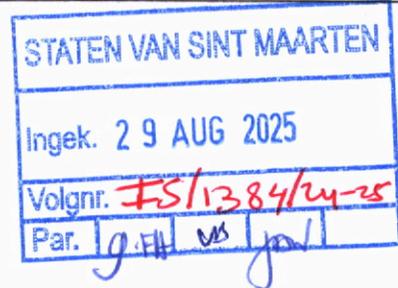


MINISTER OF EDUCATION, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT
Minister van Onderwijs, Cultuur, Jeugd en Sport

To: The Honourable Chairlady of Parliament
Mrs. Sarah Wescott-Williams
Parliament building
Wilhelmina Straat #1
Great Bay
Sint Maarten



DIV#: 24-13916/17

Philipsburg, MAY 28 2025

Subject: Presentation of proposed Monument Council 2025-2029 members for vetting.

Dear Honourable Chairlady of Parliament,

Please find enclosed the application letters and CVs of the following candidates proposed for appointment to the Monument Council for the period 2025–2029, pending final approval.

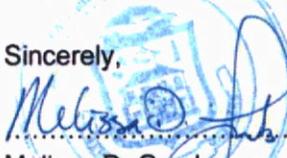
The proposed candidates are:

1. Mrs. Cadula Jones – Proposed as Chairperson of the Council
2. Ms. Sharilyn Bryson
3. Mrs. Alnisha Davis
4. Mr. Jean Oneli Blaise
5. Ms. Samira George
6. Mr. David Richardson

A seventh member is expected to be appointed at a later date.

We trust this information is sufficient. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport should further clarification be required.

Sincerely,



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Melissa D. Gumbs
Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport

Minister of ECYS

Attn: Honorable Minister of Education Youth and Sports, Lindon Lewis

Cc: Ms. Clara Reyes, Department head of Culture.

Government administration Building

Soualiga Boulevard #1, Philipsburg

Sint Maarten

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Daphne.thomas@sintmaartengov.org

Topic: Monument council member vacancy

Date: May 12, 2024

Dear Ms. Reyes,

Via this letter I am applying for the function of monument council member in Sint. Maarten. As a heritage professional & enthusiast it's my purpose to promote and protect the heritage and culture of the Sint Maarten and the rest of the Dutch Caribbean. I am of the opinion that because of my skills and experience, I can have a great added value to the country of St. Maarten by being a member of the Monument Council of the country Sint Maarten. I define success by helping people and organizations achieve their goals and reach their destination. As a consultant among other things, I assist families updating registry of their succession land. I operate as a liaison between notaries, cadastral registry, local law firms, engineers and the local Ministry of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure. I am of the opinion that my current network is of great value to solve the challenges that the tangible and intangible monuments of Sint Maarten are facing in 2024.

The volunteer work I do is with EPIC in Sint Maarten, where I coordinated the clearing and mapping 10 hiking sites in Sint Maarten, placed informational signs at trailheads and provide free guided hikes along the trails. My knowledge about the hiking trails comes from storytelling and oral history of my grandmother, Doris Romney, who told me where back in the end of 1800's and early 1900 her mother used to walk in the hills of St. Maarten. As a result, the trails give local hikers and tourists the opportunity to enjoy the biodiversity and natural beauty of Sint Maarten. I also regularly participate in SXM DOET projects.

Before moving back home to Sint Maarten in 2010, I was an audit manager at one of the largest banks in Europe. That working experience is of added value when: 1. writing advices, findings & recommendations for the Honorable Minister and 2. preparing annual reports and budgets for the Monument Council. I am a descendant of the Romney/Rombley's of the Hope Estate on the Dutch side of St. Martin and a descendant of the Illidge and Flanders on the French side of St. Martin.

I am a team player and have great verbal and written communication skills, in English, Dutch, Spanish and Papiamentu. Looking forward to getting the opportunity to have a job interview in which we can talk about what I can mean for my country Sint Maarten in the function of Monument Council member.

Kind regards,

Drs Cadula Jones RO

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CADULA JONES

EDUCATION

ERASMUS UNIVERSITY ROTTERDAM - 1999

Master's Degree in Business Administration

ERASMUS UNIVERSITY ROTTERDAM - 2008

Executive Master's Degree in Internal & Operational Auditing.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Heritage & Real Estate manager

Doris Romney Estate, Sint Maarten
2010-Present

Advisory Board Member on the Slavery Memorial Year Scheme of the Cultural Participation Fund

OCW- Fonds Voor Cultuur Participatie, The Netherlands/Sint Maarten
2023- present

Crisis manager /Business Consultant

1er Etage, Saint Martin
2018-present

Project coordinator SXM Dutch side hiking trail infrastructure

EPIC (Environmental Protection of the Caribbean), Sint Maarten
2018-2019

Department Head Internal Audit

The Windward Islands Bank, Sint Maarten
2011-2017

Audit Manager

ABN AMRO BANK, Amsterdam, Brussel, Curacao, Dublin, Galloway, Grand Cayman, Hong Kong, Isle of Man, London, Luxembourg, New York, Singapore and Tortola.
2005-2010

