

THE COALITION OF JAMAICAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS
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MESSAGE FROM THE COALITION

Over the past year, we heard from nearly every group about how they are making an extra effort to meet the needs of schools in Jamaica and other members of our community in Jamaica and here in Florida. We heard of individual effort, and its influence on others at work and in the community to help schools with laptops and tablets, and of associations helping to feed people living close to schools in Jamaica, and those who lost their jobs in Florida. Even with the pandemic that curtailed our fundraising activities, our alumni community was still able to send more than US\$500,000 to schools in Jamaica, and an equal amount in equipment and supplies.



The South Florida Alumni community's effort has caused us to think about what Dr. King said in 1963 at the National Mall: "We cannot walk alone. And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead. We cannot turn back". We have taken the walk together to assist our schools and our community, and we have certainly encouraged and led others to assist. We are not turning back, and we are not looking behind! This alumni community is focused on how to improve what we have done, how to make it better for students in Jamaica and people with needs in our community. We commend your effort in helping schools in Jamaica and the communities in which we live; for the innovative ways that you have kept your fundraising activities alive; and for your commitment to help improve the lives of others.

We have said this before and it is always good to remind ourselves, that the true meaning of Christmas is in caring for students and others in our community this holiday season and in the coming year. We give gifts to others at Christmas, a tradition started 2000 years ago through a wonderful gift to all of us, the baby Jesus in the manger. For us, we pledge to continue the tradition of giving gifts through our service to the community and schools in Jamaica and hope you will do the same.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BEST WISHES FOR 2021.

Dr. Sandra Schrouder Dr. Rupert Rhodd (Co-Chairs)

The Consul General, Hon. Oliver Mair Christmas/New Year's message is on page 3, and some alumni associations' messages are on pages 4-20. Enjoy the Christmas Video by Shaggy on Page 21.

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CONSULATE GENERAL OF JAMAICA, MIAMI 2020 CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE



My fellow Jamaicans and friends of the Diaspora as we celebrate the Christmas Season and welcome another year, let us look forward with hope and aspiration. This year has been one of the most challenging years in history. But after the long dark night, comes the bright morning. And we believe as our great Bob Marley sang “every little thing is gonna be alright.”.

My staff and I, at the Consulate General of Jamaica express our profound gratitude to each and every one, who has supported us through these challenging times. First, let me extend condolences to all who have lost loved ones during the COVID pandemic which continues to impact our community. In this regard, please continue to take all the necessary precautions. Let me express my sincere gratitude to all individuals, companies and organizations that selflessly contributed to our Jamaicans in need especially at the time of the border closure where it was estimated that nearly 2,500 persons in the Southern USA reached out to us for some kind of support. No amount of planning could have prepared us for the raging storm created by this pandemic during those three months. But like a captain at sea, I was able to see the heroic nature of my Consulate team and the community at large.

Storms do not last. And this too will pass. Let us continue to place peace over panic, and faith over fear. And this will take us through. As the Good Book says, ‘*now abideth faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love*’. Let us continue to embrace faith that we will overcome, hope for a brighter 2021, and let us express our love every day to families, friends and loved ones.

While we sing the good tidings of comfort and joy let us move into the festive season and the new year with gratitude and a continued sense of purpose. Through the thoughtful gesture of various philanthropic groups, we continue to support our beloved island home, Jamaica. As you know, there is nothing we cannot achieve, when we come together as Jamaicans. Let us remain committed to our partnership with individuals, corporations and community groups as we build on Diaspora development and nation building in our beloved homeland.

On behalf of the staff of the Consulate General of Jamaica at Miami, and my family, Tanya and Serena, I wish you all a blessed Christmas season of peace, hope, love, joy and prosperity, reminding you that “...*those that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles.....*”

Happy holidays.



