President's Report - July 25, 2026

Association's Overview:

'***I think the success of any school can be measured by the contribution the alumni make to our national life***.' – John F. Kennedy

CTC Alumni Association Inc (CTCAAi) continues to make a difference in the lives of many including current and past students. We operate as a Non-Profit Organization – established 2010. We aspire to provide opportunities for students in the pursuit of their dreams. This is currently our north star; helping students who have shown great potential but are in dire financial needs. We also continue to provide an avenue for past students of our Alma Mater to interact, to find lost Batchmates and friends; to rekindle the nostalgic spirit once experienced on campus. We have been growing in numbers as increasing number of past students become aware of the organization. We are not at capacity. We continue to invite everyone to our social media platforms and events. We also encourage all alums to support their membership in the organization as Paid-up Members.

One of our chief advocates for Paid-Up Membership is one of CTCAAi's Founding Member, the late Collington (Barry) Farquharson. We are all saddened about his untimely passing. His absence has left a noticeable void in our operations. His leadership in the treasury department, his calm demeanor and his distinct integrity will be a mammoth task to replace. The CTCAAi board of directors and the membership community express our unreserved condolences to Barry's family. May he find boundless solace and peace at his final abode.

Scholarships:

Our mantra – **R2R** (**R**eturn-**T**o-**R**eciprocate) means a lot to us. It is one of the principles on which we build our commitment. This ethos defines our character; and is proudly shared among the board of directors, our STAR Committee and our Membership. In 2025-2026 CTCAAi accepted applications from CTC Students and delivered a check to our Alma Mater, CTC for US$3000.00. The recipients are always graceful and grateful in accepting the financial assistance. Below are names of Alums whom we owe a debt of gratitude. We will be providing a new scholarship to honor the service of our colleague and friend, the late Collington "Barry" Farquharson (Batch 10).

CTCAAi continues to experience the rise in Benevolence in the form of Financial Support for scholarships, Awards, Bursary, etc., as more alums become knowledgeable about the needs on Campus. We are extremely grateful and appreciative to our past students who have continued to donate, or have donated funds to the organization in support of the Scholarship Program. We offer our solemn appreciation to current and repeating donors: Marilyn Barnett, Hope Grant, John Lawrence, Hettie Powell, Mary Guy, Liz Smith, Dr. B. Roy Davidson and Errol Tomlinson.

Ms. Marilyn Barnett is the Benefactor of Kerr Jarret Gift of Hope (KJGH) Scholarship. The scholarship is intended for a student of Early Childhood Education and living on K.J. Hall. We are excited about this 'Gifting' and recognize that this is a sacrifice made out of love to her Alma Mater, and to a deserving student who will certainly accept it with the true spirit of paying forward.

Ms. Hope Grant is the Benefactor of The Mary Stewart Bright Futures Scholarship (MSBF). We are elated that Hope was so kind in bearing this gift of love that will benefit a deserving student at her Alma Mater. The beneficiary has to be a past student of Godfrey Stewart High School who will study at CTC.

Ms. Hettie Powell is the benefactor of the Hettie Powell Sports Award (HPSA - established - January 2016) and Hettie Powell Hanover Scholarship (HPHS - established 2023). Hettie was inspired by the mother of a young basketball player requiring financial assistance to attend College. One Award is intended to support current or prospective students who demonstrate sports talent and wish to pursue a teacher training diploma /degree at Church Teachers' College in Jamaica. The second award is supporting a student from Hanover who is in financial needs.

Ms. Liz Smith - Ken Thaxter Leadership Award (established March 2015 by CTCAAi and adopted and funded by Liz as of 2023); it recognizes and supports a third-year CTC Student who has demonstrated strong leadership skills during his /her first two years at the College. It is anticipated that the recipient will continue this exemplary characteristic throughout life. The Award was so named after the Reverend Dr. Kenneth Thaxter who served Church Teachers' College (CTC) as principal and lecturer for more than thirty-one years.

Ms. Mary Guy - Trisha Guy Award (MTGA established 2023) donated by Mary Guy to support a current or prospective CTC student who has demonstrated a unique financial need that may continue throughout the College life. The Award was so named after Mary's daughter, Trisha, who went on to higher service in 2023.

Mr. John Lawrence - JSKL Scholarship for Mathematics/Science (established 2024) donated by John Lawrence to support the interest and development of Mathematics and Science Students. The initials, JSKL, represent John's name and those of his two daughters, Shedonne and Kadia, one of whom pursued Mathematics /Statistics to eventually become an Actuary.

