

DINTHILL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION JAMAICA *ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING* 2020



"Recovery - Renewed and Sustained Partnerships"
Saturday, October 31, 2020

6:15pm - 8:30pm

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AGENDA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman

WELCOME – Chairman

ANTHEM – Musical

PRAYER - Rev. Leslie Nemdhard

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE/LATENESS

OPENING REMARKS– Donovan Betancourt- President-DTHSAAJA

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr Derrick Deslandes –President- CASE

GREETINGS – Anthony Garwood- Incoming Principal-DTHS

REPORTS:

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Donovan Betancourt

TREASURER’S REPORT – Sandra Johnson

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Christopher Pitterson– Acting Principal

QUESTIONS

ELECTION FOR VACANT EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

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DINTHILL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION JAMAICA

GUIDELINES - AGM 2020

1. Be on time. Meeting room opens at 5:30 pm for registration.
2. All past students can attend. However only paid up members can participate in any decision making.
3. You must sign in with your registered name when joining the meeting. Persons attempting to register with Aliases will not be admitted.
4. Ensure that your attire is business sensitive to a formal meeting.
5. Keep the microphone muted until you are acknowledged to speak.
6. Do not attempt to speak up and over another person, you must engage the “hands up” to ask questions or voice your concerns.
7. Do not be disruptive, persons who are not in compliance will be removed from the meeting or placed in the waiting room by the meeting manager.

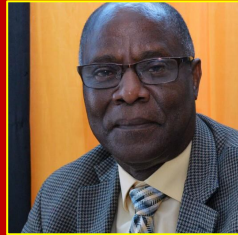
DINTHILL TECHNICAL HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION JAMAICA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Donovan Betancourt

President



Orett Parker

1st Vice President



Joseph Small

2nd Vice President



Sandra Johnson

Treasurer



Mildred Crawford

Secretary



Cornel Bent

Director



Anna Edwards

Director



Grace McLean

Director



Veronica Graham

Director



Frederick Sutherland

Immediate Past President



Renee Pantan-Steele

Chairperson, Accounting



Lincoln Russell

Chairperson, Events



George Reid

Chairperson, School Affairs



Noel Johnson

Secretariat

PROFILE FOR DINTHILL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Name: Donovan Betancourt

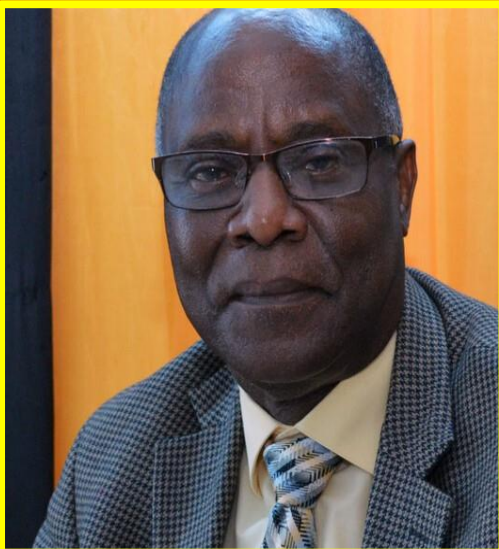
Graduated: 1986

Occupation: CEO- INAMI Group

Special Interest: Helping the people who are unable to help themselves.

Reason for Serving: To ensure the next generation of students at Dint Hill have the same or greater opportunities than I had. Giving back is a duty.

One of the things most people don't know about me: I am an excellent award-winning chef.



Name: Orett Parker

Graduated: 1972

Occupation: Professional Electrical Engineer

- CEO: Debor Engineering Consultancy & Maintenance Services Ltd
- Former Director at Air Jamaica
- Director: Professional Engineering Registration Board
- School Board Member: Pear Tree Grove Primary School

Special Interest: Electrical/Mechanical Engineering Consultancy Designs and Implementations

Reason for Serving: My professional training started at Dint Hill and I have a commitment to give back to my Alma Mater. I have been doing so ever since leaving Dint Hill in 1972

One thing most people do know about me: I love dancing and even won dancing competition while at Air Jamaica. I also love playing dominoes.

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Name: Joseph Small

Graduated: 1989

Occupation: Senior Business Manager.

Special Interests: Sports and human capital development. Systems design, implementation and improvement.

Reason for Serving: To contribute to an institution that has caused me to be adaptable and has changed the lives of each individual that has come through its doors.

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What Most People Don't Know About Me: I was a break dancer.



Name: Sandra Johnson

Graduated: 1982

Occupation: Financial Controller

Reason for Serving: I serve in an effort to give back and contribute to the lives of others in a positive way.

Special interest: Advancing the work of the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

One of the things most people don't know about me is: I love hiking and travel.

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Name: Mildred Crawford

Graduated: 1982

Occupation: Social Worker/ Farmer

Special Interest: Trade Negotiations

Reason for Serving: To present innovative contribution to my alma mater via sharing of experience and expertise that will empower and enhance its image thus qualifying it for a first world status.

One of the things most people don't know about me is: I thrive well on challenges.



Name: Cornel Bent

Year Graduated: 2002

Occupation: Computer Operator Specialist (JN Group)

Special Interest: Information Communication Technology, listening & playing music, trivia, developing young minds (School Challenge Quiz) & tutoring.

The Reason I Serve: The opportunities gained at Dinthill sparked this passion I currently have to continually make my Alma Mater proud.

One thing most people don't know about me: I'm an aspiring ethical hacker.

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Name: Anna Edwards

Graduated: 1984

Occupation: Enrolled Nurse

Special Interest: Cooking and meeting people.

Reason for Serving: I serve because without others before me believing in me, I wouldn't be where I am today so I aim to always return the favour whenever I can.

One thing most people don't know about me: I do not eat pear. Why? I am always collecting or buying pear just to give to people I know enjoy it. I do get a lot.



