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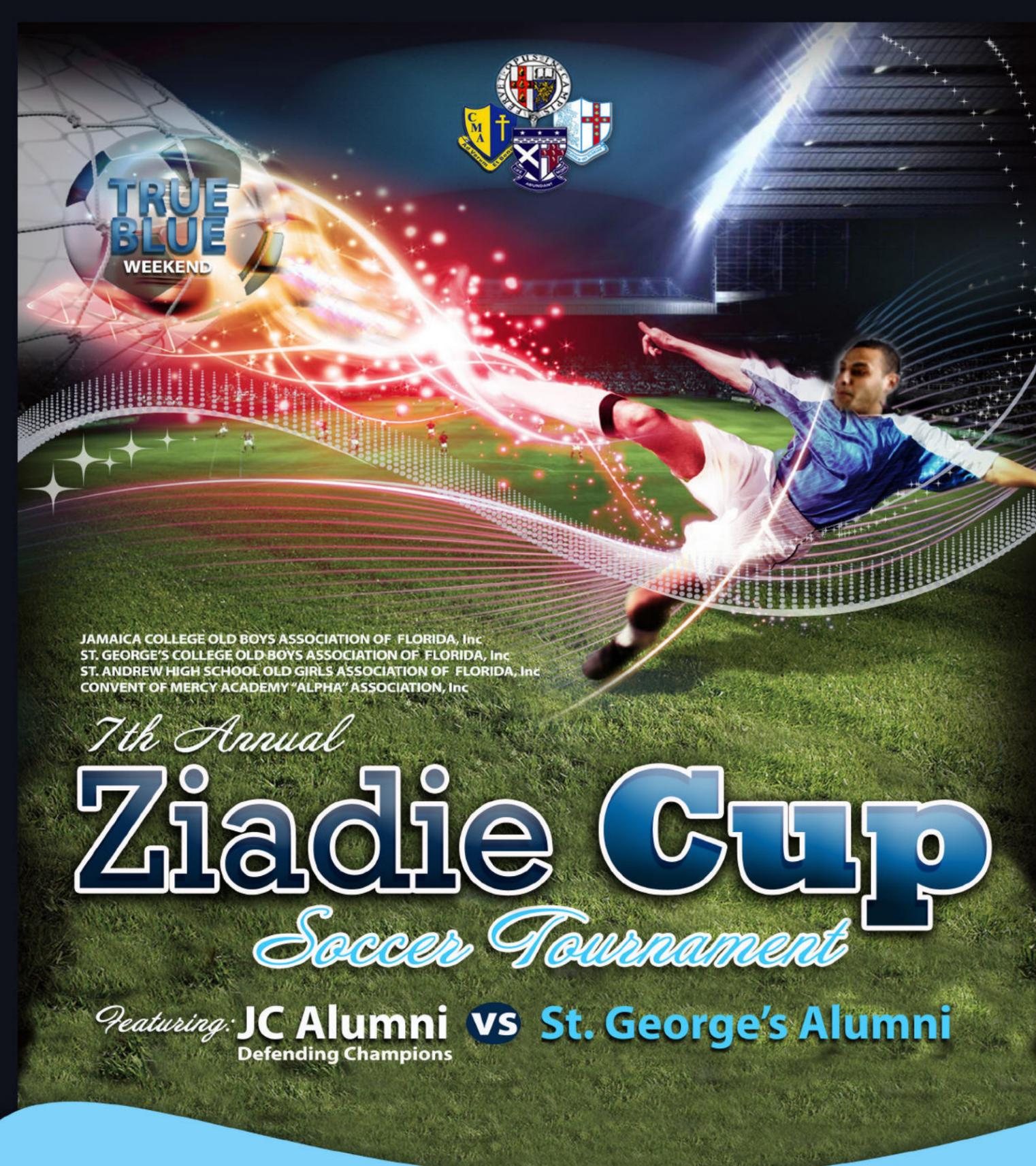
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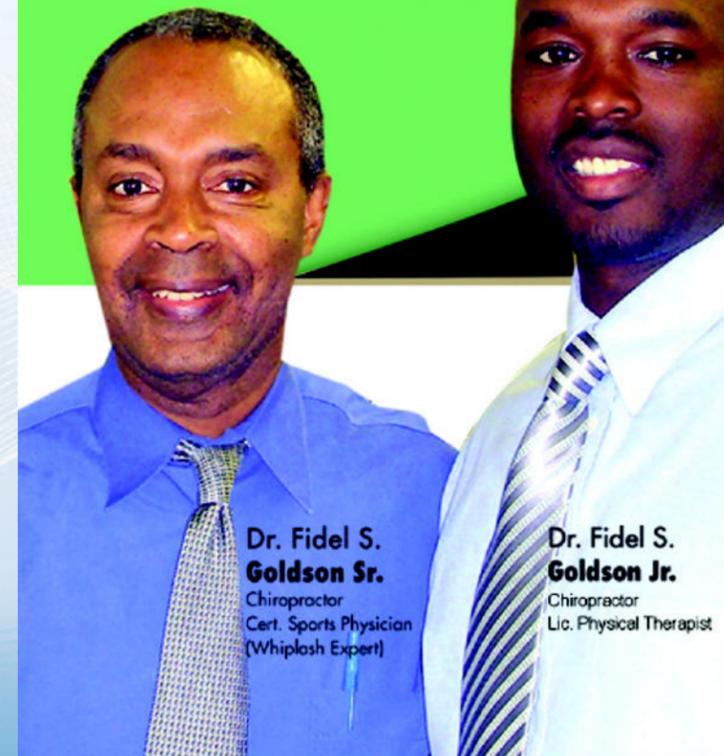


