



CHARISMA UNIVERSITY Student Affairs Newsletter

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OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

STUDENT NEWS

Charisma announces its new *Director of Student Support*, Ashely Hussain, MHA, DBAc.

Charisma University has been listed in international education magazine, *The Knowledge Review*, for the second year in a row, among the Top 10 Best Universities in the Caribbean (May 2020)

Charisma's *commencement ceremony and gala event* will take place on July 16, 2021 at the Turks and Caicos Islands

Charisma University will be celebrating its *10th anniversary* at our Gala event in July 2021

Charisma is pleased to announce the near completion of its new office at Salt Mills, Grace Bay, Providenciales, Turks & Caicos Islands

Charisma mourns the sudden and unexpected passing of its Board Secretary, Dr. Andy Ng.

The fight against racism

Here is what you can do about racism:

Get educated – learn about history and current affairs

Speak up – racism is everyone's issue

Know the difference between intent and impact – sometimes well-intended actions can have hurtful impacts

Challenge behavior, not people – address racist behaviors and language, encourage thoughtfulness and dialogue, not hostility, or name-calling.

Be willing to listen, engage, apologize
Do not despair



Did you know that Charisma University is the only university in the Caribbean that is 100% online, serves the globe and is accredited by ACBSP & ACQUIN?



Addressing freedom and equality

● **Why Juneteenth Matters** by Dr. Keyonda Smith, *Senior Vice President, Accreditation and Compliance*

The United States recognizes Juneteenth on June 19th, as the termination date of the cruel practice of slavery. This day symbolizes a unique place in history for people of African and African American descent currently residing in the United States. The term Juneteenth is an amalgamation of the words "June" and "nineteenth." Although the abolition of slavery officially occurred in December of 1865, by the ratification of Amendment 13, on June 19th, 1866, the last slaves of America were free in the State of Texas. Once word spread throughout the Americas, there were celebrations among all citizens impacted by this legislation, resulting in Juneteenth festivities. Even though Juneteenth is not yet a national holiday, it holds recognition as a state

holiday in 45 states and Washington, D.C. This failure of Juneteenth as a Federal holiday is noteworthy as Christopher Columbus has somehow managed to maintain a National holiday. However, history clearly outlines the truth regarding his exploitive deeds to the natives of North America. Juneteenth holds supreme importance and symbolizes the good, the bad, and the ugly of the United States' inception, and who reaped the rewards and suffrages, until this day, due to its so-called "founding." There are disputes on how one can "find" and "keep" something that belongs to someone else. From another perspective, some have compared the independence of America (July 4th) with the independence of slaves (June 19th). To ensure that these two celebrations are not equal in concept – during

the Declaration of Independence commemoration event on July 5th, 1852, Frederick Douglass stated, *"This Fourth of July is YOURS, not MINES, YOU may rejoice, and I must MOURN..."*

Mr. Douglass eloquently and respectfully outlined how the celebrated day of "American" independence is not a celebration of freedom, independence, or liberation for all citizens. Therefore, to many, Juneteenth contrastingly signifies an authentic and representative day of true freedom.

Are you a Charisma student doing something important for your community? We want to hear about it. You can also send us your article (400-500 words) to be published in our newsletter. We would love to hear from you.

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