



# Novelette A. Ebanks Inspirational Scholarship Brochure

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***Novelette was an extremely adept woman, admired and respected by her peers. Her knowledge, experience and enthusiasm for life were admirable. She was a much loved friend and colleague, and an inspirational leader at KPMG.***



# Her life story....

## **Novelette was small in stature but large at heart.**

Novelette was born on January 4, 1966 in Trelawny, Jamaica. She was small in stature but large at heart. She graduated in 1983 from the Cayman Islands High School. She attended William Carey College and graduated Summa Cum Laude in 1989 and was the recipient of the Presidential award, shortly after she obtained her Certified Public Accountant designation. In 1989 Novelette joined KPMG in the US Tax department as an assistant to the Tax Manager. Soon thereafter, she transferred to the audit department and was promoted to Senior Accountant in 1991. In September of 1991 she was seconded to KPMG's New York office for 18 months where she worked long hours to gain valuable audit experience. Returning to Cayman in March 1994 she was promoted to Manager, then to Senior Manager in 1997. Deservingly she was admitted into the KPMG Partnership on July 1, 1999, as the first Caymanian female and the youngest to enter into the partnership. Novelette joined Rotaract Club and later went on to become a Rotarian, where she was actively involved in community projects. Novelette was passionate about serving the community that



ultimately impacted the quality of people's lives. Novelette was also active in the Squash Club, Junior Achievement, Estella Scott-Roberts Foundation and volunteered as Treasurer in addition to bookkeeping work at many other voluntary organizations. Also during her tenure as Partner at KPMG Novelette took time to mentor and train many young Caymanians even caring about their finances and teaching them the value of money and the difference between wants and needs. She gave her very best in all she did and expected the very best in return. Novelette was a wonderful mother to Giselle and Kiefer and a loving wife to her husband Des. In September of 2010 Novelette retired from KPMG to dedicate her time to her kids and husband spending as much time with them as possible. In 2005 Novelette became ill with lung problems that ultimately claimed her life at the age of 47.



# Testimonies



Novelette was a kind hearted, family focused and energetic individual. Her strong work ethic and demanding expectations were matched by her thoughtfulness, her ability to laugh and her willingness to 'roll up her sleeves' to assist.

Kevin Lloyd,  
Former Managing Partner  
KPMG in the Cayman Islands



***"If a woman is to shed the light of the sun upon others, she must first of all have it within herself." Anonymous***

This exemplified Novelette, my boss, mentor and friend, who I had the good fortune of working closely with for over five years and who left an indelible mark on me. Novelette had an amazing spirit and was very determined and dedicated to academic pursuits and endeavors. She was very supportive of my enrollment in an MBA program and subsequent challenging course work and long hours. Novelette always posed insightful questions that were useful for my personal and career development and I am eternally grateful for her guidance, unique perspective and help in shaping me to who I am and who I am yet to be. She let me take the driver's seat, sat in the back, gave me the responsibility and latitude and let me run!

The Junior Achievement Program was near and dear to her and she was instrumental in my volunteering for this initiative since 2005, subsequently also influencing me to join Mentoring Cayman. She was passionate about these and other similar initiatives, all geared towards empowering our young people to own their economic success through inspiration and preparation through educational programs focused on business, economics and free enterprises (thereby become the next generation of business and community leaders).

Hellen Chemeli,  
Partner  
KPMG in the Cayman Islands



# Meet our second scholarship recipient Aryana Grant

"I was awarded the Novelette A. Ebanks Inspirational Scholarship in 2021, and I am currently pursuing my Master's degree at Heriot-Watt University in Actuarial Management.



Aryana was awarded this scholarship based on her dedication to academic success, personal motivation, and connection to giving back to her community. She is currently taking classes online due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.



Before returning to Cayman in 2020, I previously graduated with my Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science from the University of Essex.

During the summer, Aryana worked within the Financial Risk Management team at KPMG in the Cayman Islands gaining further experience based on her career aspirations.

In September 2022, I will graduate with my Master's Degree."



# About the scholarship and the requirements

The Novelette A. Ebanks Inspirational Scholarship is offered to a Caymanian student who displays strong academic achievements, a commitment to serving others (in the community, or at school), robust work ethic and leadership qualities.

The applicant should possess an interest in an undergraduate degree, locally or overseas, with intentions of a career in accounting, finance, actuarial science or accounting information systems in the Cayman Islands.

The recipient will be provided financial assistance of up to US\$50,000 per year for the maximum duration of five years.

## Application requirements:

- Passport Photo Page
- Certificate of Caymanian status and/or acknowledgment for the continuation of the right to be Caymanian
- Most recent high school and/or university transcript
- 5 IGCSE/GCSE/CXC passes with a grade B, 2, or higher and/or GPA of 3.0 or higher, and/or SAT results for math and critical reading scores of 900 minimal or ACT score of 19
- Acceptance/Conditional offer letter into accredited University program
- Total cost of University attendance (standard tuition, student fees, books, room and board)
- CV/Resume
- Essay on, "Why I chose to pursue a higher education in business." (300-400 words)
- Two letters of recommendation (i.e. academic and/or work experience)

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