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Presidents' Messages



Ray Stephenson - President
Jamaica College Old Boys
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Welcome to the 7th Annual Ziadie Cup match. The rich history of Jamaica College and St. George's College is intertwined and linked by sports as seen in our continued dedication to celebrating the memory of Coach Dennis Ziadie. In recent years both schools have been top contenders for the school boy's football championships (Manning and Walker Cups and the Oliver Shield) in Jamaica. In 2010, Jamaica College became the triple crown champions (Manning, Walker, and Oliver Shield) for the first time in school history.

During his coaching career, Dennis Ziadie coached both Jamaica College and St. George's College to Manning Cup crowns in the 1970's and 1980's. I was fortunate and honored to be coached by Dennis Ziadie and remember many of his coaching principles: "Play hard, firm and fair." "TUF = technique, understanding and fitness." These principles are reflected in the Jamaica College and St. George's College teams here and in Jamaica as we continue our friendly rivalry. These are the principles you will see on display today in the Ziadie Cup match and the True Blue Weekend events.



The Ziadie Cup match has evolved over the years into the True Blue Weekend with our sister schools. St. Andrew High School (Jamaica College sister school) and Convent of Mercy "Alpha" (St. George's College sister school) join us to make this event a true alliance of Alumni Associations. This has enabled us to gain stronger support in the Jamaican Diaspora and also the Caribbean community. We thank you for your continued support and participation. Enjoy the True Blue Weekend and see you next year.

Fervet Opus in Campis.

Ray Stephenson
President, Jamaica College Old Boys Association of Florida



Deirdre Benka-Coker - President
St. Andrew High School Old
Girls Association
Florida Chapter

A warm welcome to all our sponsors and ardent supporters as we celebrate the 7th Annual True Blue Weekend. The Florida chapter of the St. Andrew Old Girls' Association has the distinguished honor of joining forces with Jamaica College, St. George's and Alpha for the second time. This event plays a dual role for the schools involved, as it provides us an opportunity to network, reconnect with our past, and fundraise for our schools.

People constantly marvel at how proud, committed and dedicated Jamaican alumni are to their high schools. It can only be compared with the pride shown for colleges here. This is due to the fact that we know these schools all thoroughly prepared us for the challenges we have faced in the real world.

Activities such as the True Blue Weekend have enabled each alumni association to consistently provide funds for scholarships, building funds, and myriad other programs. As other projects arise, we are always willing to provide the necessary support, financially or otherwise.

On behalf of the Florida chapter of the St. Andrew Old Girls' Association, I thank you for always being there for our respective schools, and invariably Jamaica land we love.

Deirdre Benka-Coker
President, St. Andrew Old Girls Association
Florida Chapter



Presidents' Messages



Trevor Palmer - President
St. George's College Old Boys
Association of Florida



Greetings to my fellow Alumni, family and friends of St. George's College. It is my pleasure to welcome your participation once again in the True Blue Weekend, which commemorates the legacy of Dennis Ziadie and is hosted by the alumni associations of Alpha Academy, Jamaica College, St. Andrew High School and St. George's College. This is the seventh anniversary of the event, in particular of the soccer tournament between Jamaica College alumni and St. George's College alumni.

