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Editorial

Different Results, Common Aspirations: Let Us Cheer Our Youth On

At this of year, once again, the spotlight is on our high schoolers and their CSEC results. Across St. Kitts and Nevis, we have seen remarkable examples of young people pushing themselves, excelling in their chosen subject areas and proving that ambition, determination and hard work can produce rewarding results. These accomplishments deserve our applause.

However, as the congratulations continue, so too does the annual debate: Is it really necessary for students to pursue 10 and more subjects? Are we preparing them for the world of work, or simply measuring academic achievement by the number of subjects they can pass?

Perhaps we are asking the wrong question.

Every young person does not have the same destination. Some are academically driven and ambitious, and they may deliberately choose a demanding course of study because it aligns with the future they envision for themselves. We should not discourage that ambition. At the same time, we must be careful not to suggest that academic achievement is the only measure of intelligence, potential or success.

The young person who excels with a textbook is no more valuable than the one whose brilliance is expressed through technical skill, creativity, craftsmanship, entrepreneurship, technology, sport or another talent. There are many ways to build a meaningful life and contribute to society.

That is why our response to CSEC results must go beyond celebrating the highest performers.

For some students, examination results may bring disappointment. Behind a result that does not meet expectations could be examination anxiety, personal or family difficulties, financial challenges, emotional

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In the Estate of EUNICE ELEANOR RICHARDSON MARTIN
Deceased

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by THANE MARTIN SR. of the Wilmington, Delaware, USA for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 10th day of November 2022 without revoking a will bearing the date the 19th day of August 2021 wherein the applicant is named sole executor.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Probate to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 5th day of August 2026



Filed by Hendrickson's Legal Chambers Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is New Road, St. Peter's, St. Kitts.



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struggles or circumstances that affected a student's ability to concentrate and perform. We cannot always see those battles from a results sheet.

And this is where adults must exercise greater care.

The jokes, teasing and comparisons that sometimes follow poor results may seem harmless to those making them but they can cut deeply into a young person's confidence. Worse still is the disappointment expressed by parents, relatives, teachers or friends in ways that leave a child believing that one examination has determined their worth.

It has not.

A failed subject is not a failed life. A disappointing result is not the end of the road. Our responsibility should be to help that young person identify their strengths, understand where they need improvement and find a pathway that gives them the opportunity to flourish.

This message resonates strongly with the recently observed International Youth Day on August 12, commemorated this year under the theme "Different Contexts, Common Aspirations." The United Nations notes that young people may live in vastly different circumstances, yet share aspirations for dignity, opportunity, quality education, meaningful participation, decent work and a sustainable future.

As a Small Island Developing State, St. Kitts and Nevis is part of a Caribbean community that understands resilience. Our young people are growing up in a world shaped by economic uncertainty, technological change, climate challenges and evolving opportunities. The United Nations has specifically highlighted the resilience, leadership and innovation of young people in SIDS.

So let us be their biggest cheerleaders-not only when the grades are exceptional but when the journey becomes difficult.

Let households provide encouragement. Let schools recognise different forms of brilliance. Let society create opportunities for both academic and technical development, and let us teach our young people that success is not a single road.

Today we celebrate those who excelled but let us also reach for those who are hurting, disappointed or unsure of what comes next.

Their results may be different. Their circumstances may be different. But their aspirations, their potential and their right to be encouraged remain the same.

Let us cheer them on-not merely for what they have achieved but for what they can still become.

Hanley: Back-to-School Voucher Programme Brings Pride to Parents

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Thursday 20th August 2026)–“I’ve seen parents standing on the verandah and looking at their child or children, you know, just walking across, and you know, this initiative will continue to bring that pride among parents.”

So said Deputy Prime Minister and Minister with responsibility for Education and Youth Empowerment, Dr. Geoffrey Hanley, as he highlighted the significance of the Government’s \$250 Back-to-School Voucher Programme and its potential to ease some of the financial pressures facing families as they prepare for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Dr. Hanley made the disclosure while appearing alongside Minister of State with responsibility for Social Development and Youth Empowerment Isalean Phillip on the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP) administration’s sponsored ‘Progress Report’ radio programme aired on Freedom FM on Wednesday 19th August 2026.

The ministers discussed details of the programme, which opened for applications on 17th August and will remain open until 31st December.

The programme is expected to benefit approximately 12,500 students across the Federation, from preschool and primary school through secondary and post-secondary institutions, representing an investment of just over \$3 million.

For Dr. Hanley, however, the initiative represents more than financial assistance. It is also about helping parents maintain a sense of pride as they prepare their children to return to school.

“Growing up, one of the many days in the year, parents look forward to is the opening of school, and so parents go out of the way- the children look forward to as well- but parents in particular no matter how the level you might be thinking of someone, parents make sure that the child has a new pant and new shirt...”

“There’s pride on that day, and they (the parents) literally sometimes take them or position themselves on the road to see them walking. I’ve seen parents standing on the verandah and looking at their child or children, you know, just walking across, and you know, this initiative will continue to bring that pride among parents...even if I had two shirts, I now have an opportunity to buy two additional shirts, which would take away from the washing every day, or you know, that kind of thing.”

Phillip put the scope of the programme into perspective, estimating that more than 12,000 students would be eligible to benefit.

“just to be able to support what Dr. Hanley said around the thousands, to put a figure on it, estimated we are estimating over 12,000 students, so 12,500 around there, students who would be eligible to benefit from this. So that’s a huge investment...So if you think about it, 12,000 times 250.”

Phillip also calculated the investment at “just over 3 million dollars” and explained that the voucher programme forms part of a wider package of assistance being provided to families.

“And that’s just in this initiative. Also, recall the reduced VAT day where the government is giving up receiving taxes on that day, as well as the tax concessions that people have been receiving. So this is well over a \$5 million investment around back to school, investing in our families, investing in our children.”

She added that the administration recognises the importance of supporting children and young people and ensuring that families have the resources they need.

“...because we do recognize as an administration, we do prioritize our children and young people in making sure that they have what they need to thrive and grow, and that may be beyond just giving direct cash assistance but there are other initiatives that we’re doing to make sure families are invested in, households are invested in, and so people can count on this administration for that continued effort.”

Phillip explained that parents could use the assistance to purchase items such as books, water bottles and lunch boxes, while also noting that the funds do not have to be spent immediately.

“...books, your water bottles, your lunch boxes. You can purchase the things if you need, and like I said, if you sometimes just start out the year and you realize,

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CIBC Caribbean Bank Limited Notice of Material Change

Notice issued pursuant to
Section 60(3)(a) of the Securities Act of Barbados
Section 64(1)(b) of the Securities Act of Trinidad and Tobago
Section 98(3) of the Eastern Caribbean Securities Market Securities Act 2001



August 18, 2026, Barbados – CIBC Caribbean Bank Limited (“CIBC Caribbean” or “the Bank”) announces the appointments of Mr. Carl Lewis, Chief Financial Officer, to the Bank’s board, subject to regulatory approval, and Ms. Donna Wellington as Chief Country and Commercial Officer. The appointments were made on August 17, 2026.



Mr. Lewis chairs the boards of CIBC Caribbean Bank (Barbados) Limited and CIBC Caribbean Wealth Management Bank (Barbados) Limited. He is also a director of CIBC Caribbean Bank (Trinidad and Tobago) Limited and CIBC World Markets (Japan) Inc.

Mr. Lewis joined the Bank in 1998. He has held senior roles in Finance and Strategy, including Head of Strategy, Financial Planning and Analysis, Chief Accountant and Chief Auditor.

Mr. Lewis is a Chartered Professional Accountant, a Fellow of the Institute of Internal Auditors and a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Barbados. He completed CIBC Caribbean’s Executive Leadership Programme at the Wharton School of Business.

In her new role as Chief Country and Commercial Officer, Ms. Wellington will oversee the banks and trust companies in the CIBC Caribbean group.

Ms. Wellington joined the Bank in 2005. She has held several senior roles including Managing Director, Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, and, most recently, Chief Country Management Officer.

Ms. Wellington is a Chartered Professional Accountant. She holds a BSc in Accounting from the University of the West Indies and a Master’s Certificate in Financial Leadership from the Schulich School of Business, York University.

Mr. Lewis and Ms. Wellington will continue to report to CIBC Caribbean’s Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Mark St. Hill, as members of the Bank’s Executive Committee.