Crisis manager/project manager

Interom Operational Management, The Netherlands
2000-2005

Small medium enterprise business advisor

ING Bank Nederland, The Netherlands
1997-2000

SKILLS

(Forensic) Research
Compiling management information reports
Communication: public speaking and excellent writing skills in Dutch, English, Spanish and Papiamentu
Project management & Real Estate Development
Knowledge of the heritage & culture of the Afro-Caribbean diaspora
Thrives under pressure

PROFILE

I am an auditor, life coach, motivational speaker, currently working in the triangle of St. Martin/St. Maarten, Anguilla and St. Barth's. As a heritage professional & enthusiast it's my purpose to promote and protect the heritage and culture of the Dutch Caribbean. I define success by helping people and organizations achieve their goals and reach their destination. As a business consultant among other things, I assist families on the Dutch Caribbean islands updating registry of succession land. I operate as a liaison between notaries, cadastral registry, local law firms, engineers and the local Ministries of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure

Before moving back home to Sint Maarten in 2010, I was an audit manager at one of the largest banks in Europe. I am descendant of the Romney/Rombley's of the Hope Estate on the Dutch side of St. Martin and a descendant of the Illidge and Flanders on the French side of St. Martin

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HOBBIES

Hiking
Storytelling
Caribbean Carnaval & Cultural events

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Lower Prince's Quarter
Philipsburg
Sint Maarten

Thursday, May 9th, 2024

Subject: Application, Membership of the Monument Council, S. Bryson

Dear Honorable Minister L. Lewis,

I am writing to express my keen interest in becoming a member of the Sint Maarten Monument Council. As a native Sint Maartener with a deep-rooted passion for our island's culture, history, and social development, I am eager to contribute my skills and experiences to the preservation and promotion of our nation's heritage.

With a background in Management, Policy Analysis, and Entrepreneurship, along with my current role as a Policy Advisor at the Department of Social Development, I have developed a strong foundation in strategic planning, stakeholder engagement, and budget management. These skills, coupled with my lifelong affinity for Sint Maarten's culture and social needs, make me well-equipped to fulfill the responsibilities of a council member effectively.

Having been actively involved in various cultural and social initiatives throughout my life, including participation in dance groups, service clubs, and community organizations, I understand the importance of preserving our heritage for future generations. It deeply troubles me to witness the disregard towards our nation's monuments, as evidenced by recent events such as the dismantling of slave homes, walls, and a historic bridge. Instead of merely lamenting the current state of affairs, I am motivated to take proactive steps toward safeguarding our heritage. I believe that serving on the Monument Council presents an opportunity to not only provide valuable advice and recommendations to the Minister but also to actively contribute to the formulation and implementation of policies that promote monument care and preservation.

Collaborating closely with the Department of Culture, I am committed to working diligently to ensure that our nation's monuments are protected, highlighted, and used as educational tools to enrich the understanding of Sint Maarten's history and identity. Additionally, I am prepared to assist in preparing the annual budget for the Council, ensuring that resources are allocated efficiently to support our preservation efforts.

I am aware of the importance of this role and the trust that comes with it. If given the opportunity to serve on the Sint Maarten Monument Council, I pledge to dedicate myself wholeheartedly to the task at hand, drawing on my expertise, passion, and commitment to our island's cultural heritage.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the possibility of contributing to the important work of the Monument Council and helping to shape a brighter future for Sint Maarten's cultural legacy.

Yours sincerely,

SHARILYN BRYSON

MSc.

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PROFICIENT SKILLS

- Mac OS and MS Windows
- MS Office Applications
- Google Docs
- Canva
- Atlas.ti and ExpressScribe Pro
- EndNote X8/X9, and Mendeley
- Systematic Searches in Research Databases

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Problem-Solving
- Relationship Building
- Strategic and Analytic Thinking
- Detail-oriented and Organization
- Program Development
- Project Management
- Qualitative/Quantitative Research and Analysis
- Excellent Interpersonal and Communication Skills
(Written and Spoken)

LANGUAGES

- English (native)
- Dutch (proficient)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

A passionate and innovative professional with years of experience in devising solutions for public and private sector challenges, project management, and organizational and workforce development.

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JOB POSITION

Policy Officer

Department of Social Development
Ministry of Public Health, Social Development, and Labor (VSA)
Government of Sint Maarten

EDUCATION

MSc. Management Policy Analysis and Entrepreneurship
in Health and Life Sciences (2019)
Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

BSc. Biology and Medical Laboratory Research (2015)
Hogeschool InHolland, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

RECENT COURSES

- Certified Change Management Practitioner - **ProSci** (Nov 2023)
- Project Management - Summer Course by **Compassium** (Aug 2023)
- Training Programme on External Policy for Government Officers by **Clingendael Institute** (May 2023)
- Good Governance Program Sint Maarten, Responsibility & Accountability by **NR Governance and VanEps** (Jan 2023)
- **Meta** Social Media Marketing Professional Certificate (Dec 2022)

