

## Michelle Stoddart

Westmoreland-born past student of Manning's High School, Michelle Stoddart, is the **first minority director of the Resorts World Casino New York City**. She is the Vice President of Community Development and Public Affairs.

Her prior experience with the Queens Economic Development Council (QEDC) included projects that promoted business and new neighborhood revitalization in Queens - Discover Queens, Queens Restaurant Week, and the flagship fundraiser, Queens – “A Taste of the World,” that directly contributed to QEDC's growth.

Her love of travel and her fascination with learning about different cultures began when her parents would include her and her sister on their many trips to different places to experience the culture, good food and music . Those influences have allowed her to excel at the projects in which she has gained success. Her favorite countries to visit are Columbia and Jamaica.

In describing her work, she says, “I don't look at any job as a box that I have to fit into. I'm the asset,”

Ms. Stoddart holds a BA in Journalism from Baruch College in New York City. She also serves on several “different” boards of organizations in Queens -the Boys and Girls of Metro Queens, Greater Jamaica Development Corporation, Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning, Queens Chamber of Commerce, the Queens Botanical Gardens, the Jamaica YMCA and York College. Read more about this special person , the first minority to hold the post of a Director... a woman who “has propelled herself through an unlikely career.”

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