



Member of the Class of 2011

Anita Louise Doherty

Mrs. Anita Doherty was born in Nassau, but relocated to West End, Grand Bahama at the age of five. She received her primary education at West End All Age School, in 1960, she began her Secondary Education at Hampton's Girls School in Jamaica, and upon graduation in 1967, she matriculated to Ulster College of Physical Education in Northern Ireland.

Anita Doherty's sporting career initially began when she represented Jamaica in Hockey, and because of her unique and diverse talents, captured both the Jamaican under 16 and under 18 Girls Tennis Championship Titles. She also represented Ulster College (**Ireland**) in both the Under 21 Netball Tournament, and Track and Field.

During the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1970, Anita Doherty represented the Bahamas in the Pentathlon. She has also represented the Bahamas in Netball, Hockey and Softball. An avid Tennis Player, she is one of a few players who, while participating in a single tournament, was named a Triple Crown Winner, after winning the Ladies Singles, and both Ladies and Mixed Doubles events.

In addition to an illustrious career in sports, Anita Doherty is a former President of the Pilot Club of Freeport, Governor of COED Clubs for Pilot International, is currently a Board Member of YMCA and the Principals and Vice Principals Association, she was recognized by the Government of The Bahamas at a 25th Silver Anniversary Banquet in July 1998, and by Zonta Club of Nassau, Women Living Legends in November 1998.

The committed philanthropist, Anita has been involved in community activities as Director of YMCA, President-Bahamas Netball Association, Secretary-Grand Bahama Softball Association, Treasurer-Inter Scholastic Sports, an organizer of the 1977 Carifta Games, President of Grand Bahama Tennis and Squash Club, President of the Grand Bahama Athletic Association, Vice President of the Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations, Secretary of the Coed Pilot International and has served as Chief Councillor (**Mayor**) for the City of Freeport from 2005-2008.

Always aspiring to advance the lives of others, Anita Doherty first began her teaching career at Hawskbill All Age School in Grand Bahama in 1970 and later transferred to D.W. Davis High School in Nassau where she taught for four years. As providence would have it, Anita returned to assume a teaching position at Freeport Anglican High School, Grand Bahama, in 1979.

Having been in the teaching profession for thirty-eight years, of which, thirty-one years was spent at Freeport Anglican High School, (**Bishop Michael Eldon School**). In September 2008, Anita's prowess and commitment to the betterment of others, inevitably positioned her to the appointment of principal of Bishop Michael Eldon School.

Anita Doherty, so merited, was inducted into the Grand Bahama Sports Hall of Fame in 2005.