



Fiesta Hero

As we celebrate our annual Fiesta under the theme "Celebrating We Own" the parish is pleased to honour Joyann Theresa Eli as our Fiesta Hero for 2009.

Joyann Theresa Eli the last child of the late Ordean Anita Eli, was born on January 15, 1972. She has eight brothers and three sisters from her mother and two sisters from her father Shurland Barrow who resides in Greensboro North Carolina.

Like most children from the Bayville community she received her primary education at Bay Primary School. From 1983 -1989 she attended the Louis Lynch Secondary.

In January of 1993 she gained a full track scholarship to St. Augustine's College in Raleigh North Carolina, from where she graduated with a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Sociology with Honors "Cum Laude". While at St. Augustine she made the Dean's List, the Honours List and from 1995-1996 she was the Sociology Honouree. She has participated in seminars locally and overseas dealing with such subjects as Bereavement Counseling, Family Life and Peer Counseling, Human Behaviour and the Social Environment.

Our Fiesta hero was very involved in athletics and continues to take a keen interest in the sport. During the period 1989-1992, she represented Barbados at the Texaco Games, Carifta Games and was a member of the Barbados team to the World Championships in Tokyo,

Japan. From 1993-1997 she the All American Indoor/Outdoor track individual.

Joyann returned to Barbados in August of 1998. She worked at the Barbados Family Planning Association part time as a clerk in the clinic in 1999, and later became the Account Clerk until 2001 when she went on maternity leave. She later returned to the organisation in June of 2001 and worked as a Community Education Officer until she left to work with the Ministry of Education as a School Social Worker in January of 2004. In this position she interacts with the Psychologists, Social Workers, and School Attendance Officers. Her job consist of conducting school visits, home visits, sometimes court appearances, working closely with other social agencies, classroom observations, and making recommendations for the benefit of the students. She works mainly with the primary schools. The goal is to alleviate any variables that maybe hindering the progress of the student academically.

Being a lover of sports she assists on Saturdays with the coaching of young athletes. She plans to take the Level I coaching course next year and so become a trained coach. Her hobbies include traveling, cooking, gardening, watching sports, exercising, jogging and weight training.

St.Paul Church salutes Joyann Eli, our Fiesta Hero, and recognizes her for her involvement in sports and the community.



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