R. Oliver Mair

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Consul General

Southern USA, Bahamas, Cayman Islands



**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WINDSOR/WILMAR ALUMNI
(NORTH AMERICA) ASSOCIATION
&
ALL ALUMNI MEMBERS OF THE COALITION ESPECIALLY ITS LEAD PERSONNEL
DRS. SANDRA SCHROUDER AND RUPERT RHODD.**



**THANKING YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OVER THE YEARS AND ESPECIALLY 2020
THAT WAS PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT FOR ALL. |**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL AND MAY 2021 BRING YOU MUCH
HOPE, FAITH, BLESSING, AND PROSPERITY AS WE REMEMBER TO
SHARE WITH THE LESS FORTUNATE AMONG US.**

**LET'S PRAY FOR WISDOM, INSPIRATION, ENDURANCE, AND OPTIMISM.
TAKE COURAGE AND KEEP SAFE AS YOU CELEBRATE THE SEASON
WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASK WEARING.**



THANK YOU.

**DR. INDIANA ROBINSON, PRESIDENT
WINDSOR/WILMAR ALUMNI (NORTH AMERICA) ASSOCIATION**



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
FROM
MANNING'S SCHOOL PAST STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER, INC



SEASON'S GREETINGS TO OUR ALUMNI FAMILY



As 2020, a challenging year, comes to an end
we are even more grateful for our volunteers and donors
who continue to play their part in improving
what came before us and in laying a foundation
for this and future generations.

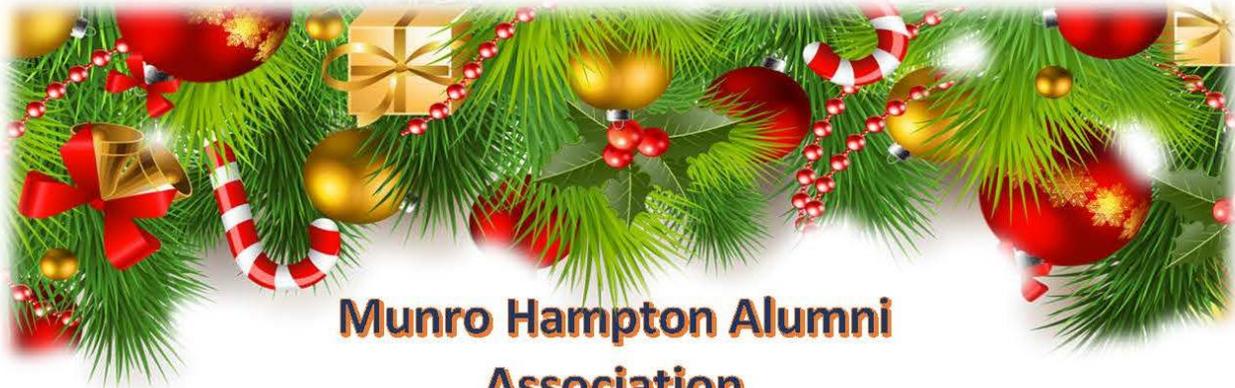
Thanks for the love and commitment
that you continue to show to your respective schools.

Peace, love & joy to you and your families.

LeRoy Bookal
President



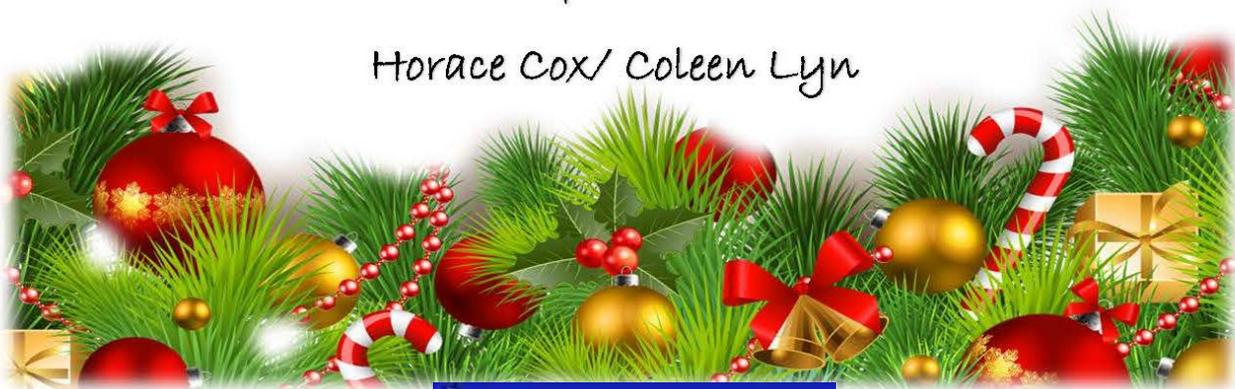
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Munro Hampton Alumni Association