The Bank also announces that Mr. Willem ‘Pim’ van der Burg, Chief Commercial Officer, retired from the Bank, and resigned from the boards in the CIBC Caribbean group on which he served, on August 17, 2026. CIBC Caribbean thanks Mr. van der Burg for his valuable contribution to the Bank over the past 20 years and wishes him every success in the future.

Brian Clarke, KC
General Counsel and Group Corporate Secretary

About CIBC Caribbean:
CIBC Caribbean is a relationship bank offering a full range of market-leading financial services through its Corporate Banking, Personal and Business Banking, and Wealth Management segments. It serves clients through its digital banking network and locations across the region. CIBC Caribbean is one of the largest regionally listed financial services institutions in the English-speaking Caribbean, with US\$13.8 billion in assets and market capitalisation of US\$1.8 billion.

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Hanley: Back-to-School Voucher Programme Brings Pride to Parents

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'Oh, the school is asking for an extra textbook', you don't have to spend it right on that day; you can, you know, keep it to be able to see in October. It goes up until December 31st. It is valid up until that point. So even if you don't apply this week, you can apply later and still benefit from the funds.'

The ministers also addressed parents who may be reluctant to apply or who may have difficulty navigating the application process.

Phillip encouraged parents to take advantage of the opportunity, particularly given the financial pressures associated with the back-to-school period.

"This is an offering by you know the good, good labor administration because we recognize that at this point in time, as you know, Dr. Hanley said in his introduction, this is a time where all the financial pressures people are experiencing because it's that back to school time, people coming off of vacation; you done had a good time [and] your children have to start a new school year so we're alleviating that and it's available for every child..."

Dr. Hanley also urged parents who may not be comfortable with technology to seek assistance from the Ministry.

"...just as always whatever application process we have, if for any reason somebody they're not [familiar] with the technology, you visit the ministry and we have persons there who would sit down with you and go through the entire process. You'll just make need to make sure you walk with the relevant documents that will be needed so that you don't have to go back and get them so that you don't have to go back and get them, but we have that."

He recalled that similar assistance had been provided during previous initiatives.

"And I remember in other initiatives, we had satellite offices where social development officers worked out of all of the community centers, assisting persons the last time to set up the JAD

account and that kind of stuff..."

Dr. Hanley further encouraged parents not to allow difficulties with technology to prevent them from accessing the assistance.

"We would work along with those persons who are having challenges, and I'm going to encourage parents whatever your limitations, please visit the office if you don't have that technology at home or that support from your children because your children, as well, who you know, they are advanced technicians, they will be able to assist. So, do not allow this opportunity to pass you by by saying, 'I did not know how to apply.'"

Dr. Hanley emphasized the wider significance of the initiative, describing it as an investment in the country's young people.

"I want to emphasize the point that it is an investment in our nation's children, and of course, you know our children are the architects of St. Kitts and Nevis future."

He also reflected on his recent interaction with young people from the St. Kitts-Nevis Youth Parliament Association (SKNYPA)

group, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

"On Saturday, I was able to host a set of young people from the SKNYPA group who are celebrating 25 years, a group that I started along with [the late] Mr. [Desmond Eli] Ward, and I was extremely proud to doing that and I'm even more happy being here with the Honorable Minister, who has a day today, responsibilities dealing with youth to know that an initiative will directly impact over 12,500 young people."

Dr. Hanley concluded by linking the initiative to the government's stated focus on youth.

"This is a clear indication that our government, our Labour-led government, has prioritised youth as top of the agenda."

Applications for the \$250 Back-to-School Voucher Programme opened on August 17 and will remain open until December 31, 2026. Parents and guardians can apply through the official Social Development portal at socialdevelopment.gov.kn.

Front Page Photo: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Youth Empowerment and Education Dr. Geoffrey Hanley (left) and Minister of State with responsibility for Social Development and Youth Empowerment Isalean Phillip during their appearance on the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party's Progress Report radio programme on Wednesday 19th August 2026 at Freedom FM's studio.



The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis Invites Tenderers to Bid on the following Project:

Saddlers Playing Field Fencing Project Tender Documents can be obtained at the Public Works Department, Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts, as of Monday, 24th August, 2026 for a non-refundable fee of EC\$350.00 each.

A site meeting will be convened on Thursday 27th August 2026.

Completed tender shall be delivered in sealed envelope to the office of:

**Director of Public Works Department
Wellington Road, Basseterre St. Kitts
on or before 1:00pm Wednesday 7th October 2026.**

Tenderers or their representatives are invited to the Tender Opening.

Eligibility

It is mandatory that Tenderers be locally registered in the Federation of St. Kitts & Nevis. Business License MUST be presented before receipt of Tender Document.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS ST KITTS



Mia Romney Continues To Soar In Academics

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 20th August 2026)- Having been a 2024 Remarkable Teen Awardee in the category of Overcoming Disabilities and Academics (aged 15 then), visually impaired student Mia Romney continues to demonstrate that challenges need not define her potential, with the former Cotton Thomas Comprehensive School student now celebrating an outstanding eight passes from nine CXC CSEC subjects, including five Grade 1s and three Grade 2s.

Her achievement has prompted an outpouring of congratulations on social media- since the news broke on Wednesday 19th August 2026- with hundreds of likes and messages applauding the teenager for her remarkable academic performance.

The Washington Archibald High School (WAHS), where Romney completed her secondary education, in a statement has paid tribute to her achievement, describing her as “one of our most diligent stars” who “rose above insurmountable challenges to excel in 8 out of 9 subjects, earning 5 Grade 1s and 3 Grade 2s.”

The school said Romney had consistently demonstrated diligence and perseverance throughout her time at WAHS.

“Mia has always been a diligent student who persevered through every obstacle with quiet intellect, patient understanding,

and advice that often seemed far beyond her young age,” the school stated.

WAHS also recalled that upon her admission, Mia was given an opportunity to familiarise herself with the school before classes began, which she immediately embraced.

“She could often be seen navigating the corridors independently,” the school noted.

Her journey was supported by the Ministry of Education, which provided an aide to assist her throughout her high school years. Mia was also provided with the necessary Braille instruments to support her education.

WAHS emphasised that her success was the result of the combined efforts of several stakeholders.

“All stakeholders worked together to help shine the diamond in the rough that was Mia,” the school stated, pointing to the contributions of the school, her teachers, the Ministry of Education, her



This image of Mia Romney seen on the occasion of the 2024 Remarkable Teen Award ceremony held at Government Headquarters was featured by Cotton Thomas Comprehensive School in its congratulatory social media post celebrating her latest academic achievement.

fellow students, her mother and, most importantly, Mia herself.
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EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

APPLICATION NO. NEVHCV 2021/0191

BETWEEN:

CIBC CARIBBEAN BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED
(formerly FirstCaribbean International Bank (Barbados) Limited)

and

MARVA PINNEY
JUNIOR CHIVERTON

Applicant

Respondents

NOTICE OF FILING
TO THE SECOND RESPONDENT

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Applicant, CIBC Caribbean Bank (Barbados) Limited (formerly FirstCaribbean International Bank (Barbados) Limited), on August 14, 2026 filed an Order dated July 10, 2026 and a Notice of Sale by Public Auction dated August 10, 2026.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE the Applicant has filed the attached proceedings on The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Electronic Litigation Portal.

The proceedings can only be accessed through the Electronic Litigation Portal. If you do not have an attorney-at-law and need assistance in accessing the Electronic Litigation Portal please contact the Service Bureau at the High Court office.

Dated the 17th day of August 2026


Hadya K. L. Dolphin, Associate
KELSICK, WILKIN & FERDINAND

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(ST. KITTS CIRCUIT)

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In the Estate of GEOFFREY COMMISSIONG, late
of L'Anse Aux Epines, in the Parish of
Saint George, and the State of Grenada, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR THE RESEALING OF A GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed on behalf of RICHARD VON KURT STRACHAN, by his lawful Attorney, MICHELLE MILLET née COMMISSIONG of Egmont, in the Parish of Saint George, in the State of Grenada, for the Resealing of the Grant of Probate in the Estate of GEOFFREY COMMISSIONG deceased, in the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Applicant is the Sole Executor named and appointed by the deceased under his Last Will and Testament, the deceased having died testate on the 30th day of June, 2023.

Any person having an objection to the Resealing of the Grant of Probate, shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 12th day of August, 2026.


