



**Remarks by**

**Mr. Lionel K. Sands  
The Director of Education**

**Bannister  
On the Occasion  
Of**

**C. C. Sweeting Senior High School  
Honour Roll Assembly**

**Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup>, February, 2010**

**9:45 am**

**C. C. Sweeting Senior High School  
Gregory Street**

**Theme: *“Saluting Success...Inspiring  
Excellence”***

**Mr. Howard Newbold, District Superintendent;**

**Mrs. Delores Ingraham, Principal;**

**Mr. Donovan Turnquest, Vice Principal;**

**Mrs. Joan Gray, Vice Principal;**

**Senior Administrators;**

**Teachers;**

**Students;**

**Honour Roll Students**

**Ladies and gentlemen**

**Good morning.**

**I am pleased represent the Minister of Education, The Honourable T. Desmond Bannister on this occasion to speak to you and celebrate the accomplishments of those students who are been recognized today. I am also here to encourage those who came close to the mark to go further so that very soon you will be the ones get the accolades.**

**This is the most rewarding experience of a Minister or Director when we can celebrate the success of students. This is ultimately what education is all about and so this is indeed a good day for us.**

**In the two and half short months that the Minister has held this office, he has visited schools and attended events showcasing our students' academic achievements and their talents. He has commented how impressed he is with our students. These events including today's is proof that we have excellent students within the public education system and that behind them are excellent educators that are doing their jobs to impart knowledge and skills to students.**

**Here at C. C. Sweeting Senior High School, there are students who are working hard to be included in the chosen few. The few who are willing do their best and despite the distractions and pressures around them they are willing to learn and succeed.**

**This is an opportunity afforded to all students throughout The Bahamas regardless to where you come from or who you are.**

**I take from your theme: “Saluting Success...Inspiring Excellence”, that those who have attained a high level in their studies are being rewarded for their accomplishments which should inspire all others to follow in their footsteps or blaze new trails in a quest for success.**

**Students the reality is that some students are not doing their best in school, and when they leave school life is a struggle for them. I applaud your principal for implement initiatives such as the Grade Twelve Work Based Programme for males, to ensure that they leave schools with skills that will enable them to be productive or find employment on departure from this school.**

**There are many other good things that are happening at C. C. Sweeting that should inspire you to strive for excellence. This school historically has been a model school for magnet programmes at a time when the word magnet was not used. Its Hospitality Programme has produced some of the top chefs and hospitality professionals in the country. C. C. Sweeting has produced business professionals who made significant contribution to national development.**

**We know that C. C. Sweeting is a sports powerhouse having produced the track and field greats like Troy Kemp, Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie, and Bradley Cooper and others like Raymond Tucker and Gina Mackey – Champion Body Builders).**

**There are many other successes you have to be proud of here at C. C. Sweeting including your accomplishment in the National Debate, the Bahamahost and the Foreign Cadet Programmes. These are the things that inspire you to seek excellence and stay away from distractions and anti-social behaviours.**

**Students, I encourage you to use your time in school wisely by learning your lessons and staying focused on the positive aspects of life. Education is a major key to success and you should use it to unlock your potential.**

**To today's honourees, I wish to say congratulations and keep up the good work. Reflect on this scripture as go throughout life – Galations Chapter 6 verse 9, "Do not be weary in well doing for in due season, you will reap if you faint not"**

**Today is only part of your season of reaping what you have sowed. Continue to do well and there will be many more harvests. Teachers you too reap when, your students succeed to continue to plant the seed of knowledge within them and the entire Bahamas will share in the harvest of productive citizens.**

**Thank you, Mrs. Ingraham for this opportunity to speak to our students. I wish to commend you and your team for doing all that you are doing for the students here at this school. We are proud of the innovative programmes you have implemented, which are producing results and others what to adopt in their schools.**

**Thank you.**