I am happy to say that True Blue Weekend has evolved into a milestone event and with the new pristine venue at the Ansin Sports Complex where we plan on making this the home of the annual Dennis Ziadie Memorial Cup. We also added an after game party event which will provide us all with a place where we can continue to enjoy each other's company and extend the fun.

The members of the committee have put a lot of hard work into planning the True Blue Weekend and ultimately raise funds to benefit our Alma Mater and further the goals of our schools. St. George's has been undergoing significant building renovations and also constructing a new structure to further the education of our students. The Florida Alumni Association is committed to contributing to these developments.

We appreciate and encourage participation of other schools into making True Blue Weekend a success and as we often say "one hand wash the other". I would also like to thank all our sponsors and advertisers in supporting the events and I hope that you all have a wonderful time.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam – To The Greater Glory of God

Trevor 'Speedy' Palmer
President
St. George's College Old Boy's Association of Florida

Dear fellow Alumni, Family & Friends:

Warm greetings from Alpha Academy and the Alpha Alumnae of Florida!

It's that time again when we all gather in the true spirit of Brotherhood and Sisterhood to celebrate with fervor 'TRUE BLUE WEEKEND'. We share one common factor: our love for our beloved Alma Mater and for the children of our 'Jamaica, Land We Love'

In gathering goodwill and resources from these events, we are committed to help to improve access to good education and help shape the character for "tomorrow's leaders"

Ever mindful of our respective roles and responsibilities, we must always give hope, and with our blessings, we will continue with fortitude to build a better Jamaica through education.

Let's revel in each other's company and enjoy the fraternity of the Alumni of Florida. Kudos to the planning committee who have put in long hours of hard work and, with their talents and zeal, have promised all a weekend jampacked with excitement and loads of fun!

AD VERUM ET BONUM – TO THE GOOD AND THE TRUE

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A Letter from the heart! My perception!

A heart beat can represent so many things! Young players are attracted to a coach that says all the right words and displays all the skills they want to possess. But what happens when that person is a great human being also? You fall in love with your coach!

So was my first encounter with Coach Dennis Ziadie. From a distance he was small in frame but possessed the skills of a crafty cheetah. I watched him play from the sidelines several evenings before becoming a part of the team. Then I realized the depth of his commitment to his craft of coaching and to our team. Coach as we affectionately called Dennis then, was full of energy and a consummate student of the game. He was always willing to push the boundaries of his understanding of the game. We were a factory for experimentation, changing systems of plays, players changing positions and total all out attacking football. There were so many first for me, green behind the ear, just learning about self confidence. It was the nature of coach and his nurturing ways that could just bring the best out of any player! So he did! But his true character could be seen in the times when we were not on the field. When you had concerns and really needed a friend to talk with, an adult, and a confidant. Coach was the man!

The dimension of our coach was tested during these special situations. His stature as a leader and a trusted friend rose as I experienced and learned about the things he would do for my teammates away from the game. These achievements or things, a lesser person might have boasted or spoken about! There was never a word about anything done for players. I later learned about many great humanitarian acts from other players well after the fact! I can recall, when it was time for me to leave high school, Dennis said "Jimmy we have to talk". I remember him saying, "what you are going to do from here on in?" He said "I want you to go see a friend of mine and he will help you". Dennis had made all the arrangements in advance. This is how I landed my first job working in Jamaica .That person is still a friend today, Mr. Oswald Tie of St. Georges College! Later, when Coach found out that I had received the scholarship to Alabama A& M, he did not wait to hear from me, like a father, he called and said "I had to meet him". He gave me the address of his business place and told me to meet him there! The fact that I was working did not make any difference to coach! At "Sharon Lynn" (store) was the first time I saw him dressed as a businessman. He was so excited that I had gotten the scholarship. He was just loading up a suit case! "His can fit!" "This is yours and this can last for a year"! He was like a father sending off a son to college! It did not just stop there. When I decided to coach the Manning cup team at JC in 1982, Dennis called! "Jimmy we have to get our teams together before the season starts". So our teams played, practice games at North Street before the season began. I saw this differently later, Dennis was making sure that my debut as a coach was a successful one.