Leonora L. Walwyn
Attorneys-at-Law
WalwynLaw Chambers

Filed by WalwynLaw, Attorneys-at-Law, Walwyn Corporate Offices, Basseterre, St. Kitts for and on behalf of the Applicant whose address for service is that of his Attorneys-at-Law.

Nevis Disaster Management Department Hosts Hurricane Awareness Drive 2026

NIA CHARLESTOWN, NEVIS (August 18, 2026) – As the Atlantic Hurricane Season approaches its peak period, the Nevis Disaster Management Department (NDMD) is stepping up its public education and preparedness efforts across Nevis with a Hurricane Awareness Drive 2026 from August 16 to 22.

The Hurricane Awareness Drive, being held under the theme “Preparedness Starts With You”, began on Sunday, August 16, with Climate and Disaster Communications Ambassadors visiting churches across the island. During presentations, the ambassadors highlighted household emergency plans, emergency kits, official alerts, shelters, evacuation considerations and support for individuals who may need additional assistance.

The NDMD says faith communities are trusted partners in preparedness, helping to ensure practical and accurate information reaches families through familiar and respected community settings.

The initiative continued on Monday, August 17, with a public awareness drive at the War Memorial in Charlestown.

Zoe Bendito, Communications Officer at the NDMD, said the activity forms part of the 2026 hurricane awareness drive and includes collaboration with the St. Kitts-Nevis Red Cross.

The Red Cross conducted CPR and first aid demonstrations, including information on essential first aid kit contents, basic first aid procedures and CPR techniques. NDMD ambassadors also engaged fisherfolk, vendors, business owners, commuters and other members of the public about their hurricane preparations.

The awareness activities continue on Tuesday, August 18, with business outreach and preparedness messages to businesses.

Wednesday, August 19, will feature a community symposium at Hickman’s Ground with Ambassadors, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members and Mercy Corps.

Thursday, August 20, will focus on youth and digital outreach,



Disaster response agency representatives conduct CPR and first aid techniques during a Nevis Disaster Management Department Hurricane Awareness Drive 2026 activity in Charlestown



Disaster response agency representatives during a Nevis Disaster Management Department Hurricane Awareness Drive 2026 activity in Charlestown

including a video challenge, an appearance on Nevis Television (NTV) at 11 a.m. and radio at 5 p.m.

On Friday, August 21, the Department will host an island-wide caravan, with the campaign concluding at Memorial Square.

The week of activities concludes on Saturday, August

22, with faith-based preparedness activities and visits to Seventh-day Adventist churches.

The Atlantic hurricane season officially runs from June 1 to November 30. August through October generally accounts for the majority of tropical cyclone activity in the Atlantic.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) updated 2026 Atlantic hurricane season outlook, the season is now expected to be below normal. NOAA forecasts 7 to 13 named storms, including the two systems already recorded, with 2 to 6 expected to become hurricanes and up to two reaching major hurricane strength.

Mia Romney Continues To Soar In Academics

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The school described Mia as “a beacon of hope, inspiration and tenacity” and expressed its pride in her accomplishment.

“The ‘Washie Wildcats’ are overwhelmingly proud of Mia and continue to wish her every success as she navigates all aspects of her life,” WAHS stated.

Of note, Romney made history when she became the “first visually impaired person to enter into the normal school setting,” was highlighted in her audio-visual presentation at the Remarkable Teens Awards ceremony in November 2024.

Meanwhile, her former school, Cotton Thomas Comprehensive School, in celebrating the achievement of its former student, has described her journey as one that demonstrates how determination and perseverance can

overcome significant barriers.

“Today, we celebrate an extraordinary young woman, Mia, a proud graduate of Cotton Thomas Comprehensive School, whose journey is a powerful reminder that challenges do not have to define our limits,” the school said.

Cotton Thomas acknowledged that Romney’s journey through school was not without its challenges, but said her determination, perseverance, support and belief in herself enabled her to

progress from the school to WAHS.

The school also highlighted the role of Mia’s mother in her educational journey, describing her support as a powerful example of the difference a committed parent can make.

“Her mother exemplified this beautifully. She was there for Mia: supporting, encouraging, advocating, and standing beside her throughout the journey,” Cotton Thomas stated.

The school said Romney’s success was a testament to her own hard work and determination, supported by her family, teachers and others who believed in her.

At Cotton Thomas, the motto “Soaring Beyond Expectations” has particular resonance in Mia’s story.

“Mia is truly living proof of those words,” the school declared.

Front Page Photo: - Visually impaired student Mia Romney of the Washington Archibald High School (Photo: WAHS)



St. Kitts’ Cruise Sector Marks Strong Rebound, Surpassing One Million Passengers

Milestone reflects renewed cruise line confidence, strengthened partnerships and continued growth of the sector



Basseterre, St. Kitts (August 20, 2026) — St. Kitts has welcomed 1,002,282 cruise passengers as of today, surpassing the one-million-passenger mark for the first time since the pandemic. This significant milestone underscores the destination’s strong rebound and continued growth following the reopening of the global cruise industry.

The milestone reflects renewed confidence in St. Kitts as a cruise destination and the results of sustained efforts to strengthen industry partnerships, enhance the visitor experience and position the destination for continued growth.

Minister of Tourism, the Honourable Marsha T. Henderson, said the achievement is significant not simply because of the number of passengers welcomed, but because of what it represents for the destination.

“This is not the first time St. Kitts has welcomed one million cruise passengers, but what makes this moment significant is what that number represents. It represents renewed confidence in our destination, the strength of the partnerships we have rebuilt and the resilience of our tourism industry and our people.”

The achievement follows sustained collaboration among the Ministry of Tourism, the St. Kitts Tourism Authority (SKTA), the St. Christopher Air and Sea Ports Authority (SCASPA), the St. Kitts Urban Development Corporation (UDC), the Frigate Bay Corporation, other government agencies, tourism stakeholders, international and private-sector partners to strengthen industry relationships, improve service delivery and enhance the overall visitor experience.

Beyond the numbers, the cruise sector continues to generate opportunities across transportation, hospitality, retail, agriculture, entertainment and other areas of the economy, supporting businesses and livelihoods throughout the Federation.

“Tourism does not stop at the cruise terminal. It reaches into our communities and into the homes of our people. It supports our taxi operators, vendors, artisans, restaurants, tour operators and countless other businesses. Ultimately, our success must be measured by the opportunities we create and the lives we enrich. I extend my sincerest appreciation to my team, our local stakeholders and cruise line partners for their unwavering support and confidence in the destination. Minister Henderson said.

St. Kitts is already building on this momentum with initiatives aimed at strengthening the cruise sector and increasing its economic impact. These include preparations for P&O Cruises turnaround operations in November 2027 and a new partnership with Celebrity Cruises to introduce a Sugarmas experience in January 2027, complemented by onboard cultural workshops ahead of the vessel’s arrival in St. Kitts.

The destination is also continuing to invest in what Minister Henderson describes as “stored currency” which is the goodwill, trust and relationships built with visitors and industry partners through strong partnerships, fulfilled commitments and positive visitor experiences.

Beyond cruise, St. Kitts continues to focus on increasing stayover arrivals, reducing seasonality and building a vibrant, year-round tourism industry. Central to this effort is an integrated three-pronged approach: Trade, Consumer and Public Relations, supported by continued investment in airlift, infrastructure, product development and authentic visitor experiences.

From August 22-25, St. Kitts will host the American Society of Travel Advisors (ASTA) Caribbean Showcase, providing an important opportunity for travel professionals to experience the destination firsthand and become stronger advocates for St. Kitts.

Looking ahead to April 2027, the destination will also host St. Kitts in the Spotlight, creating another opportunity to showcase St. Kitts, its tourism product and its people.

As the destination prepares for the start of the new tourism season, stakeholders and the wider public are also encouraged to stay tuned for upcoming Tourism Month activities, which will celebrate the industry and the people who continue to drive its success.

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
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FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP 10.19
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
A. D. 2026

CLAIM NO. SKBHCV2025/0166

BETWEEN:

IN THE MATTER of Section 75 of the Title
by Registration Act, Cap. 10.19
AND
IN THE MATTER of an Application to settle
Articles of Sale of the Respondents'
property comprised in Certificate of Title
registered in Book I3 Folio 431

REPUBLIC BANK (EC) LIMITED
(Successor to THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA)
and
CELESTINE DORETTA DEGRASSE-BASS

- Applicant
- Respondent

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public
auction at Charles Amory Building, High Court, Cnr. of Wilkin Street and Horsford Road, Fortlands,
Basseterre, St. Kitts, on the 24th day of October, 2026 at 2:45 PM.

