

Good morning, Senator Carla Joseph, and members of the 35th Legislature.  
My name is Kaylen Gregory and I'm here to speak in support of Myron Corbett.

Myron was more than a coach to me, he was a mentor, a leader, and ultimately, he became family. Unfortunately, he's not here with us today, but what better time to honor him than now?

I jumped at the chance to speak on behalf of Myron, because of his dedication to empowering the children of the Virgin Islands. I had the privilege of being coached by Myron during my high school years, and I can confidently say he played a pivotal role in shaping who I am today.

Growing up in St. Thomas, the opportunity to become a college athlete was limited, and receiving a scholarship to play Division 1 basketball was just a pipe dream, but not to Myron! He believed in me and saw potential, that I didn't know existed.

It was more than just his dedication to the game of basketball that made Myron truly special. He taught me many life lessons and instilled the importance of having a strong work ethic.

Thanks to Myron Corbett, I learned to think bigger and not limit myself!

When I told him that I was applying to Division 3 colleges he replied:  
*"Are you crazy, you are playing Division 1."*

At the time I didn't think that it was remotely possible, but he made it his duty to not only train me, but to create my high school highlight tape, and call countless coaches to advocate on my behalf. *"All we need is one yes"*, he would say.

Myron was instrumental in helping me secure a full Division 1 basketball scholarship from Marist College in New York. During my time at Marist, I was a four-year letterman, team captain, and graduated with honors.

That opportunity allowed me to launch my career in finance and I'm currently a Senior Manager at Nasdaq in New York City. While I am enjoying my current role, I also look forward to the day when I can return home to St. Thomas and contribute to future generations like Myron.

Though Myron's time with us was brief, he lived a life of purpose and left a lasting mark on the Virgin Islands. Thank you, Senator Carla Joseph, and members of the 35th Legislature for recognizing Myron's impact. I'm looking forward to the memories that will be made on his court!

- Kaylen Gregory