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### **Alumni Community**



#### Dear Members of Our Alumni Community:

Summer is here along with the rain and we hope that you are keeping dry. Remember also that this is the hurricane season and as Florida residents we know what to do just in case there is a hurricane. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) outlook for the 2023 Atlantic hurricane season forecasts 12 to 17 named storms with 5 to 9 being hurricanes and 1 to 4, major hurricanes.

Just a follow-up on the All-Alumni Associations' Sports Day for those who purchased raffles, the list of winners is on the right. If your name appears on the list, you should contact the Calabar Alumni Association (Derrick Munroe, President at <a href="mailto:president@cbarfla.org">president@cbarfla.org</a>) to get your prize if you did not do so already.

Congratulation to the Jamaica College Community for the proud showing of the Jamaica College robotics team in the recent FIRST Tech Robotics Championship. As reported on pages 3 and 4, the international contest brought together 192 student robotics teams from around the world, and the 12-member JC team created history by becoming the first team from Jamaica and the wider Car-



ibbean to receive the MOTIVATE award. The MOTIVATE award is presented to the team that best reflects a commitment to inspiring others and also boosts the awareness of robotics within their communities. Kudos to our "bright sparks" from JC!

We send condolence to the **Wolmer's Community and the family of Lascelles Chin** who died in Florida this past week. Lascelles not only supported his alma mater Wolmer's Boys School, but through the LASCO Foundation which started in 2018, worked to ensure that children thrive. The foundation's focus is on "early intervention to help Jamaica's at-risk youth develop the relationships, goals and capacities needed to break the cycle of poverty and crime and become productive members of society, especially as successful entrepreneurs". **Please read more on page 5.** 

The Keynote Speaker at Camperdown Past Student's Association Dinner-Dance last month was **Jamaica's Minister of Education & Youth, the Honorable Fayval Williams**. Excerpts from her speech are found on Page 6.

page This year's **Union of Jamaica Alumni Association's (UJAA)** raffle will end on Saturday, July 23, 2023. This is a great way to support your alma mater and at the same time have a chance to win the main prize of \$25,000 or any of the other cash prizes from \$3000 to \$500. Tickets cost \$5 and can be purchased from either your association in Florida, your affiliate association in New York, or

from us. The flyer on Page 7 has the list of organizations that are selling raffle tickets and their contact information.

The Annual ALL ALUMNI Walkathon will be held on December 2, 2023 at Miramar Regional Park. Yes, we have secured the venue already! As usual, there will be food, fun, fellowship, and more giveaways than in previous years. Uncle KEV promises to have a surprise DJ for us this year, and there may even be additional entertainers. We are in the very early stages of planning and welcome your thoughts and suggestions. Please see the flyer on Page 8.

Kudos **to Leo Gilling** and the <u>Jamaica Diaspora Taskforce Education Network (JDTAN)</u> on their upcoming summit, June 14 - 16, 2023 at Florida Atlantic University's Davie Campus. The Patron of the summit is Jamaica's ambassador to the United States and Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States (OAS), Hon. Audrey Marks.

#### **ALUMNI EVENTS ON THE HORIZON**

- 1. Excelsior Alumni of Florida Summer Jamboree, June 10 (Page 9)
- 2. UWI Alumni Florida Reggae-Soca Party, June 17 (Page 10)
- 3. Kingston Technical Past Students' Weekend, June 23 -24 (Page 11)
- 4. Church Teachers' College Alumni Association Family Fun Day, June 24 (Page 12)
- 5. Cornwall College Alumni Association (South Florida) Family Fun Day, June 25 (Page 13)
- 6. Holy Trinity Alumni 70th Anniversary Trinity Ball, July 15 (Page 14)
- 7. Wolmer's Alumni Annual Fundraising Gala, July 22 (Page 15)
- 8. Immaculate Conception Alumnae (South Florida) Independence Dance, July 29 (Page 16)
- 9. Clarendon College Weekend Celebration, September 1-3 (Page 17)
- 10. Age Quod Agis Wolmer's vs Campion Reunion Soccer Match, September 9 (Page 18)
- 11. Glenmuir Alumni Association (Florida) End of Summer Weekend Sept 29 Oct 1 (Page 19)
- 12. Calabar Alumni Florida Open Golf Tournament, September 30 (Page 20)
- 13. Manning's PSA Association, (South Florida) Fun Day in the Park October 14 (Page 21)
- 14. Friends of KTHS Annual Weekend Celebration, October 27-29 (Page 22)
- 15. St. Andrew Tech Alumni Association Annual Fundraising Banquet, October 28 (Page 23)
- 16. St. Jago High School Alumni Dinner Dance, November 4 (Page 24)
- 17. Coalition of Jamaican Alumni Association Annual Walkathon, December 2 (Page 8)

This newsletter is the monthly publication of the Coalition of Jamaican Alumni Associations of Florida. It publishes information about Jamaican alumni associations in Florida, its members and other information related to education in the Jamaican Alumni Community in Florida. The list of Jamaican alumni associations is found on pages 25 – 28.

