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Dr. Jeanine Abrons

Dr. **Jeanine Abrons**, PharmD, RPh is a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy, where she also directs Student Pharmacist International Activities and co-directs the University's Mobile Clinics. With global collaborations in more than 20 countries, her work focuses on pharmacy education, diversity and inclusion, and public health innovation. She has been recognized with multiple awards, including the APhA Individual Pinnacle Award and the AACCP Global Pharmacist of the Year Award.



Mrs. Georgia D'Aguilar

Mrs. Georgia D'Aguilar is a Registered Pharmacist with over 20 years of experience and an Honours Diploma in Nutrition and Healthy Lifestyle Promotion. She is passionate about integrative health, combining pharmacy expertise with evidence-based nutrition to empower individuals in achieving better health outcomes.



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Mr. Masfine Thomas

Mr. **Masfine T. Thomas** is a pharmacist with nearly 20 years of experience and currently serves as a Pharmacy Inspector at the Pharmacy Council of Jamaica. He is pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the University of Technology, Jamaica, with a guiding principle of “Upholding Integrity and Excellence in Pharmacy Regulation.”



Ms. Lecia DeLisser

Ms. Lecia DeLisser is a Sales Representative at Medical Disposables and Supplies Ltd. with over 20 years of service in the pharmacy community. She is also a Justice of the Peace, Associate Counselling Psychologist, and youth advocate, dedicated to promoting mental wellness and resilience.



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Dr. Keisha Allen-Dougan

Dr. Keisha Allen-Dougan is a clinical pharmacist, educator, and community advocate with over 20 years of experience across multiple sectors of pharmacy. She serves as a lecturer and clinical pharmacist at the University of the West Indies, with strong interests in diabetes management, research, and mentorship.



Dr. Michelle Young-Brown

Dr. Michelle Young-Brown, BPharm, PharmD, RPh is a pharmacist, educator, and researcher with over 14 years of experience in Jamaica's public health sector. She serves as Programme Director of the Bachelor of Pharmacy at the University of Technology, Jamaica, and is recognized for her leadership in clinical pharmacy, research, and mentorship.



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Ms. Georgia Rose

Ms. Georgia Rose is a pharmacist at the Bustamante Hospital for Children with eight years of experience, specializing in pediatrics, oncology, dermatology, and antimicrobial stewardship. She is also a certified preceptor and Doctor of Pharmacy candidate at the University of Technology, Jamaica, dedicated to mentoring the next generation of pharmacists.



Dr. Secque Allen

Dr. Secque Allen is a pharmacist and Business Manager for the Caribbean at Abbvie Biopharmaceuticals, with over 20 years of experience blending clinical expertise and strategic leadership. She holds a PharmD, BSc in Pharmacy, and an MBA in Health Management, and is dedicated to expanding access to innovative treatments across the region.



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Ms. Nickania A. Pryce

Ms. Nickania A. Pryce is a Lecturer in the School of Pharmacy at the University of Technology, Jamaica, with over a decade of experience in pharmacy education and research. She is a Fulbright Scholar and innovator in pharmaceutical sciences, specializing in drug delivery systems, formulation design, and the integration of emerging technologies in pharmacy



Mr. Je-hiel Smith

Mr. Je-hiel Smith is a data scientist and founder of NightSky, with over five years of experience turning complex data into actionable insights for business and national development. He holds a Master's in Data Science and Analytics from the University of Leeds and a First Class Honours degree in Computer Science and Economics from the University of the West Indies.



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Renowned Edupreneur and Edutainer

Joan Anita Davis-Williams is a qualified, experienced and outstanding licensed guru, consultant and trainer from Jamaica. She has now served 50 years of unbroken service in the field of education in various institutions such as:

- White Marl Primary, St. Catherine, Jamaica, (1972-1973)
- St. Jago High School, St. Catherine, Jamaica (1976-1980)
- Ardenne High School, Kingston, Jamaica (1980-2010)
- Ardenne Extension High School, Kingston, Jamaica, part-time (1990-2012)
- The Mico University College, Kingston, Jamaica (summer 2007-present)

From 2011 to 2020, part time, Mrs. Davis-Williams worked at the prestigious King's House, Jamaica, where she served as Consultant /Trainer to the staff of Kings House and as Deputy Governor-General's Secretary (Personal).

The foundation to this hardworking and conscientious woman started with her primary education at Prospect Primary, White Marl Primary and St. Jago High School. Her further studies at the University of Technology, Jamaica (formerly College of Arts Science and Technology) honed her skills with a Diploma in Education in 1976, majoring in Home Economics, and a Bachelor of Education degree in 1985.

In her quest for higher education to further assist in delivering quality customer service to all her stakeholders, Joan went on to acquire a Masters of Education degree in Instructional Technology, (Magna Cum Laude) from American Intercontinental University Online, a certificate in Teaching Children with Different Learning Styles (Bank Street College of Education, New York), Counselling Techniques, (University of the West Indies, Mona), training as a Customer Service Facilitator, (Quality Management Consultancy, Kingston, Jamaica)



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During her exciting years as one of Jamaica's greatest edutainer, she held positions of Form Teacher, Grade Supervisor, Teacher of Drama at St. Jago High School (her alma mater); Head of Home Economics Department, Founder and facilitator of a Personal Development Programme, Acting Vice-Principal for Upper and Lower School and Human Resource Development Coordinator at Ardenne High School. This dynamic educator has also created and implemented many programmes that have benefitted many adults and young learners in Jamaica and other countries.

