

The Blue Mingoos consist of a group of students who are a part of the Public International Law course and LLB Program at the University of the Bahamas (UB). This group is guided and advised by Dr. Peter Maynard, who is the course director, but also a lawyer, arbitrator, economist, and Head of the UB Law Department. Dr. Maynard is also assisted by Dr. Lisa Benjamin (UB course director of environmental law), and Joy Delaney (mediator and UB ADR course director). The group is also grateful for constructive comments from Dr. Vikneswaran Nair (UB Graduate Studies) and Dr. Datuk Sundra Rajoo (Head of the Asian International Arbitration Centre and 2016 CI Arb President). The name of the agreement, "THE BLUE MINGOOS AGREEMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE" is inspired by the UB mascot, the "UB Mingoos". "Mingo" is short for flamingo, the national bird of the Bahamas. Blue is the UB color and also evokes the waters of the Bahamas known for their multi shaded blue-green crystal clarity but which are rising owing to Global Warming. The students of the course that contributed to the preparation of the Blue Mingoos Agreement on Climate Change are set out below.

### **Tennielle Bain**

After successfully completing her Associates of Arts Degree in Law and Criminal Justice, Ms. Bain then pursued her LLB at the University of The Bahamas, where she is enrolled currently. The quote that motivates her most is "*there has never been a lock without a key*"

### **Xandrell Bain**

Ms. Xandrell Bain was born in Nassau, Bahamas and is the youngest of two siblings. After graduating from high school Ms. Bain pursued a tertiary education at the College of The Bahamas. Subsequently, Ms. Bain graduated with an Associate in Law and Criminal Justice and is currently enrolled in the LLB program at the University of The Bahamas where she continues to strive for excellence. Ms. Bain believes that "the race is not for the swift but for those who endure until the end."

### **Skyler Deveaux**

Ms. Deveaux was born and raised in Nassau Bahamas, Skyler had been a student of the University of the Bahamas, formerly the College of The Bahamas for the past three years. Throughout these years Skyler has obtained an Associates of Arts degree in Criminal Justice and is now is second year law student in pursuit of her life long goal, to become a lawyer. During her course at the University she's been an active member of the Associate of Arts Law Society program and presently serves as the Secretary for the Bachelor of Law, Law Society Club.

### **Ashley Dorsett**

Ms. Dorsett is beautiful inside and out, strong, powerful and a survivor. She's had to fight for the things she loves, and that's made her wiser and more open-minded over the years. Still, despite everything she sees the beauty in life and loves nothing more than spending time with her family and friends. She always tries to spread a smile even if there's a storm raging inside of her. In her spare time, she is a lover of reading and accumulating fictional books.

### **Tanesha Forbes**

Ms. Forbes is a 20-year-old LLB student at the University of The Bahamas, with hopes in becoming a Corporate Lawyer. After graduating high school in 2014 she immediately went to

The College of The Bahamas where she obtained an Associate of Arts Degree in Law & Criminal Justice. She lives her life by the motto "*Sankofa*", which means to never be afraid to go back and get it.

### **Tamika Gibson**

Ms. Gibson was born and raised in Nassau, Bahamas; where at a young age she adapted the mindset that "hard goals require hard work." As she was completing her secondary level of education she developed an interest in law. In 2007, Ms. Gibson's fascination led to her enlisting in the Royal Bahamas Police Force to learn more about the law. She was assigned as an Investigator in the early stages of her career and currently holds a supervisory position in the rank of a Sergeant. In 2013, Ms. Gibson decided to enroll in the College of The Bahamas and through hard work she has successfully obtained an Associate of Arts Degree in Law & Criminal Justice. She is presently a student in the Law Program, at the University of The Bahamas, with hopes of attaining the harder goal of an LLB.

### **Levan Johnson**

Mr. Johnson was born on the island of New Providence 4th September 1988. He received his childhood education at Carlton Francis primary school and secondary at C.V. Bethel Senior High School. Levan is a ten-year veteran officer at the Bahamas Customs and Excise Department and is also a full-time musician in the military and private bands. He is current reading for the Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) degree at the University of the Bahamas from which he hopes to graduate in 2019.

