



EMBASSY OF GRENADA

NEWSLETTER

ISSUE

25-Q3

July to September 2025

FROM THE DESK OF THE AMBASSADOR

The third quarter of 2025 has been a period of dynamic engagement and proud representation for Grenada. Across the bilateral, multilateral, and community fronts, our Embassy continues to build bridges, strengthen partnerships, and celebrate the best of our people and culture.

Our Embassy Family Fun Day on July 5th in Maryland was a joyful success, bringing together Grenadians and friends in a vibrant celebration of unity. This spirit of togetherness is central to our work – keeping our diaspora connected and inspired.

Grenada also shone on the cultural stage at the Embassy Chef Challenge 2025, where Dr. Michael Samuel's creations earned third place in the People's Choice Award. Her Calypso Mango Shrimp Salad and Gold Rum Punch delighted guests and reminded all that Grenada's warmth and creativity continue to win hearts.

The Embassy maintained active engagement with the U.S. Department of State on important trade, economic, and political matters, as both sides navigate evolving hemispheric dynamics. Regionally, there has been heightened collaboration among CARICOM Ambassadors in Washington, as the Caribbean adjusts to new leadership at the OAS.

Community engagement extended beyond the capital – from Grenada Day in New York on August 17th, where nationals proudly displayed their culture, to the Independence Cocktail in Houston, where Deputy Consul General Kerry Frank represented Grenada and reaffirmed our government's commitment to education and youth empowerment.

As Grenada marks 51 years of Independence, the Embassy remains steadfast in promoting service, solidarity, and the continued amplification of Grenada's voice in the world."



In this Issue

- From the Desk of the Ambassador
- Embassy Family Day Event
- Embassy Chef Challenge
- Presentation to the Youth Ambassadors Program at the University of Virginia, Center for Politics
- Presentation of Credentials to the Embassy of Mexico
- Virtual Diaspora Outreach
- Dramatized Readings of 'Ocean Stirrings' by Dr. Merle Collins

EMBASSY FAMILY FUN DAY

The Embassy of Grenada hosted a family Fun Day on July 5th at the Fairwood Community Park in Bowie Maryland.

Grenadians and Friends of Grenada in the Diaspora shared an afternoon filled with fun for the kids, food, music and games. This is part of the ongoing effort by the Embassy to keep the Grenadian community in the DMV engaged and connected. Everyone participating shared positive feedback on the event. Gratitude is extended to all persons who attended and assisted in making this event a great success!



BIG WIN AT EMBASSY CHEF CHALLENGE 2025!

“ We are here to win”, in her own words, Dr. Michaele C. Samuel made Grenada proud with her exotic offerings of Calypso Mango Shrimp Salad and Grenadian Gold Rum Punch. In the end, Grenada did win, coping 3rd Place in the People’s Choice Award.

Over 30 Embassies participated in the Embassy Chef Challenge 2025 held at the amazing Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium on July 10, 2025. What a night! Scores of persons converged on the Auditorium to sample the cuisine of participating countries and they were not disappointed. Varied offerings from large and small countries alike satisfied the palates of patrons at this premier cultural event held annually in Washington DC.



PRESENTATION TO YOUTH AMBASSADORS PROGRAMME AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA CENTER FOR POLITICS



H. E. Tarlie Francis presented at the University of Virginia as part of the University's Ambassador Series Event.

Ambassador spoke to a small group of students and some faculty on the issues that are important to Grenada and the Caribbean region, the relationship with the United States and the value of youth leadership and civic engagement.

Ambassador reported that he found the participants in the room very engaging and interested in the discussion style presentation.

Hosted by the University of Virginia Center for Politics' Global Perspectives on Democracy program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and in partnership with the Georgetown University Center for Intercultural Education and Development.



**An Afternoon with the Ambassador of
Grenada August 13, 2025**

PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS TO THE EMBASSY OF MEXICO

On Friday, August 15, 2025, His Excellency Tarlie Francis, Ambassador-designate of Grenada to the United Mexican States presented copies of his Letters of Credence to His Excellency Esteban Moctezuma, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mexico to the United States during a formal ceremony at the Mexican Cultural Institute in Washington D.C. This presentation reaffirmed the diplomatic relationship established between the two nations since 1975.





CONSULAR DESK



In this quarter, the Consular Services desk held a very successful Virtual Consular Diaspora Outreach.

On the evening of September 4th 2025, over 200 participants joined a Zoom Session facilitated by the Embassy of Grenada in Washington D. C. to feature discussions on issues related to Customs, Immigration and Investment Opportunities. Discussions, were facilitated by Dr. Wendell Cornwall, Counsulor/Alternate Representative at the Washington Mission. The discussion also included the 'Coming Home Programme' which gives guidance to returning Grenadian nationals. Presentations were received from Mr. Ronald Theodore, Chief Executive Officer, Grenada Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC), Mrs. Karen Forsyth-Hall, Comptroller of Customs and ASP Elyan Purcell, Immigration and Passport Department. Participants actively engaged in the session and expressed thanks for the initiative. The activity also received high commendation from participants who encouraged the Embassy to host future programmes.

Consular Outreach will be an ongoing initiative to continuously bring valuable information to the Diaspora community in the United States and beyond.

DRAMATIZED READINGS OF 'OCEAN STIRRINGS'

On Saturday September 6th, the Ulrich Recital Hall, at the University of Maryland came alive. The Embassy of Grenada in Washington D.C. and the English Department of the University of Maryland collaborated to present 'Ocean Stirrings' dramatized readings from a work of fiction by Dr. Merle Collins, written in tribute to Grenadian Louise Langdon Norton Little, mother of Malcolm X and his siblings. Dr. Collins worked with her crew of actresses to offer a presentation that was well received by the audience. The evening was shared with passionate painter, writer and HR professional L. Dev Hatcher, featured paintings by Mr. John Henry, Artist in Residence at the Embassy of Grenada for 2025 and Ms. Mekhla Na'vi Jordan, Ms. Universe USA 2025, Human Rights Ambassador and Philanthropist working along with the Embassy of Grenada to bring awareness and raise funds for Project Accessibility aimed at assisting the persons with mobility needs in Grenada. Melodious pan music by the famous Peter Humphrey and renditions by Saxophonist Mr. Walter Tates Jr. created the atmosphere perfectly suited for the occasion.

The event was hosted by Merissa Collins, Grenadian-born, American-raised multidisciplinary artist and producer, and the cast included Lisa LaTouche-Jones, award-winning Dominican writer, Ari Phillip, 9 year old 4th grader, well on her way to becoming a famous actress, Cynthia Samuel Phillip, native Grenadian poet and soon author of children's books, Cecille Wells, a semi retired health professional immersing herself in the arts and Legendary Writer and Literary Giant, Dr. Merle Collins, who spearheaded the production. The Embassy of Grenada was honoured to have Dr. Dessima Williams, President of the Senate of Grenada present. The Embassy expressed thanks to Dr. Collins for her hard work in this production and to Professor Sangeeta Ray of the Department of English of the University of Maryland for hosting the event. The Embassy of Grenada is honoured to have this work as part of its precious keepsakes.



Stay Connected: Visit our website, subscribe to our newsletter, and follow us on social media for updates on events and initiatives
www.grenadaembassyusa.org

