

Church Teachers' College Alumni Association

Mandeville Chapter Report 2024–2025

Presented by: Mrs. Juley Wynter-Robertson, President

Introduction

"I think the success of any school can be measured by the contributions the alumni make to our national life." John F. Kennedy.

On behalf of the Mandeville Chapter of the Church Teachers' College Alumni Association, I am pleased to present this report for the academic year 2024–2025. This year has been a landmark period in the history of our alma mater and our association as we celebrated the **Diamond Jubilee of Church Teachers' College (CTC)** and the 52nd anniversary of the Alumni Association.

Celebrating the Diamond Jubilee

The College, founded in 1965, has been a beacon of excellence in teacher training and professional development. Today, its alumni continue to serve with distinction in classrooms, communities, churches, businesses, and government across Jamaica and internationally.

We commend the current leadership of the College, all drawn from our alumni body:

- **Rev. Franklyn Jackson (Batch 11)** – Chairman of the Board of Management
- **Dr. Garth Anderson (Batch 33)** – Principal
- **Dr. Janett Singh (Batch 15)** – Vice-Principal, Academic Affairs
- **Mrs. Samantha Radway-Morrison (Batch 27)** – Vice-Principal, Administrative Affairs

Milestones of the Alumni Association

The Alumni Association, established on **January 27, 1973**, has reached its 52nd year. We honour our founding president, **Mr. Lloyd B. Smith**, distinguished journalist and former Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Founders' Week Contributions

During Founders' Week, the Alumni Association produced and distributed a brochure entitled *"Teacher Training Education: A Pathway to Other Careers"* to over 210 students who attended the **College Open Day on February 25, 2025**.

- **College Day** featured alumna **Jeniffer "Jenny Jenny" Williams**, popular media personality, who hosted students on the college's playfield.
- The **Bishop Benjamin Vaughan Lecture** was delivered by alumna **Lotayo Smikle**, continuing the tradition of scholarly alumni contributions.

Reunion Weekend

This activity was poorly supported by the past students; however, the planned package was rich with culture. The Meet and Greet was postponed as no one showed up. The group travelled to Mt. Olivet Boys Home to interact with the boys and deliver well needed supplies, and through the kind support of Roy Davidson. Eulalee Bartley and Sharon Anderson were able to fulfil a needs list for belts, school bags, books, lotion, toothpaste, deodorant etc. The Leadership and wards of the Home are eternally grateful. The "Freedom Bruckins" was host by renowned cultural ambassador Valrie Dixon. This event saw us indulging in traditional foods and the reading of the Proclamation. The weekend ended with the usual church service and luncheon.

Diamond Jubilee Gala & Awards

The penultimate celebration of the College's 60th Anniversary was the **Diamond Gala & Awards Banquet**, held on **Saturday, August 2, 2025, at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel, Kingston**. The evening carried the theme:

"Celebrating A Legacy of Excellence: Boldly Meeting the Demands of the 21st Century and Beyond."

This elegant event honoured alumni in **12 categories** through the **Diamond Alumni Awards**, recognizing the extraordinary achievements and contributions of our graduates.

Awardees in Absentia

- The Rt. Rev. **Garth Minott**
- Mr. **Michael Andrews**
- Ms. **Elizabeth 'Liz' Smith**
- Mr. **Garth Smith**
- Mrs. **Gertrude Whittock**
- Dr. **Clinton Beckford**
- Dr. **Jacqueline Goffe-McNish**
- Mr. **Leighton Johnson**
- Hon. **Alphansus Davis, OD, JP**
- Miss **Hettie Powell**

- Mrs. **Shernette Dawkins-Abbot**
- Miss **Annett Daley**

Category Highlights

- **Religion & Community Development:** Archdeacon **Patrick Cunningham**, Rev. Canon Dr. **Grace Jervis**, Rt. Rev. **Garth Minott**
- **Alumni Activism:** Ms. **Pauline Schloss**, Mr. **Michael Andrews**, Ms. **Elizabeth 'Liz' Smith**, Mrs. **Juley Wynter-Robertson**
- **Volunteerism:** Mr. **Anthony Norman**, Mr. **Garth Smith**, Dr. **Cynthia Perry**, Mrs. **Gertrude Whittock**
- **Research:** Mr. **Leroy Fearon Jr.**, Dr. **Clinton Beckford**
- **Educational Administration:** Dr. **Jacqueline Goffe-McNish**, Mr. **Leighton Johnson**, Dss. Dr. **Elaine Cunningham**, Hon. **Alphansus Davis**, OD, JP
- **Philanthropy:** Miss **Hettie Powell**
- **Classroom Practice:** Mrs. **Shernette Dawkins-Abbot**
- **Sports, Health & Wellness:** Miss **Annett Daley**
- **Governance & Law:** Mrs. **Sheron Andrea Barnes**
- **Business, Finance & Economics:** Mr. **Earl A. Blake**, Mrs. **Ruby McDonald Anderson**, Mrs. **Audrey Tugwell-Henry**, Mr. **Isaac Johnson**, Dr. **Lamar Edghillt**
- **Journalism:** Mr. **Dudley McLean II**
- **Entrepreneurship:** Mr. **Lloyd Samuda** and the late Mrs. **Jennifer Samuda**, OD (*Jencare Skin Farm*)

Scholarships/ Bursaries

- The alumni continue to offer financial assistance to students in need. Locally, the Chapter identified and worked with the CTCAAi STAR COMMITTEE who awarded grants to some twenty students, while ten students were awarded scholarships.
- During the summer Jasmine Hylton a recipient of one of our scholarships, decided to give back by hosting a free summer school for children in the community, this was held at the college

Projects

As a bid to increase the revenue flow to the chapter, there will be a water vending machine installed on the campus which is a shared profit venture between the Chapter and a past student of the college

On August 22 the alumni association shared with the incoming Batch 61 in a forty-five (45) minutes session "Rapping and Socializing with the Alumni." Presenters included Batch 12, Sam Carty, Educator and Reggae Artiste .

Conclusion

As we reflect on this extraordinary year of celebration, recognition, and recommitment, we give thanks for the vision of our founders and the enduring legacy of our alma mater. The Mandeville Chapter remains committed to supporting the mission of the College and advancing the role of alumni in nation-building.

We look forward to building on these achievements in the year ahead.

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