

Donnette Scarlett

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If ever there was an expression to describe Donnette Scarlett's climb up the corporate ladder, it would be Napoleon Hill's declaration that, “Patience, persistence and perspiration make an unbeatable combination for success”.

Scarlett was recently promoted to the position of senior vice-president, group treasury and asset management at Sagicor Group Jamaica, one of the Caribbean's largest financial conglomerates. That makes her a member of the organisation's 10-member leadership team and one of only three women.

Her journey in finance started in Old Harbour, St Catherine, where she grew up.

It was there that she got her feet wet shortly after completing high school. She had applied to study law at The University of the West Indies (The UWI) but was accepted for another programme. Scarlett placed her tertiary education on pause and opted to work instead, securing a job as a teller at a commercial bank.

Scarlett later studied economics and management at UWI Mona, after which she pursued the requisite courses to become a chartered financial analyst.

Now, with over 20 years of financial experience under her belt, the Glenmuir High School alum said she has had no regrets about the route she chose and believes all good things come to those who wait. Prior to her recent promotion, Scarlett was vice- president for treasury and investment services at Sagicor Investments.

Scarlett's Sagicor journey began in the early 2000s in the days of Manufacturers Sigma Merchant Bank, which was later subsumed through a series of mergers and acquisitions into what is now Sagicor Group Jamaica.