RECENT CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

4 Country Consultation Workgroup (4 Landen Overleg)
Country Representative
Social Development and Labor
Ministry of Public Health, Social Development, Labor (VSA)
Sint Maarten

ESF7 Evacuation Coordinator, 2023 - Present
Emergency Support Function (ESF7)

Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport
Lyndon C.J. Lewis
The Government Administration Building, Souliga Boulevard #1
Philipsburg, Sint Maarten

Per email: clara.reyes@sintmaartengov.org Daphne.thomas@sintmaartengov.org

Alnisha M.D. La Cruz-Davis
Rose Cactus Drive #36
Lower Princes Quarter Sint Maarten

Subject: application to become a member of the Monument Council

Philipsburg, May 17th 2024

Dear honorable Minister of ECYS Mr. Lyndon C.J. Lewis,

By means of this letter I would like to express my interest in the function as a member of the Monument Council.

Throughout my years working in compliance and Tax Law, I have accumulated an extensive skill set, analytical skills, accurate, honest, active listener and assisting with audits and fiscal court cases just to mention a few.

Being a part of the Corporate Tax department has taught me much where analytical thinking is concerned. Every decision to the taxpayer needs to be discussed and dealt with carefully and fair.

In 2021 I followed the Corporate Governance training organized by the previous Minister of Finance, Mr. Ardwell Irion; and was finalized with success. During this training I have learned that people are the top priority in Corporate Governance, as this can make or break it. Also to adhere to the principles of good governance and integrity. Working in a team with other professionals with different expertise is a gift and an asset.

Based on my professional experience I truly believe I can be an added value as a member of the Monument Council as a Law and Policy member.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss in person. Thank you for your time and consideration of my candidacy. I look forward to your response with regards to my application.

Warmest regards,

Mrs. Alnisha La Cruz-Davis
Attached: Curriculum Vitae



ALNISHA LA CRUZ- DAVIS

Corporate Tax Assessor

Alnisha is analytical and result-driven Tax Auditor with 5+ years of experience in the Dutch Caribbean taxes and in Tax Compliance. I am pursuing my Master's degree in Tax Law.

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📍 Rose Cactus drive #36,
Philipsburg

Education

● Pre-Master Tax Law

Aug 2021 - Aug 2023
University of Curacao
Sint Maarten location
School of Law

● Bachelor of Applied Science (BASc)

Tax Law & Economics
Sept 2018 - Aug 2018
University of Curacao

Certificates

● Corporate Governance

Themis Institute for Governance & Leadership
Aug 2022 - Aug 2023

Competences

- Accurate
- Honest (Integrity)
- Analytical
- Responsible

Experience

● Corporate Tax Assessor

Government of Sint Maarten Nov 2018 to present

My main daily tasks are as follow,

- Conduct Internal audit on the yearly Profit Tax forms, Turn over Tax, Wage tax and premiums, including financial statement
- Handle Protest letters including hearing Taxpayer
- Ex-patriateruling request
- Assisting the Tax Inspector during investigations
- Calculate yearly refund difference on the Provisional /the Final Profit Tax form

● Insurance Inspector

Social Health Insurance (SZV), Aug 2017- Oct 2018
Sint Maarten

As an insurance inspector my main responsibility is to ensure that companies operating on the island of St. Maarten are in compliance with the rules and regulations stipulated in the National Ordinances for Sickness and Accident Insurance of SZV.

● Compliance Officer

Stichting Belastingaccountants Jul 2015 - Jul 2017
kantoor (SBAB)

Tax Compliance for Tax Administration Curacao and the Social premiums for SZV Sint Maarten.
Promoting and enhancing compliance with taxpayers

Language

Dutch English Spanish Papiamentu

JEAN-ONELI BLAISE

SR. MANAGER ACADEMIC OPERATIONS | RESEARCHER

Ms. Clara Reyes

Department Head of Culture

29/04/24

TO: HONOURABLE MINISTER OF ECYS DRS. RODOLPHE SAMUEL,

Dear Honourable Minister of ECYS,

I am writing to express my keen interest in serving on the Monument Council. With a strong background in cultural preservation and a proven track record of impactful initiatives, I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to contribute to the Council's mission.

As the creator of "Kushobi Origins," both a book and a proposed animated series, I have dedicated myself to educating and engaging global audiences about the rich cultural heritage of vulnerable and indigenous communities. This work is featured in educational and cultural institutions such as the University of St. Maarten, the Philipsburg Jubilee Library, and the St. Maarten National Heritage Museum. My commitment to cultural education is further demonstrated through the organization of creative writing workshops for high school students and the successful implementation of team-building seminars.

"Kushobi Origins" has been recognized by the Bridget Jones Caribbean Arts Award from the Society for Caribbean Studies (UK) and received the CATUPUL Grant, reflecting its impact in addressing critical themes such as human rights and climate justice. My participation in prestigious platforms like the European Parliament, advocating for St. Maarten's cultural funding, highlights my capacity to represent and promote our cultural values on an international stage.

Locally, I have engaged with institutions like St. Dominic High School to promote cultural pride and awareness among youth. My commitment extends to environmental conservation, where as a certified diver, I actively participate in cleaning efforts to preserve our coastal heritage.

