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PRESS RELEASES

Detective Constable Tanisha Samuel Awarded Summa Cum Laude at Monroe University

June 20, 2024 - Kingstown: Detective Constable Tanisha Samuel, WPC993 of the Royal St. Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force (RSVGPF), has reached new heights in her academic journey. On June 13, 2024, Tanisha graduated from Monroe College with a Master's degree in Forensic Psychology, achieving a perfect Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 and the academic honor of Summa Cum Laude. This accomplishment is a testament to her hard work, dedication, and intellectual prowess.

Tanisha expressed that the journey has been challenging but she stayed motivated and dedicated to achieving her goals: "This journey has been challenging for me, filled with obstacles I had to overcome. I was inspired by a motivational quote that kept me focused and driven: 'Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts.' This quote by Winston Churchill deeply resonated with me, serving as a constant reminder of the importance of perseverance and resilience. I remained motivated by a promise I made to my father, who passed away eight years ago."

Initially, Tanisha pursued a Bachelor's in Social Work, driven by a desire to help others and make a tangible difference in her community. In 2022, she graduated with first-class honors from the University of the West Indies. However, through her work and academic experiences, she discovered a deep passion for psychology. She expressed that the intricacies of the human mind and behavior fascinated her, leading to a shift in her career focus. This newfound interest was further solidified by her experiences in law enforcement, where understanding psychological principles became essential. This passion ultimately drove her to pursue a Master's in Forensic Psychology, combining her love for psychology with her commitment to justice.

During this academic journey, Tanisha had the opportunity to work with various agencies both locally and internationally, gaining a wealth of experience and broadening her professional horizons. Most recently, she has been serving as a mental health therapist, providing essential services at an outpatient mental health clinic in the US. Additionally, she secured the role of Compliance Officer, ensuring adherence to regulatory standards and practices.

Currently, Tanisha is completing her Optional Practical Training (OPT) in the US, employed as a Family Specialist. In this role, she works closely with the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH), contributing to the well-being of families through her expertise and compassionate care.

Tanisha extends her heartfelt gratitude to the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, close friends and family, and the Royal St. Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force for their unwavering support throughout her academic journey. Their encouragement and assistance have been instrumental in her success, enabling her to achieve her goals and serve her country with greater knowledge.

Her journey serves as a powerful example for aspiring scholars and professionals. It exemplifies the power of determination, the value of hard work, and the importance of community support. As she embarks on the next chapter of her academic and professional journey, she remains a proud representative of her homeland, committed to making a positive impact through her work in psychology and law enforcement.

The Commissioner of Police (Ag) Mr. Enville Williams and the rank and file of the Royal St. Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force extend their heartfelt congratulations to Detective Constable Tanisha Samuel on her outstanding academic achievements. We are proud of her dedication and commitment to excellence, which serves as an inspiration to us all.

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