



## Meet Your Senators: Indera Gibson

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#### Major: Accounting

It is my goal to provide a better learning environment for the Students of the Business with an open line of communication between students and faculty.

I am a former Head Girl of C.C. Sweeting Sr. High School in 2007. Currently I am involved with Campus Life. I love community service, bowling, singing, public speaking and youth empowerment. I am

the president of the Women of Excellence, the Assistant Choir Director of the Bahamas Holy Bible Youth Choir, the Public Relation Officer of the BHBM Youth, A Junior Achievement Advisor and a senior accounting major. I plan to complete graduate school with honors, along with her CPA. After this I plan to become a manager in one of the Big Four firms followed by a CFO in a prestigious company.



## Meet your Senators: Anwar Lewis

#### Major: Accounting

It is my goal to create an atmosphere that promotes self empowerment that cannot only help build a better college but a better Bahamas.

I am Anwar Lewis a proud student of the prestigious College of the Bahamas who is currently pursuing a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration with a focus in Accounting. I am currently, a sophomore who has continued to maintained exemplary grades during my course within the college. While serving as Sena-

tor for the School of Business it will be my personal goal to echo the thoughts and concerns of all members of the student body with special emphasis on those students within the school of business to ensure that they aware of the fact that their opinion counts. My hobbies include playing the piano, saxophone, composing songs, public speaking, debating, swimming and meeting new people.



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# All About the Accounting Profession:

By: Anthony Smith

## EDUCATION & TRAINING

Accounting has continued to be a popular career choice among high school graduates, particularly over the past five years. The steady interest can be attributed to factors such as the local presence of the Big Four accounting firms, the ongoing promotion of the industry through career fairs and seminars, and the ability of the profession to develop a diverse skill set in those individuals who pursue it as a discipline. Further, given The Bahamas' position as a major global financial services provider, the need for accountants is indeed a constant.

The Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants (BICA) is the governing body for accountants in The Bahamas. One of its main objectives is the provision of training and education of current and future accountants in The Bahamas. While BICA itself does not have a formal course that leads to an internationally recognized professional accounting qualification, BICA does accept professional accounting qualifications from a number of countries. The four primary accounting qualifications held by members of BICA are:-

- The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA);
- The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA);
- The Chartered Association of Certified Accountants (ACCA); and
- The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW).

Each Institute has its own specific rules and regulations to earn the professional accountant qualifications and each prospective student should research to determine their preferred designation. However, regardless of the Institute chosen to pursue qualification, the prospective professional accountant needs to prepare for five to seven years of education and practical experience. Additionally, the prospective professional accountant needs to be resilient, determined, focused and committed to upholding integrity and an impeccable character.

Becoming a professional accountant is a challenging yet rewarding career choice. The years of training and experience make one a well-rounded professional capable of excelling at countless tasks. To assist in determining one's path to becoming a professional accountant, go online and search for information on the four accountancy bodies listed above.

For more information on BICA and how BICA can assist you, please contact Mr. Anthony Smith at [ANTSMITH@deloitte.com](mailto:ANTSMITH@deloitte.com)



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## An Indian Folk Tale:

Author Unknown

A water bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on the end of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots was perfectly made and never leaked. The other pot had a crack in it and by the time the water bearer reached his master's house it had leaked much of its water and was only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water to his master's house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream.

"I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you."

"Why?" asked the bearer. "What are you ashamed of?"

"I have been able, for these past two years, to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your master's house. Because of my flaws you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts", the pot said.

The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot, and in his compassion he said,

"As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path."

Indeed, as they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it some. But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load, and so again the pot apologized to the bearer for its failure.

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of your path, and not on the other pot's side?"

That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from the stream, you've watered them.

For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his

house."

Moral : Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all cracked pots in our own way. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so interesting.

Blessing to all our crackpot friends.



**Question, Query or Concerns:**

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Or Visit Him During His Office Hours:

Monday 12:00 pm—2:00 pm  
Wednesday 4:00 pm—6:00 pm  
@ The SUB

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Or Visit Her During Her Office Hours:

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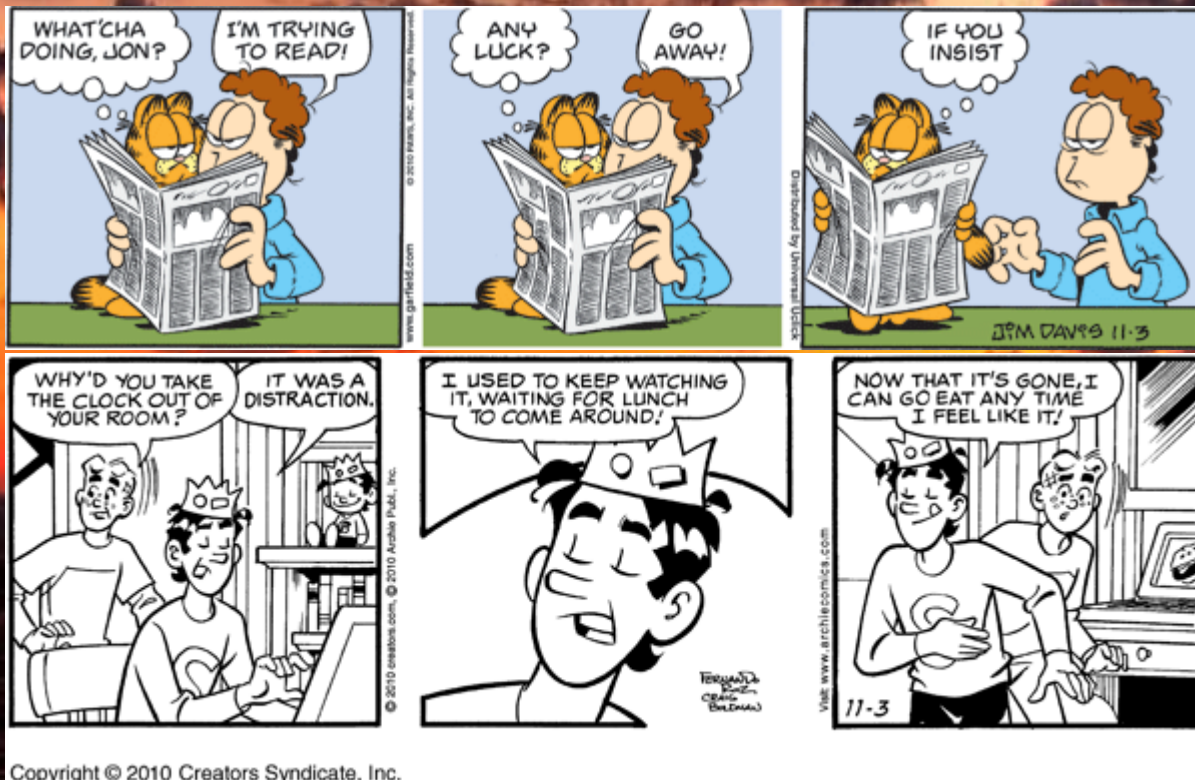
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