Name: Grace Mclean

Year Graduated: 1982

Alias: Amazing Grace

Occupation: Financial Advisor

Special Interest: I am a Creative Writer with interest of becoming a bestselling author, Podcaster, International Speaker and Philanthropist.

The Reason I Serve: While in 4th form at Dint Hill the principal Enos Barrett allowed my brother and I to travel on the school bus free of cost. I resolved then to give back to

the school in the future. I specialized in Agriculture and ate from the farm, and to this day, my knowledge of Agriculture helps me in my career. I desire to contribute to the transformation of Dint Hill as a beacon of excellence.

The One Thing Most People Don't Know About Me: I host a radio program, "Dollars & Sense" promoting Financial Literacy on Love 101FM.

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Name: Veronica Brooks. Graham

Graduated: 1980

Occupation: Retired Civil Servant

Special Interests: To have the opportunity to assist with the growth and development all around.

Reason to Serve: To keep the spirit of volunteerism and giving back alive, to see my alma mater in the forefront of the Educational system.

One thing most people don't know about me: Music makes me happy.



Name: Fredrick Sutherland

Graduated: 1969

Occupation: Accountant

Special Interest: Current Affairs

Reason for Serving: Give Back to my Alma Mater

One thing most people do know about me: Played Good Table Tennis before attending Dinthill.



Name: Renée Panton

Graduated: 2002

Occupation: Staff Accountant

Special Interests: Music, quote writing.

Reason for Serving: To give back to my school.

What's most people don't know: One of my passion is to be a Marriage Counselor or rather relationship counselor.

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Name: Lincoln Russell

Graduated: 1974

Occupation: Businessman

Special Interests: Bonsai gardening, winemaking

Reason for Serving: As a proud beneficiary of Dint Hill, I have a deep sense of obligation to serve. I consider it my duty to serve. I serve because I want to contribute to the development of my alma mater, to see it become Jamaica's premier technical high school and the envy of all the others.

What Most People Don't Know About Me: That I am a man of few words but also a bit of an outgoing introvert.



Name: Noel Johnson

Graduated: 2013

Occupation: Administrator

Special Interest: Boats, Cars, Stock market, and real estates.

Reason for Serving: The middle man between the School, Trust Fund, and the Dint Hill Past Student Association, were communication flow faster & easier to reduce the communication barriers, and to contribute towards the development of the organizations as well as give back to my Alma Mater.

One thing most people don't know about me: I worked with a Boating Company and developed a passion for Boats. I enjoy travelling making good business relationships.

PRESIDENT'S REVIEW

October 31, 2020

Annual General Meeting – 2019-2020

Dinthill Technical High School Alumni Association Jamaica



Donovan Betancourt

President

SUMMARY

The 2019/2020 year started with a new state of officers in all positions who were eager to serve the Association and give back to the school and their fellow Alumni. The year was a very successful one. With a commitment to deliver tangible outputs, we were able to accomplish a number of staller activities while facing major challenges, both internal and external.

In the end, the team proved that the Facta will always have a greater impact than Verba. Well done and thanks to all for a satisfying year 2019/2020.

THE TEAM

Let me first recognize the contributions of the previous administrations. The last period led by Fredrick Sutherland and before him by Orett Parker, Linval Freeman to name a few. They have laid the foundation for us, the new generation to set and achieve lofty goals now and in the future. They were serving the Association and giving back to Dinthill long before it was fashionable to do so. Past leaders we all salute you.

This year's team took office with 11 Officers and Directors, as well as 4 Chairpersons who set up various committees for the smooth running of the Association. The team was ably supported by the Secretariat led by Noel Johnson (A Past Student) who gave day to day assistance.

Whilst there were many challenges as we navigated the various issues, the team is still intact and ready for year two of the term with just 2 resignations during the period. The resignations of Director for Parliamentary Affairs and

Chairman for Public Relations, Coleen Beecher and Joyleen Griffiths respectively. Both positions are expected to be filled during the next period. Let me express gratitude to them as they navigate a changing workspace that demand their full attention.

Of significant note, our own Joseph Small was selected to represent the Past students on the Board of Governors for the school.

Thanks to all the members of the team who have given of their time and expertise to this cause we call **Dinthill**.

FINANCE

We wish to note the negative impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on the Association and its ability to function normally. This led, among other things to the temporary closure of the Secretariat office for three months to manage the finances. I am pleased however to advise that the office is now open and functioning normally.

Despite the challenges of Covid-19, I am proud to report that our finances are well managed and in a healthy state to meet our commitments and projections for FY 2020/21.

During the FY 2019/20 we were able to successfully raise and manage funds while meeting Tangibles Project Objectives. Today our bank balances stand at over J\$1.5M with expected inflows in the next 2 months of approximately \$400K. Of this amount, approximately J\$630K are reserved and the additional J\$870K dedicated to operations, including welfare and project activities.

We are committed to our position of making sure that our monies are allocated to 2 main areas: Projects and Welfare. As such we have dedicated 10% of all events profit to welfare and we have earmarked \$500,000 of the current budget for new projects early in the next year.

The income, contributions and donations during the period of cash and kinds was phenomenal with just over **J\$5M** raised, pledged or earned in cash or kind;

- Gym Donation- \$1.0M
- Tablets and Data Service - \$0.9M
- Pledges \$1.7M (20% Provision for default and fx. reduction)
- Contribution from Trust Fund – J\$0.23M
- Fundraising and other contribution -J\$1.2M

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROJECTS

There were a number of projects and activities that were accomplished during the past year. We are extremely proud and thankful for the various supporters who have made this year a success. The Project team was ably led by Vice President Joseph Small.

Legal Status

Under the last administration the Association achieved the status of being a Registered Charitable Organization with the Department of Co-operatives & Friendly Societies (DCFS). This status allows us to benefit from the application of taxation on our financial activities. This is an important milestone as it reduces overall cost to the Association and make more funds available for projects and other activities. I am happy to advise that the Association during this year completed the registration as a Non-For-Profit Organization with the Companies Office of Jamaica as at October 2020. This gives protection to the Directors and Officers of the organization as well as ensure that we are able to take advantage of online and other business opportunities as a fully registered company with The Government of Jamaica.