My achievements in various fields, including winning medals in regional Judo/BJJ competitions and representing the Netherlands at the 2018 Breda Hackathon, underscore my dedication and ability to excel on behalf of my community.

I am driven by the values of integrity, good governance, and a profound connection to St. Maarten's cultural and natural heritage. I am confident that my diverse experiences and dedication to civic engagement make me a fitting candidate for the Monument Council.

I would be grateful for the opportunity to further discuss how I can contribute to the Council's objectives. Please let me know a convenient time to arrange a meeting.

Thank you for considering my application. I am eager to potentially contribute to the vital

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RESEARCHER

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REFERENCES

Dr. Marco Bevolo

Adj. Professor Of Breda University of Applied Sciences

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Former Minister of Education

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Mr. Pablo Lopez-Herrerias

Coordinator at OCTA - Association of the Overseas Countries and Territories

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Ms. Jose Verschueren Sommers

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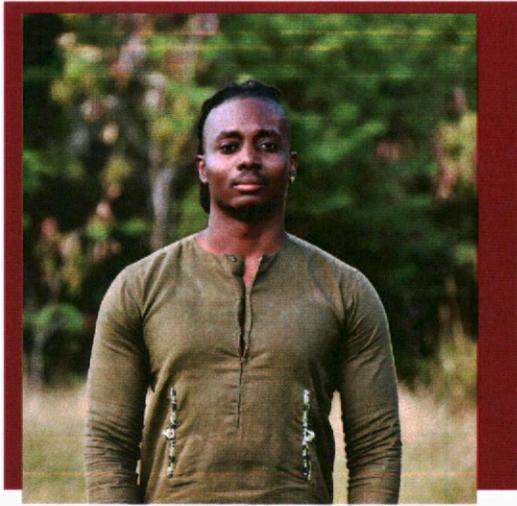
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MY PROFILE

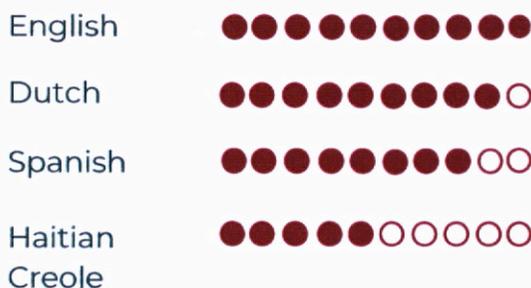
award-winning author, I hold a Bachelor of Arts in International Leisure & Tourism Management, with a Minor in Imagineering & Creative Entrepreneurship, and a final thesis on the role of educators and teachers as ambassadors and change agents for environmental sustainability. Moreover, I have successfully obtained my double degree in MBA, Executive Coaching, and Euro-linguistic Programming & Team Management.

Long of my formative years in the Caribbean Islands, in The Netherlands, in Poland, in the UK, and by means of an online track, the US and Spain. I describe myself as a cause-driven, mission-oriented, and aspiring leader to bring different cultures together, to create a better world for all of us, by design.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS



LANGUAGES



CONTACT INFO

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EDUCATION BACKGROUND

Corporate Governance and Supervisory Board Member Traineeship Ministry of Finance St. Maarten & Themis Institute for Governance & Leadership

August 2022 - May 2023

The Ministry of Finance selected Nelly from 65 applicants. Nelly was accepted into the Corporate governance Traineeship, which entails a set of policies, processes, and customs by which an institution has directed a topic of increasing importance in strategic management and integrity. In addition, how a company is governed influences rights and relationships among organizational stakeholders and, ultimately, how an organization is managed. This course teaches the fundamentals of corporate governance from various angles, including the board of directors, senior management investors, the media proxy advisors, regulators, and other stakeholders, and focuses on assessing the effectiveness and execution of governance roles and responsibilities on the island of St. Maarten and internationally.

European Business School of Barcelona (Honours)

2020 - 2021

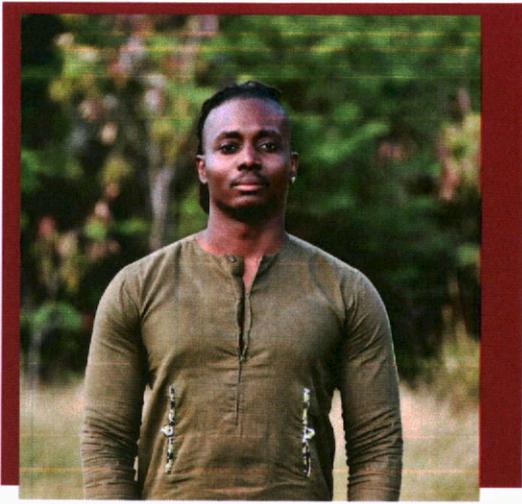
MBA & Master in Management and Team Management is intended for all those professionals who aspire to manage and lead a group of people and get the most out of their work activities. Also in depth insights into team building, underlying roles, stages of development, leadership, motivation, communication, delegation and conducting meetings through coaching and NLP techniques.