Season's greetings...2020 has been a year of tremendous challenges. All of us have been impacted directly or indirectly. Just being alive is testimony to our resilience, willpower and indomitable spirit. Wish you, your family and friends all the best for the holidays and new year. Keep the faith!

Horace Cox/ Coleen Lyn





UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY - CAST
ALUMNI OF FLORIDA

*Wishing you all the gifts of Peace and Love throughout this
Blessed Season with renewed Hope and Gratitude for a
Healthy and Prosperous New Year.*

Merry 
Christmas

HAPPY
HANUKKAH



Joyeux
Noël



Season's Greetings





DEAR FELLOW ALUMNI,

ON BEHALF OF THE FLORIDA CHAPTER OF

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION,

WE WISH YOU SHALOM, PEACE, AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS. MAY YOUR HEARTS BE FILLED

WITH THE JOY AND LIGHT OF JESUS CHRIST DURING THIS SEASON AND IN THE COMING

NEW YEAR. IN SPITE OF 2020, JESUS IS STILL LORD!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

REGARDS,

LAURA BRYCE (PRESIDENT)





Christmas is a time of joy and celebration. This season we reflect on thoughts of appreciation for the support given to the St. Catherine High School Alumni Association. 2020 has been a challenging year with much to reflect on. The success of our organization is built on your efforts and your resilience. We appreciate your commitment and dedication. As we approach the end of this year, I want to thank each one of you, members, and supporters, for collaborating with us to give back to our esteemed alma mater.

A recent example of your generosity was illustrated in our Access to Success fundraising event. We saw on display, the enormous support from the alumni and the community. Your various contributions continue to raise our profile and prominence for service – Preces strong!



As we enter the new Year, it is a time to reflect on family and friends who because of the challenges of present times will not be able to physically be with us and for those who passed away.

Our New Year is filled with expectations of greater things to come. We look forward to having the chance to see you all in person for the 2021 events. And I am encouraged and reassured that I can count on all to ensure we continue the growth of our beloved association.

Once again, the SCHS Alumni, SE USA team wishes you and your families joy, warm memories, and peace. We ask that you join us in being thankful for life's abundant gifts, remembering to embrace your loved ones and be grateful for the feeling of having them around. From us to you, Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year, one that is filled with success, happiness and good health.

ST. CATHERINE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI, SE USA





Happy Holidays to everyone!

As 2020 comes to a close, I would like to wish the ALL ALUMNI COMMUNITY best wishes for the Holidays and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

It is because of your dedication that we have had a successful year, in spite of the challenges we faced in 2020.

Looking forward to a wonderful 2021!



Happy Holidays

Ileen P. Williams, President
Clarendon College Alumni Association - South Florida Chapter
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GRACE AND PEACE!

On behalf of
**The Holy Childhood High School International
Alumni Association,**
I bring you Christmas Greetings.



It is a time to reflect on all that we have gone through for 2020 and to show love and kindness in this yuletide season to our fellow brothers and sisters.

God bless you and may your Christmas and New Year bring you good cheer.

Evangelist Dr. Michelle Richards



*May the warmth of Christmas envelope you
and the resurgence of hope for the new year
uplift you. This, for loved ones lost and
new beginnings as we give back to our
beloved community.*



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ALL ALUMNI GREETING



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND BLESSINGS



FROM
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS & MEMBERSHIP
OF THE

ALPHA FLORIDA CHAPTER (CONVENT OF MERCY ACADEMY 'ALPHA' ASSOCIATION)

What a year 2020 has been!!! To say it was the most anxious and difficult year we've experienced is no understatement....everyone worldwide was touched by the pangs of this pandemic in a myriad of ways.

