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INTERVIEW

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Q. Place of birth?

St Ann, Jamaica

Note: Saint Ann is the largest parish in Jamaica. It is situated on the north coast of the island, in the county of Middlesex, roughly halfway between the eastern and western ends of the island. It is often called "the Garden Parish of Jamaica" on account of its natural floral beauty. Its capital is Saint Ann's Bay. Saint Ann comprises New Seville, the first Spanish Settlement in Jamaica.

Saint Ann is the birthplace of reggae singers Floyd Lloyd,

Burning Spear, Busy Signal, Bryan Art, Romain Virgo, Rashawn DallyChezidek, Shabba Ranks, Justin Hinds, Perfect, and Bob Marley. Marcus Mosiah Garvey, one of the seven recipients of Jamaica's Order of National Hero, was also born there.

- Wikipedia

Q. You chose the Miramichi region (NB) or it choose you?

I chose the Miramichi - came here for school. 😊

Q. Your passion?

Advocating for the wellbeing of others

Q. Pet peeve?

Poor customer service! Also, when some people give up too easily on a hard task ...

Q. Preferred leisure activity?

To travel.

Q. Which of our four seasons do you prefer & why?

Autumn.

It is beautiful. Not too hot not too cold just perfect ☺

Q. Best life advice received?

Love the skin you are in.



Q. Destination yet to discover?

Ghana- part of my ancestry is from there

Q. You have the opportunity to dine with anyone from human history, you choose? Why?

Jesus

(I have so many questions)

Q. Last book read?



Wide Sargasso Sea is a 1966 novel by Dominica-born British author *Jean Rhys*.

It is a feminist and anti-colonial response to Charlotte Brontë's novel *Jane Eyre* (1847), describing the background to Mr. Rochester's marriage from the point-of-view of his mad wife Antoinette Cosway, a Creole heiress.

Q. Favorite quote / expression?

It might be long but not forever.

Q. A book you recommend?

Any history book (To know the past is to know the future)

Q. You are most proud of?

Staying true to myself.

Q. You win the lottery grand prize. What would you do?

Take care of my family and friends then secretly pay it forward to others that are struggling

Q. Favorite movie? Theatre play? Music?

Movie: *War Room*, Music: *Roots Reggae (Cool as The Breeze by Chronixx)*

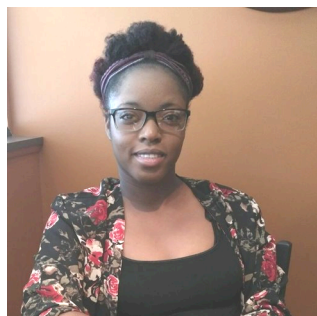
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Q. Your advice to the newcomer who chooses to settle in NB?

Moving to a new country is never easy. However, with the right attitude and dedicated determination you can (and will) succeed and be able to achieve unimaginable things.

Q. Any comments on immigration to Canada in general and to New Brunswick in particular?

Immigration is beneficial to Canada. It contributes to both our population growth and to increase its workforce while

providing an opportunity for the newcomers.

When we arrived in the Miramichi in 2014 (as a student), my husband and I were two of five known black people living in the area.

We had lived in Jamaica and in the United States of America, yet in Miramichi, we did experience culture shock. That said, we quickly got settled with the support of our local church and the friendly people living in the area.



Over the years since our arrival the Miramichi has seen an increase of people of colour and eventually the formation of our local Afro Caribbean

group, the *Miramichi AfroConnection*.

For the past three years, the AfroConnection has successfully hosted Back History Month celebrations and many more events with the Miramichi community's support.

While the black population is steadily growing in the area we



are truly happy that other

people of color have moved to the area.

Looking forward, we are hopeful that the future will see us continue to increase in numbers.

We share our culture with others and we continue to contribute to the positive growth of this place that we are proud to call home.

Q. One word describes you?

Passionate

Q. The question you detest answering?

Do you have roads in your country (of origin)?

Q. What would you like to see written on your tombstone?

Lived to serve others.

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