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## INDEPENDENCE RECEPTION

H.E. Yolande Y. Smith and the Staff of the Embassy invite Nationals to a reception to commemorate the 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence of Grenada, Carriacou and Petit Martinique.

RSVP to [DIASPORA@GRENADAEMBASSYUSA.ORG](mailto:DIASPORA@GRENADAEMBASSYUSA.ORG)



## GRENADA'S AMBASSADOR IN THE U.S.

Her Excellency Yolande Yvonne Smith is Grenada's Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary to the United States of America and Grenada's Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States (OAS).

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## CELEBRATING 46 YEARS

"Preparing for the Future  
through Empowerment, Growth  
and Long-Term Sustainable  
Development"

## NATIONALS AND FRIENDS DATABASE

If you did not receive an invitation to the Independence Reception, you have not joined our new database. Please [sign up](#) now to receive email notices regarding events, news, etc.



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# SPOTLIGHT

## 46th ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE

### *Grenada Houston Association (GHA)*

The Grenada Houston Association have been consistently providing [scholarships](#) for students in Grenada and in Houston for the past 8 years. The main event to raise funds for the scholarships is the association's [Annual Independence and Scholarship Gala](#) held in early February.

Her Excellency Yolande Y. Smith is pleased to lend her support as keynote speaker at this year's gala on February 8, 2020. If you would like to support the scholarship program, which benefits 7 students annually, but cannot attend, please consider making a donation or purchasing a ticket [online](#).

### *Grenada Cultural and Social Association of Washington, DC (GCSA)*

The Grenada Cultural and Social Association of Washington, DC will host its Annual Independence Dinner Dance on February 22, 2020 under the auspices of Her Excellency Yolande Y. Smith at Martin's Crosswinds, 7400 Greenway Center Drive in Greenbelt, MD.

Tickets are \$100.00 and proceeds will benefit the Grenada Kidney Foundation. Please call (202) 549-6116 or contact any member of the GCSA for more information or to purchase tickets.



### *Independence 2020*

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE THROUGH EMPOWERMENT,  
GROWTH, AND LONG-TERM SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

### *Calendar of Events*

#### INDEPENDENCE RECEPTION

hosted by H.E. Yolande Y. Smith, Ambassador of Grenada  
Friday, February 7, 2020  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
Hall of the Americas  
17th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20006  
RSVP to [diaspora@grenadaembassyusa.org](mailto:diaspora@grenadaembassyusa.org)

#### INDEPENDENCE GALA

hosted by Grenadians United in Virginia  
Saturday, February 8, 2020  
9:00 PM - 2:00 AM  
Chinese Community Center  
722 Newtown Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23462  
[grenadians.united@gmail.com](mailto:grenadians.united@gmail.com)

#### ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DINNER DANCE

hosted by Grenada Cultural and Social Association  
Saturday, February 22, 2020  
8:00 PM - 1:00 AM  
Martins Crosswinds  
7400 Greenway Center Drive  
Greenbelt, MD 20772  
[sawneylc@yahoo.com](mailto:sawneylc@yahoo.com) or 240-460-0442





# From the Desk of the Ambassador

## HER EXCELLENCY YOLANDE Y. SMITH

### FOCUSED ENGAGEMENT IN 2020

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is ready to embrace all the opportunities awaiting us in 2020.

The staff of the Embassy returned, reinvigorated from the short break to focus once again on providing exemplary service to nationals in the Diaspora communities across the USA. We remind you to [sign up](#) for the Nationals and Friends Database, and those who pledged to be a part of the Washington DC core group to further review the Draft Diaspora Policy and provide feedback to the diaspora engagement, are encouraged to solidify their intent by [emailing](#).

Bilaterally, the Embassy will focus on the US-Caribbean 2020 Initiative as part of our engagement with the United States Department of State on the six pillars of prosperity, education, health, diplomacy, security and energy.

Multilaterally, the Permanent Mission will focus on our engagement with the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development. We will zero in on opportunities for securing training in new and exciting fields that are crucial for young people seeking employment and contributing in areas such as disaster risk management and climate-resilient development.

I look forward to seeing many of you during the various Independence celebration [events](#) organized by the area associations in February, and at the [reception](#) hosted by myself and the staff at the headquarters of the Organization of American States on Independence Day.

Let us remain engaged!