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**UJAA'S MARCH 2023 FEATURE ON WOMEN IN THE UJAA FAMILY**  
**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2023**

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Please provide the following information of Interest

**Job or Interest or Hobby:** **Professional Soccer Player; former member of the Jamaica Women's National Team.**

**Why this choice:** **Soccer has been a passion of mine since I was a child. I wanted to pursue a career in soccer because of my love of the game and my interest in traveling.**

**How long have you been doing this:** **9 years. I retired in 2020.**

**How did this interest come about:** **My college soccer coach presented me with the idea of going pro after graduating from the University of South Florida. After giving it much thought and consideration, I signed my first contract to play for a professional club in Iceland.**

**What is great about it:** **I loved traveling and meeting different people from all walks of life. I was fortunate to learn about different cultures and make connections with people from all over the world. I learned about different aspects of the game, too. Being exposed to various coaching styles elevated my game and grew my knowledge of soccer exponentially. During my time as a club player, I've been called up to represent Jamaica. That, by far, has been the most rewarding and humbling experience of my career. I played a vital role in our efforts to qualify for the 2019 Women's World Cup. To be recognized as a hero is a title I don't take lightly. I'm truly honored.**

What is not so great about it: **In general, the salary for a professional women’s soccer player is not sustainable. During the offseason, I had to work multiple jobs to supplement income, which often caused stress and uncertainty for my career.**

Additional remarks or information: **I thoroughly enjoyed my time as a professional soccer player. I have lived in 8 countries throughout Europe and played for 11 different clubs. I learned a lot about myself as a player as well as a person. I highly encourage others to pursue their dreams and take risks. I consider my time abroad as an adventure that I would do over and over again.**

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