To all those families who have lost loved ones, their jobs, their businesses, we feel their pain and can only pray that the Spirit of Christmas, which is Hope and Love, will be a balm for their hurt and grief.

May we place our Hope and Faith in God's Light of the World: The Baby Jesus, our Saviour. We pray that the birth of our Saviour will rekindle the Joy and Peace in our lives and give us pause to remember the Reason for the Season.

Maranatha: Come, Lord Jesus!

Wishing our fellow Alumni Associations, their members and families a blessed and joyous Christmas and a Healthy and Hopeful New Year!



Members of Our Alumni Community

2020 is an unprecedented year that we could not have envisioned. Yet one thing remains constant, our unwavering commitment to your alma mater. With our support, our institutions have been able to continue their mission and fulfil their goals and aspirations. Through our collective effort, students in Jamaica, and our community here in Florida are in a better place as we come to the end of 2020.

On behalf of the **University of the West Indies Alumni Association (Florida)**, we commend our brothers and sisters in all the alumni associations for their dedication, compassion, and generosity in the face of the adversity of COVID-19. It has changed the landscape of the entire world – but we are stronger for the experience.



May the Lord bless and prosper you and your loved ones, and may you find many reasons to celebrate with those you love!

*Wishing you a happy and joyful Christmas and a healthy
New Year!*

*Best regards,
Diane Turnbull & Cheralee Morgan*

Our Family to Your Family

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TARRANT HIGH SCHOOL PAST STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

As 2020 winds down, many of us are elated to see it vanishes into the sunset. We are hoping to see less of the adverse situations in 2021: from the main character (COVID-19) to co-star (Demonstrating to end systemic racism) to roll players such as "The Election" and "Natural Disaster", featuring a record number of Hurricanes and catastrophic flooding, we. We are indeed thankful and even jubilant to welcome 2021 but please stay grounded, vigilant, and positive.



For those who lost friends and love ones, we grieve and stand with you, hoping you will find the strength to go forward. Christmas is just around the corner. Can you see and smell it? I can! It is time for visiting family (VIRTUALLY), eating (VIRTUALLY - joking), cruising (VIRTUALLY) traveling (SAFELY) and all that you love to do. We want to encourage you to show maximum respect to others, and to adhere to the health guidelines to keep yourself and others safe.

Our Board of Directors would like to say A BIG THANK YOU to all our alumni, supporting friends and businesses for your support throughout the year and look forward for your continued support in 2021. We sincerely wish you and your love ones a happy and warm Christmas holiday season and an awesome 2021 when it arrives.



Kind Regards,
Michael Rose
President, THSPSA



*Season Greetings from Mount Alvernia Alumni Association
(Central Florida)*



*T*he holiday season is upon us and as I look back, 2020 has challenged us in ways we never expected. Despite the setback, I find myself taking time to reflect upon gratitude.

*M*ost of all, I am grateful for all our board members, family, friends and supporters. Though we were not able to host our annual fundraiser this year, our members and supporters blessed us with their generosity. You have sacrificed and offered your support in donating to our many programs.



*A*s we enter the holiday season we need to continue to support, care and love each other given the unprecedented public health crisis. We have a great deal to be thankful for and I know we will come out of this stronger and more resilient.

*F*rom our Board to all our members, families and supporters we hope this holiday season is an exceptionally good and safe one and that the New Year brings you much health, happiness and prosperity. Stay safe and strong.

Sincerely,
Dawn Chin Jones (President)





FROM

*DINTHILL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION*

*May your days be filled with peace, hope,
and joy this holiday season.*



SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM

*THE ST. HILDA'S ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
THE FLORIDA CHAPTER*

We wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

May the Spirit of PEACE, LOVE, CARING, and SHARING

be with you this season and the years to come!





CAMPERDOWN PAST STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

During this holiday season, the Executives of the Camperdown Past Students' Association, Florida Chapter wishes you and your family, love, peace and happiness. We are thankful and humbled to serve the alumni body and are committed to advancing our mission of supporting our Alma mater together!

*SEASON'S GREETINGS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY,
AND WE WISH YOU A SUCCESSFUL 2021*





CHRISTMAS VIDEO
