### **JULY 2022**

# THE COALITION MONTHLY



The Newsletter for Jamaican Alumni Associations in Florida

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#### **Dear Members of Our Alumni Community:**

For us, putting together this newsletter every month is a labor of love as it gives us so much pleasure and joy to see how much you are doing to help students in Jamaica achieve a good education. We are inspired to continue what we are doing to help your association be successful. We do this together because educating tomorrow's generation, truly matters.

There is a wonderful article that was published in the Jamaica Observer titled, "*The Doc Who Wishes He Had Attended Calabar*". His love for Calabar High School is truly amazing. Read more on pages 12-13. The list of alumni associations is on pages 18-21.

- Please remember to support your alumni association through the UJAA raffle. The flyer on Page 3 has information of different alumni associations from which you can purchase raffle tickets.
- On Page 4 we feature the Tivoli Gardens High School Alumni Track Corporation (TGHSATC). TGH-SATC 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Awards Fundraising banquet will be held at the Signature Grand on October 8, 2022. The event flyer is on Page 5.
- The Florida Chapter of the University of the West Indies Alumni Association's **ZOOM SCHOLARSHIP BINGO & FUN Night** will be on Friday, July 8, 2022. There is no charge to attend, but you can support the organization by purchasing summer raffle tickets (\$5 per ticket) for which the main prize is a 55" smart TV. Read more about the ZOOM Bingo Night on Page 6.
- The Trio Fest Wine, Jerk & Curry Festival is on July 16, 2022 (Page 7). This event will take place in Frederick, Maryland. The organizers will allow alumni associations to collect donations at the event. If there is a branch of your alumni association in Maryland or if you are thinking of attending the event, you can register your association's attendance at

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On Page 8, there is information on the Annual Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving at the Faith Center, to celebrate Jamaica's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence. The date is July 31, 2022 at 4:00 PM. Also on Page 8, is information on the gala on August 6, 2022.



- ♣ The People Profile Awards will be held on July 10 at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. (Page 9)
- Wolmer's Alumni will use its fundraising banquet on July 23 to celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> year of existence. The event will be under the auspices of City of Miramar Commissioner, Alexandra Davis (Page 10).
- Friends of Kingston Technical High School will be having their Fun Day Picnic and Back to School Supplies Giveaway at C. B. Smith Park on July 30. (Page 11)
- Here is the list of events for August 2022 to December 2022:
  - 1. Ardenne High School Alumni Association Summer Fish Fry, August 20: Page 14
  - 2. Wolmer's vs. Campion Reunion Soccer Match (JAMAICA), September 24 (Page 15)
  - 3. All Alumni Association Walkathon, December 3: (Page 16)
  - 4. Excelsior High School Alumni 2022 XMAS Bash (Page 17)



#### SPOTLIGHT ON TIVOLI GARDENS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI TRACK CORPORATION



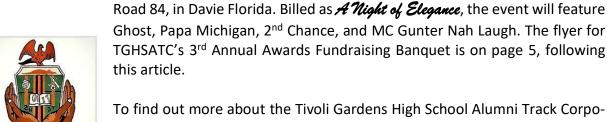
Tivoli Gardens High School Alumni Track Corporation (TGHSATC) is the newest member of our Coalition. Currently, a 501c3 tax exemption non-profit organization registered in the state of Florida, Tivoli Gardens High School Alumni Track Corporation was formed in 2017 by three alumni of the Tivoli Gardens High School Track and Field team. This is an international association with membership spanning several countries, states and geographic regions in the United States. With this international focus, members of their executive board live in different regions of the world.

The mission of Tivoli Gardens High School Alumni Track Corporation is "to facilitate support and assist in providing opportunities to the holistic development of academic, vocational and track and field students athletes of Tivoli Gardens High School". TGHSATC's intension is "to pursue and function as an institution that cultivates high moral standards in attitude, character, deportment and values".



Since its inception, the Tivoli Gardens High School Alumni Track Corporation has assisted its alma mater in various ways including financial support for the nutrition program for athletes, academic scholarship for students currently attending Tivoli Gardens High School, support for after school educational program, and the provision of athletics gear and equipment for students. Tivoli Gardens High School Alumni Track Corporation is providing students the resources to gain a competitive edge at the track meets in which they participate.

