

Church Teachers' College STAR Committee Report 2024

Let us first thank God for His many blessings this past year onto today and going forward.

Thank Him that we are all blessed to be enjoying the privilege of being here another year, one more day of hard work, being tired but never worn out. We have maintained our sanity such as it is, in our personal and at work; lost colleagues, family members, loved ones, friends, but we trod on. Through all the sadness and pain, above all His grace has sustained us.

Thus the STAR Committee, the scholarship arm of the Alumni Association (CTCAAi) has made it to another successful year of being able to provide some form of support to our students in need at our alma mater, that building proudly nestled in the hills of Manchester.

A number of students have been awarded scholarships, grants, and being slated for some assistance from the Committee and thus the Alumni association. Other alums have been generous to add to our endeavors this year thus providing more assistance to our students.

How has the STAR Committee made it possible year after year, so far? It is the generosity of CTC past students, willing to look back at their time at Church Teachers' College and lend a hand to pull up someone else. And why? Well Church Teachers' College is steeped in love, care, generosity and a willingness to lend a hand to another brother or sister to pull them up, to stand beside us and share in God's grace. Not only do we each teach one, lead one but we can reach one by example.

This year we again interviewed students for the Scholarships and Grants; and I am proud of the fact that CTCAAi has a STAR Committee and for their insight into carefully interviewing and choosing each recipient. We met and interviewed some interesting and very qualified students during the process. I would like to think they, by example, will be great assets to CTC and the community, as well as some young men and women out there. Our college will be in good hands with these

new students. For more details of on the recipients of scholarship and grants, please log into our alumni website (<https://ctcalumniinc.org>). We urge you to get involve, give back to your alma mater in any way you can, as others are doing.

We awarded just over US\$6000.00 for 2023-2024 academic year.

Our past students stand on the shoulders of our educational giants who by example, principle, discussion, have fostered a caring attitude in all who pass through the hallowed halls of this institution. Some past students have also joined the administrative arm of the college and carried on the mission flag of the college and sown more seeds of greatness at the college.

Sadly, we have lost some good friends but the work goes on at the college, at the Alumni Association and with the STAR Committee. My profound thanks for the privilege of been tasked with the 'manager' position on the STAR Committee. So far, the Committee has been successful in its management. However, it is not and never has been a one man/woman management. It is a team made up of some of the smartest, kindest and most hard-working men and women.

They are Michael, our President, Liz our Girl Friday and everyday hardworking scribe, Marcia our Secretary, Aggett our Girl with eyes on the ground in Mandeville, Barry the money guy, Ale the wise thinker and E.T our Mr. Reliable. We also appreciate the behind the scene assistance from Dudley and Dr. Dempster (CTC VP). These are hardworking colleagues, who are very supportive and who never call out sick. Rain or shine the meeting room is full of respect, love, laughter and business, serious business. I am truly thankful to be working with such a splendid group of people. Looking forward to another good year. May God keep you all safe and sound this day and always.

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