



Parish Coronation

"The Jamaican Woman: Proud & Bold!"

Saturday, June 21, 2025

Marcus Garvey High School
St Ann's Bay Campus
7:00 pm



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Message from

Glennette Sinclair, JP

**Chairman, Jamaica Festival Queen Committee
Jamaica Cultural Development Commission (JCDC)**

It is with great honour and enthusiasm that I welcome you to the 2025 staging of the Jamaica Festival Queen Competition - a proud tradition that continues to celebrate the essence, excellence and enduring strength of Jamaican womanhood.

For over five decades, the Festival Queen Competition has stood as a pillar of cultural preservation, female empowerment and national pride.

Under this year's theme, "The Jamaican Woman, Proud and Bold," we pay tribute to the fearless spirit of our women - unapologetically confident, culturally grounded, and nation-driven. From Nanny of the Maroons to today's leaders and change makers, Jamaican women have long stood as powerful symbols of resilience, intelligence and grace.

The Festival Queen Competition is more than a cultural showcase. It is a platform for transformation - a place where young women are empowered to lead, to advocate and to amplify the voices of their communities. This competition nurtures not only queens but ambassadors of Jamaican heritage, character and pride.

To our exceptional parish queens: thank you for stepping forward with courage, elegance and purpose. You represent the dreams of generations and the hopes of a brighter future. Each contestant represents not just her parish, but the heart of a people determined to move forward while honouring the past.

I also extend sincere gratitude to our sponsors, partners, volunteers and the hardworking staff of the Jamaica Cultural Development Commission (JCDC) for their steadfast support.

As we celebrate the 2025 Festival Queen Competition, let us continue to honour and uplift the Jamaican woman - proud, bold and destined for greatness.



Message from

Lenford Salmon, OD, JP

Executive Director

Jamaica Cultural Development Commission (JCDC)

I am honoured—yet humbled—to lead an agency that continues to uplift, inspire, and empower Jamaicans through culture. Among the many impactful programmes of the Jamaica Cultural Development Commission (JCDC), the Miss Jamaica Festival Queen Competition stands out as a shining example of cultural preservation, leadership development, and national pride.

This competition is so much more than the crowning of a Queen. It is about nurturing women who lead with purpose and passion. Every contestant, regardless of the final outcome, embarks on a transformational journey that leaves her more confident, community-focused, and culturally grounded. The women who enter do not leave the same way they came in—and that growth is the true measure of success.

This year, we celebrate a historic milestone with the extension of the age eligibility to 30 years—a progressive decision that broadens access to this enriching experience. It reflects our commitment to inclusivity and to recognising the diverse and dynamic paths that young Jamaican women take in their personal and professional lives.

We encourage all Jamaicans to support the Queen in your parish. Help her bring her vision to life, and stand with her as she carries the pride of your community to the national stage. Their success is our shared achievement.

To the families, volunteers, parish coordinators, sponsors, and our exceptional JCDC staff—thank you. Your unwavering support continues to power this programme and uphold its legacy of excellence.



Message from

Marjorie Leyden-Kirton, JP

Director, Community Cultural Development

Services Division

Jamaica Cultural Development Commission (JCDC)

The Miss Jamaica Festival Queen Competition has a longstanding tradition of unearthing, developing, and showcasing intelligent, talented, and culturally aware young women. Our parish queens continue to exemplify confidence, creativity, and cultural pride—each one bringing her unique voice and vision to this cherished platform.

The 2025 Jamaica Festival Queen Parish Coronation is shaping up to be truly exceptional. Across the island, the contestants have been undergoing rigorous training and personal development, all designed to prepare them for leadership, community service, and cultural ambassadorship. As a former Parish Festival Queen myself, I know firsthand the life-changing value of this experience and congratulate the contestants for being that ***“Jamaican Woman: Proud & Bold!”***

I extend heartfelt thanks to our sponsors, supportive families, dedicated volunteers, and the hardworking JCDC parish staff. Your unwavering commitment ensures that this programme continues to thrive and inspire—celebrating not just beauty, but purpose, pride, and Jamaican identity.

