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From the Editors' Desk

As you know, we are graduates of the University of the West Indies (UWI) and we receive many emails from UWI's Alumni Relation's office. Just before completing this newsletter, we received a very inspiring email from the Campus Officer of Alumni Relations for the "OPEN CAMPUS" of the University of the West Indies, Ms. Sandra Griffith-Carrington.

During this very stressful and challenging period. Ms. Griffith-Carrington encourages us to "connect with the CREATOR for He alone can give us the strength we need to cope at this time". COVID-19 has resulted in us spending less time on the streets driving to and from work, and doing less shopping, and Ms. Griffith-Carrington urges us to "spend more time with the CREATOR seeking His guidance and wisdom as we continue to execute our many tasks and responsibilities".

As creatures of habit, we want a life that is devoid of uncertainties and strange occurrences. Whenever there are uncertainties we tend to panic and often make rash decisions. Here again Ms. Griffith-Carrington challenges us "to remain CALM in this unprecedented time of COVID so that we can help our families, colleagues, friends and our students. When we remain calm our assistance to others is more effective and we "can better understand the feelings of those whom we serve with agility". Our calm demeanor will also be an example for those that "have experienced the loss of family and friends and will exude the peace that will calm them."

Thirdly, Ms. Griffith-Carrington implores us 'to be CREATIVE and share our initiatives to maintain the **stability** and **preserve** the excellent standards of our alma mater. She further suggests that we should use this time to reflect on our processes and procedures of our associations and see how we can better improve them.

To get through this and to keep our sanity in this mostly remote environment, we should keep the lines of communication open, and we do not mean text messages and emails. Call your friends, colleagues and family members. We learn more about someone when we talk with them and we are also more appreciative when someone call to say hello than when we get a text message or an email.

Care for Our Students in US Colleges

Due to the Corona Virus, the education of Jamaican students attending foreign universities has been disrupted. Universities are offering remote instruction and have encouraged students to stay off campus due to limited staffing and the need to reduce students congregating with each other. Some Jamaican students studying in the USA have returned to Jamaica but there are others that are here in the USA (some in Florida) that are not living on campus, have lost their 20 hours of student-work employment and are having a very difficult time without any form of financial assistance. These students are from our high schools including Jamaica College, Titchfield. St. Elizabeth Technical, Munro College, and St. Catherine, to name just a few. Cornwall College Alumni Association is working with Dr. Karren Dunkley from the Jamaica Diaspora Northeast region to help these students. Please write to

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to find out how you and your association can help these students.

Rupert & Sandra

Useful Internet Links for the Corona Virus

We know that you are getting the latest information on the Corona Virus from the different news media, but in this situation, we believe that its best to have an over-supply of information. Therefore, we are proving the information link to the topics below.

What you need to know now about COVID-19 in Florida

How to protect yourself and others

What you should do if you are sick



ST. ANDREW HIGH SCHOOL AND UWI GRADUATE NAMED DEAN AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY - PURDUE UNIVERSITY INDIANAPOLIS (IUPUI)

Kudos to Dr. Karen E. Bravo who was recently named dean of the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law at Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). A well-known national and international legal scholar, Dr Bravo who will assume her new role on July 1, 2020, will be the 13th dean of the law school since its affiliation with Indiana University in

1944, and the first person of color and the second woman in the school's history to be dean of the law school.

A report in the university's newspaper notes the IUPUI Chancellor Nasser H. Paydar praising Dr. Bravo as an outstanding member of Indiana University community: "Karen Bravo has distinguished herself for well over a decade on the McKinney faculty as both a leader and a scholar..... Her depth of knowledge will serve the school well as it evolves to meet the changing demands of legal education and scholarship, and her extensive connections with the local and global legal communities will allow McKinney to create new opportunities for engagement, research and training of the next generation of lawyers."

Dr. Bravo earned her Bachelor of Arts from the University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica. She received her Master of Laws from the New York University School of Law and her Juris Doctor from the Columbia University School of Law. (For more, click *here*).

Our Alumni Associations

- Congratulations to Paul Perry who is the new president of the Florida Chapter of Titchfield Alumni Association. Paul, you can certainly count on the Coalition to help make your tenure as president successful. We also wish to thank the outgoing president Edith Walsh-March for her very successful tenure. Great job Edith!!!
- We continue to give thanks for Patsy Lee, the President of Alpha Academy Alumnae who is improving from injuries received in a motor vehicle accident last year. We will continue to keep her in our thoughts and prayers as we look towards the day when she is fully recovered.
- Munro-Hampton Alumni Association, Florida, had members and supporters coming together to pray for the nation, the world, and the eradication of the Corona Virus. Wolmer's Alumni (New York) also did the same with international participation. Thanks for making supplications to the Creator on our behalf, and we hope that this will encourage other groups to do the same. We do need divine intervention at this time.
- There are four scheduled alumni events at this time: August 29, 2020 JEPA's rescheduled Annual Charity Ball; September 26, 2020 Wolmer's Campion Reunion Soccer Match; and the 10-years Anniversary weekend celebration of the Friends of Kingston Technical Association that will be held on October 17 and 18, 2020. Let's hope that our current "virus situation" will be greatly improved by then. Depending on the situation with the COVID-19 virus, the annual all-alumni walkathon will be held on December 5, 2020.
- Among the lessons that this virus has taught us, is not to take for granted the relationships that we have built with each other. Let's reach out to each other during this period of remote activity, and when the time comes for us to celebrate our achievements as alumni associations, let's support each other the best way we can. Let's continue to practice social distancing. **KEEP FAR!!!**

Concern for our Schools in Jamaica

As educators we are currently very immersed in remote teaching here in Florida and for our institutions, converting from face-to-face mode of instruction to on-line remote teaching has occurred seamlessly. However, for Jamaica, this may not be the case. Why?

