordinator of the Youth Summer Employment Program, is pictured assisting students as they receive their letters of employment during the orientation session. (Photos by JENNEVA RUSSELL)

## Former Miss GB's workshop for girls scheduled July 8

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Former Miss Grand Bahama Danielle Pratt (2015/2016) is set to host the Second Annual "Embracing Your Inner Queen" Girls Only Workshop on Saturday July 8, beginning 10:00 a.m. at Freeport Bible Church.

The main objective of the ex-beauty queen is to motivate younger members of the fairer sex.

The workshop is geared to assist girls between the ages of five and 15 years.

"We want them to embrace their inner self and build confidence in themselves. Participants will be engaged in fun-filled activities that include arts and crafts, etiquette, fitness, health and hygiene, skin care, make-up application and modeling.

"Indeed I am excited to once again host the "Embracing Your Inner Queen" Girls Only Workshop, which was kick-started last year as a part of my Miss Grand Bahama platform to build girls' self esteem.

"During the workshop last year we had about 130 girls in attendance and it truly was a lot of fun for all involved. As someone who once suffered with a low self-esteem, it is a pleasure for me to work with the young girls of the community to help them build their self-esteem, hence the reason I decided to continue with this event.

"Many parents whose daughters attended last year also inquired whether or not I would host it again and I am elated to do just that with the aid of corporate sponsors who have partnered with me in staging this event.

Miss Grand Bahama 2017/2018 Tiasha Lewis will serve as the special guest presenter and she will address the girls on the topic, "What does it mean to embrace your inner queen."

Applauding and supporting Pratt's vision, Aliv Media & Community Champion, Talia Wildgoose expressly noted, "Aliv is delighted to announce that it will be sponsoring the 2nd Annual "Embracing Your Inner Queen" Girls Only Workshop and indeed we are happy to sponsor such an event because we see ourselves as a company that is serious about community outreach.

"The organizers will be hosting this event for young ladies in Freeport and Aliv sponsorship will allow them to be properly attired in Aliv T-shirts for the day.

"At Aliv, we believe in assisting the youth of this country in as many ways as possible and no doubt, what Miss Pratt and her team are doing with this workshop cannot be overlooked and Danielle Pratt must be supported by Corporate Bahamas.

"Aliv has committed support to (Continued on Page 2)

## Sports factor prevalent in employment program

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The Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture has launched its Summer Youth Employment (SYE) Program, and it is heavily influenced by sports.

The launch was this past Friday at the Foster B. Pestaina Center. Carla Brown-Roker, Grand Bahama Youth Coordinator in the Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture has coordinated the placement of 120 young Bahamian girls and boys in the private and public business sector.

Nerissa Lockhart, Assistant SYE Program Coordinator was responsible for the placement of 30 young persons in six sporting camps throughout the Grand Bahama community.

In total, 150 youth have obtained employment through the SYE Programme, which provides entry-level workplace experience for participants over a four-week interval.

Eight hundred young persons submitted their application to the Ministry of Youth,

Sports & Culture Summer Youth Employment (SYE) Programme hoping to secure one of the coveted job placements. According to Brown-Roker, the number, the larger, ever, demonstrates a keen interest in the annual program.

She admonished successful applicants not to squander the opportunity they have been afforded.

Both Brown-Roker and Lockhart urged the students to be punctual, dress appropriately, be respectful to those in authority, always give good customer service, mind their manners and most importantly always demonstrate a positive attitude.

"Indeed each of you have been afforded a good opportunity to garner work experience through this program, hence it is imperative that you take full advantage of it and put into practice consistently, the advice given as it relates to being punctual, exercising proper manners, respecting those in authority, wearing appropriate attire for the workplace, ensuring that you are well kempt, paying no attention to distractions such as cellphone apps which include but are certainly not limited to Whatsapp, Facebook and Instagram.

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"Additionally, you should exercise a positive attitude, be willing to learn and acquire new skills, demonstrate initiative, exercise creativity and remember that this employment experience is one step into preparing you for the future.

"Hundreds of young persons like yourselves have applied hoping to be placed. However, each of you were successful hence we expect nothing but the very best in service along with the six camps that have partnered with the SYE Program.

"Minister of Youth, Sports & Culture Michael Pintard believes in you and in spite (Continued on Page 3)

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