Breda University of Applied Sciences

#1 University in the Netherlands (2020, 2021)

2013 - 2018

BA in International Leisure & Tourism Management. The multidisciplinary academic study programme offers courses on the importance of sports, culture, tourism, innovation, sustainability, and well-being. It also teaches how strategic policy and ingenuity regulate the leisure/tourism sector.



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WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Academic Operations Manager- American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine (St. Maarten)

2022 - Present

- Provide overall leadership and management to the administrative teams
- Coordinate the scheduling of curricular activities, including modules and courses, simulation, and testing activities
- Update all the relevant Standard Operating Procedures and policies as necessary
- Manage performance expectations, including disciplinary measures, in coordination with HR and other stakeholders
- Liaise with the accounting and HR team on event planning budget availability, prepare the event team budget, and assist in budget implementation; participate in the forecast of funds needed for various activities
- Coordinate with the Associate Dean, Curriculum, Academic Affairs, and semester leads/chairs to establish priorities and identify and resolve academic problems.
- Provide coaching and mentoring to direct reports regarding performance through regular meetings, performance reviews and annual evaluations
- Develop, facilitate and implement training programs in support of the Campus for direct reports on areas such as purchase order process, scheduling, academic applications, managing outside resources (on-call SP and proctors) and exam protocols

Project Manager- Voice of the Youth St. Maarten Foundation (St. Maarten)

2020 - 2023

- Directing the team to achieve a common goal
- Managing the deployment of financial and social deliverables
- Securing proper use of project budget
- Monitoring progress and tracking roadblocks
- Establishing a shared vision & coordinating with clients/stakeholders

HR Advisor- Dutch Royal Shell (Krakow, Poland)

2019 - 2020

- Execute complex Local HR Processes for our employees based in Benelux countries in line with existing policies and procedures and according to established Key Performance Indicators and Service Level Agreements
- Respond to a range of different queries and manage cases
- Liaise with HR Business Partners, HR in the Country, Employees, and Line Managers as well as multiple other local and global stakeholders. I also acted as country or process Focal Point where necessary

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Health Advisor- Pepp Fit (Breda, Netherlands)

2017 - 2018

- Managed customer queries and created personal work-out regiments
- Proactively engaged with customers and communicated nutritional advice
- Delivered high-level training such as strength, conditioning, and balance workouts
- Increased company awareness within the sports industry in the Netherlands by creating a Lifestyle commercial, broadcasted online and at major sporting events throughout Europe

LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

Psychological First Aid

Inspired Psychology Practice & Consultancy

Youth Peace & Security

UNESCO

Developing Your Emotional Intelligence

LinkedIn

Open Water Diver

PADI

Hospitality & Tourism Management

Florida Atlantic University

Developing Credibility as a Leader

LinkedIn

HR as a Business Partner

LinkedIn

Project Management: Government Projects

LinkedIn

Content Marketing: Social Media

LinkedIn

Developing Cross-Cultural Intelligence

LinkedIn

Human Resources: Creating an Employee Handbook

LinkedIn

Smart Cities: Solving Urban Problems Using Technology

LinkedIn

A Toolkit for Giving and Receiving Better Feedback

LinkedIn

Global Diplomacy: the United Nations in the World

Coursera Course Certificates- London School of African & Oriental Studies

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HONORS & AWARDS

Catapult Grant in honor of Kushobi Origins March 2022
Issued by Catapult

CATAPULT aims to increase the capacity of Caribbean-based artists to navigate the digital space and learn new ways of connecting with diverse global audiences. It also promotes the visibility of cultural practitioners by expanding online content from the region, enabling artists to engage with wider audiences, while contributing to the potential of earning beyond their borders.

Bridget Jones Caribbean Arts Award in honor of Kushobi Origins February 2022

Issued by Society for Caribbean Studies (UK)

Established in 2000, the Bridget Jones Award is awarded annually to an early-career or established Caribbean arts practitioner

Winner Breda Hackaton & Participant in Dubai March 2018
Issued by Breda University of Applied Sciences & Government of Dubai RTA

Youth For Public Transport (Y4PT) Foundation, with the support of the International Association of Public Transport (UITP); the Roads and Transport Authority of the Emirate of Dubai (RTA Dubai); Careem, and other stakeholders, and following the long-standing tradition of Y4PT Youth Lab series, is promoting the organization of local transport hackathons around the world during the 2017-2018 season, by combining the best of boundless human creativity and the benefits of current information and communications technologies (ICTs) in collaborative environments, with the aim of advancing transport sector towards sustainability.

Judo Bronze Medal St. Maarten National Judo team October 2004
Issued by Rincon Judo Club

I competed in Bonaire and place 3rd in the Regional competition at the early age of 13.

PUBLICATIONS

Towards mobilizing educators as environmental ambassadors: a design research approach to inspire teachers to advocate sustainable futures.

March 18, 2022

This paper aims to articulate how educators are ideal candidates to become "brand ambassadors", triggering dormant qualities to influence behavioral change. The study aims at advocating a call for environmental futures by mobilizing pedagogues for change-making. The research purpose was to deduce insights of real-life experiences when dealing with social influencers.

