

News Release

Saint Lucia EMT Students Receive International Accredited Certification

The Joint Governance and Program Management Committee wishes to inform the public that Emergency Medical Technician students who were recipients of the International Accredited Certification of Course Attendance and Completion from the Pasco Hernando State College in affiliation with the Center for EMS Education received their Certificates on Saturday January 16, 2016 at a special certificate presentation ceremony by representatives of the Pasco Hernando State College which is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.



The college as an established Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Technical Assistance Agreement (TAA) with the Center for EMS Education here in Saint Lucia.

The Memorandum of Understanding was established under the “Consortium Sponsorship” Standard Guidelines of the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) Which is the United States only approved and Authorized Accreditation body for EMS/EMT Programs and EMS Education Offering Colleges and Universities.

The certification presentation was held at the Tapion Hospital Conference Center and presided over and presented to Students by Professor Dr. David Sullivan Head of the EMS Department and Assistant Mr. Scott Scurlock Director for EMS Programs of Pasco Hernando State College.

The recipients of the certification had been awaiting the certification for the past year and a half as a result of the Pasco Hernando State Colleges transition from a Community College to a State College and the pending completion of outstanding on complete course work by some of the certification recipients.



The representatives of Pasco Hernando State College arrived on island on Friday January 15, 2016 in preparation for the Certification process and to facilitate a press briefing on the delay in certificate Issuance to students of the EMS Program Founded by Mr. Craig Herman, Internationally Certified EMS Educator Trained and Registered the American National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE).

Mr. Herman is a registered and qualified Emergency Medical Services Educator of the American National and also a Qualified and registered Levels A and B EMS Educator certified by the State of Florida, under its 64J Administrative Code for coordinating and lecturing EMS Training Programs. He also held the Deputy Chairman position on the International Committee of the American Association of EMS Educator from 2012 – 2013, the first time a Caribbean National was selected to sit on such a committee which represents a global membership of over 113 countries, with a mission to introduce international standards for EMS Education Globally.

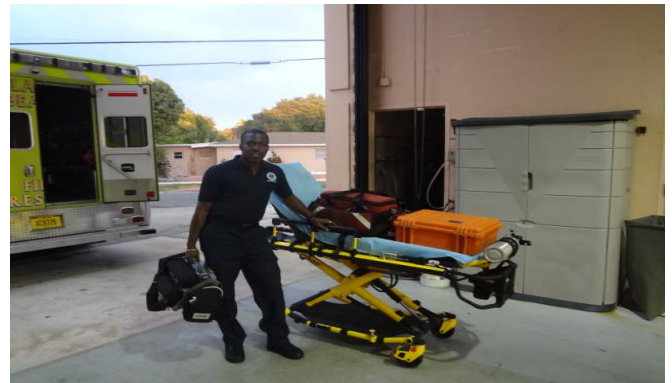
Mr. Herman was also responsible for a number of other persons locally pursuing and successfully completing the Florida State EMS Educators Course Levels A and B course and receiving Florida State Certification, they are Mrs. Cathleen Polius “A”, Mr. Charlton Andrew “A”, Ms. Temsey George “A”, Ms. Zephania Frederick “A”, Dr. Dare Ogunlusie Levels “A & B”.

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Graduate and Fire fighter Charlton Andrew who accepted his Certificate at the certificate presentation event . He is also a Certified Advanced Medical Life Support Combine Provider Certified by the American National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT), A certified Advanced Cardiac Life Support Provider of American Heart Association (AHA) and a Level “A” EMS Educator Certified by the State of Florida under its 64J Administrative Code for Coordinating and lecturing EMS Training Programs.

He was also one of the First Saint Lucian Trained Emergency Medical Technician under this program to have pursued his clinical internship in the United States through Broward College under the Coordination of Mr. Richard Beck seen in the photo with his colleague and travel class mate Mr. Travis Gifford who is also a recipient of the international EMT Certification and now in Fire Fighter by profession.



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Stephen Eugene, Fire Fighter by profession accepted his course completion certificate from the College Representative along with other accredited certification recipients.



