

# 53 trained for hospitality industry

Graduates of a ten-week Sandals Barbados hospitality training programme have been encouraged to strive to be the best in whatever they do.

Those words of advice came from featured speaker at their graduation ceremony, Curley Gilkes, a diamond star award-winning Sandals Barbados team member.

“Stay focused. Your journey has now begun. As you go out into the world of work, be it at Sandals or at any other institution, always strive for excellence,” Gilkes told the 53 graduates.

Training officer Julia Harripaul explained that Sandals’ hospitality programme, which began in Jamaica in 2006, was designed to give Caribbean nations the opportunity to build the requisite skills needed for the hospitality industry and provide training in various areas of hotel operations.

“You are a force to be reckoned with and a cut above the rest,” she told the graduates. “Life is a journey and today you are at a crossroads. Some might go left or right or forge a new path, but regardless of where you go, you have all left this junction with a new set of enhanced skills.”

In his brief remarks, General Manager of Sandals Barbados, Fernand Zievinger told the group they had placed themselves “on the front row seat of the hiring



Shannon Clarke



Featured speaker Curley Gilkes.



General Manager of Sandals Barbados, Fernand Zievinger.

process”, adding that he had seen an “incredible change” in them.

He said the programme was part of a strategic plan by Sandals to have staff trained before the opening of its new resort here.

“Since last year, in anticipating the need for 700 jobs at the new Sandals Royale Barbados, every 70 days we hope to add 30 to 40 Sandals-trained candidates on our books of potential new hires when the time comes,” Zievinger said.



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Parents of the graduates capturing the moments.



The graduating class.

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