Kushobi Origins

July 5, 2020

Kushobi is a story based on the science of African and Indigenous disciplines, supplemented with the tales of Egyptian mythology and influenced by the history of the Benin Kingdom. Composites of Japanese-style anime contributed to the storytelling. The story has many concepts that are privy to voodoo and cosmic energy. It starts with Oxie, the voodoo priest from Benin, and his path to becoming the chief political advisor in Egypt and the upholder of peace.

VOLUNTEERING

OCTA Youth Representative St. Maarten October 2021
OCTA - Association of the Overseas Countries and Territories (Diplomacy)

I was selected by The Cabinet of the Minister Plenipotentiary of St. Maarten to advocate at the European Parliament in Brussels. I proposed to the EU a geocentric policy that encourages a variety of strategies and communication methods that underpin the development of youth capacities and potential in OCTs.

Board Secretary December 2021
St. Maarten Community Collective South Reward (Civil Rights and Social Action)

I am the youngest Board Member to serve my South Reward community, where I am actively involved in community development and empowering the people of South Reward through meaningful activities and thought-provoking actions. This Board role is critical for the smooth operations of the South Reward Collective Community. Most commonly, I ensure that board members are given appropriate notice of meetings and proactively record these meetings. However, the duties extend beyond the organization; I play a pivotal role in chair meetings whenever the president is unavailable. I also have the authority to hold members accountable for their roles and equally practice integrity, diplomacy, and advocacy for service above self.

Head Coach June 2018
Breda University of Applied Sciences (Sports & Education)

Coached the Breda & Avans University men's Basketball team in Breda. Providing exceptional personal training. Additionally, motivating the valued players during training and competitions. Furthermore, I provided the athletes with the possibility to have one on one coaching to develop their individual skills such as shooting, passing, and defensive drills. Lastly, I provided the athletes with the opportunity to talk with me after training about their mental state due to their strict schedules as student-athletes. I provided advice to the best of my knowledge and supported their inputs.

Samira Selina George
Gardenia Dr. #3B, Betty's Estate
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5231425

12th May, 2024

Re: Application for Monument Council Position

Dear Honorable Minister of Education, Culture, Youth & Sport,

I am writing to express my keen interest in contributing to the preservation and promotion of our cultural heritage by becoming a member of the Monument Council under the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth & Sport (ECYS). With a solid foundation in Management, complemented by years of experience as an Executive Secretary in the Government apparatus and NV GEBE, coupled with my unwavering enthusiasm for learning, I am eager to leverage my skills and dedication toward the noble cause of safeguarding our nation's monuments.

My academy journey has equipped me with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Edinburgh Napier University, alongside various certificates, diplomas and degrees in Management. Over the past seven years, I have meticulously supported Managing Directors, gaining invaluable insights into Management activities and processes. This experience has enhanced my ability to manage business relations effectively, serve as a pivotal point of contact between Management, Personnel and Clients and allowed me to execute tasks with precision and efficiency.

While my professional experience lies in Management, I am driven by a profound desire to broaden my horizons and delve into the realm of Culture and Heritage Management. Despite lacking prior expertise in this field, I am committed to acquiring new knowledge and skills. My strong determination to learn, coupled with my proven track record of meeting targets and fostering collaborative environments, positions me as a dedicated learner and a valuable asset to any team.

Furthermore, my proficiency in Time Management, Communication, Problem Resolution and Confidentiality, combined with my meticulous attention to detail, render me well-equipped to contribute meaningfully to the Monument Council's endeavors. Additionally, as a 39-year-old Dutch Citizen residing on St. Maarten, my possession of a valid B driver's license underscores my readiness to actively participate in on-site visits and engagements.

I am fully cognizant of the significance of preserving our tangible Cultural Heritage, Urban Planning, Architecture, Civil Engineering, Law and Policy and Archeology. I am eager to undergo training and immerse myself in the intricacies of these domains, under the guidance of esteemed professionals within the Monument Council.

In conclusion, I am excited about the prospect of becoming a member of the Monument Council and contributing towards the preservation and celebration of our Country's cultural heritage. My unwavering commitment to excellence, coupled with my eagerness to learn and grow, aligns seamlessly with the values and objectives of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth & Sport. I look forward to the opportunity to further discuss how my skills and enthusiasm can contribute to the Council's mission.

Thank you for considering my application. I am eager to contribute to the Monument Council's endeavors and play a meaningful role in shaping Country St. Maarten's cultural landscape.

