

ENVOY AVANT AND U.S. EMBASSY HONOUR BLACK HISTORY MONTH



●WE'RE WINNERS: Amb Avant & husband Theodore Sarandos with Martin Luther King Essay Contest winners at King's childhood home in Atlanta



●GIRL POWER (L-R): Jacinta Higgs; Katherine Smith; Dr Beverly Tatum; Ambassador Avant; Loretta Butler-Turner and Arlene Cash flanked by dynamic women in front of the Ambassador's residence

★ IN honour of Black History Month, U.S. Ambassador Nicole Avant held several events to celebrate the vast contributions of leading African-Americans to America. Ambassador Avant hosted an event in honour of Ervin "Magic" Johnson, at which some 30 Magic Enterprise executives met The Bahamas' top business and political leaders. Ambassador Avant then joined the eight winners of the U.S. Embassy's Dr King Essay Competition on their prize trip to Atlanta. The students visited their civil rights sites and were honoured

at a ceremony that included Dr Bernice King in the home of Bahamas Consul General Katherine Smith. The Ambassador made her third trip to Freeport where she met with female students and gave the keynote address at the Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner. While in Freeport, Ambassador Avant visited the Grand Bahama Children's Home. And she donated a collection of African-American-themed books to encourage the children to embrace and learn to read. In Nassau, the U.S. Embassy's

"Read To Lead" team celebrated Black History Month with Woodcock Primary School with a film on the life of Rosa Parks. Continuing with the month's theme, Ambassador Avant invited over 170 female students to her "Liberty Overlook" home in Prospect Ridge to learn about scholarship opportunities at Spelman College—the first historically black college for women in America. The next day, Mrs Avant invited over 35 Bahamian and American women leaders to her home for a dinner in honour of Spelman's President, Dr Beverley Tatum.



●GOOD GIRLS: Ambassador Avant with two girls from CR Walker High School at her 'Liberty Overlook' residence



●FAB FOUR (L-R): Ambassador's husband Theodore Sarandos; Ambassador Avant; Dr Geoffrey Canada, and Dr Betsy Vogel-Boze, president of College Of The Bahamas



●SUPER SAINTS: Ambassador Nicole Avant with students and chaperone from St John's College at Spelman College event



●DOC'S TONIC: Dr Geoffrey Canada speaks audience about the importance of education reform



●LINE-UP (L-R): Edward Turner; Earvin 'Magic' Johnson; Ambassador Nicole Avant; Loretta Butler-Turner and Zhivargo Laing



●HE'S MAGIC: Earvin 'Magic' Johnson with U.S. Ambassador Nicole Avant and Senator Allyson Maynard-Gibson



●DONATING BOOKS (L-R): Henry St George; Ambassador Avant; Brennaeae Cooper; Dion Foulkes, and Sarah St George donating books to Grand Bahama Children's Home



●CUTE KIDS: U.S. Embassy volunteer Santoya Edgecombe with some Woodcock Primary School students



●GIRLS IN BLUE: Ambassador Nicole Avant with Government High School girls at Spelman College event at the Ambassador's residence



●MEET & GREET (L-R): Theodore Sarandos; Desmond Bannister; Dr Geoffrey Canada; Ambassador Nicole Avant; Dion Foulkes; Loretta Butler-Turner, and her husband Edward Turner meet and discuss Education issues in The Bahamas



●FAB FUNCTION (L-R): Alessandra Holowesko; Dr Geoffrey Canada; Kalin Griffin and Stephen Holowesko enjoying themselves



●GAL-PALS: Essay winners in Atlanta, Georgia



●GIFT FOR YOU: President of Spelman College Dr Beverly Tatum presents a gift to Ambassador Avant



●DYNAMIC DUO: Dr Geoffrey Canada and Elma Garraway



●HONOURED: Martin Luther King's daughter Dr Bernice King; Ambassador Nicole Avant, her husband Ted Sarandos, and Bahamas Consul General to Atlanta Katherine Smith flanked by the 2011 Martin Luther King Essay Competition winners in Atlanta



●LOVELY LADIES (L-R): Bahamas Consul General to Atlanta Katherine Smith; Spelman College's Dr Beverly Tatum; Ambassador Avant, and Spelman's Arlene Cash



●GOOD TIMES (L-R): Dr Geoffrey Canada; Alphaeus Finlayson; Roosevelt Finlayson, and Ms Finlayson at a party



●CHAT-TIME: Dion Foulkes and Loretta Butler-Turner