This year, the Tivoli Gardens High School Alumni Track Corporation's Annual Awards Fundraising Banquet will be held at the Signature Grand, 6900 State



To find out more about the Tivoli Gardens High School Alumni Track Corporation, or to get in touch with members of the executive board, please use the contact information below.

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# The UWI Alumni Association (Florida Chapter) ANNUAL RAFFLE

Prize

#### 55" 4K HD SMART TV

Drawing: Saturday, August 20, 2022 at 9 pm (By ZOOM)

Proceeds will provide scholarships for UWI students

Donation: \$5.00 per ticket

Winning ticket holder need not be present at drawing

UWI Alumni Association (Florida), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization

#### AN EVENT THAT COULD HELP ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS TO RAISE FUNDS



Simple Touch Productions recognizes that Jamaicans in the diaspora are keen to support their alumni with fundraising efforts. During the Triofest Caribbean festival in Frederick, Maryland (July 16, 2022), we welcome the executives and organizers of your Past student associations to collect donations at the event. The Wine, Jerk and Curry festival with headliner Marcia Griffiths will attract thousands of patrons from the Caribbean and especially Jamaica. Please follow 3 easy steps to represent your school:

- 1. Register your attendance and verify your status in the alumni/past student association at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14ILLqCRtHYHQ4ukQFDWVaun86k9HWWdTHEsKZ3n2f4A/edit
- 2. Arrange for a member of your organization chapter on the US East Coast (1 free ticket provided) to bring a **visibly branded donation box(es)/jar(s) to the event**. This will be placed close to the bar or cash sale line entrance.
- 3. **Share the event** and your efforts with your alums by following and sharing the festival flyer and details on your social media pages, mailing lists and other media outlets

The show organizers will promote donation to your school throughout the event, by announcing the donation box locations and presence of the alumni association to receive donations.

#### CELEBRATING JAMAICA'S 60th ANNIVERSARY



# The Consulate General of Jamaica Annual Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving

in celebration of

#### JAMAICA'S 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE

Sunday, July 31, 2022 at 4:00 PM

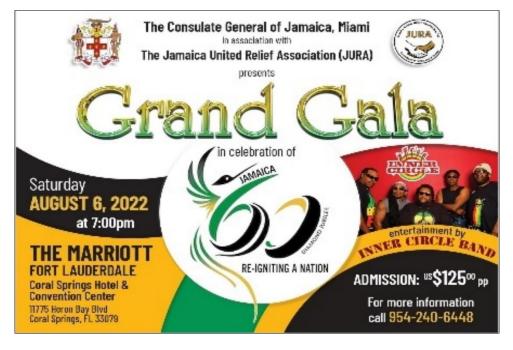
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5555 NW 95<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sunrise, Florida 33351



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Wolmer's Alumni Association South Florida Chapter

# 25th Anniversary Gala

## SATURDAY JULY 23, 2022



Contribution: \$100.00

Cocktails 7:00pm | Dinner 8:00pm

## Live Performance by Novel-T

M.C. Maxine Tulloch | Music by: DJ Fergie



Miramar Cultural Center 2400 Civic Centre Place Miramar, FL 33025

For Info/Tickets: 1-888-WOLMERS
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# Friends of

Kingston Technical High school

Presents

# FUN Day PicNic BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES GIVEAWAY

Saturday July 30, 2022 1pm - 6:30pm

C.B. SMITH PARK 900 N. Flamingo Rd, Pembroke Pines, Fl 33028 Shelter # 11

Adults: \$20 Kids: \$10 (12 & under)

MEAL INCLUDED

Music, Raffle, Bounce House, Domino, Ludi Potato Sack Race & more

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#### THE DOC WHO WISHES HE HAD ATTENDED CALABAR

## NY-Jamaican Don Phillibert Jr Continues to Support the Jamaican Medical Reality Horace Helps

Jamaica Observer, June 12, 2022



**LEFT-HANDED MEDICS**: Dr Donald Phillibert Jr (left) with fellow obstetricians and gynecologists based in the United States, Dr George Savage (center) and Dr Raymond Wedderburn. Interestingly, all three are left-handed, which they say is a rarity. (Photos: Garfield Robinson)

Although he never attended Calabar High School, Dr Donald Phillibert Jr still wishes that he had. He, the son of accomplished New York City-based obstetrician and gynecologist Dr Don Phillibert Sr, OD, did not get the chance to step through the

gate of the all-boys institution located on Red Hills Road in St Andrew, aside from dropping off gifts for some students when visits to the land of his birth would lead him into that direction.