The successful bidder will be required to pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth of his accepted
bid and the balance within one month from the day of sale.

Possession of the property will be given to the purchaser on payment of the deposit. Any taxes due
on the said property must be paid by the Purchaser.

The Purchaser will, after payment in full of the purchase price, obtain from the High Court of Justice, a
Certificate of Title to the property.

The Property will be available for inspection prior to the date of sale by appointment with the Registrar
of the Supreme Court.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at St. Johnson Village, in the Island of Saint
Christopher bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On the North by a Public Alley,
69.50 feet; On the South by Crown Lands, 69.80 feet; On the East by an Alley, 33.95 feet and On
the West by St. Johnson Avenue, 32.20 feet; and containing by admeasurement 2,304 square
feet and being known as Lot No. 1.

UPSET PRICE

The upset price for the above property with building thereon shall be EC\$335,000.00.

Dated the 18th day of August, 2026

Registrar of the Supreme Court

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
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HIGH COURT

Government Launches 2026 Back-to-School Voucher for Every Eligible Child as Cost-of-Living Support Continues

Basseterre, St. Kitts, August 17, 2026 (PMO) - As families across St. Kitts and Nevis prepare for the start of a new academic year, the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis is again moving to ease the financial pressures on households with the launch of its 2026 Back-to-School Voucher Programme, providing EC\$250 for every eligible child enrolled in a registered educational institution across the Federation.

The programme, which begins from today, August 17, and runs through to December 31, 2026, will assist parents and guardians with the cost of school uniforms, educational supplies and other back-to-school necessities. It applies to eligible children enrolled for the 2026–2027 academic year in duly licensed pre-schools, primary and secondary schools, as well as tertiary institutions.

The initiative comes at a time when countries across the Caribbean and the wider world continue to contend with persistent inflation, elevated prices and external economic pressures that are affecting household budgets. Against this challenging global backdrop, the Drew-led Administration has maintained that Government cannot simply observe these pressures from the sidelines, but must continue to respond with meaningful, practical and targeted interventions that protect families and strengthen their ability to withstand economic shocks.

Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Terrance M. Drew expressed that the Back-to-School Voucher Programme reflects that continued commitment to standing with the people of St. Kitts and Nevis, particularly at a time of the year when household expenses traditionally increase.

“In these challenging global times, marked by persistent inflation and rising costs, our Government remains resolute in our mission to ease the burden on our families. The 2026 Back-to-School Voucher Programme is more than just financial assistance; it is a clear signal that we stand with our parents and guardians as they invest in the education of our children the very architects of our Nation's future,” Prime Minister Drew said.

The Prime Minister added, “By coupling this voucher initiative with our Discounted VAT Rate Days and duty-free concessions, we have created a powerful trifecta of cost-of-living relief specifically designed to ensure that no child is left behind and that every family starts this academic year with hope and economic security.”

The Back-to-School Voucher Programme is not an isolated intervention. Rather, it forms part of a broader policy approach through which the Government has sought to strengthen household incomes, expand social protection, invest in children and families, and simultaneously safeguard the country's fiscal and economic stability.

Since taking office, the Drew-led Administration has increased the minimum wage to the highest among the independent OECS states, increased salaries for civil servants, introduced gratuity and pension benefits for Government Auxiliary Employees, strengthened health protection for public servants, established the Children's Medical Fund, and invested EC\$1,000 in eligible children between the ages of five and eighteen through the ASPIRE programme. At the same time, the Government has taken deliberate measures to strengthen the country's fiscal position and significantly reduce the fiscal deficit.

Together, these policies demonstrate an approach to governance that recognises that economic progress must ultimately translate into greater security and opportunity for ordinary people. The Government has therefore continued to balance responsible fiscal management with direct interventions aimed at protecting disposable income, reducing household expenses and ensuring that vulnerable groups are not left to carry the burden of international economic pressures alone.

The 2026 Back-to-School Voucher Programme also forms part of the



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Government's wider Summer Support Strategy, alongside two Discounted VAT Rate Days scheduled for August 28 and 29, 2026, as well as duty-free concessions on eligible school supplies, which have been in effect since July 1 and will continue through September 30. Collectively, the measures are intended to provide families with additional financial space as they prepare their children for the new school year.

The 2026 programme builds on the Back-to-School Voucher Initiative first introduced by the in 2023, continuing the Government's commitment to providing direct and practical support to families as they prepare their children for the new academic year.

Programme Specifics & Application Process

To ensure efficient processing and accessibility, the Back-to-School Voucher Programme will utilize a streamlined online application form as its primary data-collection tool.

Eligibility Criteria for Main Applicants:

- Must be an adult (18 years or older).
- Must be the parent, guardian, caregiver, or responsible adult listed on the official records of the educational institution.
- Must provide a valid telephone number and email address.
- Must possess an active JAD digital wallet—the same wallet used for previous Government initiatives, such as the Budget Boost Wallet.
- Must consent to the verification and lawful use of the submitted information for programme administration.

Eligibility Criteria for Children:

- Must be included on a completed application.
- Must be enrolled or accepted for enrolment for the 2026–2027 academic year at a registered educational institution in the Federation.
- Must be confirmed via the official school roll or an approved alternative verification process.
- Must not have already received the 2026 benefit under another application.

Important Administrative Notes:

Each applicant will submit ONE APPLICATION and may include multiple eligible children. The benefit is assessed and calculated strictly per child. Approved funds will be deposited directly into the main applicant's existing JAD digital wallet.

Approval of benefits is contingent upon:

1. Successful identity verification for both the applicant and the child.
2. Verification of the child's enrolment via school rolls.
3. Validation of the applicant's JAD wallet.

Female athletes are up to 8 times more likely to suffer an ACL injury

August, 2026 — No one wants to hear the distinctive pop of an ACL tearing or rupturing, which typically means the player's season is at an end. The ACL, or anterior cruciate ligament, is located inside the knee and provides stability during movements such as cutting, turning, twisting and jumping. Deanna Brinks, M.D., a physical medicine and rehabilitation and sports medicine physician at the Mayo Clinic Health System in Mankato, explains prevention and treatment.



Female athletes are up to roughly eight times more likely to experience ACL injuries, Dr. Brinks explains. While the causes are still being studied, several factors may contribute to the increased risk:

- * More girls and women are participating in competitive sports.
- * Women's wider pelvises create a greater angle from the hip to the knee, which changes how force travels through the knee.
- * The ACL in women is thinner than in men.
- * The strength of women's quadriceps — the muscles in the front of the thigh — is greater than the strength of their hamstrings — the muscles in the back of the thigh. The opposite is true in men. When women land from a jump, their quads can overpower their hamstrings, reducing the stability of their knees.

* Recent research is exploring the effect of hormones on the ACL during the menstrual cycle. One hormone, relaxin, does just that — relaxes women's ligaments before giving birth. It's also at higher levels in their bodies leading up to their period, which may relax the ACL and make it more prone to injury.

"Awareness of the factors behind increases in injuries can lead to improved training for women that addresses proper technique, muscle strength, balance and biomechanics," Dr. Brinks says.

One resource for helping prevent ACL injuries is the FIFA 11+ Warm-up Program. It was developed by an international group of experts and is available online for free.

Divided into three segments, each segment has its own set of exercises with progression levels to add difficulty and variation. The exercises pay special attention to knee strength and position. Although this 20-minute warmup was developed for soccer players, it can be translated to any sport, from basketball to pickleball.

"Whether you follow this program or something similar, players should commit to strength, balance and knee-position work for at least 10 minutes, three or more times a week," Dr. Brinks says. "There's a push to incorporate this kind of training into youth, high school and college programs."

No one is completely protected from ACL injuries, which range from sprains to partial tears to ruptures, she adds. With a partial tear, segments of the ligament remain connected. A rupture rips the ligament in two.

If you experience an injury, you may seek treatment first from a sports medicine or orthopedics clinician. They'll ask questions about how the injury happened and if contact was involved. About 70% of injuries are noncontact and may have been caused while pivoting or landing from a jump. Typically, patients undergo an MRI to clarify the extent of the injury.

If it's a sprain, treatment may involve wearing a knee brace while the ligament heals, which can



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take weeks to months. Intensive physical therapy to strengthen the knee and alleviate biomechanical imbalances is a mainstay of treatment. Once the ACL heals, the athlete may return to their sport.