There are many other great stories that can be told about the kindness and selfless devotion of the late Coach Dennis Ziadie! The Ziadie Cup named in his honor is a fitting reminder to us of the nature, spirit and character of the man. This is just a peek at the humanity of coach when he was here with us. Beyond doubt, he blessed our lives by changing them forever. We are eternally grateful!

James (Jimmy) Sinclair
1974 Manning Cup and Oliver Shield Champion
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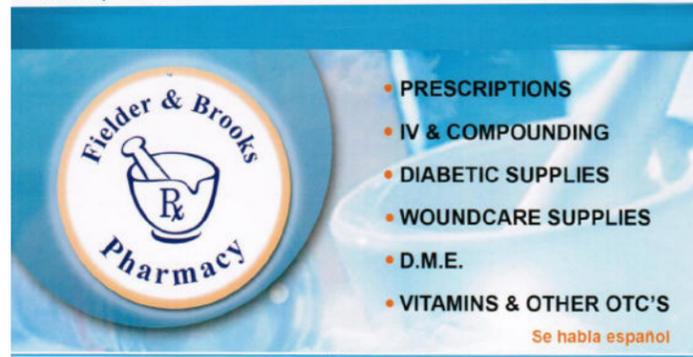
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In December 2010, Jamaica College completed a historic triple by winning all the Under-19 schoolboy football competitions on offer during a single season. Consequently, Jamaica College was also successful in defending the Walker Cup in the 2010 season of football which meant that this was the first time in the school's history that Jamaica College were the title-holders of both urban area schoolboy football titles - the Manning and Walker Cups.

The Pepsi and Digicel sponsored, ISSA Manning Cup Schoolboy Football Competition, was first played in 1909. Jamaica College won the Manning Cup for eight of the first nine years, losing only once in 1920. As of November 2010, Jamaica College is the current champions and has won 24 Manning Cup titles, making them the school with the most wins.

The ISSA/Pepsi/Digicel Schoolboy Walker Cup Knock-out Competition is a knock-out tournament of the top eight teams emerging from the first round of the Manning Cup competition. The number of teams and the knock-out nature of the competition allow for only three rounds of play; the quarter-final round, semi-final round then the final. The Walker Cup is held after the first round and before the inter-zone round of the Manning Cup. In 2009, after a century of schoolboy football history in Jamaica, Jamaica College attained their first hold on the Walker Cup.

The Sydney Olivier Interscholastic Challenge Shield is the oldest and most prestigious schoolboy football title in Jamaica. The Olivier Shield, as it is more commonly known, is a two-game playoff which symbolizes schoolboy football supremacy as the Manning Cup Champions (who emerge from Jamaica's corporate area schools) are pitted against their rural area counterparts, the Da Costa Cup Champions. Jamaica College have made good on their Olivier Shield acquisitions, having been able to obtain the trophy over 70% of the time that they are Manning Cup Champions. This record, when coupled with Jamaica College's win percentage in the Manning Cup, makes them the most successful high school from the urban area.

HISTORY OF JAMAICA COLLEGE

Jamaica College was founded in 1789 as the Drax Free School in the parish of St. Ann by Charles Drax, a planter of that parish. Drax came to Jamaica from Barbados in 1721 and left the money in his will to establish a charity school in St. Ann. There were some delay and legal proceedings before the money was handed over to the St. Ann Vestry. In 1806 Walton Pen was bought for the site of the school, and a year later another act of Legislature gave the school the name, "The Jamaica Free School".

In 1879, during the governorship of Sir Anthony Musgrave, a provision was made by law for the Jamaica Free School, under a new name, The Jamaica High School, to come under the control of the Jamaica School Commission. The school now had a new headmaster, Reverend (later Archdeacon) William Simms. This law also authorized the removal of the school from Walton Pen in St. Ann in 1883, and classes were conducted in the Barbican Great House until 1885.



The buildings at Hope were opened on 9th July, 1885, and the first classes here took place in September of the same year. In September, 1890 a college was opened in connection with the school, which was known as University College. In 1902 the Jamaica High School and University College were amalgamated under the name Jamaica College.

Jamaica College developed as a boarding institution until 1967, when that system was removed. Up to that period, the school population was primarily composed of boys from affluent families and heritage. Since 1904, Jamaica College has had a rich history of producing Rhodes Scholars who have gone on to lead in various capacities both locally and internationally. To date, there have been 15 Rhodes Scholar recipients that attended Jamaica College.



