



Ambassador to the United States, His Excellency Stephen Vasciannie, has called on Jamaicans in that country to “stay on the right side of the law”.

He made the call in light of the number of Jamaicans who are being deported back home, describing this as “not good for Jamaica”.

The Ambassador was delivering the keynote address at an awards ceremony on January 19, culminating a year-long series of activities in Atlanta, Georgia, to mark the nation’s 50th independence anniversary.

The function was held at the Atlanta City Hall Atrium, organized by Jamaica 50th Atlanta Planning Committee.

Ambassador Vasciannie reminded the more than 300 attendees that they have an important role to play in helping to assist those Jamaicans who will fall beneath the cracks, by mentoring them.

“In the spirit of community building, we all need to continue encouraging our people to stay on the right side of the law, to banish the drug trade from our midst, and to embrace the discipline, hard work and drive for success that is characteristic of the vast majority of Jamaicans living in the United States,” he said.

Recognising the hard work for which Jamaicans in the Diaspora are renowned, Ambassador Vasciannie saluted the more than 30 awardees from the fields of education, health, law, media, social services, sports, business and religion.

They have made outstanding contributions in continuing to keep the Jamaican flag flying high in their various communities throughout metro Atlanta, the Ambassador said.

“The honorees are distinguished women and men who have, in many instances, placed community and collective spirit at the forefront of their thoughts and actions. They have resolved to offer contributions to the lives and welfare of others,” he said.