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President Donald J. Trump nominates Kimberly Payne Greenwood for U.S. Ambassador to Barbados; Statements from Lee and Kimberly Greenwood on her nomination

By Lee Greenwood

September 14, 2026 - "My heart is overflowing with pride today as I share that President Donald J. Trump has nominated my beautiful wife, Kimberly Payne Greenwood, to serve as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Barbados and, concurrently, to the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

For more than three decades, I have had the privilege of watching Kim lead with strength, grace, compassion and an unwavering love for our country. Whether mentoring and empowering young women, supporting our veterans and their families, serving our community and church, or raising our two sons, Kim has always approached every responsibility with a servant's heart and a deep commitment to excellence.

Kim worked with President Trump for 18 years through the Miss Universe Organization while directing multiple state pageants, and I am deeply grateful for the confidence he has once again placed in her through



Kimberly Greenwood is shown here with husband Lee Greenwood, famed for his patriotism and his most popular "God Bless the USA." Kimberly has been on four USO tours. (Photo by Fadil Berisha)

this nomination. I have proudly supported President Trump since he first announced his intention to lead this great nation, and I remain grateful for his service to America.

Representing the United States abroad is both an extraordinary honor and a solemn responsibility.

Upon confirmation, I know Kim will serve with humility, dignity and a sincere desire to strengthen the friendships between the United States and the people of these seven Caribbean nations.

Kim, our family could not be prouder of you. I have always

known what an exceptional woman you are, and now you have the opportunity to share your warmth, wisdom and love of country in service to the United States. Congratulations, my love. I will be proudly standing beside you every step of the way."

By Kimberly Payne Greenwood

I am deeply honored and humbled that President Donald J. Trump has nominated me to serve as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Barbados and, concurrently, to the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Having had the privilege of working with President Trump for 18 years through the Miss Universe Organization, I am profoundly grateful for the trust and confidence he has placed in me through this nomination. I also appreciate his continued commitment to strengthening America's relationships with our friends and partners around the world.

Service has been at the heart of so much of my life—from traveling overseas to entertain American troops on four USO tours, to mentoring and encouraging generations of young women, supporting our veterans and their families, and serving through our church and community. Each of those experiences has deepened my love for our country and my respect for the extraordinary responsibility carried by those who

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If confirmed by the United States Senate, I will approach this calling with humility, integrity and a servant's heart. I look forward to listening, learning and working alongside the people and leaders of these seven Caribbean nations to strengthen the enduring bonds of friendship, cooperation and mutual respect we share with the United States. I am especially grateful to my husband, Lee, whose love, encouragement and unwavering support have sustained me throughout our life together, and to our sons, family and friends who have surrounded me with their prayers and support.

This is an extraordinary honor and a solemn responsibility. I am grateful to God for opening this door, grateful to President Trump for this opportunity to serve, and grateful for every prayer offered as the confirmation process moves forward."

NASA astronaut Victor Glover returns full time to his alma mater, Cal Poly, in a full-time leadership position

Glover's administrative position will focus on strategic initiatives and fostering partnerships and philanthropy

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif., Sept. 9, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- Cal Poly, ranked among the nation's top 10 public universities, has announced that alum and recently retired U.S. Navy captain and emeritus NASA astronaut Victor Glover has taken on a full-time administrative leadership position with the university, effective Sept. 1.

Glover, who piloted NASA's Artemis II mission around the moon in spring 2026, returns to his alma mater to provide counsel to President Jeffrey D. Armstrong and other senior leaders. In his new role, Glover will help shape Cal Poly's long-term strategies that position the university (including the Cal Poly Maritime



Artemis II Mission astronaut Victor Glover stands proudly in front of his alma mater Cal Poly. (Photo/Courtesy: Cal Poly)

Academy) as a global leader in polytechnic education, research innovation and workforce production.

"My Learn by Doing experience at Cal Poly was the launch pad for my journeys around the world and the moon," Glover said. "Though I feel like I've never left, to be able to come back to this institution that has meant so much to me and to my family is a gift. I am excited to give that gift in service to student success!"

Glover will work collaboratively with the president, provost, college deans and other university leaders to identify, develop and accelerate strategic initiatives, partnerships and philanthropy aimed at expanding the university's leadership in engineering, applied computing, aerospace, aviation, maritime, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, autonomous systems and national defense. He will also serve an

ambassadorial role, representing the university at strategic engagements and championing initiatives that inspire the next generation of students to pursue STEM-related disciplines.

A 1999 graduate with a degree in engineering, Glover has long pointed to Cal Poly's Learn by Doing education and his experience as a student-athlete in wrestling and football as key to his professional success as a Navy fighter pilot, a legislative fellow with Sen. John McCain, and his groundbreaking work with NASA.

"I could not be more thrilled to have Victor back to Cal Poly and work alongside him to accelerate our success with Learn by Doing and keep it thriving for decades to come," said Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong. "Victor is the embodiment of how far Learn by Doing can propel a Cal Poly

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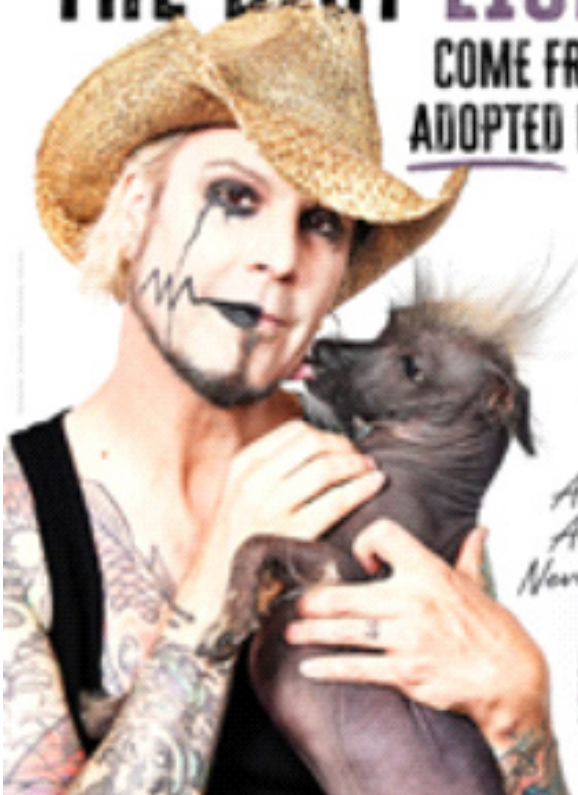
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