The younger Phillibert, a member of the Jamaica Awareness Association of California, Inc, was, of course, born at Andrews Memorial Hospital "many years ago", and remained in the Corporate Area until age seven, before he landed in Brooklyn, New York.

Jamaica was never far from him, as while he attended high school, he would often return at summertime, with a brother and sister, to stay with his grandmother, and other relatives like aunt Nina Triff Chin in Kingston, giving a little breather to his parents who struggled to make it in hectic New York in those days.

"It was difficult to be away from your parents, but I had my family in Kingston — cousins, aunts, uncles and there was a time in Jamaica in Kingston where your neighbours were your family. If you misbehaved or went too far, you were disciplined by your neighbours, but it was a sense of love, family and unity. We were one people," said Dr Phillibert Jr, midway a surgical procedure that he and two other local surgeons based in the United States were conducting on a Jamaican patient at Annotto Bay Hospital last Tuesday.

"My father inspired me to go into medicine. As long as I can remember, even as a little skinny boy, I had to carry my weighty medical equipment back down to Jamaica. While we had opportunities abroad for education and for work, we always had to come and give back, and that's how Calabar came in.

"He made me feel that I should have gone to Calabar. Even coming down, you would see me in Calabar clothes. It is something that has always been in my head from I was little. I used to walk the grounds of Calabar as a little boy. You see, that old boy passion is wonderful, but it never stops us doing things together for Jamaica — whether it be a Calabar boy, or KC boy, we all get together frequently because we want to do good work for Jamaica.

Dr Phillibert Sr is a legend at Calabar. The recently retired owns the reputation of being, possibly, the institution's largest single benefactor, and though not as sprightly as in former years, he remains an active alumnus. In October 2017, the Government of Jamaica conferred him with the Order of Distinction (Officer Class) for philanthropy.

As for the medical team that was given permission by the Government to conduct a four-day training exercise for medical staff and lead surgical procedures using laparoscopic methods at Annotto Bay last week, Dr Phillibert Jr hailed the mission as a huge success, and is looking forward to the next visit, perhaps by as early as later this year.

"I want to give a nod to Dr George Savage and Dr Ray Wedderburn as well. Savage is a boy who grew up near Tivoli Gardens and he saw a lot of things to inspire him to want to give back and start scholarships for children through JAAC educational scholarships. In addition, he is one of our excellent gynaecological surgeons that's here teaching cases as well.

"We are under the leadership of Dr Wedderburn, who has given exceptional financial contributions to the scholarships of bright and gifted children in Jamaica and is leading our surgical mission. We are very proud to have him at the helm," Dr Phillibert Jr said.

The young gynaceologist, who began practising medicine in 2007, worked as part of Jamaican medical missions for almost five years before joining JAAC in 2016.

"Before JAAC and working with other missions, I assisted patients who needed to have help with precancerous legions on their cervix. One time I needed an operating room in order to help these patients. We had their pap smear results analysed at University of Maryland and we saw that these women were in danger of having cervical cancer, or cancer of the uterus. We didn't want them to suffer, but we needed an operating room. We heard about what was being done at Annotto Bay, and that's how I started my relationship with Dr (Ray) Fraser (head of surgery at Annotto Bay) and that KC-Calabar relationship with my father was there.

"Dr Fraser asked if I would come and help teach with an organization called JAAC and until this day I am grateful to Dr Fraser for that invitation. He introduced me to the world of teaching in global health," Dr Phillibert Jr said.





# SAVE THE DATE!

PLAN TO BE A PART OF THE ANNUAL

COALITION OF JAMAICAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS OF FLORIDA

WALKATHON

DECEMBER 3,2022

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Call Rupert or Sandra for more details.

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# SAVE THE DATE

Excelsior Alumni Association of Florida Presents

# 2022 XMAS BASH

Please join us for the return of our annual Xmas Bash; An indoor & outdoor affair, where all that glitters is Emerald Green and Gold!

DATE: DECEMBER 10TH 2022 | TIME: 9 PM TO 2 AM

DRESS CODE: ALL WHITE



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