### **Ja'Nay Lowe**

Ms. Lowe was born and raised in Nassau, Bahamas, and graduated from the University of The Bahamas with an Associates of Arts Degree in Law & Criminal Justice in 2011. Presently, she works as a supervisory legal clerk at Harding-Lee & Co. while continuing her education pursuing a Bachelor of Law at the University of Bahamas. Apart from her academic pursuits Ja'Nay Lowe is the current President of the Tau Nu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and occupies her free time with various humanitarian works.

### **Lashan Martin**

Ms. Martin graduated from St. Augustine's College 05' and is a former Track and Field and Basketball athlete she is now enrolled in the UB Law Class of 2019 and is wishing to pursue maritime law career.

### **Ilisha Mcphee**

Ms. Mcphee is a law student at the University of the Bahamas in the process of completing a Bachelor's degree in Law. She has completed her associates in law degree at the college of the Bahamas. Ilisha has contributed to the standard of treatment and efficacy portions of this treaty.

### **Lilnique Murphy**

Ms. Murphy, is a citizen of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, that resides on the island of New Providence, in the city of Nassau. She is 22 years of age. She graduated from C. R. Walker Senior High School in June of 2013 and is the holder of an Associate of Arts Degree in Law and

Criminal Justice. Ms. Murphy is pursuing a Bachelor of Law (LLB) at the University of the Bahamas, as a Junior graduating in 2019. She aspires to be an Attorney at Law.

### **Kristina Saunders**

Ms. Saunders is no stranger to brokerage and costing, having spent five years as a local and foreign coster at AML Foods Ltd. Born on the Island of New Providence, Kristina is currently pursuing her Bachelors of Law Degree at the University of The Bahamas. Upon completion, she wishes to further her studies in Admiralty and Maritime Law. She is the mother of one son who firmly believes that “all things work together for the good.

### **Thaddeus Saunders**

Mr. Saunders was born and raised in Nassau, Bahamas. He is currently in the LLB Law Program at the University of the Bahamas and is expected to graduate in 2019. After which, Mr. Saunders intends to attend Eugene Dupuch Law School. It is a strong belief of Mr. Saunders that every failure should be viewed as a lesson learned and never a reason to quit. In his free time, watching the news, reading judicial cases and playing backgammon.

### **Brittany Strachan**

Ms. Strachan was born on May 13th 1995 in Nassau, Bahamas. She pursued an Associate of Arts degree in Criminal Justice at the College of The Bahamas from which she graduated in 2016. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Law degree at the University of The Bahamas and is expected to graduate in Spring 2019. Her mantra is "No matter what you're going through, there's a light at the end of the tunnel and it may seem hard to get to it but you can do it and just keep working towards it and you'll find the positive side of things." Her hobbies include reading and watching movies.

### **Rhodreka Strachan**

Ms. Strachan was born October 24<sup>th</sup>, 1996 and is presently studying law at The University of The Bahamas. She hopes to some day become a medical lawyer serving as the legal representative for one of the major hospitals in The Bahamas. She has a strong belief in philanthropy and voluntarism as it is one of her long-term goals to establish a non-profit organization to assist single-parents in The Bahamas. She lives by the mantra, “Yearn to succeed for if one does not year, disappointment and failure will overcome.”

### **Cashena Thompson**

Ms. Thompson was born in Freeport, Grand Bahama on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 1991. Immediately after high school she attended and graduated The College of the Bahamas in June 2013 with a degree in Associates of Arts in Criminal Justice. She is currently a student of the University of the Bahamas in pursuit to obtain her LLB and is expected to complete her studies in 2019. She is a mother of one and is a strong believer in positive thinking. Her daily mantra is, “I am too positive to be doubtful, too optimistic to be fearful and too determined to be defeated. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, brainteasers, and is always eager to learn new things.

### **Tamika Thompson**

Ms. Thompson was born in Nassau, Bahamas on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 1996. During her childhood years she island hopped throughout the Bahamas never residing on one island for more than four

years. She began in Nassau, then later moved to Andros, Cat Island, Eleuthera, and then Abaco. After graduating high school, she enrolled in the then College of the Bahamas in 2014, later graduating with an Associates Degree in Law and Criminal Justice in December 2015. Tamika is currently enrolled in the LLB Program of the University of the Bahamas and is expecting to receive her degree in 2019. It should also be noted that Ms. Thompson was mandated as Coordinator of the Blue Mingoes Agreement on Climate Change.