If the ACL is torn, the severity of the tear will determine if surgery is needed. A rupture requires surgery to reconstruct the ACL using a graft from the patient's patellar, quadriceps or hamstring tendon. No matter the type of graft, athletes can expect at least nine months of recovery and rehabilitation before returning to play.

"For any ACL injury, part of recovery is regaining confidence in the injured knee," Dr. Brinks says. "Physical therapy can help restore and reinforce confidence."

While the recovery period may be up to a year or more, return-to-play rates are excellent — around 80%. However, once athletes return to play, there's a risk of reinjury, especially for those in their teens and early 20s. About 1 in 4 athletes will experience a second ACL injury.

Studies show that reinjury to the reconstructed knee is similar for men and women. However, some studies report women have a greater risk of ACL injury in the opposite knee. So prevention through strength and biomechanics training is key.

"Before an injury happens, youth and student athletes should consider a biomechanical assessment by their team's athletic trainer, a sports medicine specialist or a physical therapist," Dr. Brinks says. "While this approach will lessen injuries, it won't completely prevent them", she adds.

Emmy Award-Winning Journalist Jego Armstrong Announced as Featured Lecturer for 28th Prime Minister's Independence Lecture Series

Basseterre, St. Kitts; 17th August 2026 - From the classrooms of Epworth/Maurice Hillier Memorial Junior School to some of the world's most influential newsrooms, Mr Jego Armstrong's remarkable journey has been defined by curiosity, courage and an enduring connection to the land of his birth. This year, the proud son of Newtown returns home as the featured speaker for the Prime Minister's Independence Lecture Series.

An Emmy Award-winning journalist and executive producer with more than two decades of experience in print, digital and broadcast media, Mr. Armstrong brings to the lecture series a compelling global perspective shaped by a career spent at the centre of consequential events and rapidly changing conversations.

Over the years, he has worked with leading international news organizations, including the New York Daily News, Bloomberg, Al Jazeera America, AJ+, VICE

News and, most recently, MS NOW, formerly MSNBC. His work has taken him across some of the defining stories of his generation, from United States presidential elections and international conflicts to the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa, the COVID-19 pandemic and the historic Black Lives Matter protests of 2020.

Most recently, Mr. Armstrong served as Senior Producer for The Weekend: Primetime on MS NOW. In that role, he helped lead the editorial production of a three-hour national primetime programme, overseeing breaking-news coverage, political reporting, guest interviews and the demanding coordination required to bring live television to audiences across the United States.

Yet, amid the global newsrooms, major broadcasts and international assignments, one thread has remained constant: St. Kitts. Mr. Armstrong's story began in Newtown, Basseterre, where his early education nurtured the curiosity about people, politics and the wider world that would become the foundation of his distinguished career.

His selection as this year's lecturer reflects the spirit and purpose of the Prime Minister's Independence Lecture Series, to create space for thoughtful national dialogue, celebrate excellence the Federation has produced and draw upon the experiences of citizens whose achievements illuminate what is possible for future generations.

Mr. Armstrong's homecoming promises an evening that is both reflective and forward-looking: an invitation to consider the stories we tell about ourselves, the forces shaping our world and the role that informed, engaged citizens must play in building the next chapter of our nation.

This year's Lecture Series will be held on Tuesday September 8th at 7:00pm at the Sir Cecil Jacobs Auditorium, Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB). All are warmly invited to join us as Saint Kitts and Nevis welcomes home one of its accomplished sons for an inspiring evening of ideas, insight and national reflection during this year's Independence celebrations.

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Dominica Heads to St. Kitts and Nevis for Destination & Festival Promotion

Aug. 21-26 promotion features public pop-ups, WCMF ticket giveaways, ASTA participation, media engagements and a destination and festivals cocktail

ROSEAU, Dominica, August 20, 2026 — Discover Dominica Authority (DDA) is taking its Destination & Festival Promotion to St. Kitts and Nevis from Aug. 21-26, with a series of consumer, travel trade and media engagements designed to increase destination awareness and encourage travel to Dominica, particularly for the World Creole Music Festival (WCMF), set for Oct. 23-25, 2026 and Mas Domnik, Dominica's Carnival, set for Feb. 8-9, 2027.

The promotion will include DDA's participation in the American Society of Travel Advisors (ASTA) event, two public pop-up activations, a Dominica Destination Cocktail and radio and television interviews. The activities will engage consumers, travel professionals, media and tourism partners while promoting Dominica's year-round tourism experiences and signature festivals.

The public promotion begins Friday, Aug. 21, with a pop-up at No Rush Bar in Basseterre from 6-7 p.m., followed by an activation at Chill Bar in Nevis from 8:30-9:30 p.m. and a late-

night activation at Vibes Beach Bar & Grill in Frigate Bay from midnight-1 a.m. Patrons will have opportunities to win tickets to WCMF, engage with the Dominica team and learn more about travel to the Nature Island

Entertainment at both pop-up activations will feature Benji of Dominica's TK International, one of the bands set to perform at WCMF 2026 and St. Kitts and Nevis' DJ Tero, who is also a participating DJ at this year's festival ., will also provide entertainment at DDA's Destination and Festivals Cocktail.

On Monday, Aug. 24, DDA will host the Dominica Destination Cocktail from 7-9 p.m. at the St. Kitts Marriott Resort. The invitation-only event will bring together travel advisers, tour operators, media representatives, influencers, tourism partners and other stakeholders for destination updates and information on Dominica's accommodations, travel

options, tourism experiences and upcoming festivals.

DDA's participation in the ASTA event will provide additional opportunities to engage directly with travel professionals, strengthen relationships with the travel trade and position Dominica for increased regional travel. Radio and television interviews throughout the promotion will extend the campaign to audiences across St. Kitts and Nevis.

Representing DDA during the promotion are Wendy Lake, Destinations Marketing Manager and Monelle Alexis, Public Relations and Communications Specialist. They will be joined by Kareem Guiste and Wayne Benjamin.

WCMF returns to Windsor Park Sports Stadium from Oct. 23-25 for three nights of international, Caribbean, Creole and Dominican music. The 2026 lineup includes NE-YO, Machel Montan, Uncle Waffles and Maxi Priest, alongside TK International, DJ Tero and artists from Dominica, the Caribbean and international markets.

The promotion will also highlight Mas Domnik, Dominica's Carnival, culminating Feb. 8-9, 2027, with music, costumes, pageantry, traditional carnival characters and street celebrations.

The St. Kitts and Nevis promotion is part of DDA's ongoing efforts to build demand for Dominica in regional markets and strengthen relationships with consumers, travel trade and media partners.

Residents of St. Kitts and Nevis are encouraged to connect with the DDA team during the Aug. 21 pop-ups and follow Discover Dominica and Dominica Festivals on Facebook and Instagram for updates and opportunities to win tickets to WCMF 2026.

For more information on Dominica, visit discoverdominica.com. For WCMF information and tickets, visit dominicafestivals.com.

Walmart sales under strain as US shoppers pull back

Francisco Velasquez

Business reporter, New York



Getty Images Walmart logo sign is seen in Chicago, Illinois, United States, on August 3, 2026. The signage displays the branding of an American retail corporation operating supermarkets, hypermarkets and discount stores.

Getty Images
A Walmart in Chicago, Illinois.

Sales at the US retail giant Walmart grew at their slowest pace for more than six years in the most recent quarter, suggesting American shoppers are under strain.

Walmart, which due to its size is well-placed to gauge consumers' mood, blamed the rising price of fuel.

Sales at comparable sites across the chain were up by 2.6%, excluding fuel, between May and July the company said.

Walmart said it would use up to \$3bn of expected tariff refunds to lower prices in a bid to keep customers spending.

The rebate stems from duties the retailer paid after President Trump imposed a wave of tariffs on imported goods last year. Retailers are receiving refunds from central government after those tariffs were ruled unlawful.

Rival retailer Target recently said it had received \$1bn in rebates, boosting its profits.

Walmart, the US's largest retailer, said the nearly \$3bn in tariff rebate it anticipated would help it continue a programme of price cuts or "rollbacks" that it expanded earlier this year.

Walmart has leaned heavily on price cuts to retain customers, launching 11,000

of its so-called "rollbacks" across categories.

Chief financial officer John David Rainey said those lower prices were already lifting transactions and unit sales, especially in food and other staples like toys.