Joan Davis-Williams, a two-time honoree as an outstanding Master Teacher of Jamaica is also a member of the National Committee for Appointment of Master Teachers of Jamaica, Ministry of Education & Youth. During the course of her career, she has gained affiliations with:

- The Caribbean Association of Home Economists (CAHE)
- Jamaica Teacher's Association
- Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)

Over Joan's many years of practicing her craft, she has trained over 40,000 teachers in tandem with the Ministry of Education, HEART / NSTA (formerly HEART/NTA), National Youth Service and Jamaica Teaching Council.

She has also developed and implemented programmes for the stakeholders in various educational institutions in Jamaica and many other private and public entities both locally and abroad. Some such entities are the Yello Media (20 territories), Jamaica Civil Service Association, Court of Appeal, Ministry of Justice, Bank of Jamaica, National Commercial Bank, Bank of Nova Scotia, Jamaica National Building Society, USAID, Cari-Med Group Ltd, KIRK Distributors, Lasco Group of Companies, EDUCOM Credit Union, The Jamaica Teachers Association (J.T.A), The Ministry of Education, Youth and Culture (CSEC workshops and the training of all the lab technicians for the Technical and Vocational areas in schools), most tertiary institutions such as the University of the West Indies, Mona; University of Technology; The Mico University College and other teacher training colleges such as Church, G.C Foster, Moneague, Bethlehem Moravian, Shortwood, Sam Sharpe, St. Joseph's, Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts, and College of Agriculture, Science and Education.

A host of voluntary work in developing and implementing custom designed programmes based on accessed needs have been shared by Joan with the medical fraternity, homes of safety for children, juvenile centers, adult correctional institutions, sporting fraternity, the Early Childhood Commission, The Jamaica Defence Force, The Jamaica Constabulary Force, churches, primary, preparatory and high schools.



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Joan's professionalism and innovativeness has been recognized in multiple arenas including two one-hour segments on the locally televised in-depth programme Profile, the Belize Life Underwriter's Staff Development Workshop, the Women's Fellowship of the United Church in Grand Cayman, the Association of Science Teachers in Jamaica; The Caribbean Association of Home Economists, teachers of Antigua and Barbuda to name a few. Many Jamaicans and people abroad have also documented their glowing commendations and the desire for more from this vivacious facilitator.

Joan Anita has numerous awards due to the level of professionalism and excellence she puts into her work as an edutainer/trainer. Awards and recognitions received include:

- Principal's Beyond the Boundaries Awards, Ardenne High School, 2010
- Top students in CSEC Food and Nutrition in Jamaica, 2000-2004 and 2008
- Most Influential Teacher, Student Council Award, Ardenne High School, 2008, 2010 and 2011
- Certificate of Appreciation for Faithful Service, Ardenne High School, 2000-2011.
- Outstanding Master Teacher of Jamaica, Jamaica Teaching Council / Ministry of Education 2006 and 2015
- Outstanding Work Award Ardenne Extension High, 2002
- Jamaica Teachers Association Golden Torch Award 2010
- National Award, Badge of Honour, Long and Faithful Service in Education, 2015. {BH(L)}
- Student Award for Contributing to Education and The Mico University College, 2016
- Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Contribution to The Mico University College Guild of Students, 2017 and 2019,
- Teacher of the Month, Teen Herald, 1999
- Most Outstanding Teacher 2002, 2005, and 2007, Ardenne High School
- Distinguished Service to Education and Outstanding Alumnus, University of Technology, 2005.
- Award of Appreciation for Distinguished Service to Education, St. Jago High School 2004.
- Lasco/Ministry of Education Teacher of the Year 2007-2008
- Lasco/Ministry of Education Top Teacher in Region One, 2007-2008



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She is also a published author of six books (three for Home Economics & three for Personal Development / Life Skills), four of which are on the approved booklist of the Ministry of Education. Other publications of Joan are:

- A Guide for Home Economics Teachers
- "Spice Up the Teaching" a free CD used by colleagues
- CXC Study Guides, published in the Jamaica Observer
- "Spice Up the Form Time" A series of handbooks used in Form Time for all grades.

Currently, her main role is constantly developing, facilitating and evaluating the different areas of the Professional Enhancement Programme, at the Mico University College, Jamaica, to meet the needs of her 21st Century educators that she trains. This is a unique and holistic programme that she created and implemented at the Ardenne group of schools for over 40 years.

Services offered.

Design and facilitate, for individuals and groups:

1. Parenting seminars based on needs.
2. Orientation/mentorship workshops for new teachers
3. Workshops for new students and their parents transitioning into high schools.
4. Sessions for educators to be effective form teachers/ grade supervisors and heads of department.
5. Sessions for students to effectively prepare them for the world of work in such areas as table etiquette and other social graces, dress sense, job interviews, customer service, etc.
6. Sessions to empower all stakeholders of educational institutions as well as other public and private entities.

Joan Davis-Williams' credo is ***"Lord, I want to be more than an ordinary teacher and please give to my children and grandchildren what I give to other people's children"***.

With all her accomplishments, volunteerism and programme development, Joan Davis-Williams always proclaims herself as a Child of God who loves and fears the Lord. She is an Elder in the Webster United Church of Jamaica and is always thankful for every opportunity she gets to carry the Word of the God to the congregation.

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