



*Welcome to the **September Monthly Newsletter!***

We welcome you to the September edition of the newsletter, showcasing more of the wonderful things happening in our Jewel as well as how the Belizean Diaspora continue to make a positive impact on the lives of others. We thank you for being a part of the newsletter's continued and growing readership. September was a particularly special and patriotic month for Belizeans celebrating its 38th Independence of Belize. We wish the country and people of Belize a very happy Independence Day! God bless Belize!

We are proud to share with you several stories in this edition, such as how Belize has become the *World's Most Ethical and Sustainable Shrimp Producer*, and about the opening of a position at *PathLight International for an Executive Director*. Also, read about the 22 distinguished Belizeans who are our "*Belizean Stars of the Month*". The Ministry of Health held a conference on "World Suicide Prevention Day", a much-needed topic to address this serious issue plaguing us, especially our youth. Learn about the new acquisition of Belize's national football team and on "What's Trending," read about each of the various parades, dances and September Celebrations that took place throughout the U.S. and in Belize. See how Belizean, Jamie Thompson made it to be part of *The Broadway Company of the Lion King* for this Fall! We also take this opportunity to congratulate the new Miss Belize, Destinee Arnold and wish her all the success in the upcoming Miss Universe.

Belize is experiencing a severe drought affecting its crops, so we ask for your prayers that we get some badly needed rain.

As always, we are pleased to share with you H.E Daniel Gutierrez, Ambassador of Belize in Washington, D.C.'s message under "Ambassador's Desk". Watch also the video of the Prime Minister of Belize, Rt. Hon. Dean O. Barrow giving his annual Independence Day speech.

Check out our recipe of the month, which features a traditional favorite dish in Belizean cuisine, "Rice and Beans". Under the section, "*Upcoming Events*", find out more about "Flag Fete", "Park Fest", "Belize Birding Fest" and much more!

For those of you who have not had the opportunity to visit the Consulate's office nor are familiar with the services that we offer, you may visit our website at www.belizeconsulatefla.com or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) to receive updates about Belize, the Consulate and upcoming events.

As we update our database, and in order to serve you better, the Consulate of Belize in Florida continues to conduct phone calls to its constituents to confirm each's contact information. We appreciate your cooperation and support in sharing your contact information, so that you and your family can continue to be informed about services offered by the Consulate as well as get updates on Belize.

If you are aware of a Belizean residing in the United States who is making a positive impact on the lives of others while contributing to their native country, please submit their story to us so that we may feature them in our newsletter. Perhaps the Star of the Month for October could be you!

Enjoy and share with your friends!