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Title:

Celebrating Excellence: Education Month 2026

Tagline:

“Mister Speaker, education is ultimately about people—the teachers who inspire, the students who strive, and the graduates who take what they have learned and use it to build their future and contribute to our Islands.”

Mister Speaker, as we work to raise standards, we must also take time to recognise what our schools are achieving.

October is Education Month. The Ministry will celebrate educators, students and graduates across the Cayman Islands throughout the month.

We begin with a church service in Cayman Brac this Sunday, 4 October. World Teachers' Day follows on Monday, 5 October.

I am a product of the Cayman Islands school system. I still remember the teachers who believed in me before I believed in myself. Every day, teachers across our Islands do the same for their students.

World Teachers' Day is our opportunity to thank them, and I encourage every student to show their appreciation to a teacher that day, whether through a few kind words or a small token.

On Saturday, 10 October, we will hold the Outstanding Teacher Awards Gala. At the Gala, we will hold the inaugural Outstanding Teacher Awards. Thirteen educators will be honoured in Grand Cayman and four at a similar event in Cayman Brac. Each was nominated by their colleagues, which makes this recognition especially meaningful.

Throughout the month, the Ministry will celebrate outstanding government school students through a social media campaign. We will once again publish a newspaper spread highlighting our high school honour graduates.

We will also recognise approximately 50 returning university graduates who completed their degrees this year. I know what it means to complete a degree overseas and come home ready to contribute. These graduates deserve our congratulations.

Mister Speaker, whether by removing distractions from the classroom, expanding and improving our school facilities or celebrating those who make a difference in our schools, our purpose remains the same: to give every child the best opportunity to succeed.

I thank this Honourable House.