One Maroon Apparel

With the Launch of the **One Maroon** Brand 2019, this is now being monetized as a revenue stream with the launch of the **One Maroon** Apparel. We have to date

- One Maroon T-Shirts
- One Maroon Masks

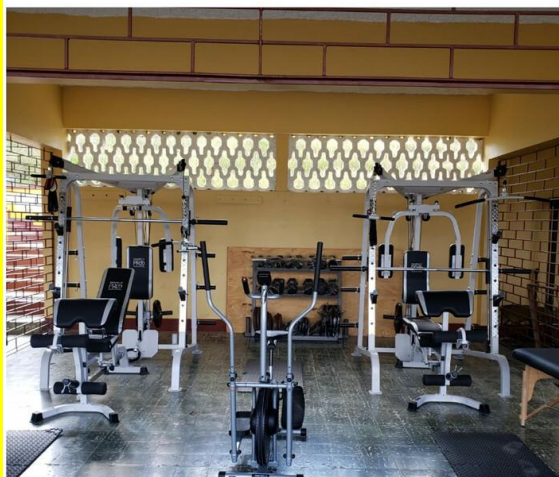
This activity has deepened our brand awareness and increased the visibility of the school and the brand. Both ventures are successful and are continuing.



THE LINVAL FREEMAN GYM

In April of 2020 the organization was able to procure and install a full starter Gym at the current school pavilion to support the School's Sports and Wellness Program. The Gym which has been named after one of the most outstanding Past Student Leaders LINVAL FREEMAN JP includes:

- Portable Massage Tables
- Cycling Machine
- Bench Press Machine
- Free Weights
- Recovery Bath



The project also included the refurbishing of the Pavilion to accommodate the equipment. This gym is now completed in its modular state at a cost of just under \$1.6M. It was financed primarily by donations from various past students. We say a big thank you to all who participated and contributed.







ELECTRONIC TABLETS

In responding to the needs of the school to assist with the supply of electronic devices to support the students and teachers who were negatively impacted by Covid-19. The association was able to partner with key stakeholders including past students, NGOs, corporate Jamaica as well as the Parent Teachers Association of the school to supply:

- 89 Tablets
- 30 Sim Cards
- Data Packages for 3 Months

The total cost of this donation was J\$900,000. We thank the P.T.A for coming on board as well as the Georgia Chapter, FCIBC, Digicel Foundation, Alton Chintersingh and Sandra Johnson.



Welfare and Support

A number of care packages were donated to students and parents as well as assistance given during the period. These include support for past students in medical or social distress to ensure they can cope better in their respective environment. We were able to conduct the following activities:

- Raise blood for in-need past student
- Assist past student facing major medical condition
- Assist past student facing debilitating social circumstances
- Assist current students facing financial as well as psychological challenges.

FUND RAISER

This was a very big year for Events and Fund Raising led by Grace McClean and Lincoln Russel. They did an excellent job. There were nine (9) events and fund-raising activities for the period. Seven (7) were successfully staged, one (1) cancelled due to Covid-19 while the other was partially executed as a result of the pandemic. These events were:

- Back in Time Retro Dance
- Oliver Samuels Play
- Founders Week- Scaled down due to COVID 19
- Annual Dinner + Dance- Cancelled
- Mediathon
- Football Team Support

The team continue to manage the various activities of the organization with dedication and commitment and has shown they are committed to getting the best results for the Association.



Jamaican comedian and actor, Oliver Samuels, who is also a past student donated part proceeds from one night of his play 'Crazy But True' to the fundraising efforts of the alumni

Alumni members enjoy themselves at 'Back in Time'. This retro party was also a fundraising effort by the alumni.



Mediathon



Football Team Support



MEMBERSHIP

Membership this year has been slow. This, however is expected, given the challenges from the negative impact of Covid-19. Our paid-up members for the period are at 54. While this is so, the affinity to the Brand is very high and we hope to convert this to paid up members in the next term.



CHALLENGES

The year was not without its challenges and there were activities that were slated to be completed that were not accomplished. These were the result of either cost or work impact. The major challenges were:

Audited FY 2018-2019 Financial Statements

The Financial Statements are required to be audited and submitted to the Department of Co-operatives and Friendly Societies to satisfy the fiduciary requirement. This however has not been done based on cost. We have however established dialogue with the department formally and they have indicated a willingness to recommend an auditor at a reasonable cost from their pool. This is expected to be done very early in the next administrative

year. To mitigate this going forward we have already secured the services of an auditor for current year but he is not available to rule on 2018/2019.

Constitutional Amendments

At the last Annual General Meeting the vote was made unanimously that the constitution should be reviewed in a number of areas within the first 12 months to ensure it was modern and reflects a more contemporary reality. This process, while it started has not been completed due to the lack of manpower to complete same.

This AGM is being asked to extend this motion to accommodate the completion of this exercise.

FUTURE PROJECTS

There are a number of projects to which the Association is committed and is looking at how to actively pursue them for the betterment of the school. These projects are in different stages of developments and include but not limited to the following:

- ICT Lab and Internet Infrastructure Support
- Dairy Projects
- Chicken Expansion
- Members benefit

Our hope is that we will continue our mandate to deliver tangible solutions to our school in the next year of the administration and that we will see the school improve its potential to be the best high school in Jamaica.

Yours

Donovan Betancourt JP
President
#One Maroon

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Christopher Pitterson
Acting Principal

Esteem alumni and other stakeholders of Dinthill Technical High School, on behalf of staff and students, I bring greetings to all. My role today is a very pivotal one as we gather on behalf of administrators, teachers, parents and students of this noble institution to make plans for this 82-year-old eagle that has nurtured thousands of students to become giants in this world.