The Coalition Monthly Newsletter is also published on the Coalition's website at <a href="www.cjaaf.info">www.cjaaf.info</a>. If you would like us to present information of the nature indicated above to members of the alumni community, please send it to us at <a href="mailto:regeon@hotmail.com">regeon@hotmail.com</a>.

## "We showed them what it meant to be Jamaican" JC achieves success in FIRST Tech Robotics Championship

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Former state minister, Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport Alando Terrelonge (fifth right) is surrounded by members of the Jamaica College (JC) robotics teams during a visit to the institution's Old Hope Road campus in St Andrew to offer the congratulations on team's success in the FIRST **Tech Robotics Championship** in the US. (Photos: Dave Reid)

The success of the Jamaica College (JC) robotics team in the recent FIRST Tech

Robotics Championship is being hailed as a testament of the country's 'little but we tallawah' mantra.

The international contest, held in Houston, Texas, brought together 192 student robotics teams from around the world, who put their innovation, teamwork, and robotics skills to the test under the guidance of coaches and mentors. Despite various challenges, the 12-member JC team showed their mettle, creating history by becoming the first team from Jamaica and the wider Caribbean to receive the MOTIVATE award.

The MOTIVATE award is presented to the team that best reflects a commitment to inspiring others and boosting the awareness of robotics within their communities.

One student received a badge for inspiring a judge while the entire team was exposed to scholarship and sponsorship opportunities to further advance their careers in the science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) fields.

JC had won the FIRST Tech Challenge Jamaica Championships, which qualified the team to compete in the international competition. Team Captain Zachery Ranglin said although other teams had better material "we showed them what it meant to be Jamaican". Ojae James, who is the robotics designer for the team, said: "I believe that us going and getting that experience is key in leading our lower school, which will be

JC also won two of 11 qualifying matches during their judging room interview, where the team presented their engineering and outreach books while answering judges' questions at their booth.

Technical coach, Mickael Phillips, who assisted the boys to prepare for a 10-minute interview with judges, said it took a month between the regional and world championships to teach them how to be emotive and receptive to what would be asked.

"In those 10 minutes they talked about how they assisted and started other school robotics programmes, how they really brought robotics to not only corporate Jamaica but to school-based programmes around them as well as the less fortunate," he told JIS News.

Manager of the team, Jason Brown, said he is proud of the achievement of the youngsters. "What we would have wanted the young men to be, they are becoming, and they are honing their greatness," he said. He told JIS News that the team welcomes any form of support.

"We've seen the potential that Jamaica has but we cannot do this by ourselves. Whatever it is that you can do to support, to engage, to build capacity here at JC, and in general, please give consideration to coming on board to making this happen," he urged.

Former state minister in the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport Alando Terrelonge, who visited JC's Old Hope Road campus to congratulate the boys, said the achievement of the boys shows what is possible with hard work and dedication.

"It's a strong signal to other young men that an educated mind is the greatest weapon they can wield," he said.

FIRST Tech Challenge requires students grades seven to 12 to design, build, programme, and operate robots to compete in a head-to-head challenge in an alliance format.

Former state minister, Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and **Sport Alando Terrelonge** (second left) operates a robot that was designed, built and programmed by the Jamaica College (JC) robotics team. Team members include (from left): Michael Woods, Delano Reid, Stanley Cai, Orville Daley, and Team Manager Jason Brown.





#### **WOLMER'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY PAYS TRIBUTE TO LASCELLES CHIN**

Jamaica Observer May 28, 2023



The Wolmer's High School community has paid tribute to the late Lascelles Chin.

The Lasco founder, a Wolmer's old boy, astute businessman and philanthropist, died in Florida, United States surrounded by family on Saturday night. He was 86.

"All Wolmerians join in celebrating the life, work, achievements and contribution of our distinguished alumnus, Lascelles Chin, a titan of Jamaica's private sector, a business icon, a generous

philanthropist and a quiet humanitarian," a news release on Sunday read.

"From very humble beginnings in Bog Walk, Las (as he was affectionately known) achieved through visioning, dedication, belief in self and faith in God."

Describing Chin as a 'dreamer', the Wolmer's family said the businessman had a "ferocious work ethic which defied 24 hours in a day and said the latter was "why he was able to constantly evolve, rising from a small importer of black pepper, through Chairman and Managing Director of Henkel Jamaica, to become the founder of the LASCO Affiliated Companies."