But he acknowledged that the retail environment remained uneven, with lower-income households – a core part of Walmart's base – feeling squeezed.

Rainey said rising petrol prices were leaving shoppers with less spare cash, saying the shift in behaviour became clear once fuel went above \$4 a gallon.

Price moves in June made the impact obvious, he added, with lower-income customers pulling back and focusing spending on essentials.

Beyond the consumer pullback, Walmart's results highlighted several additional risks that could shape the firm's prospects in the months ahead.

Much of the quarter's profit lift came from tariff refunds that had already come in, a one-off benefit that analysts say won't recur to the same extent.

The price rollbacks could put pressure on margins, while Walmart is also spending money on automation, new warehouses, and tech upgrades.

On the earnings call, analysts pressed management on whether lower prices were already driving a lift in sales and whether some rollbacks could be locked in for 2027.

Walmart said the benefits were showing up most clearly in food and other staples, and that certain cuts might remain if they continued to resonate with shoppers.

"Our hope and intention always is that rollbacks can become permanent ... wherever possible," Rainey said.

Analysts also questioned whether Walmart's income could continue to grow despite flagging sales. Executives said they believed it could, pointing to businesses such as membership and advertising.

Vaccine breakthrough stops cancer returning in trial

Joe McFadden - Health reporter



Getty Images Close-up of a healthcare professional administering an injection into a person's upper arm, with white gloved hands holding a syringe and cotton swab during a vaccination appointment. Getty Images

A new personalised vaccine given in combination with a drug has stopped skin cancer returning in patients during a trial, representing a potentially watershed moment in cancer treatment.

The vaccine, developed by drug companies Merck & Co or MSD, and Moderna, was given to patients with high-risk melanoma, a type of skin cancer, after they had surgery.

Early results show this new jab extended the length of time these patients were cancer free, but it's unclear for how long, according to an announcement by the two firms.

Cancer experts say this is a breakthrough, but emphasise caution as the full results have not been released or peer-reviewed whereby independent experts examine and check the trial findings.

And even after the trials process has finished, the treatment would still need to

be approved by regulators and then go through another approval process before it was made available on the NHS.

The vaccine, called Intismeran, was given in combination with Keytruda, an immunotherapy drug already used in cancer treatment.

Compared with taking the Keytruda on its own, the companies said taking the drug and vaccine together significantly increased the time patients remained cancer free and reduced the risk of the disease spreading to other organs.

The phase three trial involved more than 1,000 patients who had high-risk stage two, three or four melanoma - meaning they ranged from having large tumours in a specific area to cancers which had already spread to other parts of the body.

'Shows promise'

Prof Peter Johnson, National Clinical Director for Cancer at NHS England, told the BBC's Today Programme it was an exciting development.

"Most of the cancer immune treatments we have been using up til now have been about cutting the immune system loose and hoping that it recognises the cancer. This [new treatment] is a way to direct it very specifically.

"It feels like it's a very important advance for us." He said the NHS was preparing to bring this type of treatment to patients.

Merck, known as MSD in Europe, and Moderna are calling this a personalised vaccine, meaning it works by targeting an individual patient's tumour.

In order to create this new jab, scientists used mRNA technology - which was used for some Covid-19 vaccines - to target specific mutations within the cancer cells by surgically removing a small part of a patient's tumour and then sequencing its DNA.

The result is a personalised anti-cancer jab which is specific to the patient's tumour and instructs the immune system to recognise and attack any tumour cells that remain.

The two companies are testing other similar personalised vaccines for lung, bladder and kidney cancers.

Stephane Bancel, chief executive of Moderna, said the findings represent a "pivotal moment" in the field of cancer research.

Shares in both Moderna and Merck have surged since the announcement.

Cancer experts have also hailed the news as positive, but are keen to stress the findings are still early.

Dr Talisia Quallo, head of prevention and early detection at Cancer Research UK, said the research "shows promise" but said that the interim data still needs to be fully reviewed.

"It's vital that research like this continues to be funded so that more people with cancer can have personalised treatment options to help them live longer, better lives", she added.

Dr Lennard Lee, a consultant medical oncologist, and associate professor at the University of Oxford, said: "This is certainly good news for patients with melanoma, but the study has much wider implications. It provides proof of principle that personalised cancer vaccines work."

Edmonton Marathon route was 674 metres too long

By Charlotte Coates
BBC Sport journalist

Organisers of the Edmonton Marathon have admitted their course this year was more than half a kilometre too long.

The annual event in Alberta, Canada is often used as a qualifier for the prestigious Boston Marathon.

But a number of frustrated runners voiced concerns online after the 16 August race, noting that the distance on their GPS running watches was over 26.22 miles.

Organisers initially dismissed complaints, but in a statement on Wednesday they acknowledged an extra 674.7 metres (0.41 miles) was mistakenly added to the course.

Race director Tom Keogh said: "We do not take this lightly. We hosted the nation's best athletes and their finishing times did not truly reflect their amazing performances."

Keogh added that organisers "did not deliver the standard participants deserved".

Construction work around the Wellington Bridge was cited by organisers as the main reason for the error, which forced a slight detour to the course's usual route.

The extra distance means participants may have missed out on qualifying for the Boston Marathon, as well as personal best times.

Qualifying times for Boston are based on a participant's official chip time

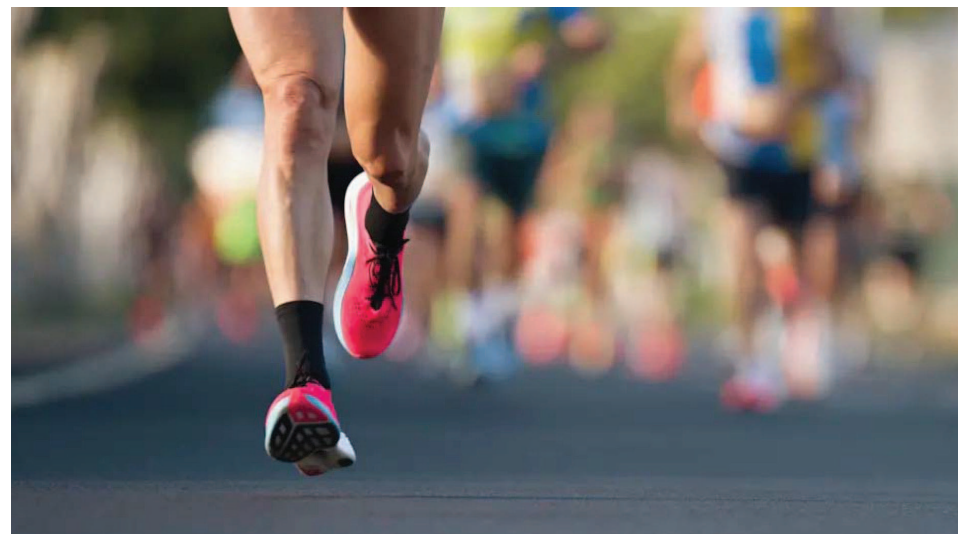


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Edmonton Marathon route was 674 metres too long

Pink trainers about to hit the road

The Edmonton Marathon is often used as a way to qualify for the hugely popular Boston Marathon

at qualifying events - not the time recorded on their watch.

Organisers say they are working with Athletics Canada and other

partners to determine how this year's results can be recognised.

BBC Sport has contacted the Edmonton Marathon for comment.

'I was born in South Africa', says beauty queen facing legal bid to deport her

Khanyisile Ngcobo - Johannesburg



AFP via Getty Images Miss Universe Nigeria Chidimma Adetshina is seen at a beauty pageant event AFP via Getty Images
The beauty queen was stripped of her South African identity documents in 2024

Beauty queen Chidimma Adetshina, who is facing deportation from South Africa, has reiterated that she was born in the country and believes she has been "treated unfairly and targeted".

South African officials want her detained as they pursue her deportation after she was declared a prohibited person in 2024.

Adetshina, 25, whose mother has Mozambican roots and her father is Nigerian, was stripped of her identity documents after questions around her citizenship were raised when she took part in the 2024 Miss South Africa contest. She then left the country.

She was arrested in June this year - and later released on warning - after being accused of re-entering South Africa unlawfully.

On Wednesday, the government's legal case seeking her detention was postponed until next year.

Speaking after a hearing in Cape Town, Adetshina said "there has been an attempt" by the South African authorities to make an example of her with this case.

