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World's Fastest Man and 100m World Champion Oblique Seville to Make First U.S. Public Appearance at Green-and-Black Ness: Day Experience" in South Florida.

South Florida — January 9, 2026 — Jamaica is back on top of the sprinting world, and the Champion is coming to South Florida.

The Calabar Alumni Association Florida Chapter, Inc. announces **Green-and-Black Ness: Day Experience**, a premier outdoor daytime cultural celebration taking place on **February 21, 2026**, from noon to 6 PM at **Markham Park in South Florida**. The event will mark the **first public appearance in the United States** by **Oblique Seville**, Jamaica's newly crowned **100-meter World Champion and the world's fastest man**.

Set against South Florida's cool winter weather, *Green-and-Black Ness: Day Experience* is a vibrant celebration of friends, food, fun, and culture—bringing together the Jamaican diaspora for an unforgettable day of music, authentic cuisine, prizes, and community connection. Part day fete and part Jamaican-style cookout, the event offers a festive, yet relaxed atmosphere rooted in cultural pride and global excellence.

Interest already extends far beyond South Florida, to include other Jamaican diaspora hubs across the Southeastern United States—positioning the experience as a **regional destination event**.

A significant highlight of the program will be the presentation of the **inaugural Lion Heart Award of Courage** to Mr. Seville by Calabar Alumni Florida. The award recognizes his discipline, resilience, and triumph on the world stage. Attendees will also hear directly from the champion as he shares his personal journey—how he challenged the world, overcame adversity, and rose to the pinnacle of global athletics.

"To make my first public appearance in the United States in a space that celebrates Jamaican culture and community means a great deal to me," said **Oblique Seville**. "Calabar is part of my journey that helped shape who I am, and to be honored by my people in the diaspora is special. I hope my journey reminds young people everywhere that with discipline, belief, and hard work, anything is possible."

"Green-and-Black Ness is more than an opportunity to have a good time," said **Karl Thompson, President of Calabar Alumni Florida**. *"It is a moment of cultural pride for the diaspora—it's really more of a Green, Black, and Gold thing. It's a celebration of Jamaican excellence and courage, honoring one of our own, and a true son of Jamaican soil, while inspiring the next generation through his achievements."*

Don't miss your chance to be part of this notable celebration! For sponsorship opportunities and full event details, visit www.cbarfla.org.

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