The academic year 2019-2020 has called on all of us as stakeholders to reassess, revisit, and repurpose our positions in the global pandemic of Corona virus (Covid-19) that has propelled us with lightning speed into the 4th Industrial Revolution. Like many other Institutions we did not have the resources to function effectively, thankfully our stakeholders including Alumni Associations and Parent's Teacher's Association together provided 78 tablets so our teachers and students could continue working to some extent. We are still not where we want to be in terms of ICT integration and online instructions. However, we continue to do the best we can. Throughout all of the upheaval, we are grateful to our stakeholders who have joined us under the theme of 'Raising the Bar of Excellence through Partnership,' and so, today we will highlight with brevity the unfolding of the school year.

We commenced the 2019-2020 school year with a sense of pride and optimism, resolute to provide an environment where our students are afforded quality education in this era. Through partnership with the *National Works Agency* we were able to pave our school road which has now been famously referred to as our "black carpet". Our staffs, students and other

stakeholders are now better able to traverse our campus more efficiently as they transact their business. For this small mercy to some, we are grateful.

Staffing

We began the academic year with a staff quota of seventy-eight (78) academic, thirteen (13) administrative and twenty-seven (27) ancillary workers.

It must be highlighted that the 2019/2020 academic year saw us welcoming new members of staff in the areas of academic, administrative and ancillary, inclusive of full, part time and temporary and relief.

Dinthill Technical High School welcomed: Mr. Harry Thomas, Miss Keily Brown, Miss Carolynn Thompson Mr. Parris Millings, Mr. Davar Duhaney, Mr. Akeem Pinnock, Miss Kashae Myrie, Miss Venessa Grant, and Miss Shavelle Vassell.

While we welcome our new members of staff, we also said goodbye to the following teachers: Mr. Nickolas McIntosh, Mrs. Suzalee Blair -Gordon, Mr. Carlyle Lewis, Mr. Dale Omeally, Ms. Jodi-Ann Wilson, and Mr. Gerard Gayle who have resigned. We thank Miss Evelyn Bryan, Mr Livingston Lewin and Mrs. Lotaya Humphery who have substituted for teachers who were on vacation leave. We appreciated their contributions to the enhanced development of our students during their tenure with us.

Enrollment

Our student population for the year 2019-2020 saw us with 1548 students enrolled. The breakdown is as follow:

Grade 7	237
Grade 8	262
Grade 9	274
Grade 10	285
Grade 11	271
Sixth Form	142
CAP	61
HTMP	16

Programmes

Dinthill continues specialization in four major areas namely: Agriculture, Business Education, Engineering Technology, Home Economics. Each area provides the opportunity for our student to sit one or more exit exam which is mandatory by the ministry of education whether it be CXC, CVQ, City and Guilds or NCTVET.

Examination Results

The 2019 examination results inclusive of Caribbean Secondary Examination Certificate [CSEC] and the Caribbean Advance Proficiency Examination [CAPE] saw us recording 100% pass rate in a number of areas. The subject results are as follow:

Caribbean Secondary Examination Certificate [CSEC]

In Additional Mathematics, Agricultural Science Double and single awards, and Biology and Industrial Technology- Building we recorded 100%. All other areas ranged from a pass rate of 40% to 98.3%.

Caribbean Advance Proficiency Examination [CAPE]

In the areas of Caribbean Studies, Agricultural Science unit 2, Art and Design unit 1, Economics Unit 2, Environmental Science Unit 2, Food and Nutrition Units 1 and 2, History Unit 1, Literatures in English Unit 1, Management of Business Unit 2, Physics Unit 1, Sociology Unit 1, we recorded 100% passes. All other areas saw the passes ranging from 22% to 95%. We must commend our students, teachers, parents and other stakeholders for their contribution to the creditable performance of the students in the 2019 sitting of the Examinations.

The 2020 examination results for CAPE and CSEC saw us improving in most areas. We recorded 100% pass in many subject areas. The subject results are as follow:

Caribbean Secondary Examination Certificate [CSEC]

In Agricultural Science Double and single awards, EDPM, PE, Visual Arts and Textiles Clothing and Fashion we recorded 100%. All other areas ranged from a pass rate of 57% to 98. %.

Caribbean Advance Proficiency Examination [CAPE]

In the areas of Caribbean Studies, Agricultural Science unit, Art and Design, Economics, Environmental Science, Food and Nutrition, History, Tourism, Physics, Sociology, we recorded 100% passes. All other areas saw the passes ranging from 60% to 93%.

Extra-Curricular

Dinthill Technical high School continues to create an environment where we foster the development of the whole child. Thus, we continue to promote extra-curricular activities for our students to participate in. During the 2019-2020 academic year, we performed creditable on the national stage in this area. In the DaCosta Cup Schoolboy Football Competition we were placed 2nd place. We cupped a number of awards at the Jamaica Cultural Development Competition [JCDC] in the areas of Music and Speech. We were also nationally recognized by Junior Achievement Jamaica. We were awarded Best pitch, 1st runner up – Innovation Award and Best booth, additionally we were awarded the Camp Queen Jamaica Moves In School – SERHA.

Projects

During the school year 2019-2020, we engaged in a number of projects in order to provide our students and staff with quality educational experience in the 21st century. It should be highlighted that none of these projects would be realized without partnership of different stakeholders.

