

### **Dr. Duranda Greene, JP**

Dr. Duranda Greene was appointed as the first female President of Bermuda College in 2007 and is the first BC alumna to serve as its President. In 2023 she retired after 16 years as President, becoming the longest serving President in Bermuda College's history. During her 38-years of service at Bermuda College, she served in various roles prior to the Presidency including: Assistant to the President for Special Projects, Dean of the Faculty of Hotel and Business Administration, Chair of the Business Division, and a business lecturer. She was the first female Dean in the Faculty of Hotel and Business where she established the partnership with Mount St. Vincent University that allows students to gain their bachelor's degree without having to leave the island. This partnership is still in existence more than 20 years later. She was one of the College's first academic advisors and led the introduction of distance education (now online learning) and the high school advantage (now the dual enrollment) programme to the College.

Under her leadership as President, Bermuda College: gained international accreditation and re-accreditation with the New England Commission of Higher Education; successfully developed and implemented two strategic plans; introduced several new articulation agreements with overseas institutions that allow BC graduates to transfer seamlessly to 4-year institutions with advanced standing; introduced various new programmes including: nursing, diagnostic imaging technology, marine science and compliance; and established the National Educators' Institute. One of her greatest accomplishments was the establishment of the Bermuda College Foundation to raise private sector funds on behalf of the College. This was one of her long-held visions for the institution. As a result of the Foundation's fundraising efforts, the Athene Career Development Centre, a multi-million-dollar, state-of-the-art, innovative facility was opened in April 2022. The first capital project at the College for more than 30 years.

She holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership with a concentration in Higher Education from Argosy University, Sarasota. She also holds a Master's in Business Management from Boston University, and a Master's in Education from Mount St. Vincent University.

Dr. Greene has served as a Trustee of the Bermuda Foundation for Insurance Studies; a member of the Board of Education; a member of the National Training Board; Co-Chair of the Bermuda First Education Committee and is a founding member of the International Women's Forum, Bermuda. Internationally she has served as: the 1st Vice President for the Association of Caribbean Tertiary Institutions (ACTI); a member of the American Association of Community College's (AACC) Commission on College Readiness and Commission on Student Success; and a member of the Audit Committee for the University of West Indies Open Campus.

In her retirement she continues to give back by serving as: the Deputy Chair of the Bermuda College Foundation, a member of The Family Centre Board and a member of the Education Authority Working Group as part of education reform. She also serves on several local scholarship selection committees and is a Justice of the Peace.

Dr. Greene has been honoured for her many years of dedicated service in higher education by the Women of Great Esteem in New York, Hamilton Princess as one of the 2023 Black History Month Honorees and the Department of Cultural Affairs as a Grand Marshall in the 2023 Bermuda Day Parade to name a few.

She is married to Terry Greene, whom she met at Bermuda College (BC has been a significant part of her life), and is an active member of Mount Zion AME Church where she currently serves as the treasurer, a member of the Steward Board, the Chair of the Lay Committee and a Sunday School Teacher.