



What's On Tap?

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SAVE WATER THIS SUMMER

When the temperature rises, water usage usually does too. Visit our website for tips on saving water around your home and garden.



Water Authority Welcomes Back Interns



Intern Ruby Pileta out in the field with our GPS Technicians

Water Authority is pleased to welcome twenty-three students for the 2021 Summer Internship Programme. The internship programme enables students to gain hands-on experience working in a professional environment while introducing them to various careers available in the water and wastewater sector.

The interns work across the Authority's various departments, including Finance, Customer Service, Water Resources & Quality Control, IT, Operations, and Engineering.

Two interns taking part in the 2021 programme are currently recipients of the Authority's annual scholarship; they are D'Vonte Joseph and Kaled Giron. Other participants taking part in the 2021 programme are Kayshena Powell, Daniella Johnson, Aiden Windsor, Savio Castro, Diaviaun Thompson, Chad Owens, Aiden Hew, Anja van Genderen, Nya Roberts, Mikael Crooks, Kyan Dilbert, Dylan Bergman, Joey Parsons, Renell Parchment, Ruby Pileta, and George Hydes III, Nathan Brown, Dalbert Johnson, Ashley Hernandez, Terrisha Walker, Dardian Morgan.

To learn more about the Authority's work experience programme requirements, please visit www.waterauthority.ky. The deadline to apply for the programme is **30 April** each year.

Welcome Home! Lisaida Swaby-Oliva

Lisaida Swaby-Oliva joins the Water Authority fulltime as HR Administrator in the HR & Admin Department. Ms Swaby-Oliva, a recipient of the Water Authority's Scholarship, completed her Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and graduated from the University of South Florida in May. She has worked with the Authority during her summer and holiday breaks since receiving the scholarship. We are proud of Lisaida's accomplishments and are happy to have her back working with us fulltime.



Director's Message

Summer is upon us, which means the Water Authority is welcoming interns again—something we are especially pleased to do after having to pause the programme last year due to the

Coronavirus. This year we have a large group working across various departments and units, and we are thrilled with their work ethic and enthusiasm.

We are also delighted to welcome Lisaida Swaby-Oliva. A former Water Authority scholarship recipient and intern, Ms Swaby-Oliva joins the Authority full time after graduating from university this year.

In this issue of What's on Tap, we announce that the Water Authority will host the Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association's Annual Conference. Our planning committee has been hard at work for many months preparing for the virtual event to bring together water and waste industry professionals and leaders in the region.

Lastly, please remember that we are still in the midst of hurricane season, and we must stay vigilant. If you are not fully prepared, we have tips in this issue to help get you ready to face a storm.

— Dr. Frederick-van Genderen

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OUR COMMITMENT to you...

The Water Authority was established in 1983 as a statutory body responsible for supplying pure, wholesome and affordable drinking water to the people of the Cayman Islands.

The Authority is also responsible for the proper treatment of wastewater and for the protection of the fresh groundwater lenses that exist throughout the Cayman Islands.



KNOWLEDGE ZONE

THE CENSUS IS COMING

The 2021 Census is coming! Set to begin 10 October, the Census provides vital statistics enabling countries to take action, update infrastructure, manage resources and plan for the residents future. In the lead up to the count the Authority will share information about the importance of the Census.

To learn more about the Census visit www.eso.ky.



HR Briefs

Welcome:

- **Richard Clarke-Ramirez**
Laboratory Technician I
- **Taj Yen**
Assistant Operator-WW
- **Kemar Holness**
Assistant Operator-WW
- **Shomar Bazil**
Assistant Operator-WW
- **Lisaida Swaby-Oliva**
(former scholarship recipient)
HR Administrator
- **Josh McLaughlin**
Assistant Operator-WW
- **Barrington Morrison**
Assistant Operator-WW
- **Derrol Bodden**
Assistant Operator-B&E
- **Monique Duarte**
Administrative Assistant-HR

Staff Appointments:

- **Corey Christian**
Appointed Development
Control Technologist

WAC to Host the 2021 CWWA Conference



INNOVATION & SMART TECHNOLOGIES BUILDING RESILIENCE IN THE WATER & WASTE INDUSTRIES

CWWA 30th Annual Conference
and Exhibition
CARIBBEAN WATER AND
WASTEWATER ASSOCIATION THE CAYMAN ISLANDS
3-8 OCTOBER 2021

The countdown is on for the Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association's (CWWA) Annual Conference and Exhibition. This 2021 event, set to take place 3-8 October, is organised by the Water Authority-Cayman with support from Cayman Water Company and the Department of Environmental Health of the Cayman Islands. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and travel restrictions, this year's conference will be entirely virtual.

The theme for the conference is "Innovation and Smart

Technologies: Building Resilience in the Water and Waste Industries". It's a theme that holds relevance for the region still dealing with the impacts of the pandemic and natural disasters.

"While we won't be meeting in person, our virtual platform will still offer robust networking and opportunities to share ideas and expand knowledge," explains Dr Gelia Frederick van-Genderen, Director of Water Authority-Cayman and the Local Organising Committee (LOC) Chairperson. "We are also looking

forward to the opportunity to infuse the culture of the Cayman Islands throughout the conference", she adds.

Companies and organisations are invited to partner with the CWWA and the LOC by becoming sponsors and exhibitors for the event. There is a broad scope of sponsorship packages at different price points, making it accessible to all organisations. The virtual conference platform offers several digital options to make meaningful connections to regional decision-makers in the Caribbean water and waste industries. Additionally, registration will open in the coming weeks. To learn more about the CWWA conference visit www.cwwa.net.

Stay Vigilant this Hurricane Season

It is important that all residents remain vigilant and prepare for the possibility of a storm, especially as we approach the peak of the hurricane season. Now is a good time to review your family's hurricane plan and ensure your emergency kit is fully stocked. If you're not properly prepared yet, please get started today!

Throughout the 2021 Hurricane Season, the Authority will be posting important hurricane preparedness tips on our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages. You can also visit our website www.waterauthority.ky for more resources. Don't forget to tune into Radio Cayman for more preparedness

tips. In addition to the Authority's hurricane tips, there are a several resources available to help you get ready for a storm:

- Hazard Management Cayman Islands www.caymanprepared.gov.ky
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration www.nhc.noaa.gov

Remember, being prepared is the key to staying safe in the event of a hurricane.