1. Repairing the Grade 7 Bathroom made possible with the kind support of the Parents Teachers Association.
2. Paving of our Roads - Partnership with the National Works Agency
3. Repairing of the Guidance Office- Partnership with the Past Students Association, Parent Teachers Association and the Ministry of Education Youth and Information.
4. Upgrade of the Gym – Partnership with Past Students Association: Local Chapter.
5. Installation of Core Values --- Partnership with Mr. Telbert Roberts

6. Staff Flat - School
7. Installation of the Rail Leading to Home Economics Lab -- Partnership with the Past Student Association
8. Repairing Grade 10 and 11 bathrooms - Partnership with Past Student Association and a group from the class of 1984
9. Construction of five additional classroom - partnership with Food For the Poor
10. Home Economics Department
 - i. Replacement of doors (Main Lab) - Partnership with Mr. Wayne Wint – Past Student
 - ii. Electrical Repairs (Main Lab) - Partnership with Mr. Wint - Past Student
 - iii. Termite treatment and installation of new cupboards and shelves (Jr. Lab) Partnership with Mr. Wint and New York Chapter of the PSA
- 11 . Build/Repair Collapsed Pit– Partnership with the Ministry of Education Youth and Information.
- 12 . Construction Sheep House – Partnership with STEM unit.

Congratulations

We must extend heartiest congratulations to our members of staff who have added to their families during the 2019-2020 school year. Miss Renee Higgins, Miss Toysha Brady, Ms Jannel Diedrick, Ms. Jeanett Nelson and Mrs. Simone James-Rose all welcomed their babies. We wish them all the best as they enjoy the journey of motherhood.

Regrets and Condolences

We wish to offer our condolences to members of our staff who have lost loved ones during this period. They include:

- i. Our Acting Principal Mrs Monica White has lost mother, sister, brother in law and Husband
- ii. Mrs. Forrest- Mother
- iii. Miss Jeanette Nelson – Brother
- iv. Mrs. Shanique Lee-Lounds – Brother in Law (Former member of staff)
- v. Mr. Wentworth Kelly- Mother in Law
- vi. Mr. Nicholas Burke – Grandmother
- vii. Mrs. Novelette Malcolm – Cousin
- viii. Mrs. Sharon Gayle Jackson- Brother in Law
- ix. Mr. Dennis Clarke – Sister
- x. Mr. Denzil Greaves – Mother
- xi. The Family of Mr. Crooks – Former Teacher
- xii. Mr. Jason Calloo – Aunt
- xiii. Miss Sherridean Shield – Father – In – Law
- xiv. Mr. Calvin Ross - Sister
- xv. Four Students who lost their parents

Bon Voyage

We say goodbye to some members of staff who have served with distinction and have dedicated many years of service to this our noble institution.

Mrs. Jennifer Willie - Guidance Counselor

Mr. Paul Brown-Teacher of Spanish

Mrs. Maureen Flemming Spence -Teacher/Librarian

Mrs. Monica White – Acting Principal

We wish them all the best as we bid them farewell as they transition into their pre-retirement life. Dinthill Technical High School and by extension Jamaica have benefitted tremendously from their service and their names are all etched in the annals of the Dinthill rich historical legacy.

Vacation Leave

We wish for Mr. Overton Grant, Miss Charmaine Wright, Mrs. Emancia Thomas, Mrs. Sherlene Gayle Blake and Miss Karen Collins a very pleasant and restful vacation and hope they all return rejuvenated for the task.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the world is still reeling from the effects of the global pandemic and it has shaken us to our core. We are not sure of anything anymore. Some of our dreams and plans have had to change course. However, we are confident that we can continue to equip our students with the requisite tools and social skills that will determine their altitude as they make positive contributions to our society whether locally or globally.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we continue to live by our motto FACTA NON VERBA- Deeds not Words.

I thank you.

DTHS TRUST FUND REPORT 2020



2020 started as a year with much promise, both for the DTHS Alumni as well as the DTHS Trust Fund. A new Alumni executive team was in place and there were some grand plans as to how to move the organization forward. At our last Trust Fund meeting in December 2019, we were given the charge by Chairman, Wayne

Stanbury and agreed on the way forward.

Tragedy struck in February 2020, when our beloved Chairman, Mr. Wayne Stanbury was murdered. As a past student of DTHS, Mr. Stanbury dedicated his time and effort to assisting Dinthill in many ways, as Chairman of the Trust Fund, he was relentless in his efforts to guide the Trust Fund to success. The DTHS family were all in shock and it took a while for the entire team to get back on track.

While recovering from the untimely passing of our Chairman, COVID – 19 struck, again further complicating our efforts at moving the business of the organization forward. There were several restrictions which prevented any major gatherings and thus fundraising activities were limited. To compound the effect of this all, schools were not allowed to reopen as was planned and most of the lessons were online. Thus, the usual payments from the incoming and returning students were low this year.

While we are only ten months into the financial year of the Trust Fund, the contribution is dismal and may be at a record low. Notwithstanding, we are

happy to report that students contributed in excess of some \$470,000 to the Trust Fund. On a more somber note, no contribution came from any of the chapters.

The fund now stands at \$7,873,625 an improvement of approximately \$400,000 over last year. Among the payouts made this year are funds that went to outfitting the Secretariat of the Alumni as this was deemed essential to moving the Past Student Association as well as the Trust Fund forward.

2020 TRUST FUND ACTIVITIES

Scholarships

Twelve scholarships were awarded to students sitting the 2020 CSEC exams to the tune of \$100,000. We will be following up to see how successful these awardees were in their exams.



Guidance Counsellor's Department

Funds of \$1,000,000 that was awarded to the renovation of the Guidance Counsellor's office last financial year was put to good use. A recent evaluation of the project showed that it was well executed and that the offices of the Guidance Department is really a state of the art.

The Alumni Secretariat

Funds allocated to the secretariat was used to purchase a much-needed Laptop for the office as well as installation of an Air Conditioner for the office. The electrical issues were also sorted out



THE WAY FORWARD

If the Fund is to reap the desired benefits and be impactful, then there needs to be some adjustments structurally and otherwise. The different DTSH Chapters which make up the board needs to make and live up to their commitments. Once the issue of who represents the various chapters on the board of the Trust Fund is settled, we can immediately settle the chairmanship. I am envisaging that the new chairperson will have a lot of work to do and given the nuances of the pandemic, it is going to be that much difficult to grow the fund but not impossible. Importantly, all chapters should by now have received a copy of the trust deed and hopefully have been guided accordingly.

