Dwight Cartier is an entrepreneur, consultant and mental health advocate who has a passion for community outreach and a strong business acumen. Dwight is the youngest child of two siblings born to Stanislaus Cartier and Petrina Mike-Cartier. He attended the Seventh-day Adventist School from second to twelfth grade - graduating in the class of 1986. He went on to attend Capella University where he earned his Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Business Management.

Dwight carved his path to entrepreneurship after years of working in the travel industry as a consultant to major companies such as American Airlines, American Express and The Home Depot. When travel came to a halt after the <u>September 11 attacks</u>, Dwight reinvented himself and his go-forward strategy and discovered his niche as a businessman. He is now the chief executive officer and leading consultant for Georgia-based <u>Dwight Cartier and Associates</u>, <u>Inc.</u> – a firm specializing in travel, expense, information technology and information systems solutions and management. His clients include:

- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Homeland Security
- PwC

Dwight's love for community outreach and mental health awareness stems from his time at the Seventh-Day Adventist School. He says, "being in a caring environment made me want to get more involved in mental health awareness and give back." When Dwight was in 7<sup>th</sup>grade, he and a few of his classmates participated in a school program where they were introduced to the needs in their community such as food insecurity and homelessness. After learning about what was happening in their own community, Dwight and his classmates raised money by fundraising for donations from businesses and organizations to help fill the local need. Upholding his tradition of giving back, Dwight is currently an avid volunteer with Community Action NOW.

Affectionately known as "Dwight Mike," he is also a proud dad and grandfather. In his spare time, Dwight enjoys spending time with his family, playing basketball, traveling, and getting in a good workout with the Peloton community.

Those who know Dwight would describe him as smart, motivated, driven and family oriented. One of the things he is most proud of is the solid foundation he received from S.D.A.

Dwight's words of wisdom to recent graduates of his alma mater are, "It is not only about who you know, but also about WHAT you know." Dwight encourages those who may venture into business, or the workforce in general, to have a strategy and embed themselves in its culture.

In terms of what is next for Dwight, he is looking forward to stepping into the political scene and running for candidacy soon. He's excited to get more involved in the community and become more available and accessible to members of the community and his hometown - through his business.

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