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**Congrats!** Kadrinique Burrows, Winner of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bahamas Junior Debutante Programme, is the “Belle of the Ball”, As She Presents Plaque While Donning a Beautiful Pink Dress Fit For A Queen.



**Awww!** Dad, Kevin Burrows, All Smiles, As He Happily Accompanies Daughter Kadrinique at the Foundation's Afternoon Ball, Which Was Held At the Meliá Hotel.

## **A Queen in the Making: Bahamas Junior Debutantes Crowns Its Second Winner**

Nassau, Bahamas – After one year of planning and prepping, The Bahamas Debutante Foundation has crowned its second Junior Debutante winner, 10-year-old Kadrinique Burrows.

The sixth-grade student of Gerald Cash Primary School was named Junior Debutante of 2019, with Pa'Kesha Griffith having served as 2018 winner, at the Foundation's Second Annual Ball, which was held at the Meliá Hotel, Cable Beach, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019, under the theme, "Yes I Can".

"I'm so happy", says Burrows on winning the title. "I gave it my all and I succeeded."

Travis Robinson, Member of Parliament for Bain and Grants Town and fellow youth, served as this year's Guest Speaker, and as living proof of what can happen when one believes in themselves enough to say "Yes I Can" accomplish anything.

Also imparting a few words of encouragement to the ladies, throughout the programme, were First Lady of The Bahamas, Mrs. Patricia Minnis; Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture, The

Hon. Lanisha Rolle; and Director for Women's and Gender Affairs, Dr. Jacinta Higgs, as well as Archbishop of the Anglican Diocese, Bishop Laish Boyd.

Burrows, who aspires to be a Performing Arts Dance Teacher, is well on her way, as she is a member of her church's Dance Ministry, Awana, and volunteers at the Bahamas Red Cross. She also already has her eyes set on enrolling in the Senior Debutantes programme, which she will be eligible to join upon entering the 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

"We are so proud of Kadrinique and all that she has accomplished thus far," Burrows' parents beamed. "It was such an overwhelming feeling to hear our daughter's name called as this year's winner. We were very excited!"

With the Junior Debutante Ball now complete, the Senior Debutante Ball is underway and scheduled for April 27, 2019, where it will also be held at Meliá Hotel under the same theme "Yes I Can". Dozens of high school seniors will enter the gates of womanhood with poise and grace, ready to take on the world.

The programme, whose focus remains teaching its young ladies the importance of grace, poise, etiquette and education, is open to all sixth and twelfth grade students in New Providence, with plans to expand to the rest of The Bahamas.

"Our aim, with the Foundation, is to change the lives of the participants with the hope that the lives that we change will in turn change the lives of others", adds Cristina Johnson, President of the Bahamas Debutante Foundation. "It still warms my heart today to see just how many young ladies and young women of The Bahamas truly want to be a part of the programme and fully experience everything it has to offer. Even after 22 years, the steady membership is a testament to the Foundation's positive effect, especially with the addition of the Junior Debutantes and plans to expand to the Family Islands."

If you are interested in joining in Fall 2019, simply check with your school's Guidance Counsellor for an application form or contact the Bahamas Debutante Foundation at [debutantefoundation@yahoo.com](mailto:debutantefoundation@yahoo.com), to start a journey filled with fun, friendship and finesse.

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