Among the projects that are outstanding for the Trust Fund is the DTSH Business Directory which essentially catalogue DTSH past student owned

business as well as past students who are business executives. This is currently being worked on.

Finally, rather sadly we did not get a chance to pay our final respect to our Chairman who worked tirelessly during his tenure to make the Trust Fund a success. As such, we will look at ways in the near future as to how best to honour his memory. May his soul rest in peace.



What the Future Could Look Like, Lets Dream Together... When You Dream Big, Your Problems Get Smaller.



Joseph Small
2nd Vice President

We are in the future and the Dint Hill Technical High School is now the premier teaching and learning secondary institution in the parish of Saint Catherine with a very competitive entrance cohort year over year. The institution has a very dynamic leadership team and a student population that is of great esteem and boasts academic disciplines of traditional and non-traditional excellence. The school now has CSEC passes upwards of 90% and CAPE passes upwards of 95% and as seen a dramatic turnaround in the student performance in the technical subject areas in recent times.

The food security programs and its impact on the school population are legendary and is the envy of many secondary institutions in the Middlesex and Surrey regions of the Island. The school has a modern Poultry production system to include two commercial solid side tunnel ventilated houses that grow broiler birds for one of Jamaica's premier poultry companies where the contractual arrangements are mutually beneficial.



The farm also has a well-established and well-run seed bank that produces commercially for the various interested parties. This was done in collaboration with one of the upcoming power houses in the crop production systems in Jamaica and is operated at international standards. The crop farm is producing several vegetables, legumes, starches and tree crops and supplies these commercially to all interested

parties. The quality of the produce is excellent and the demands for them are rising consistently and are a source of much needed income for the operations and yields good net profits. All this is built around an improved infrastructure to include an upgraded irrigation system such as drip irrigation and a well-established water network around the school.

The school farm has a very good dairy production system that is as a result of a well-established partnership with one of the Islands leading milk producing system with commercial viability. The dairy Farm has good quality animals and a well-

established and maintained pasture for animal grazing. The farm also has an

automated system to include milking machines, appropriate cold storage and distribution system to support the profitability purpose.



The piggery unit has been upgraded and now boast a commercially viable grow out operation for finisher pigs. The project is a contractual arrangement with the leading pig producer on the Island to supply weaners and harvest the finished pigs for processing on a long-term arrangement. This included the use of first-class feed and feeding systems and well as support from veterinarian and other livestock support specialist to ensure good yields (feed to meat).

The sports and wellness programs are structured and well run and has been a model of collaboration with all interested parties with over ten disparate sporting disciplines that has now diversified the total development of the students. The program is built on the backdrop of sporting infrastructure that includes a well-manicured set of playing fields both at the eastern and the western end of the administrative and main class rooms. The Linval Freeman sports gym is also an integral part of the training apparatus for the students in furtherance of their potential.

The mentoring and coaching programs include the past students and other interested parties in the design, delivery, monitoring and evaluation of the program and will be

very effective. The mentors and coaches have been carefully selected and boast high credentials in their successful careers to include but not limited to national awardees, business owners, senior and executive managers just to name a few. The impact on the students will be tremendous while providing an opportunity for past students to give back with pride and joy, whilst positively impacting the school community, the country and the wider world. The program will have a psychological component and will have professionals working alongside each grade level to change the outlook for each student participant and to help in their life skills and ultimate success as a professional in their chosen field.

Financial Report for Period January to October 15, 2020

This report gives a summary of the financial performance of the DTHS Past Students Association Jamaica for the Financial Year 2020. It captures activities for the period January 2020 to October 15, 2020.

While the administration was elected at the AGM in October 2019 and would have taken office on November 1, 2019, all activities for 2019 have been included in the financials for year ended December 31, 2019.

The 2019 Financials are to be audited and submitted to the Department of Corporations and Friendly Societies. We are currently in search of an auditor and it is anticipated that both 2019 and 2020 will be audited and submitted before the expiration of our current license.

Bank Balance October 15, 2020

At the Beginning of November when the new administration took office, we started with a total bank balance of \$590,743 from our J\$, US\$ savings and J\$ current account.

As at October 15, 2020, the total bank balance for all three accounts including cash in hand was \$1,535,050.

Of this amount there is \$45,000 direct deposits from past students specifically for welfare. The current administration also decided that 10% of net proceed from the Mediathon will be set aside for welfare, making a total welfare fund of \$181,000.

Finance

DINTHILL PAST STUDENTS ASSOCIATION INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AS AT OCTOBER 15, 2020

Jan-Oct 15 2020

INCOME

Plays	298,000
Donation received towards Gym	1,066,481
Donation re Tablets	890,000
Donation for Web Maintenance	122,119
Other-Printing income and sale of merchandise ed	45,200
Mediathon Pledges/Sponsorship	1,797,988
Mask	51,100
Contribution from Trust Fund	269,500
Membership	76,000
Total Income	4,616,388

EXPENDITURE

Tickets for Play	195,500
Cost of Gym and Renovation	1,583,781
Secretariat Expenses & Meeting Expense	382,849
Cost re Mediathon	341,860
Cost of Mask	105,000
Cost of Register DTHSPSA as a Company	45,000
Provision for Mediation Bad Debt	180,000
Web Maintenance	122,119
Tablets Donated (89)	890,000
Total Expenses	3,846,109

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)

770,280

Balance Sheet October 15, 2020

	Dec-19	Oct-20
	JMD	JMD
Printer	115,478	115,478
Air Condition Unit	43,995	43,995
Current Assets		
Receivables	924,500	923,471
Cash	747,199	1,535,050
Inventory - Memorabilia	46,700	30,158
TOTAL ASSETS	1,877,872	2,648,152
Funded By:		
Current Liabilities		
Due to LMF-Payment Pegasus and Wefare Awardee	75,000	70,000
Payable re Mask	0	105,000
Payable re T Shirts	100,000	0
Accrued Dinner Expenses-Magazine Etc	175,000	175,000
Accumulated Fund		
Surplus for the year	689,107	770,280
Surplus brought forward	1,013,765	1,702,872
	1,702,872	2,473,152
	1,877,872	2,648,152