Jamaica College is the first English-speaking high school in the Caribbean to offer an aviation program to its students. The course is being offered in partnership with a Jamaican company, The Flying Club. It will operate under the Aircraft Training Organization's (ATO) approval granted to The Flying Club by the Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority (JCAA) for a private pilot's license ground school

On December 1, 2009, Jamaica College announced the establishment of a robotics program and its entry in the FIRST Competition, the premier Robotics Competition in the United States for high school students. The Jamaica College Old Boys Association of New York, Inc., partnered with Jamaica College in the project and spearheaded the creation of the fully outfitted Robotics Lab at the school and promote practical applications of robotics adopted into the school's science education. With this project, Jamaica College marked a historic first entry for a Caribbean high school and a school outside of the United States in the robotics field.

Today, as a day school, it boasts students from a wide cross-section of the community. Over the years it has nurtured a rich tradition in athletic and academic fields. Its Old Boys continue to play important roles in the religious, political, business and professional services of our country. Its history continues to be written by its present students, who respond to its motto, "Fervet Opus in Campis".

HISTORY OF ST. GEORGE'S COLLEGE

St. George's College was founded in 1850 by 21 Spanish Jesuits from Columbia. The school was originally located on North Street in Kingston, number 26, to be exact. Very little information on the school's history is available between 1850 and 1905, and therefore, it's not known if the premises were rented, leased, or was just being used free of charge back then. Records do indicate however, that on February 11, 1905, the Jesuit Priests bought said premises, known as Pawsey's Pen or Winchester Park, from a Mr. Alfred Pawsey. The residence, a rambling, one storey building on the property, was immediately converted into a more modern school, from which classes began March 27, 1905. Unfortunately, there is no record of the students between 1905 and 1911. In 1912 however, a prospectus indicates that there were 132 boys, some of whom were from the neighboring islands of Cuba and Haiti.

The school also preserved a copy of the 1906 prospectus which lists its first official officers and staff. Two of these early Jesuit faculty members subsequently became Bishops of Jamaica, namely Bishops O'Hare and Dinand. After the purchase of the school, classes were proceeding normally in the Pawsey residence



for less than two years when suddenly, chaos struck Winchester Park and the entire city. A great earthquake rocked Kingston at about three thirty the afternoon of January 14, 1907, killing and injuring hundreds of people. The city was so badly in need of hospitals and extra clinics, that the school was converted into a hospital. Records indicate that the Winchester Medical Centre catered to 50 bed patients and 300 out patients. Later that year, classes resumed, but with a much reduced attendance.

The 1906 prospectus goes on to describe in part, the objective of the academic course the school was to take, namely:

"Our desideratum in intellectual training is the force, the steadiness, the comprehensiveness and flexibility of intellect, the command over our powers, the instinctive just estimate of things as they pass before us which sometimes is a natural gift, but commonly is not gained without much effort and the exercise of years."

It wasn't until three years later that academically, St. GC began to be recognized as a school of great prominence. One thousand pupils from the colonies of Great Britain sat for the Local Senior Cambridge Exams, and of the seven most highly honored students, five were from St. George's. Percival Gibson, one of those honored, later became Anglican bishop of Jamaica, and founder of Kingston College.

Back in 1944, Rev. Fr. Thomas J. Feeney, S.J., Superior of the Jesuits in Jamaica, began a drive to collect funds to set up a boarding school. Later that year, the Pawsey residence was once again converted, this time to a boarding school that lasted for 18 years. Rising costs eventually lead to its closure in 1962. But the Pawsey residence underwent yet one last metamorphosis. It was converted into a cafeteria for the students until 1979 when it was demolished to make way for the Auditorium.

Today, 161 years later, many of the original buildings still house over 1000 students that attend the college. Within the past 50 years, the school has produced 6 Rhodes Scholars and several Jamaican Scholars.

Walpole once said: "Men are often capable of greater things than they perform. They are sent into the world with bills of credit, and seldom draw to their full extent." Many of us who attended the school will agree that the Jesuits who built St. George's College were unlike the men to whom Walpole referred. They did in fact, draw to their full extent.