"I remind everyone that I was born in South Africa. I have applied through the proper legal channels to have my status and citizenship determined," she said.

The pageant contestant added that "we should not allow xenophobia and misinformation to determine how people are going to be treated", seemingly a shot to protesters who had gathered outside the court calling for her deportation.

The protest was led by anti-migrant group March and March, which has been at the forefront of calls for undocumented migrants to leave South Africa, and many chased after her car as she left the courthouse.

South Africa to strip beauty queen of ID documents

Beauty contest sparks row over who counts as South African

Adetshina, a law student at the time, left South Africa in 2024 and went on to win Miss Universe Nigeria after she was invited to participate by the organisers.

In court, South Africa's home affairs department argued that she applied for a South African visa while she was in Nigeria and Nigerian passports for her and her son therefore implying that she was not a South African citizen, according to reports in the News24 site.

Officials then said she returned to South Africa illegally via a Mozambican border post.

Adetshina has previously argued that her home was in South Africa.

Her case was postponed to February 2027 to allow for the finalisation of her review challenging home affairs' decision to deport her. She remains a free woman until this has been completed.

Adetshina was stripped of her South African identity and travel documents in 2024 following allegations that her mother, Anabela Rungo, had committed identity

Ex-Australia batter Warner fined for drink-driving



Australia's former cricketer David Warner (C) leaves Waverley Local Court in Sydney on August 18, 2026, after being fined and ordered to use a vehicle breathalyser lock following his admission to a drink-driving offence.

Image source, Getty Images

David Warner played 383 matches for Australia across all three formats of international cricket

By **Adwaidh Rajan**
BBC Sport journalist

Former Australia batter David Warner has been fined A\$1,500 (£787) and ordered to have an interlock device fitted on his car after pleading guilty to drink-driving in Sydney in April.

The 39-year-old's blood alcohol reading was more than twice the legal limit as he failed a random breath test when driving his family home from a social function.

The court heard Warner stopped his car after spotting a roadside testing site and attempted to switch seats with a female passenger on Easter Sunday.

Warner, who appeared before Waverley Local Court on Tuesday, must install the interlock device which will prevent his car from starting if alcohol is detected in his system.

"I accept Mr Warner is unlikely to reoffend," judge Clare Farnan told the court. "But regrettably, drink-driving is still a significant factor in many crashes in New South Wales."

The judge added that the offence was aggravated because children were in the car.

Warner's lawyer had told the court his client should be spared conviction because he had suffered additional punishment as a result of media coverage which it was argued affected his commercial opportunities.

Warner, who retired from international cricket in 2024, works as a commentator for Fox Sports Australia and covered Bangladesh's historic Test victory against Australia in Darwin.

He is also captain of Pakistan Super League side Karachi Kings and Big Bash League's Sydney Thunder, who are part of a New South Wales state government campaign to deter drink-driving.

"Our organisation is a strong advocate of safe driving, including avoiding drink-driving," Cricket NSW, who own the Thunder, said in a statement.

"We continue to take this incident seriously, including educating all players on the importance of safe driving."

Warned scored 6,932 runs in 159 one-day international innings for Australia, including 22 centuries, while in 112 Test matches, he made 8,786 runs with 26 hundreds.

fraud to gain South African nationality.

Being born in South Africa does not automatically grant citizenship to that person. One of the parents has to either be a citizen themselves or a permanent resident in order for that to happen.

Rungo had her South African citizenship revoked in 2025.

The investigation into Adetshina's status came after she became a finalist in the Miss South Africa pageant. She faced criticism as people questioned her eligibility to compete given her mother's ties to Mozambique and her father being a Nigerian citizen. She later withdrew from the pageant when these issues came to light.

In interviews Adetshina said she was born in Soweto - the South African township next to Johannesburg - and grew up in Cape Town.

Nevis' Teadrian Tross Returns from Goodwill Swimming Championships with Bronze Medal

NIA CHARLESTOWN, NEVIS (August 18, 2026) – Nevis' Teadrian Tross has returned home from the 30th Goodwill Swimming Championships with a bronze medal, the only medal won by the St. Kitts and Nevis Aquatics Federation during its historic debut at the regional competition.

Tross captured bronze in the Boys 11–12 50m Freestyle on Saturday, August 15, clocking a personal-best time of 27.40 seconds on day two of the Championships. The competition was held at the National Aquatics Centre in Couva, Trinidad and Tobago.

Director of Sports Ajaye Newton was among officials and family members who gathered at the Oualie Water Taxi Facility on Monday to

welcome the young swimmer home.

Newton said Tross' medal-winning performance came as no surprise, given his consistent performances throughout his swimming career. He said Nevis and the wider Federation are proud of the 12-year-old's accomplishment.

"He's going to grow from bound to bound and leap to leap. This gold medal, I feel, is just a glimpse of what's to come from Teadrian. He's an exceptional ambassador and he does well every time he's away. He went out and represented well and made all of us proud, so congratulations!"

Newton also congratulated Tross' parents, noting that their continued support has played an important role in his development and success as a swimmer.

Tross credited his parents for keeping him motivated and said he was determined to make their support worthwhile.

"To go to Trinidad and not do something big, it would just be a trip. To help them feel special for all the time they spend on me, I put out my best and came back with a medal," the 12-year-old said.

Team SKN also delivered a strong overall performance at the Championships, with all six swimmers recording improvements on their previous personal-best times.

Nevis' Jazelle Connor was also part of the historic team, competing in the Girls 15–17 category. The other members of Team SKN were Gaj Leonce and Rhaejaan Jacobs in the Boys 9–10 category, and Valentino Esposito and Saulo Sahely in the Boys 11–12 category.



Nevis' Teadrian Tross wins bronze in the Boys 11–12 50m Freestyle for team St. Kitts and Nevis at 30th Goodwill Swimming Championships in Trinidad and Tobago



(l-r) Director of Sports- Nevis, Aljaye Newton congratulates Teadrian Tross on his return o Nevis with a bronze medal from the 30th Goodwill Swimming Championships in Trinidad and Tobago



Teadrian Tross returns to Nevis from 30th Goodwill Swimming Championships with a bronze medal (l-r) Director of Sports- Nevis, Aljaye Newton; Fayola Tross (mother); Teadrian Tross; Coach Annelise Leibbrandt; and Mackie Tross (father)



eadrian Tross (r) accepts bronze medal at the 30th Goodwill Swimming Championships in Trinidad and Tobago

Four Kittitian Cricketers Selected For CWI Under-19 Women's High-Performance Camp Ahead of 2027 World Cup

Basseterre, St. Kitts, August 18, 2026 (PMO) - St. Kitts and Nevis is celebrating another significant achievement in youth sport, with four young Kittitian cricketers selected by Cricket West Indies (CWI) for an elite High-Performance Camp as preparations intensify for the 2027 ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup.

Zara Skerritt, Aaliyah Weekes, Leanga Warner and C'Quinya Dasent are among 22 of the region's most promising female Under-19 cricketers selected for the two-week programme. Significantly, the four young women comprise all of the players selected from the Leeward Islands, giving Saint Kitts a strong presence among the emerging talent being assessed and developed for possible West Indies representation.

Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew extended congratulations to the young cricketers, describing their selection as a proud moment for the Federation and further evidence of the talent and



potential that exists among the nation's young people.

"This is a remarkable achievement for Zara, Aaliyah, Leanga and C'Quinya, and one in which the entire country should take tremendous pride. To have all four of the Leeward Islands selections coming from Saint Kitts speaks powerfully to the quality of our young cricketers and to what can be achieved when talent is matched with discipline, opportunity and the right support," Prime Minister Drew said.

The High-Performance Camp is being held in Antigua from August 17 to 29, 2026, immediately following the CWI Rising Stars Women's Under-19 Championship, which concluded on August 15. According to CWI, the camp forms part of its structured approach to identifying and preparing the next generation of West Indies women cricketers for international competition.

Selection was based on several factors, including performances during the regional championship, technical assessments, eligibility for the 2027 World Cup, tactical awareness, temperament, competitiveness, fitness and overall squad composition. The programme will focus on the technical, tactical, physical and mental development of the players while exposing them to the standards and expectations associated with international cricket.

SKNFA Welcomes Withdrawal of FFE Proposal

The St. Kitts-Nevis Football Association (SKNFA) welcomes the decision by FIFA President Gianni Infantino to withdraw the proposed FIFA Football Fund Enterprise (FFE) initiative.