NOTES

Receivables:

Mediathon	297,371.00
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Cash

USD Savings	200,617.32
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Cash in Hand	50,000.00
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J\$ Savings	429,094.37
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J\$ Current	<u>855,338.31</u>
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Total	<u><u>1,535,050.00</u></u>
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Fund Raisers and Major Projects by New Administration

Back in Time Net Proceeds	281,000
Play Net Proceeds	102,500
Mediathon Net Proceeds after bad debt provision	1,276,128
Cost of GYM (equipment & Renovation)	1,583,781
Tablets Donated	890,000

CASH & BANK BALANCE

Bank Balance at 1 November 2019	<u>590,743</u>
Bank Balance 15 October 2020	<u><u>1,535,050</u></u>

REPORT 2019/2020

DECEMBER 2019

Coleen Beecher and Anna Edwards visited Dwight; a past student with disability challenges in Priory St Ann. They brought him food and household items in addition to giving his room a makeover.



Romario Campbell, a young past student who has developed brain issues was visited at his house and was issued a care package.



2020

JANUARY

Romario in preparation for his second surgery was issued a package from past student, Veronica Fitzgerald.



MAY-JULY

Over 35 students (grades 7-11) were given data for online classes. This was done with the help of batch mates, 1984 graduates and other alumni members local and overseas.

Each person was given the name of a student and that child got help for 2 months. The ones doing exams were given help for 3 months.



JUNE

Care packages were given to parents and students c/o Digicel Foundation.

Tablets were handed over to Dinthill's Principal c/o Atlanta Chapter.

JULY

Romario Campbell was visited at Kingston Public Hospital after his 2nd surgery. His 1st surgery was done in July of 2019.



JULY- AUGUST

Welfare team Started working with other students and also participated in blood drive for alumni member.



OCTOBER

CONGRATULATIONS

A grade 11 student who received data from the alumni got 7 subjects. 2 distinctions, 2 ones, 2 twos and 1 grade 3.



PROFILE

DR. DERRICK DESLANDES

GUEST SPEAKER



Dr. Derrick Deslandes has taught for more than 20 years at the University of the West Indies in the areas of International Business/Marketing, Consumer Behavior and Marketing Research. In addition, he has consulted in Jamaica and the wider Caribbean for more than 20 years both in the private and public sector and has provided consultancy services in marketing to the Ministry of Agriculture for ten years. Highlights of his work include:

1. Development of several BSc and MSc programmes at UWI
2. Active participation in the Jamaica public sector modernization programme since 1996
3. Development of the framework for the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus's expansion into Montego Bay
4. Development of the framework for the merger of the Town Planning Department, National Resource Conservation Authority and the Land Development, Utilization Commission.
5. Developed and led team that implemented the National Irish Potato Production Programme in Jamaica moving local production from 25% to 85% of national table consumption

6. Critical participation in the conceptualization and development of the Agropark programme
7. Establishment of the JA-MIS price collection system and more recently the establishment of the ALEX platform to facilitate farmer hotel interaction and the expansion of production of strawberries through the linkages platform.

Dr. Deslandes is a graduate of the University of the West Indies' Management Studies, Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management, and Florida State University's Business School, and has received numerous scholarships and bursaries throughout his academic life.

He has published and presented papers on foreign direct investment, country branding, destination choice and destination image both within the region and internationally.

He currently sits on the boards of the Council of Community Colleges of Jamaica, the Sugar Industry Authority, the Trade Board, RADA, the Tourism Linkage Network, and chairs the Board of the Jamaica Dairy Development Board and recently, chaired the Steering Committee of the Trade Information Portal, leading to a successful launch of the portal.

Since 2015 Dr. Deslandes has been tasked with the responsibility of transforming the College of Agriculture, Science and Education (CASE), Jamaica's only agricultural college into a vibrant and strong applied research institution to fully support the GOJ's Agriculture and tourism thrust. Highlights include:

- Securing funding of over 400M from both the private and public sectors to aid in the transformation process. Below are some highlights of the CASE transformation efforts:
 - Significant improvement in the physical infrastructure at the college
 - Installation of new IT infrastructure
 - Provided internet access throughout the college including student dorms for the first time
 - Constructed a new tissue culture lab to be operationalized in January 2020
 - Constructed a tunnel ventilated chicken house (first of its kind in Portland)
 - Acquired additional 500 acres of land to facilitate the expansion of CASE farms
 - Constructed two aquaponics unit to facilitate the development of a freshwater fishing industry in Portland
 - installation of 32000sqft of new green house space, 18900 to be used to produced medical cannabis
- Increase student population by more than 50% since 2015
- Secured a medical cannabis license, through partnership with a Canadian company
- Greatly improved student and staff morale and has significantly reduced student and staff agitation which was a feature of the college prior to his arrival.
- Significantly reduce pilfering and improve the efficiency of the College's operations
- Replaced all lighting fixtures with led lighting through the Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica Programme and now in discussions with a Canadian company to install a solar system to remove CASE from the national grid.