It went on to heap praises on Chin for creating a brand that not only catered to the poor but one which became synonymous with quality products from Jamaica.

"Under his inspirational leadership, LASCO has become a household name, a trusted brand which has delivered value to both its customers and investors...despite his out-sized success, Las never forgot his humble roots and constantly sought to deliver goods and services at prices affordable to the poor," the release read.

"Along his entrepreneurial journey, his unselfishness and generosity of spirit allowed him to encourage and enable others to meet their success, and he took immense but quiet pride in watching them achieve," added the statement



## Embrace the Digital Space

Embrace the digital space. This was the keynote message delivered by the Honourable Fayval Williams, Minister of Education and Youth as she addressed Camperdown High's past students and this year's student honourees (Britannia and Britannie Johnson, Abbie-Gay Miller) at their 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fundraising Gala Dinner in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA on Saturday, May 27, 2023.

The Camperdown High Past Students Association Florida Chapter (CASFLO) was delighted the Minister accepted an invitation to attend the gala dinner as the guest speaker, at her own expense, to highlight the critical areas and challenges facing Jamaica's children and the transformational leadership, resources and support required to cope. She encouraged the diaspora to continue playing a crucial role in nation-building.

Mrs. Williams spoke about the government's plans to provide internet connections to schools island-wide, as a study revealed that in a few years, the workplace will require at least 75% of its employees to have digital skills. She informed the attentive audience about the brain-building programmes and plans regarding the reintroduction of civics being taught in schools.

The Minister is no stranger to Camperdown functions as she was a guest at last year's gala dinner at the Pegasus Hotel hosted by the school's St. Andrew Alumni Chapter.

Minister Williams also attended CASFLO's ribboncutting ceremony of the rooftop lunch pavilion and the handing over function of tablets and financial scholarships at the East Kingston-based school in October 2022.

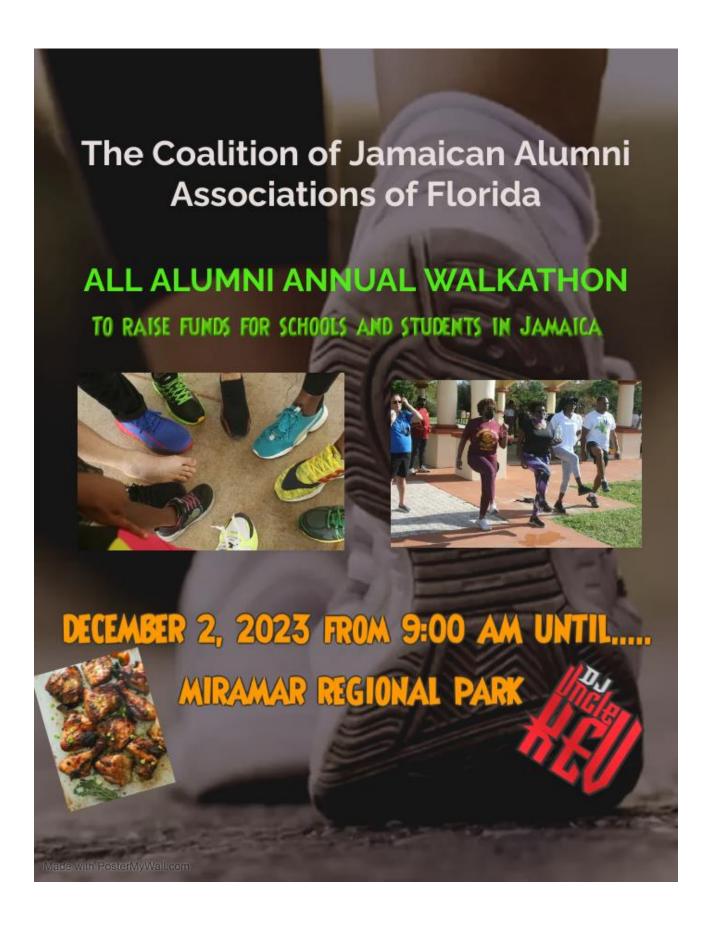






Minister Williams (Center) with Members of the Camperdown Past Students' Association Executive Board.











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# Manning's School Past Students' Association South Florida Chapter

Save The Date!!

## Fun Day in the Park

When: Saturday, October 14th 2023

12:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Where: Miramar Regional Park

Corporate Pavilion

16801 Miramar Parkway, Miramar FL 33027

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Join us with friends and family. Fun music, good games, raffle, Food and more.



# Save The Date



Second Annual Fundraising **Banquet** 

October 28, 2023

Goldcoast Ballroom 1415 Lyons Road, Coconut Creek, FL 33063



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