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PROGRAMME

Musical Interlude

National Anthem	-	PLAYED - The Jay Brothers
Opening Presentation	-	St. Ann JCDC 2025 Contestants
MC's Opening Remarks	-	Mrs. La-Toya Brooks Sewell
Introduction of Contestants	-	Mrs. La-Toya Brooks Sewell
Selection	-	The Jay Brothers
		Music Presentation
Talent Presentation	-	Mrs. La-Toya Brooks Sewell
Appearance in Evening Wear	-	Mrs. La-Toya Brooks Sewell
Serenade of Contestants	-	Mr. Brandon Williams

Presentation of Gift Certificates/Baskets Sectional Prizes

On Stage Interview	-	Mrs. La-Toya Brooks Sewell
Selection	-	Mr. Demario Aarons
Selection	-	Mr. Brandon Williams
Final Walk	-	Miss Onecia Henry Miss St. Ann Festival Queen 2024
Announcement of Top 3		
	-	Second Runner Up
	-	First Runner Up
	-	Miss St. Ann Festival Queen - 2025

Grand Finale

ST. ANN FESTIVAL QUEEN 2024
MISS ONECIA HENRY



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SECTIONAL PRIZES

MOST INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY _____

MOST CONGENIAL _____

MOST POISED _____

MOST CULTURALLY AWARE _____

BEST PERFORMANCE _____

MOST POPULAR ON SOCIAL MEDIA _____



- Name** : *Dannequa Brown*
- Age** : 25 years old
- Sash** : **Beauty Statement Salon**
- Education** : Westwood High School
University of West Indies
(BA Journalism)
- Occupation** : Subject Teacher - English
Language and Literature

Philosophy : “We don't stop playing because we grow old- we grow old because we stop playing.”
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Special Interests : Special needs children particularly those with Autism Spectrum disorder. I am interested in giving them care and watching them grow.

Hobbies : Singing, reading, Writing, Event planning/ hosting, Travelling, Restaurant Hopping selective board and mobile games

Personality : She is an energetic and outgoing person. She embraces her extroverted nature and love to meet new people. She tries to see the best in all persons and all situations. Entrepreneurial, resourceful, humble, goal-oriented, confident, fearless, intelligent, innovative, kind

In the future : In the future, she will become Journalist, Hst and Event Coordinator.

Name : *Deveta Dowling*

Age : 28 years old

Sash : **Jewellery Junction**

Education : Marcus Garvey Technical
High
University of Technology
(Pursuing (Midwifery))



Occupation : Student

Philosophy : “Your gift will make room for you.”

Special Interests : Mentorship, Voice-Overs and Music

Hobbies : Volunteering at my local church, singing, song-writing and journaling.

Personality : She is a vivacious young lady who enjoys interacting and inspiring people. Additionally, she is an ambivert who ensure that those around her are having a good time.

In the future : In the future, she hopes to pursue a career in Journalism



Name : *Aleith Codner*

Age : 30 years old

Sash : *Square One Supermarket*

Education : Bethel Bible College
Church Teachers' College
Brown's Town Skills Training
Centre

Occupation : Teacher/Cosmetologist

Philosophy : "The spoken word is as fundamental
as the action that follows."

Special Interests : Writings poems, painting, sign - language.

Hobbies : Singing, dancing, listening to audio books,
and designing.

Personality : I am jovial, calm, observant and empathetic.

In the future : In the future she hopes to become an
author, entrepreneur and a motivational
speaker.

Name : *Keshaunna Watkis*

Age : 25 year old

Sash : *New Wave Motor Sales*

Education : Moneague College
(Pursing Bachelor Degree in
Primary Education with an
emphasis in Math and
Science)



Occupation : Student

Philosophy : "True leadership is service - when we uplift others, we rise with them.

Special Interests : Track and field, cosmetology, Community impact, volunteerism

Hobbies : Singing, dancing, exploring theatre arts, visiting tourist sites and attractions in St. Ann, writing and reading poems, engaging in culturally relevant content in Jamaican patois

Personality : Enjoys humorous stories, prefers concise and direct responses, supportive and caring towards friends

In the future : In the future, she aspires to become a primary educator.



Name : *Anishka Parish*

Age : 26 years old

Sash : **Double D Promotions**

Education : Bachelor's of Science Degree in
Nursing

Occupation : Registered Nurse

Philosophy : Jeremiah 29 vs 11 - "For I know the plans I think to
wards you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you
and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a fu
ture."