The above information on St. George's College was extracted from works written by a former teacher, the Rev. Fr. William Feeney S.J., who died in 1997 at age 91.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

ST. George's College de "Light Blues"

Proud and Rich Soccer History

The Neville "Bertis" Bell coached 2008 and 2009 football squads, "'de light' blues aka St. George's College", proved at the end of the KSAC schoolboy soccer competitions to be bona-fide footballers, just like their coach. Winning the Manning Cup and Olivier Shield made them the supreme high school football champions of 2008 and 2009.



In 2008, St. George's College was crowned champions of the ISSA/Pepsi Digicel Manning Cup following a 2-0 victory over Jamaica College. In what was their first hold on the title since 1992 and their 19th overall, St George's was led to victory through a seventh-minute strike by forward Shamar Shelton, brother of national striker Luton, and a 71st effort by midfielder Dan Evans. The team went on to win the Olivier Shield with a 3-2 goal aggregate victory over St. James High to be crowned the All-Island High School Football Champions.



In 2009, the defending champions retained their title with an exciting come from behind 3-2 extra-time win over Bridgeport High. St George's was led to victory by Marvin Morgan who scored in the 22nd and 54th minutes. McKaully Tulloch completed the scoring for the champions in the 112th minute. With a 5-3 goal aggregate, the team went on to win the Olivier Shield over St. Elizabeth Technical and once again was crowned the All-Island High School Football Champions. Only a loss to their friendly Dark Blue rival (Jamaica College) in the Walker Cup prevented them from achieving the Triple Crown (Manning Cup, Walker Cup and Olivier Shield).

St. George's has a proud and rich soccer history, first winning the Manning Cup and Olivier Shield in 1912 and more recently with their 2008 and 2009 back-to-back wins. The Light Blues 20 Manning Cup Titles is second only to the 24 titles held by their friendly Dark Blue rival. However, with the inclusion of the Walker Cup, the Light Blues combined KSAC or corporate high school football title hold of 27 puts St. George's ahead of Jamaica College with 26 combined titles.

St. George's is a soccer history of stellar footballers, at the schoolboy, national and international levels, who have adorned the honor rolls of Jamaica football. Besides apologizing for unintentionally omitting far too many worthies because of the writer's ignorance, here is a partial list St. George's College football honor roll:

Dennis Ziadie, Winthrop 'Jackie' Bell, Russell Bell, John Barnes (*yes of Liverpool and England fame, him same one*), Dennis Barnett, Louie Black, Marsden Chen, Patrick Chin, Cecil Chue, Peter Chavannes, Dennis Chung, Derek D'Costa, Ken East, Johnny Frazier, Lascelles 'Little Muggie' Graham, Noel Hall, Anthony Hill, Frank Hill, Ken Hill, Leighton 'Baby Hue' Hue, Michael King, Karl 'Digger' Largie, Roy Lee, Andrew 'Andy' Williams, Tyrone Marshall, Arthur Lewin, Frankie Lewis, Aubrey 'Stan Mathew' Lowe, Denzil Lue, Anthony 'Tony' McKenzie, Arthur McKenzie, Claude McMorris, Keith Noad, Jack Roper, Daniel 'Danny' Simpson, Ted 'Teddie' Saunders, Frank 'Tester' Watkins, Robert 'Bobbie' Williams.

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HISTORY OF ALPHA

On a May day in 1880, Mary Ann Justina (Jessie) Ripoll, Jamaican-born young woman of mixed heritage (African, French and Portuguese) purchased Alpha cottage on 43 acres in Kingston. She made the purchase for the sum of £800, her accumulated savings and gifts. By so doing, she embarked on a mission that would change the lives of many young men and women and impact lives worldwide. So very humbly was born the impressive and magnificent Alpha legacy.

Ten years later, on December 12, 1890, a small group from the Sisters of Mercy led by Mother Winifred Furlong arrived in Jamaica and established the order there. The order had been founded in Ireland on December 12, 1831 by Catherine McAuley. In 1894, the sisters established the Convent of Mercy Academy from the seed of Alpha, which Jessie Ripoll and her two friends, Josephine Ximines and Louise Dugiol had planted and nurtured fourteen years prior. The three young women entered the order and became Sister Mary Peter Claver, Sister Margaret Mary and Sister Joseph, respectively.

The little cottage with one orphan grew into a complex that, in addition to the girls' academy, included Infant, Primary, Preparatory, Boarding, Boys' and Commercial Schools, plus Christ the King Chapel. By its centennial milestone in 1980, Alpha Academy had garnered a reputation as one of the island's premier all-girls schools, an institution of impeccable repute. It stands as the bastion, epitomizing the best of Jamaican education.

