

The Family That CAN...

A Biography of the Butler Legacy

It all began with Louis Alexander (1930 – 1977) and Blanche Veronica (1931 – 2008) who were joined in Holy Matrimony in 1950 and blessed with seven children, Dayrri Raymond, Derek Anthony who died at age six, Emily Marie, Anthony Joseph, Christine Mary, Jerry Christopher and Louis Alexander Jr. The children all attended St. Francis or Xavier's Schools and St. Augustine's College. The Butlers were devout Catholics living in a home where love, sharing, manners, hard work, ambition, humility and success were instilled. The Butler family established permanent roots in Joan's Heights in 1967. From this homestead, Dayrri (Dale) completed his final year at the all-boys campus, top of the hill at SAC and joined the first group of co-ed Form V graduating in 1968. In September 1967, Emily joined the class of FIRSTS – first group of common entrants to grace the brand new lower-level classrooms wearing the new uniform; first co-ed Form I to enter and graduate SAC; and the largest class to graduate SAC in 1972! Anthony (Tony) joined SAC in 1972 and was the last of the children to complete Forms I - V versus Grades 6 - 12. Both Christine in 1974 and Jerry in 1975 followed. Christine graduated in 1980 and Jerry in 1981. Finally, in 1979, Louis (Junior) followed his siblings and graduated in 1985. To his credit, he was the most outstanding senior athlete in Track & Field that year.

Fast Forward.....

Dayrri, CA, started the college ball rolling in 1968! In his four years at St. John's University, MN., he earned a double major and a minor (Acct. & Econ.; Comp. Science), went on to work at Coopers & Lybrand in NYC and Thorne Riddell in Toronto before returning home to become one of the youngest Bahamian Partners, a first for SAC. Later he, along with Partner Mike Taylor, established Butler & Taylor which he still runs today. He also owns and operates ABC Restaurant & Bar and Brother B's along with wife, Marva.

Emily worked in Banking before earning her Bachelor's from College of St. Benedict, MN in 1977 and her Masters from Muskingum College, OH in 2005. Married to Milford "Shaggy" Lockhart (St John's College '68), they have two sons. In 2021, Emily finally retired after serving 43 years as a teacher/administrator in various N.P. Catholic schools.

Anthony, CPA, graduated from St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia in 1981 with a Bachelor in Business Administration. After returning home, Anthony worked as an auditor at Butler & Taylor, an audit supervisor at KPMG, Financial Controller at Imperial Life Assurance, Co., General Manager at The Canada Life Assurance Co., VP of Human Resources at Kerzner International (Atlantis PI). He is a director of Butler Advisory Group providing advisory services to various multi-national corporations and individuals as well as local government ministries and departments.

Christine graduated College of Mount Saint Vincent in 1985 and remained in NYC where she worked as an Advertising Accountant for several years before joining Beth Israel Hospital as an administrator in the Allergy and Immunology Unit followed by the Aids and Cancer Unit for a total of seven years. She also attended Bernard Baruch College and received her Master's in Early Childhood Education in 2001 after the birth of her daughter Kristen. Christine is employed by the NYC Department of Education as an elementary school teacher and is looking forward to retiring in 2024.

Jerry, who was SAC's Most Distinguished Junior Achiever in 1981, went on to earn a BSc in Computer Info Systems and Accounting (Magna Cum Laude) in 1985 from Manhattan College and a **CPA** at age 21 in NYC. He was Class Valedictorian in the MBA program at University of Miami in 1994. Jerry served as accountant at the NIB and in 1994 was appointed Chief Financial Investigator to the Commission of Inquiry. He also served as

Executive Director, Dean and Board Chair of the IDB. He is a Financial Services Expert and the founder and Chairman of the Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum (CREF). He recently entered the Tourism market as the owner of “Glamp and Chill” at the Fish Fry Beach.

Louis Jr., FCGA, CA earned his Bachelor’s in Accounting from Valdosta State College in Georgia. He served as a Financial Controller at a public traded company, Finance Director at an Int’l Trust Co., former Director of the Bah. Chamber of Commerce and the Maritime Authority. He is a Managing Partner at Accounting & Tax Solutions and the CEO of No Red Tape Consultancy Group.

Angela (Nee Bonimy) holds an **MBA, CPA, TEP** (Trust Estate Planner) and currently serves as Managing Director at Credit Suisse Trust (Bahamas) Ltd. Angela became an official member of the Butler clan in 2004 when she and Louis Jr. were joined in Holy Matrimony.

The Butlers hold the distinction of being the only Bahamian family to have Four Chartered Accountants! There are also two ‘in-law’ chartered accountants, Angela and Milford.

Next Gen....

Eleven of the second-generation children attended SAC, but only 5 completed the full six years and graduated. All benefitted from the SAC experience and are successful at what they do.

Dawn Rochelle Butler (1986-1992) is the family’s professional techie having earned a BSc in Electrical Engineering, Magna Cum Laude from Morgan State Univ. She also has an Assoc. In Culinary Arts with Honors and an MBA from FIU with Honors. She is a Certified Information Systems Security Pro with a 25+ year career. As a budding entrepreneur, Dawn hosts her own talk show “Miracle Moments” and has great plans for the future. She lives in Maryland.

Marc Butler (1988-1994) attended St. Francis/Sts. Francis & Joseph and SAC where he was an Honor student. He attained a degree in Mechanical Engineering and has his own business working on automobile and boat engines. He and his wife Christy have one son.

Anthia J. Butler (1997-2003) was her class Salutatorian. She earned her B.MOS degree specializing in Accounting & Finance (Spanish Minor) from Univ. Of Western Ontario, Canada. She also studied in Cuba, started a small family boutique hotel and produced special events for Atlantis. With over 15 years of Hospitality experience, Anthia is the VP of Special Events and Promotions at Baha Mar. She is also the newly elected President of the Pilot Club of Nassau.

Anthony Jamal Butler Jr. (1999-2005) In 2005, Jamaal was crowned the BAISS Champion in both the 200 and 400 meters! He attended University in Texas and is now an entrepreneur with many ‘novel’ business concepts under his belt.

Emile M. Lockhart (2000-2006) was a champion swimmer and runner during his years at SAC. He completed a year at COB before attending college in North Carolina where he was a member of the golf team. Emile is his own boss, an entrepreneur who is not afraid to try new ventures.

We Got Our Start at SAC...

Jamaal Miller – Gr. 7 (Fishing Business); **Ashley Butler**-Grs. 7, 8, 9 (Multi Carifta Gold Medalist in Swimming, currently Front Office Manager at Rosewood Hotel at Baha Mar); **Ashton Butler**- Gr. 7 & 8, member of the 2007 BAISS Gold Medalists Bantam Boys 4X100 relay team, presently a Business Analyst at Cable Bahamas); **Dr. Asia Butler** – Grs. 7, 8, 9 (Track star at SAC, completed her M.D. at UWI in November 2022, presently

serving at PMH); **Jerry C. Butler Jr.** - Grs. 7, 8, 9 (Completed St. Andrews, went to China on a UW Scholarship interrupted by Covid, now studying law at the University of Durham in Northern UK.