Special Interests : Cultural Retention, Community Service, Woman
Empowerment, Cosmetology, Entertainment

Hobbies : Performing Arts, island Adventures and engaging on
social media

Personality : Helpful, loving and caring for others.

In the future : In the future, I will become Registered Nurse
Midwife.

Name : *Deniele Ingram*

Age : 20 years old

Sash : **Tents N' More**

Education: (Bachelor's Degree in Nursing,
University of the West Indies –
Brown's Town Community
College School of Nursing).



Occupation : Student

Philosophy : “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” — Philippians 4:13

Special Interests : Drawing, learning new languages, traveling, providing excellent patient care

Hobbies : Singing, dancing, reading and surfing the internet

Personality : Hardworking, jovial, honest, faith-driven introverted and kind

In the future : In the future, she hopes to change lives through excellent patient care and reign in the business world by leading a thriving heavy equipment rental empire.



Name : Athalia Bennett

Age : 22 year old

Sash : **New Windsor Pharmacy**

Education : Northern Caribbean
University - (Bachelor's
Degree in Business
Management Marketing Major)

Occupation : Administrative Assistant

Philosophy : "You may write me down in history with you bitter
twisted lies, you may trod me in the very dirt but
still like dust I Rise" Maya Angelou.

Special Interests : Cosmetology, Marketing and Entrepreneurship

Hobbies : Hairstylist and Make-up Artist

Personality : She is kind, humble, resilient, ambitious, and
authentic.

In the future : She aspires to become an Entrepreneur and
Marketer.

Name : Edrika Jarrett

Age : 22 years old

Sash : **Acid Protective Service**

Education : Manchester High School
(2014 – 2019)
Bethlehem Moravian College
(2019 – Present)

Occupation : Student Teacher



Philosophy : “When they push me to the edge I will just pull out my wings and fly ”

Special Interests : She is creative, curious, has a passion for arts and crafts, writing, history, documentaries, performance and volunteerism.

Hobbies : Crochet, sewing, dancing, rug making and Knitting.

Personality : Social, fun loving, expressive and calm.

In the future : In the future, she hopes to become an Entrepreneur.

2025 Festival Queen

Contestants



A DAY OUT AT
YAAMAN ADVENTURE
PARK



2025 Festival Queen

Contestants



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TOP THREE

SECOND RUNNER UP: _____

FIRST RUNNER UP: _____

WINNER: _____

MEET OUR PANEL OF JUDGES

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Mr. Franklyn Simms, JP - Consultant
Document, Weddings & Diaspora
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OTHER JUDGES

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AUDITOR

Miss Georgia Mattieson -Blackwood, JP - Insurance Advisor for Guardian Life
and Civil Registrar

Miss Abigail Mattis - Kwanis Member since 2010

MEET THE FESTIVAL QUEEN TRAINERS

WALK & POISE	-	Ms. Amanda Marsh	-	Educator
		Ms. Peta-Gaye Stewart	-	Educator
SPEECH & DICTION-		Miss Alejandra Williams	-	Educator
CURRENT AFFAIRS	-	Capt. Everton Phillips	-	Tourism and Security Consultant and Trainer
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TALENT	-	Mrs. Tiaunah Coore-Adlam	-	Educator
OPENING ITEM	-	Mrs. Tiaunah Coore-Adlam	-	Educator
GENERAL				
KNOWLEDGE	-	Capt. Everton Phillips	-	Tourism and Security Consultant and Trainer

JUDGING CRITERIA

Pre Judging (40)

Cultural Awareness & Community involvement	(10)
Leadership Qualities & Achievements	(10)
General Knowledge (Heritage & Culture, Current Affairs, Consciousness of the role of women Locally and Universally)	(20)

Performance (20)

Presentation (20)

Creativity	(5)
Content	(5)
Delivery/Presentation	(10)

Walk & Poise	(8)
Eloquence	(6)
Stage Presence	(6)

On Stage Interview (20)

Eloquence & Delivery	(6)
Content	(8)
Interpretation	(6)



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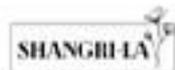
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