Dr. B. Roy Davidson - The Carol, Clinton, Kathleen Muschett Humanities Award (MHA) is so named after members of the Muschett family inspired by daughter Carol. Caretaker and proposer of the Award is B. Roy Davidson, past student of Church Teachers' College (CTC) and member of the Church Teachers' College Alumni Association Inc. (CTCAAi).

Dr. Errol Tomlinson - Errol Tomlinson Special Award (ETSA) identifies a unique financial need of an extraordinary talented student who could have been denied the opportunity to become a teacher.

You can log into our website (ctcalumniinc.org) to learn more about our Scholarship Programs.

CTCAAi has also given monetary Awards and Bursaries to help students with some of their financial obligations.

Thanks to the STAR Committee for their dedication and professionalism being exercised in their deliberation and making this process so dispassionate. Special thanks to Marilyn Barnett (manager) and Liz Smith (document design and development) for their leadership and commitment.

We encourage Alums and others to give back with whatever is comfortable, including cash and kind. **R2R is our motto, Return-To-Reciprocate**. Please reach out to any board member or STAR Committee if you have questions.
Our email addresses are ctcaai1965@gmail.com; or ctcalumnischolarships@googlegroups.com

Fundraising:

We continue to encourage our members to participate in fundraising activities including payment of membership dues. Our board members serve on a voluntary basis. However, there are administrative costs associated with running the corporation. Costs include annual registration fees, communications, mailing, bank fees, Website hosting related fees, just to name a few.
We appreciate all our members who have been supporting this venture and express special thanks to CTCAAi Secretary and Mandeville Chapter President – Ms. Juley Robertson and Team for their efforts; and thanks to everyone in South Florida and across the globe who continue to give time, donations and effort. Thanks to everyone who continue to support our annual events even from a distance.

Membership:

Membership is at the foundation of our existence. I know this is addressed by our new membership director, Dr. David Edwards. And while there are challenges related to Paid-Up members, suffice it to say that we continue to enjoy enormous interest among past students as we can see a steady growth in the numbers requesting addition to our Facebook site.

New Website:

Our new website (www.ctcalumniinc.org) is open and ready for membership usage. As we continue to add content and adjust the navigation we ask that members use the 'Contact Us' page and send us your comments. A new addition to the site is the 'In Memoriam' tab under the 'Members' page. We would like to honor the 'fallen' among us while informing our readers about those whom have gone ahead of us. If you are aware of staff or students who passed and there are no objections by families to mention their passing on our site, please let us know or contact us at the 'Contact Us' page.

Challenges:

Every new idea or effort will only be made better when the challenges are acknowledged and tested. Our Association is no exception to that philosophy. We depend on volunteers to expand our foothold by building more chapters to reach and share the vision of the Association in support of our Alma Mater. We want to continue to urge past students to invest in ownership of the organization; to support businesses especially those that are owned or operated by alums. We invite and welcome those among us with varying skill sets that can advance our goals.

Events:

CTCAAi continues to develop a culture of expectations. Among these expectations are successful events that provide great interactions among alums; a platform to reminisce and re-live the nostalgic days on and off campus; a healthy revival of friendship and continued support for each other.
Such events include the Black & White and Evening of Excellence on campus. Another is the June picnic and Christmas dinner in South Florida. We also learned of the group that meets in New York annually for Christmas dinner.

Let us continue to support these events and make lasting memories.

Summary:

It is true that we have not seen many younger alums especially from Batches 40s through 50s. Everyone should feel welcome in participating. It is about giving back to our Alma Mater in any way possible.

We have encapsulated this philanthropic purpose in our motto: **R2R (Return to Reciprocate**). We understand our demographics and we also know that God has been good to many. Together, we can help CTC to achieve their moonshot.

It has been fifteen years since our first AGM. We anticipate another fifteen years filled with excitement.

Thanks to everyone for listening, attending, or helping in making this a success. Those who could not participate we encourage you to become active or curious in what we are doing for our Alma Mater. We encourage you to get on the inside and help in advancing the organization. Your skills are important to us.

Finally, let me repeat this idea; we can set a goal of JAM$10M dollars dedicated to education at CTC. Students and prospects would have an immediate funding source. So, if one hundred people invested $10K, we will have JAM$1.0M. If one thousand people invested $10K, we could have JAM$10.0M. Let us seriously think about it; let us do it.