Samira S. George, BA

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Education

- October 2023 – present: **Themis Institute for Governance & Leadership**
Corporate Governance Trainee Program
1. *7 Pillars of Corporate Governance*
 2. *Roles and Responsibilities of SB Members*
 3. *Relationship with the Shareholder*
 4. *Articles of Incorporation and bylaws*
 5. *Avoiding Liabilities*
 6. *Integrity and Dealing with Conflicts of Interest*
 7. *Effective Meetings*
 8. *Independence of Board Members*
 9. *National Ordinance and Code*
 10. *Public Domain vs. Private Domain*
 11. *Common Challenges for a Board Member*
 12. *Reputation and Risk Management*
 13. *Stakeholder Management*
- January 2023 – present: **Edinburgh Napier University, United Kingdom**
MBA (online)
- September 2021 – October 2022: **Edinburgh Napier University, United Kingdom**
Bachelors in Business Management (online)
The BABM (General) consists of the following:
1. *Organizational Change Management*
 2. *Strategic Management in a Global Context*
 3. *International Business*
 4. *Operations Management*
 5. *International Marketing*
 6. *Leadership in Organizations*
- February 2020 – January 2021: **Linkels & Partners, St. Maarten**
Middle Management Diploma
Diploma consists of the following:
1. *Communication & Organization*
 2. *Human Resources & Finance*
- November 2019 – February 2020: **Linkels & Partners, St. Maarten**

*Management Track-Professional Manager Diploma
Diploma consists of the following:*

- 1. Managing your direct reports*
- 2. Ongoing Performance Development*
- 3. Motivating your Employees*
- 4. Communicating as a Manager*
- 5. Learning to Manage*

August 2014 – June 2015:

University of St. Martin, St. Maarten
Associates of Applied Science in Bus. Info. Mgmt.
GPA- 3.69 with honors (Magna Cum Laude)

August 2012 – June 2014:

University of St. Martin, St. Maarten
Associates of Arts in Business Management

April 2009:

Penn Foster Career School, U.S.A.
Administrative Assistant Diploma

February 2006 - November 2007:

CIFSEF, St. Maarten
Programs: Leadership, Supervisory Mgmt. Diploma

April 2001 - August 2004:

Thomson Education Direct, U.S.A.
High School Diploma

January 2002 - June 2003:

WAVE, St. Maarten
High School/Administrative Certificate

August 1996 - January 2000:

St. Maarten Academy, St. Maarten

Certificates in:

*Legendary Customer Service, Good Governance,
Taking Minutes, Policy Science Basic, Information
Mgmt., Executive Assistant, Administrative
Assistant, Front Desk Agent, Business Writing, Tax
& Payroll, Receptionist/Front Office Clerk, Staff
Mgmt. & Motivation, Professional Secretary
Course Level I & III, Business Plan, Financial
Mgmt., Time Mgmt., Business Administration &
Behavioral, Customer Service, Microsoft
Word/Excel.*

Work Experiences

June 1, 2017 – Present:

NV GEBE, St. Maarten
Executive Secretary

- Responsibilities include good customer service (attending to all clientele that visits the office), telephone reception (handling

and screening incoming calls and connecting through or redirecting to other persons), ensuring compliance with Management policy, procedures and guidelines concerning secretarial assistance and Office Management tasks and provides advice on the need, if any for adaptation. Coordinates and supervises the activities of the Executive Secretariat. Ensures correct handling of the in and outflow of internal and external mail, emails, faxes, etc. and processes related routine matters independently. Schedules appointments as appropriate or directed and takes care of the reception of visitors. Contributes to good and pleasant relationships with business relations of the company through the way calls, appointments and visits are handled. Prepares drafts and assists with the editing of letters memoranda and other documents. Takes care of text processing, preparation of presentations, overviews and reports. Advises on the company correspondence style to be maintained, creates and adapts customized templates and sees to consistent application of same. Takes and transcribes dictation, takes minutes of meetings, prepares notes on proceedings and takes care of the distribution. Takes care of organizational arrangements for Management meetings and Management Business and Social Events. Managing the agenda including making appointments, scheduling and preparing meetings, booking travel arrangements, managing confidential management & employee records, managing office organization/ inventory and coordinating the orders of the office or consumables, paper management (filing). Preparing quarterly Managing Board Reports. Preparation and organization of meetings and correspondence with the Supervisory Board of Directors. Correspondence with lawyers and other professional service providers on order of the Managing Director(s).

July 18, 2011 – May 31, 2017:

Government of Country St. Maarten, St. Maarten

Executive Secretary

- Responsibilities include good customer service (attending to all clientele that visit the office), telephone reception (handle incoming calls and connects through or redirects to other persons), answering all correspondences, digitizing of documents, booking in of all documentation (data entry) and tracking progress of settlements, handles the post and monitors the progress of the reply, managing the agenda including making appointments, scheduling and preparing meetings, booking travel arrangements, managing confidential management & employee records and put together various overviews, managing office organization/ inventory and coordinates the orders of the office or consumables, paper management (filing), taking minutes at general meetings, make and check follow up pertaining to submitted financial documents, contribute to the preparation and execution of events, picking up and delivering of various documents and items to the designated location/department and giving instruction to the office cleaner.

November 2006 – March 2011:

Caribbean Accident & Road Service / St. Maarten Roadside Safety Services, St. Maarten

Executive Secretary

- Responsibilities included good customer service, telephone reception, data entry, accounts payable (payroll), bookkeeping, paper management (filing), employee records, office organization/inventory, recording minutes, making invoices, making up Government taxes, dealing with Petty Cash, courier and doing personal errands for the Director.