Throughout the years Alpha has weathered many storms, literally and figuratively. The great Kingston earthquake and fire of 1907, Hurricane Charlie (1951), Gilbert (1988) and Ivan (2004), also changes in government, mass migration of alumnae, "brain drain", education crises, and funding shortfalls have and continue to be faced. In the year 2000, an Alpha Icon, the beloved Monkey Tamarind Baobab, estimated at 200 years old, was felled due to unsalvageable internal damage. In the epitome of true Alpha style, a young Baobab tree was grown from the seed to take us into the next 200 years. And yet, we persevere.

In the year 2008, Convent of Mercy Academy "Alpha" was 128 years old -- one-hundred and twenty-eight. This is forever who we are: the massive double gates with wrought-iron arch, the imposing drive, McAuley Hall, Christ the King Chapel, the Sisters of Mercy. The white midi blouses and navy blue tunics and skirts (two inches below the knee!). The books and the lessons, Cambridge G.C.E.'s. Our beloved teachers and schoolmates. Aspirations strived for and wisdom imparted. This is the aura; this is the mantle of Alpha:

Ad Verum Et Bonum!



HISTORY OF ST. ANDREW HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

After 85 years of dedication, hard work and challenges, St Andrew High School for Girls is still flying the standard for excellence. Although not the oldest high school in Jamaica, it ranks among the highest in education, sports and community activity.

The school was “born” in 1925 as a girls’ school for both boarders and day students, and opened with 21 students and a staff of six. At a dedicatory service on September 21, 1925, it was originally named The Jamaica High School for Girls. But in 1929, when the school qualified to become a government grant-aided secondary school, the Jamaica Schools Commission asked that the name be changed, and it became St. Andrew High School for Girls. The mould for our crest was presented to the school at the first reunion dinner of the Old Girls’ Association on April 6, 1940. To the left of the crest is a white cross on a blue background; the flag of our patron saint, St. Andrew. To the right is the flag of St. George (England) with five pineapples; this being the first coat of arms given Jamaica in 1661.



The school motto, “Life More Abundant”, symbolizes the school’s purpose in not only giving young girls the best education possible, but enriching them in all areas of their lives to become young women ready to make their way in the world. From its first principal, Miss Jenny Gartshore, who suggested the motto, the school has been led by strong women throughout the years - Miss Mary Dawson, Mrs. Fay Saunders, Miss Joan Reader, Dr. Dahlia Mills-Repole, and currently Mrs. Sharon Reid, who has brought the school into the 21st century, both literally & figuratively.

Mrs. Reid has been a driving force in returning the school to its former glory. Education levels continue to soar. In the CXC exams, 79% of students passed 8 or more subjects, and in the CAPE (‘A’ Level equivalent) exams, the pass rate remains consistent at 97% for the 3rd consecutive year. Of students taking 4 subjects, 88% passed all four, and 90% of students taking 3 subjects passed all three. In the 2009/2010 school year, 6 students received full scholarships to universities in the USA. It is safe to say that, overall, the academic year has been nothing short of remarkable. The institution also encourages philanthropy in its students. Recently, the students raised J\$57,000 for the Salvation Army’s Haitian Relief Fund, J\$41,000 of which was raised from a snow-cone sale held on Sports Day!! Under Mrs. Reid’s leadership, we have seen many other projects come to fruition. In addition to the various refurbishing & building projects, work on the construction of The School Museum was started in June 2009, and the official opening is set for April 8, 2011. Other building projects include The Dahlia Repole Complex, dedicated in September 22, 2009, housing the Learning Enhancement Centre and the Physical Education Department. This year marks the end of the 5-year period of the institution’s Balanced Score Card Strategic Plan, of which the majority of the objectives have either been met or surpassed.



Our 85th anniversary celebration, started on September 21, 2010, will conclude with a Homecoming Week April 3 - 9, 2011. We know we are very fortunate to be a part of the St. Andrew family, and we invite all who have an interest in and/or a love of the school to join us during that week. The Old Girls’ Associations, located all over the world, constantly strive to give back to the school and its students and to uphold its legacy. We thank everyone for their ongoing contributions and support as together we seek to ensure that successive generations of St. Andrew High School students are enriched by the experience of the “Life More Abundant”.

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