

Mrs. Laura Pratt-Charlton is known as a multitasker with multiple interests and most importantly, multiple involvements. Laura's record would reveal that she makes time for the things that she deems important in her life....family, church, career, sports, education and sorority. Laura who is a 1980 graduate of St. Augustine's College (The Big Red Machine) and began her post-secondary education at The College of the Bahamas (now University of The Bahamas) and then went on and obtained degrees from two prestigious Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), namely Lincoln University, PA in 1985 (B. Sc. in Biology) and Howard University in 1988 (B. Pharm). This Registered Pharmacist has been active in her professional pursuits and back in 1993, along with husband David Charlton, established her own community-based pharmacy, "The Prescription Parlour Pharmacy", which expanded into a twenty-four-hour operation in 1996. After gaining membership in the Professional Compounding Centers of America (PCCA) she established the first compounding pharmacy in 2004. In 2010 the state-of-the-art facility expanded into a full-service pharmacy and convenience store.

While she does not claim to have an outstanding sports competitive career, she came to the attention of the sporting fraternity back in 2001, when together with her husband, a former decorated collegiate and national athlete now National Coach, co-founded Star Trackers Track and Field Club. Apart from work-related to Star Trackers, she has been actively involved in the Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations (BAAA) and has served as its Treasurer, Special

Projects Officer and now serves as the Deputy CEO. She is also proud to have worked on the local organizing committees for the IAAF World Relays (2014, 2015) and CARIFTA Games (2013, 2023).

One of her great joys relates to the number of student-athletes who are encouraged and assisted to go off on athletic scholarships after their competitive club and high school careers. To date, their efforts have been instrumental in assisting over 60 student-athletes to obtain university scholarships valued at over \$10 million.

Despite these involvements, Laura, daughter, wife and mother of three daughters; Lauren, Devynne and Anthaya, mother-in-law of Ed and the doting nana to twin granddaughters Noelle and Celeste Szczygiel, she finds time for family. The entire gang can be found, either at home or abroad, enjoying their sports passion, especially when second and third daughters are competing on a collegiate or national team.

An active Anglican, Soror Laura is actively involved in her church, Holy Spirit Anglican Church serving on the usher board (formerly serving as president) and sharing as a member of her church's Anglican Church Women (ACW) organization (formerly serving two terms as a council member).

Additionally, she has been keen and assisted the formation of the track team for her church, to compete in the annual Diocesan Sports Council Anglican Church Games. The 2015 edition of the games honoured both Laura and her husband David, as patrons of the event.

Laura has been a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. since 1984 – having served as Vice President, Treasurer, Ivy Leaf Reporter. She is a Life and Silver Member of the Sorority. She was named Local and Regional Graduate Soror of the Year. She has received numerous awards including Caribbean Pharmacist of the year (2004); College of the Bahamas Hall of Fame Inductee (2003); Entrepreneur of the Year (1996); Bahamian Icon Nominee (2014) and the Bahamas Greek Hall of Fame Inductee (2014).

As Philanthropists, Laura and her husband David have been Scholarship donors of the annual Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program since 1997. She is also a proud member of the Bahamas Pharmaceutical Association (served as President, Secretary and Owners Representative), Caribbean Pharmacists Association, National Community Pharmacists Association and The SACAA.