July 2004 – October 2006:

Belair Beach Hotel, St. Maarten

Front Desk Clerk

- Responsibilities included good customer service

(customer service oriented), check-in/out of guests, filing, data entry, handling of customer complaints and telephone reception.

David A. Richardson

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St. Maarten, Dutch Caribbean

Ministry Education, Culture, Youth and Sports

T.a.v. Culture Department/ Clara Reyes

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Pond Island, Great bay

St. Maarten, Dutch Caribbean

January 24th, 2023

Re: Monument Counsel Nomination

Dear Ms. Reyes,

I am writing to express my interest in filling the position on the Advisory board of The Monument Counsel. Furthermore, I have enclosed my resume for your perusal and consideration.

Noteworthy, I have obtained two certificates from two programs, hosted by the government of Sint Maarten and UNESCO, which focuses on Cultural Heritage preservation and restoration. Recently, I have completed two other certificates regarding Community Risk Mapping and Geographical Information Systems and Data Collection.

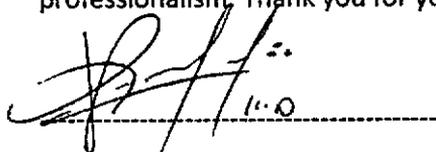
I firmly believe that this vast amount of information will play an imperative role in establishing a successful action plan to mitigate risks and advise the Government of Sint Maarten with accurate information to provide speedy recovery assistance, should there be damage to the monuments, in the event of a disaster.

My professional career as an Archivist within said Government gives me an advantage, as I have access to a useful information of monuments, historical sites and the overall cultural heritage of the island of St. Maarten. I have been a member of The St. Maartens heritage Foundation and Museum for 4 years and counting. My tenure there allowed me to connect with relevant like-minded persons, historians and cultural creatives, which allowed me to grow my network, reaching persons in the Caribbean Region, Europe and United States.

I have always had a passion for history and culture, I will continue to use this passion as fuel to continue to gain knowledge through committees, such as this one, to be able to stay relevant and updated on the new trends, whilst keeping a hold on the traditional St. Maarten culture. I am a strong advocate of

fusion and inclusion and hope to use my acquired knowledge, network and skill to be able to preserve Sint Maarten's Cultural Heritage, including our monuments.

I look forward for the opportunity to be part of the Monument Counsel to display my expertise and professionalism. Thank you for your consideration, I remain, respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D.A. Richardson', is written over a horizontal dashed line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

David A. Richardson.

DAVID ARTHUR RICHARDSON

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EXPERIENCE

2010-2012

BUSINESS OWNER, EDIL DUTY FREE LIQUORS

I was part owner of a family owned business, which dealt with exquisite spirits and tabaco. Location of the Business was Princess Juliana international Airport te Sint Maarten.

2012 – 2015

SHIPPING AGENT/SUPERVISOR, INTERMAR/ICC CARGO

My functional responsibilities were to check-in passports for captain and crew. Oversee the cargo operations: loading and off-loading of cargo and manage of a small group of employees.

2018 – 2019

CARPENTER/PROPERTY MANAGER, IAWA CONSULTANTS

Job functional responsibilities were to fix roofs of homes and buildings as a recovery and repair program initiative formed created by the WORLD BANK. We fixed over 25 roofs. In the districts of Cole Bay, Sucker Garden, South Reward, Simpson Bay, St Peters. We also did Debris cleanups.

2019-Present

Archive Officer, Sint Maarten Government

Daily Function responsibilities is to protect and preserve the Cultural Heritage and History of government archives and manage the life cycle of government documents.

EDUCATION

1991-1997

SISTER MAGDA PRIMARY SCHOOL

DIPLOMA: YES

1997-2001: M.A.V.O., MILTON PETERS COLLEGE

DIPLOMA- YES

2002-2004

HOGESCHOOL ROTTERDAM: BUSINESS MANAGEMENT (HBO)

DIPLOMA: DNC (1YEAR)



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Certif. CARPENTRY/Property Maintenance
- Certif. Life Skills
- Certif. MOW (Memory of The World)
- Certif. Heritage Preservation and Restoration
- Certif. (Financial) Risk Efficiency Auditor
- Certif. Training for Geographical Information Sys
- Certif. Training for Community Risk Mapping
- NIPA Institution.
- NIPA Institution.
- UNESCO training.
- UNESCO training.
- Benjamin and Parker
- St. Maarten Government/SOFRECO
- St. Maarten Government/SOFRECO

FOUNDATIONS

- President _____ St. Maarten Community Collective, South Reward.
- Treasurer/Volunteer _____ St. Maarten Heritage Foundation and Museum.
- Member _____ St. Maarten Community Counsel, Dutch Quarter
- Member _____ Atonement, Slavery and Reparations Advisory Committee.
- Volunteer _____ St. Maarten DOET (initiatives)
- Volunteer _____ St. Maarten Nature foundation. (initiatives)
- Volunteer _____ I CAN foundation.

Languages

- Dutch (Excellent)
- English (Excellent)
- Spanish (basic)

Hobby's

- Reading
- Writing
- Researching
- Exercising
- Networking