The SKNFA appreciates President Infantino's commitment to bringing together and maintaining the unity of all 211 FIFA



Member Associations. We believe that unity, dialogue, consultation, and respect for established institutional processes are essential to the continued development of football globally.

The SKNFA is grateful for the financial and technical support provided by FIFA over the past 10 years under President Infantino's leadership. This support has made a significant difference to football development in St. Kitts and Nevis.

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I, **Vernon Boddie** now residing in **Boyd's Village** do hereby give you notice that it is my intention to apply on **04th** day of **January, 2027**, to the **District Magistrate** at **Sandy Point** for a **Beer Licence** in respect of my premises in **Boyd's Village** in St. Kitts

Dated this
11th day of **August, 2026**.

Signed: **Vernon Boddie**

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**To the Magistrate,
District "A"**

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, **Ambrose Alexis Carey** now residing in **Main Street** in the village of **Tabernacle** do hereby give you notice that it is my intention to apply on **04th** day of **January, 2027**, to the **District Magistrate** at **Basseterre** for a **Retail Liquor Licence** in respect of my premises in **Family Supermarket** in **#18 Central Fiennes Avenue** in **McKnight** in **Central Basseterre**.

Dated this
19th day of **August, 2026**.

Signed: **Ambrose A. Carey**

tournament in 2023 and has been able to participate in numerous youth and women's competitions. FIFA's support has also enabled the Association to provide assistance to its member clubs through the Member Association Assistance Programme (MAP), while advancing infrastructure, technical development, and capacity-building initiatives.

The SKNFA firmly believes that the established institutional processes within FIFA must be respected. We will not support any Member Association or Confederation that seeks to undermine these processes or weaken the unity and governance structures of the global football family.

The SKNFA therefore reaffirms its support for President Gianni Infantino's leadership and vision and looks forward to supporting him as he continues to complete his current constitutional mandate and advance the development of football for all 211 Member Associations.



Newtown United's Christi-Anne Mills On Fire With 11 Goals In Two Matches

Basseterre, St. Kitts — August 17, 2026 — Honda Newtown United forward Christi-Anne Mills produced a remarkable scoring display over the past week, netting 11 goals in two matches to help her team strengthen its position at the top of the Elvis Star Browne Women's League standings.

Mills scored all five of Newtown United's goals in a 5-1 victory over MFCR United Old Road Lady Jets on Thursday August 13 before adding another six goals on Saturday as Newtown overwhelmed S L Horsford St. Paul's United Sparks 14-0 at the National Bank Group Technical Center.

The two-match scoring spree underlines Mills' growing influence in Newtown's unbeaten campaign, with the team continuing to impress at both ends of the field.

Against Old Road on Thursday, Mills found the net in the seventh, thirteenth, twenty-ninth, thirty-sixth and forty-fourth minutes as Newtown went into halftime with a 5-1 advantage. Shaniqua Browne scored Old Road's lone goal in the forty-first minute.

The match also produced two red cards. Newtown's Omeara Delaney was sent off in the fifty-eighth minute for violent conduct, while Old Road's Ovalyn Whyte was dismissed after the match for abusive and insulting language towards the referee.

Mills continued her outstanding form on Saturday, scoring six times in Newtown's emphatic 14-0 victory over St. Paul's Sparks.

Takia Carty added two goals, while Sherema Blake found the back of the net four times. Junequa Henry also scored, with Kayzg Boyles completing the fourteen-goal rout with a goal in the fifty-fourth minute. Boyles was later sent off in stoppage time after receiving a second yellow card.

The victory keeps Newtown firmly at the top of the standings, with the team still unbeaten and boasting an impressive

defensive record. Newtown have conceded just three goals so far this season.

After Saturday's match, Newtown goalkeeper Jahnuque Arthurton highlighted the importance of communication, teamwork and maintaining momentum.

"Well, it's all about communicating. It's all about teamwork, working together... having solid games, every training, and it's all about momentum," she said. "I feel good as a goalkeeper, as a young goalkeeper (to only have conceded three goals), and I just want to go there and be better."

With the playoffs beginning this coming Saturday, Arthurton said the team's mentality is straightforward.

"Have fun...win the championship again. Can't let Old Road go with it again," she said chuckling.

CAYON ROCKETTES SECURE NINE-GOAL VICTORY

Prior to Saturday's Newtown-St. Paul's encounter, Mapau Cayon Rockettes also recorded a commanding victory over St. Paul's Sparks, winning 9-0.

Cayon led 5-0 at halftime and continued their dominance after the break. Myesha Rawlins opened the scoring in the thirteenth minute, before an own goal from St. Paul's Jasonique Phipps doubled Cayon's advantage in the twenty-sixth minute.

Dierdre Bowrin then struck twice, in the twenty-ninth and forty-fifth minutes, while Dalencia Roberts also scored twice, finding the net in the thirty-eighth and eighty-first minutes. Sha' Dimon Roberts added another in the sixty-first minute, while a second St. Paul's own goal, this time from Jahquanya Benjamin, came in the eighty-sixth minute.

Shekola Wilson completed the scoring deep into stoppage time as Cayon ran out 9-0 winners.

Venus Williams given US Open singles wildcard - will Serena join her?

Wimbledon and has played just one Grand Slam match this year - a first-round loss to Serbia's Olga Danilovic



Venus Williams celebrates a point during her singles match at the Cincinnati Open

Image source, Getty Images

Venus Williams has not won a singles match in 2026

By Amy Lofthouse

BBC Sport senior journalist

Venus Williams has been given a wildcard for the US Open singles - and sister Serena could potentially still join her with one spot remaining.

Venus, 46, first played in New York 29 years ago and reached the final on her singles debut in 1997.

The American won two of her seven Grand Slam singles titles at Flushing Meadows in 2000 and 2001.

Venus and 2017 champion Sloane Stephens have been given direct entry into the main draw which begins on Sunday, 30 August.

Serena returned to tennis in June, four years after "evolving away" from the sport, and played in singles at Wimbledon.

The sisters were due to play doubles together at SW19 but withdrew after Serena, 44, injured her knee in her first-round loss to Maya Joint.

They made their return together at the Cincinnati Open on Tuesday, losing a thriller at the Cincinnati Open in three sets.

Wildcards for the women's doubles have yet to be announced, and there are three remaining places in the revamped mixed doubles competition that takes place from 24 August.

Elder sister Venus has played singles sporadically on the WTA Tour over the past four years but has lost all 10 of her matches this season and is winless in 13.

Her last singles win was in Washington in July 2025.

Venus did not play singles at

at the Australian Open.

Venus has fared better in doubles in recent years, reaching the quarter-finals in New York last year alongside Canada's Leylah Fernandez.

She has not won a singles match at a Grand Slam since Wimbledon in 2021, where she reached the second round.

However, the Williams sisters still draw huge

crowds together or separately, with stands packed out in Cincinnati for their recent return.

Serena, a 23-time Grand Slam singles champion, played what was expected to be the last tournament of her career in New York in 2022.

However, she made her return first in doubles at Queen's in June before being given the final Wimbledon women's singles wildcard.

Venus won her first US Open singles title in 2000, two months after earning her maiden major at Wimbledon.

She beat Serena in the final a year later to defend her title - the first of nine major showpieces the sister would contest.

Venus became the oldest US Open singles player in 44 years when she played at the tournament last year.

She lost in three sets to ninth seed Karolina Muchova and gave an emotional news conference afterwards, saying it was "nice to be free".

In 2011, Williams was diagnosed with Sjogren's syndrome, an incurable autoimmune disease with symptoms including pain, numbness and fatigue.

She spoke in 2025 about the impact of painful fibroids - abnormal growths that develop in the uterus - on her daily life.

In the men's draw, France's Gael Monfils has been awarded a wildcard in the final Grand Slam of his career.

There is also one remaining wildcard for the men's singles, which could go to 2016 champion Stan Wawrinka.

The Swiss is also calling time on his career at the end of the year.

After the match, Wilson spoke about the importance of the victory and the significance of such a commanding scoreline. "Coming into the league itself, we were high on momentum; we were ready, because we knew we had something to defend," she said. "Coming into these games, we are a bit more relaxed, given that our entry into the finals is sure."

Despite the heavy defeat, St. Paul's Jasonique Phipps said the team must continue to give its best and remain committed.

"Overall, the game was intense, but good. The girls tried their best, even though we took a defeat," she said. "The momentum keeps us going."