For some of our primary and basic schools in the rural areas of Jamaica, the teachers and students do not have computers or access to internet; and parents with low income, and the lowly paid teachers cannot afford to purchase "data" even for their cellphones. For our high schools, it may be a little different because there is Internet access. However, we must think of the inequality present in our high schools as not all are equipped to move from face-to-face teaching to remote/on-line teaching. Even within the well-equipped high schools, there are students and families that cannot afford this form of instruction and will be figuratively "locked out" of the classroom. The Corona Virus will increase the education disparity among our schools, but we encourage you work harder and more diligently to reduce this in the future. For the Coalition, we will send the second barrel of books to a primary school when shipping is back to normal.

Sandra & Rupert



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For Immediate Release

Jamaica Ex-Police Association of South Florida, Inc. (JEPA), Annual Education Scholarships Announcement and Press Release

The Board of Directors and Members of the Jamaica Ex-Police Association of South Florida, Inc., in their effort to assist students in both the South Florida and Jamaica communities wish to announce two (2) onetime scholarships.

- 1. JEPA's USA Scholarship will be awarded to a college student who resides in Miami-Dade, Broward or Palm Beach County.
- 2. The Jamaica scholarship will be awarded to a high school student who resides in Jamaica.

The USA Scholarship will be awarded at JEPA's 28th Anniversary Charity Ball on Saturday, April 25, 2020, at the Goldcoast Ballroom, 1415 Lyons Road, Coconut Creek, Florida 33063.

The Jamaica Scholarship presentation will take place on Monday, June 1, 2020 at the conclusion of the Police Station Refurbishing Project at the Christiana Police Station in Manchester, Jamaica.

Members of the Awards Committee in the USA are:

Avis Jarrett-Miller Edgton Wright Errol Gentles Roy Bennett

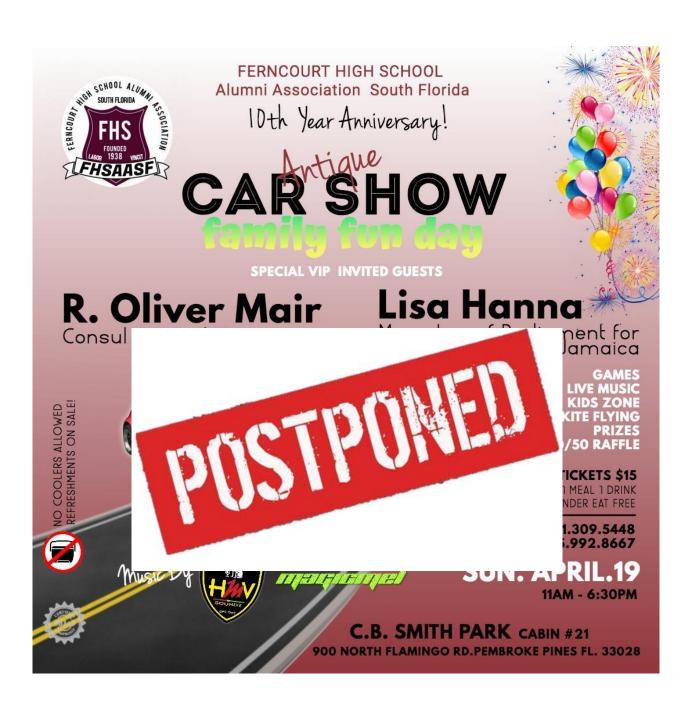
The Jamaica Constabulary Force's, Community Safety and Security Branch of the force is responsible for selecting the Jamaican recipient.

The decision of both committees is final. For scholarship(s) criterial please visit JEPA's website: www.jepasf.com. For further information, please contact committee member Errol Gentles: errolgentles_12@yahoo.com; or via telephone: (954) 512-3701.

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SWANSATION TEA Celebrates







Sunrise Civic Center 10610 W. Oakland Park Blvd. Sunrise, FL 33351 Saturday, April 25, 2020

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Admission: \$50

For Tickets call:

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Hotel Accommodation:

Renaissance Ft. Lauderdale Cruise Port Hotel, Cost \$140 per night. Reservations are being taken immediately, call 1-800-468-3571 Deadline May 6th, 2020. For ticket or additional info: 954 802 6590 or 954 907 4801 or 954 292 4400 or executives@camperdownfl.org Purchase Tickets via Zelle by using our email address executives@camperdownfl.org

Proceeds in aid of Camperdown High School Scholarship Program.

The Camperdown High School Past Students' Association - Florida Chapter is a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organization. Donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.









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Jamaica Ex-Police Association of South Florida, Inc. (JEPA), Annual Charity Ball Rescstayinghedule Press Release

Please be advised that due to the Corona Virus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Board of Directors of Jamaica Ex-Police Association of South Florida (JEPA) Inc. has taken the decision to reschedule our Annual Charity Ball from Saturday, April 25, 2020, to Saturday, August 29, 2020.

JEPA's annual scholarship application deadline has also been extended to July 15, 2020.

All previously executed contracts that were entered into between JEPA and its sponsors and advertisers will remain in effect for the gala. Tickets that have already been purchased will also be honored.

You will be advised of further updates.

Kind Regards,

Malachi D. Smith, F.C.P., B.Sc., M.S.C.J., President

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SAVE THE DATE

FRIENDS OF KINGSTON TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

109EAR ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND CELEBRATION
FEATURING

Saturday Night Dance Fever - October 17th

Music from the 70's, 80's & 90's

&

Sunday Fish Fry - October 18th

Payment plan will be available

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION!!

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