

ABCAS TEACHER TRAINEES AFFIRM COMMITMENT AT ANNUAL PLEDGE SIGNING



ABCAS teacher trainees and officials pictured during the Annual Pledge Signing Ceremony.

St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda (September 18, 2026) — Teacher trainees at the Antigua and Barbuda College of Advanced Studies (ABCAS) gathered at the Eustace Hill Campus for the Annual Pledge Signing Ceremony, hosted by the Department of Research, Education and Professional Development.

Held under the theme *"Inclusive by Purpose, Exceptional by Practice, Leaders by Choice,"* the ceremony highlighted the commitment of future educators to the teaching profession and the responsibility they will assume in shaping future generations.

The ceremony brought together teacher trainees, faculty, education officials and members of the ABCAS leadership, including Hon. Daryll Matthew, Minister of Education and Science & Technology; Dr. Vernon Solomon, Chairman of the ABCAS Board of Trustees; Dr. E. Jonah Greene, President of ABCAS; and Dr. Na-Ajele Williams-Buffonge, Vice President of ABCAS.



Mrs. Terry-Ann Marsh-Gayle, Head of the Department of Research, Education and Professional Development, welcomed attendees to the annual ceremony. Minister Matthew also delivered remarks, while Mr. Phillip Lloyd delivered the feature address.

Minister Matthew underscored the important role teachers play in the development of Antigua and Barbuda.

"We have recognized that if our country is to achieve the aspirations that we have, if we are to get to the levels of development that we want here in Antigua and Barbuda, we must do as much as we can for teachers. There can be no national development without teachers," Minister Matthew said.

A central moment of the ceremony saw the second-year teacher trainees recite the Teachers' Pledge, committing themselves to diligent preparation, effective instruction, civic responsibility and helping their students realise their potential.

The ceremony also recognised outstanding academic achievement, with nine second-year trainees receiving high honours for GPAs ranging from 3.6 to 4.1.

Through the annual ceremony, ABCAS continues to emphasise professionalism, service and educational leadership as its teacher trainees prepare to serve classrooms and communities across Antigua and Barbuda.

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