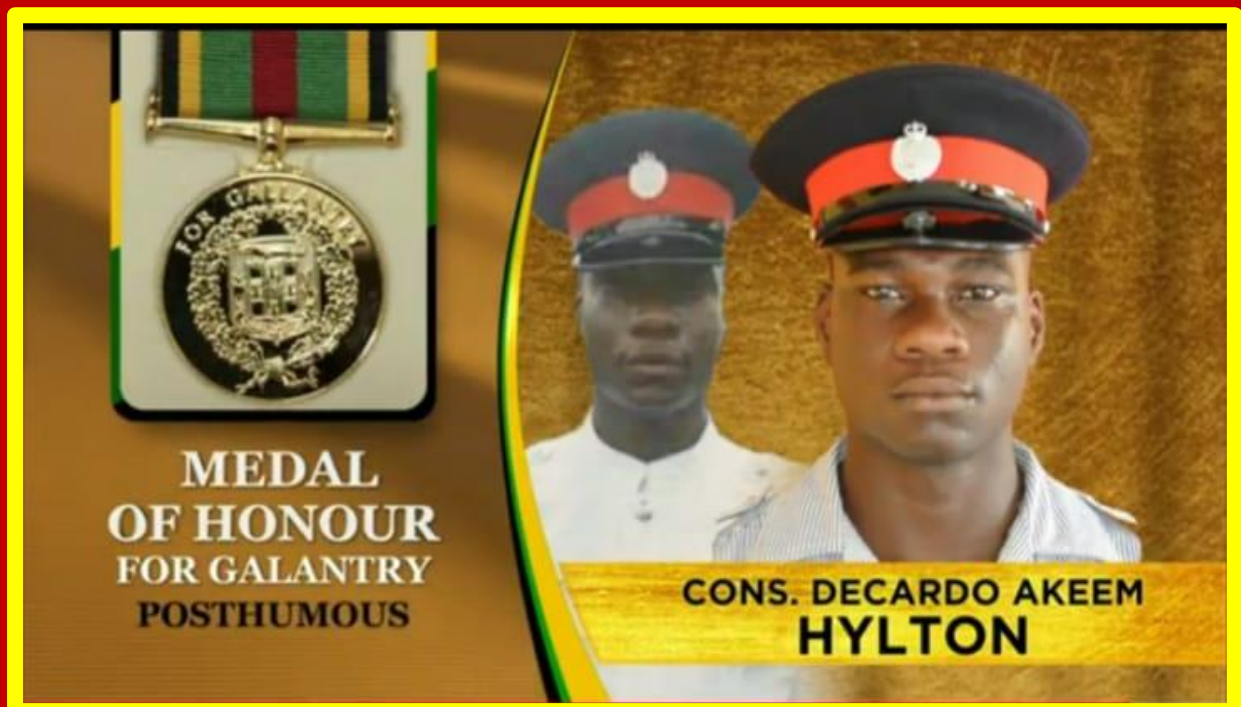
In addition, has developed with his team a strategic plan for college with the goal of achieving University status in five years.

Dr. Deslandes is driven by a strong belief in the capacity of Jamaicans to work together to achieve greatness.

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

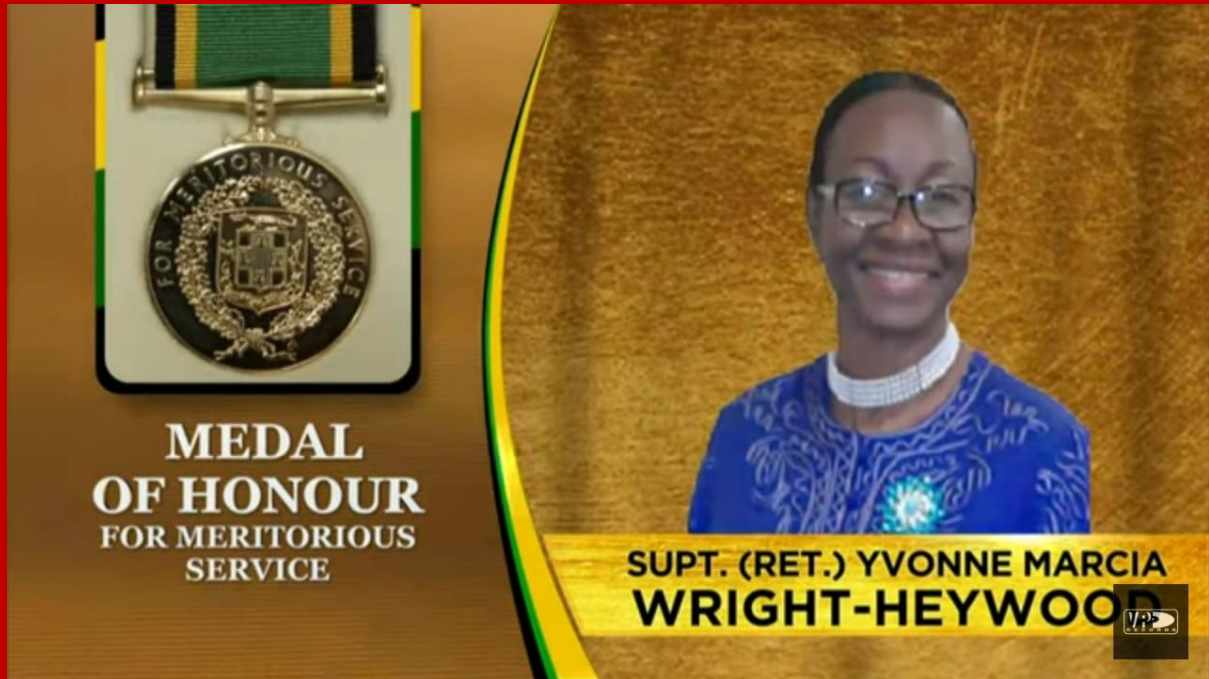


The “King of Comedy” Oliver Samuels was awarded the Order of Distinction in the rank of commander (CD).



The late Constable Decardo Hylton was awarded the Medal of Honour for Gallantry, Posthumous.

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



Supt. (RET.) Yvonne Wright-Heywood was awarded the Medal of Honour for Meritorious.

FRIENDS WHO HAVE GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



Wayne Stanbury



Winston Harrison



Decardo Hylton



Beryl Dilworth



Raymond Douglas



Arley Dyer



Aulene Effs



Horace Allen



Marcia Kirby

FRIENDS WHO HAVE GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



Rose Ann Peynado



Lloyd White



Eunice Patricia Williams Chung



Earl Hibbert

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