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Success is the Name of the Game

"The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty". This quote from the former UK Prime Minister, the late Sir Winston Churchill, exemplifies what the Passport2Success programme is helping young adults to achieve in our community.

Passport2Success began its eighth cohort on Monday, 16 April 2012 at the International College of the Cayman Islands campus.

An initiative of the Ministry of Education, Training and Employment (METE) the Passport2Success programme for cohort 8 will run for 12 weeks. The curriculum will focus on the continued development of young adults, providing them with the skills they need to get employment and also the skills to maintain that employment.

The students, ages 17 to 20, will also engage in internships where they will receive firsthand experience in a professional working environment. Here they will be able to further develop the skills they have learned in the classroom and may even discover which career path is the right one for them. Expressing continued optimism of the results, Mrs. Shannon Seymour of the Wellness Centre stated, "We are hoping to improve upon the success rate that has been established by the former students. Currently, the programme has a 90% completion rate by those who have started. I challenge all of you to be the first group to have everyone graduate at the end of the 12 weeks."

The young adults in the cohort were also addressed by Minister of Education, Hon. Rolston Anglin at the orientation session. He spoke on the issue of why younger members of society continue to find it difficult to enter the workforce.

“This is your time to shine. We are here to help, but this course is about your own self-discovery,” the Minister stated. “If you want change in your life, you must first work on changing yourself. Have a positive attitude, work harder, set your goals and achieve them. If you do this, you will be successful not only in this course but in life. Take advantage of this programme and give it your all. “

Chief Officer Mary Rodrigues also encouraging the students, said, “This programme is built to help each of you, whether you are trying to get a full-time job or further your studies. This programme will give you a foot-up, but you will only get out of it, as much as you put into it.

Mrs. Rodrigues continued, “Many young persons in our society have a sense of entitlement – they feel they must get a job, even though they may not have the right skills or the right attitude. As a result, many of those persons do not get the job they want. Remember this as you go through Passport2Success – only through hard work, developing your skills and having a positive attitude will you get the job you want. Good luck with the programme, I wish you all success.”

For more information on Passport2Success visit www.passport2success.ky

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Photo captions: *Photos by Information Officer Kristi Anderson*

1. Minister Rolston Anglin addressed the new cohort.
2. (R-L) The Wellness Centre’s Director Shannon Seymour; Minister Rolston Anglin, JP; Chief Officer Mary Rodrigues; students; and The Wellness Centre Coordinators and Dr. Tasha Ebanks-Garcia and Mr. Hylton Grace.

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Web blurb: Orientation held for new set of P2S students.

