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Novelette A. Ebanks
Inspirational Scholarship

Financial Services
Scholarship Brochure



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About the Scholarship

The Novelette A. Ebanks Inspirational Scholarship is offered to students who display strong academic achievement, a commitment to serving others (in the community, or at school), strong work ethics and leadership qualities.

Sheenah Hislop

Partner,
KPMG in the Cayman Islands



Her Life story....

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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.

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.

Scholarship Requirements

The Novelette A. Ebanks Inspirational Scholarship is awarded to a Caymanian student who has shown academic excellence and wishes to pursue an undergraduate degree, locally or overseas, with intentions of a career in the following areas:

- Accounting
- Actuarial Science
- Finance
- Information Technology

Application requirements:

- Recent full face photograph
- Birth Certificate and/or Certificate of Caymanian Status
- Final cumulative high school and/or University transcript(s)
- Copy of acceptance letter into accredited University program
- Total cost of University attendance (tuition, room and board fees, insurance, etc.)
- CV/Resume
- Essay on, "Why I chose to pursue a higher education in business."
- Two letters of recommendation (i.e. academic and/or work experience)

To download the scholarship application, please visit our website at kpmg.ky/careers/Novelette A. Ebanks Inspirational Scholarship or scanning the QR code below.



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,
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).

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