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SANDRA CORNWALL-E'BAS

Music Yvonne Milliner-Bowsky Elementary School

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Sandra Cornwall-E'Bas

Biography

My name is Sandra Cornwall E'Bas born on the island of Antigua to Norris and Clarice Cornwall. My parents migrated to St. Thomas Virgin Islands, where I attended the James Madison Elementary School. After completing the sixth grade, I attended the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School. Upon graduation from high school, I became the first recipient of the Bill La Motta Music Scholarship. I was accepted to the University of the Virgin Islands, where I studied music and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education. In 2000, I married Casmore E'Bas and presently have two wonderful children, Casmore E'Bas II and Cas Saundra E'Bas.

I was employed by the Virgin Islands Department of Education in August 1988. My employment began as an itinerant music educator at the Edith Williams and the Jefferson Annex Elementary Schools. Upon the closing of Jefferson Annex, I became the itinerant Music teacher at the Edith Williams and Joseph Gomez Elementary Schools. For the past 18 years, I have continued my career in education at the Yvonne E. Milliner-Bowsky Elementary School. Besides general music, I have taught choir, handbells, hand chimes, recorders, flutophones, and xylophones. My goal someday is to have a xylophone or handbell ensemble for challenging students at Bowsky Elementary School. My desire is for them to put their energy into playing music. In addition, I have taught students how to crochet during my lunchtime at the Edith Williams and Yvonne E. Milliner-Bowsky Elementary Schools. Now that the pandemic has subsided, I plan to begin a lunchtime crochet club in January 2023. I have also worked with the Marlins 21st Century Community Learning Center After School and Summer Programs as a first grade teacher.

I enjoy volleyball and have played on the Girls' Varsity Team while attending Ivanna Eudora Kean High School and also participated in the St. Thomas Volleyball Power League. Additionally, I played on the University of the Virgin Islands Volleyball Team. Presently, I share my passion for the sport with students as the Assistant Volleyball Coach for the Ivanna Eudora Kean Girls' Varsity Team and the Head Coach for the Bowsky Elementary School Volleyball Team. I enjoy working with the dance ministry, crocheting and sewing when not coaching volleyball.