



## Italina James, VP of Operations

*Robert Frost's poem states, "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I, I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."*

Ms. Italina James as VP of Operations to the Pan Canal Alumni Association is determined to travel new roads and forge new paths, to carry out the vision of the organization. She is eager to embrace new challenges and looks forward to exploring new avenues of possibilities. Ms. James brings her gifts of management, administration, insight, intuition, clarity and enthusiasm to the organization. In her role, she will seek to inform, inspire and motivate the Panamanian community to do and be their best. Ms. James resided on the Canal Zone in Paraiso with her parents Mr. & Mrs. Joseph James. Her father worked in the Dredging Division for the Panama Canal. Her mother, Caroline James was active in her community and a member of the Altar Guild at St. Alban's Church in Paraiso. Her grandparents, Fitz Johnson (from Barbados) and Occorelle James (from Grenada) inspired her sense of adventure and exploring the unknown. They left their homes to seek a better future for themselves in Panama. Ms. James graduated with honors from Balboa High School in 1979 and was a part of the Paraiso/Balboa High School transition. She recalls her days at Paraiso High as being a most magical and awesome experience. Friendships that were formed then have blossomed over the years. The gathering at this time, of so many talented and diverse individuals that formed this organization, is no coincidence and she is proud to be part of the team.

Italina is the Executive Director of MGC Corporate Systems, a holding company formed in 1987. Under her leadership the company has expanded and flourished. Prior to MGC, she worked for the City of New York as a Police Administrative Assistant for seven years. She was also employed as a Supervisor at Katz Communications, Inc. Italina holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and Administration from Touro College. She is also an ordained Interfaith Minister and seeks to be an instrument of God. Her love of knowledge and new experiences keeps her occupied. Italina volunteers for two non-profit organizations: Spirituality for Kids at the Kabbalah Center, and the Coalition for One Voice. Her hobbies are reading, dancing, art and crafts, from face-painting for the clowns at the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade, to leading a topic at her Sister Circle. Her interests are varied and vast.

Ms. James has three beautiful daughters Kimaura, Midori, and Kaeylarae.