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### **Determination and Resolve = Success**

Aristotle said, “The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.” Having resolve is an attribute that can help a student overcome the bitter and focus on the sweet.

The Passport2Success Male Cohort has finished the programme, and each of the young men now has a taste for the sweetness of success.

On Thursday, 5 July 2012, thirteen men graduated from the Passport2Success (P2S) Programme at the Wharf Restaurant. The programme is run by the Ministry of Education, Training and Employment in collaboration with The Wellness Centre.

The new male only curriculum was the second generation of the P2S course. It expands the original model and is designed to focus solely on Caymanian males and their needs.

The new P2S curriculum provided an emphasis on acquisition of tangible skills that men can use to secure employment.

The male cohort began their journey on Monday, 13 February 2012, and had a 76% graduation rate.

The Premier, the Hon. McKeever Bush addressed the young men, “I am here to inform each of the young gentlemen, that you all now have a new skill set. You are now able to move obstacles that are in your way.”

Continuing on to encourage the gentlemen, he said, “You have already conquered some of your fears by entering and successfully completing this programme. By doing this you have kept your commitment to change. I want each of you to remember this is not the end for you all – this is just your beginning! Congratulations.”

Minister of Education Training and Employment, the Hon. Rolston Anglin showed his pride in the young men who were graduating as well, saying: “We are very proud of each of

you gentlemen in here. I want each of you to take everything this programme has offered you and continue to have a positive attitude.”

“If you show the skills that you have earned through this programme,” the Minister continued, “you will be successful in your endeavours!”

Minister Anglin also thanked the many private sector businesses that support the programme through offering internships and encouraged their representatives to reach out to their counterparts and encourage more companies to get involved and support this programme.

Mrs. Shannon Seymour of the Wellness Centre stated, “Everyone in this room should give themselves a pat on the back as you are an important part of the success of this programme.”

Expressing her gratitude to and pride in the young men who completed the programme, Mrs. Seymour said, “I am proud of each of you and all of your accomplishments that you have achieved over the past 20 weeks.”

The ceremony also included testimonials from some of the graduates. One of the graduates, Mr. Dennis Jordan Ebanks expressed his thanks and shared his experience saying, “I would like to thank the Premier and Minister for attending and creating Passport2Success. I have a five year old daughter and after completing the workshop on parenting, I realised I wanted to be a better father and stopped going to certain places. I also became involved in the extended afterschool programme at West Bay Primary School with the help of Mr. Michael Myles from the Ministry of Education, and am proud to help other children and be a positive role model for them.”

For more information about Passport2Success as well as application forms and dates for the start of the next programme, visit [www.passport2success.ky](http://www.passport2success.ky).

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**Photo captions** *Photo by Information Officer Kristi Anderson*

*(L-R)* Mrs Shannon Seymour of the Wellness Centre, Mr. Michael Myles, programme coordinator of 'At Risk' youth in the Ministry of Education; Mr. Hylton Grace, counsellor at the Wellness Centre; Mr. Mathew Hylton, social worker at the Department of Family Services; the Male Cohort P2S Group; the Hon. Rolston Anglin, JP, Minister for Education, Training, and Employment; Mr. Kenrick Webster of Webster's Tours; Mrs. Tasha Ebanks-Garcia, President of ICCL; and Premier, the Hon. McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP.

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