In 2014 he was the recipient of a Level “A” EMS Educator Certificate from the EMS Educator Coordinator Mr. Doug Rider based in Florida through the EMT Program Founder here in Saint Lucia under a “**Grand Father Clause in EMS Education**”, having been actively involved in assisting in teaching the psychomotor Skills Aspect of EMS Education under that EMS Education learning Domain but is still required to complete course work.

The Memorandum of Understanding which allows for the evaluating, monitoring and certifying of EMT Students in keeping With the International Standards of the United States National Registry for Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT), was Transitioned to Pasco Hernando *State* College formerly Pasco Hernando *Community* College by Mr. Richard Beck former Associate Dean of Broward College prior to the completion of the MOU when he unexpectedly had to depart the college due Family matters.

The transition to Pasco Hernando State College was facilitated due to the unforeseen delay in a replacement for the Associate Dean which may have affected the timely completion of the MOU and not wanting to allow a further lengthy delay in establishing the MOU which Mr. Herman, as an Internationally registered EMS Educator and the College representatives had commenced 2012.

The MOU with Pasco Hernando was formerly signed by the District Board of Trustees of the Pasco Hernando Community College and the Chair and representatives of the BOT and Program Management Committee of the Center for EMS Education in May of 2013.

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The Joint Governance Program Management Committee of the EMS Program of the Center for EMS Education would like to



formerly congratulate the 18 graduate EMT Students and would especially like to recognize graduate student **BRYSON HILAIRE** who is the recipient of the most outstanding student award having been allowed to attempt the final written certification examination as a pretest, halfway through the course and topped the written examination, he is now Pursuing studies in Medicine in Venezuela through an International Scholarship Program. His mother proudly accepted his certificate on his behalf.

The other Internationally Accredited Certification Emergency Medical Technician/graduate Students are as Follows:

1. **Cathleen Polius**
2. **Johnson Philip**
3. **Nesa Hippolyte**
4. **Ingrid Mitchell**
5. **Gilbertha Herman**
6. **Rebertha Willfred (Initial and Recertification)**
7. **Malachi O'Brian (Studying Medicine in Venezuela)**
8. **Ketura St. Louis**
9. **Tedella Joseph**
10. **Emery McFarlane**
11. **Anya Williams**
12. **Gaby St. Rose**
13. **Travis Gifford**
14. **Peterson Felix**

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The JGPMC would like to publicly recognize and congratulate the following graduate students who could not attend the certification ceremony and worthy of note their having been awarded Foreign scholarships and currently pursuing medicine in Venezuela, Cuba and Trinidad respectively and those who have completed the EMT program successfully and have moved to the United States:

- 1. Anya Williams**
- 2. Bryson Hilaire**
- 3. Malachi Obrian**
- 4. Kendal Khodra**

The **JGPMC** would also like to recognize formerly and publically the following past students who have made the committee and program proud in successfully completing advance studies in nursing and other areas of expertise both in Saint Lucia and the United States.

- 1. Mr. Anthony Levi Peterkin – Asc. Paramedic Science Laguardia Community College, New York, USA**
- 2. Ms. Kinga Joseph – Nursing (Saint Lucia)**
- 3. Ms. Joanna Jn. Baptiste – Nursing and former EMT Program most outstanding Student 2011-2012**
- 4. Ms. Christine Alexander – Asc. Nursing, Florida**
- 5. Ms. Lisa Elibox – Bsc. Nursing Grambling University, United States**
- 6. Ms. Millie Edwards – Bsc. Nursing Grambling University, United States**
- 7. Ms. Charlie Prospere – Bsc. Biology, United States**
- 8. Marline Clovis – Currently in the United Kingdom**
- 9. Crystal George – Currently working and living in Florida**
- 10. Rebertha Wilfred - Currently pursuing nursing studies in Saint Lucia**
- 11. Joanna Jn. Baptiste – Bsc. Medicine**
- 12. Shauna Joseph – Currently living and working in Martinique**
- 13. Shahide Leon – Currently living and working in Martinique**
- 14. Kendal Cadette – Fire Fighter (Saint Lucia)**

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15.Anissa Soloman – (EMT) Rain Forest Sky Rides Saint Lucia

The above past graduate students are some of the success stories of the EMS/EMT Program amongst others.

Sincerely,



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