

## **UJAA Leadership Development Academy – DECISION MAKING**

**Tuesday, 21 June 2022 @ 7:30pm**

### **Presenters:**



**Akelia Lawrence-Maitland, President – Holy Childhood High School Alumnae Association, NE**

Akelia Lawrence-Maitland is a dynamic leader within the Jamaican Diaspora community as well as the New York non-profit/child welfare sector. Akelia is a proud alumna of Holy Childhood High School (Jamaica, WI) and Stony Brook University (degreed in Economic and Social Welfare). Akelia currently oversees a transitional residential foster care program for female identifying youth. She's also served in a senior leadership capacity. Akelia represented the Jamaica Diaspora community, through the Diaspora Advisory Board, to Jamaica's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Akelia is a mother of two and wife. She is passionate about and advocates for social justice.



**Donovan Wilson, Vice President – Union of Jamaican Alumni Associations (USA) Inc.**

Donovan Wilson is the Vice President of the UJAA and the President of St. Elizabeth Technical High School (STETHS) Alumni Association. He is also a tax professional who has been registered with the Internal Revenue Service and New York State for over 15 years. He has worked in the Transportation industry for over 20 years and is adept at Travel Supplier Relationship management. He is currently the Vice President of Blackbird Worldwide, an industry leader in the executive transportation space. He graduated from Bernard M. Baruch College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Corporate Communications with a minor in Industrial Psychology.



**Dr. Cecil Wright, Executive Director, Admissions – Mercy College**

Dr. Cecil Wright is currently the Executive Director of Admissions at Mercy College, having served in varying capacities including Adjunct Professor and Dean of Admissions at Monroe College. He attended St. Elizabeth Technical High School (STETHS) where he was deputy head boy, captained the school debate team and played cricket. Dr. Wright's motto, "Failure is not an option", has been the staple of his success.

Dr. Wright holds a Doctorate Degree in Education from St. John Fisher College in Rochester, NY. He is also the author of "Twenty-One days to Freedom...The American Dream: A personal story of his journey to America. He is married to Rev. Karian Wright, and they have three children.