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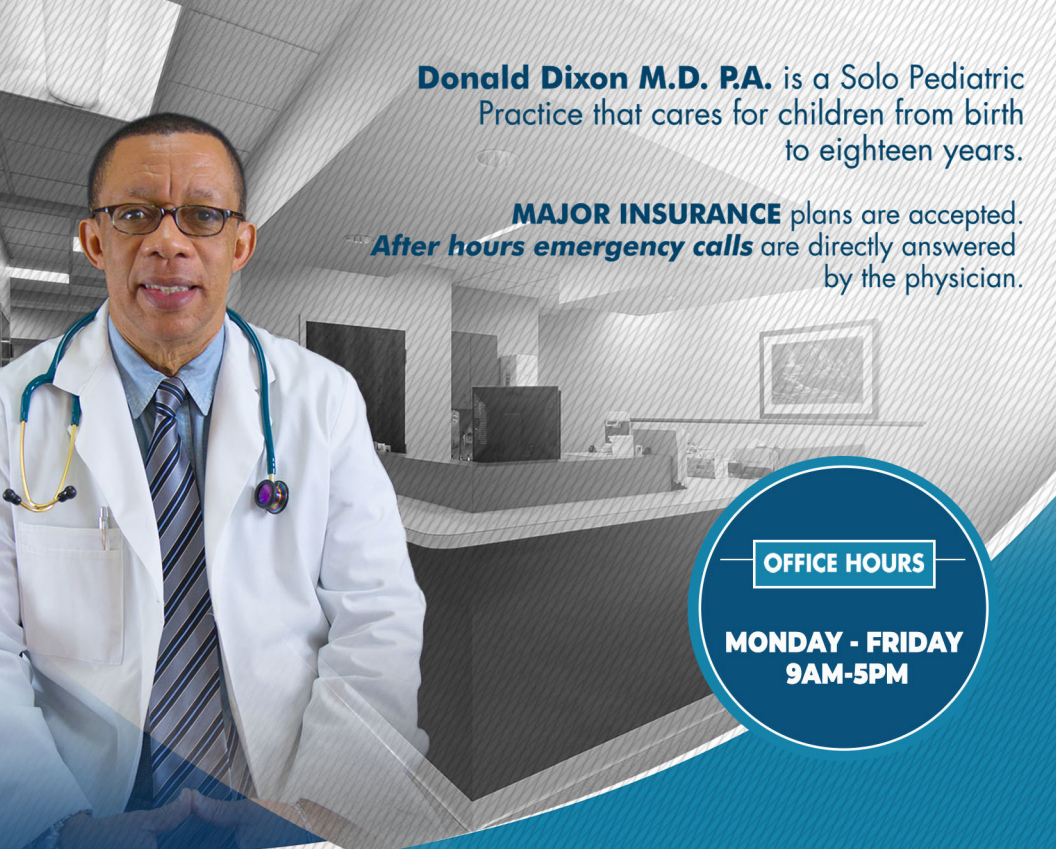


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TRIBUTE TO Chris Zaidie



CITY OF MIRAMAR Mayor's Message



Two Generations, One Family: Dennis & Christopher Ziadie

It's sad and heartbreaking when a son joins his father in death, especially when both had so much in common. In the case of **Dennis** and **Christopher Ziadie**, their passion for football brought them together, representing Jamaica and **St. George's College** with pride. Both of them were highly skilled players, earning the admiration and respect of their peers. But they were not just outstanding athletes. **Dennis** and **Christopher** were also kind-hearted and generous individuals who inspired others with their positive attitudes. They were loved for their personalities and their ability to motivate those around them.



Christopher was a man of principle who always spoke his mind and stood up for what he believed in. As a former captain of the Columbia Men's Team, he was a fierce competitor and a skilled player who made his mark in the Ivy League and on the Jamaican national team. **Dennis**, on the other hand, was an excellent left-winger who was passionate about football and spoke about the game incessantly with his friends. He was approachable, religious, and known for his meticulous appearance. He was not only a great father to his children but also a mentor and father figure to his players.



Dennis and **Christopher's** bond extended beyond the football field. **Christopher** was coached by his father during his childhood, but **Dennis** passed away too soon due to a tragic bus crash during the 1986 World Cup Finals in Mexico. Even in death, **Dennis** remained an inspiration to **Christopher**, who carried on his legacy both as a player and as a teacher. When you hear **Dennis'** former players speak about him, you can feel the profound respect they had for him. He was a coach who not only taught his players the game but also instilled in them a sense of discipline, integrity, and teamwork. In his memory, the **JC Old Boys Association** started the TrueBlue reunion, a testament to the impact he had on the lives of those around him. Together, **Dennis** and **Christopher** left a legacy

of love, kindness, and dedication to family and community. They may no longer be with us, but their memory lives on through the people whose lives they touched and the lessons they imparted. **Dennis** and **Christopher** are shining examples of what it means to live a life of purpose and meaning, and their story is one that will inspire generations to come.



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March 16, 2023

On behalf of the City of Miramar, a warm welcome to the Jamaica College Old Boys Association of Florida and the St. George's College Old Boys Association of Florida for the Annual Ziadie Cup Soccer Match during True Blue Weekend. Jamaica College and St. George's College are cherished institutions that have a wonderful heritage and that legacy is carried on through the contributions of their Alumni in Jamaica, the Diaspora and especially Miramar. As a longtime partner of True Blue Weekend over the years, Miramar is always happy to be the host City where Alumni come together and fellowship.

As you celebrate the legacy of Coach Dennis Ziadie, Miramar continues to stand in solidarity with you honoring his life and his positive impact on the many lives in Jamaica during his coaching career at both institutions. His legacy lives forevermore due to the philanthropic efforts of both the Jamaica College Old Boys Association of Florida and the St. George's College Old Boys Association of Florida. The Jamaican Diaspora has a jewel in these two great institutions and your continued service.

Best wishes for a successful 2023 True Blue Weekend.

All the best,

Wayne Messam
Mayor



HON. R. OLIVER MAIR

On behalf of the **Consulate General of Jamaica**, let me extend congratulations to the Jamaica College Old Boys Association of Florida and the St. George's College Old Boys Association of Florida for another year of the staging of True Blue Weekend activities.

This year marks the **16th Annual Dennis Ziadie Cup Soccer Match** honouring the memory of former international soccer legend, Dennis Ziadie, and his positive influence on the sporting arena. This has certainly brought us together in camaraderie and team spirit of brotherhood demonstrating that even in competition, our alumni family exemplifies that strength of unity and love as we strive for similar goals to community building, especially to better our alma maters in our island home. This is a great example for Jamaicans across the globe. We also pay tribute to the late Christopher Ziadie, who departed this life in September last year following a period of ill-health. Chris, as he was endeared, hailed from a football family, and like his father, Dennis, was described as a talented and skillful player representing Jamaica on the national team.



Sports is an integral part of community development and cohesiveness in Jamaica. And we have seen the success of our outstanding performances as Jamaica continues to advance in the global sporting arena. Therefore, let us continue to use every opportunity to build on other areas to support and initiate programmes dedicated to helping our youth, here in the Diaspora, and also in Jamaica. Let us also support the upcoming fourth Annual Jamaica HI-5K 5K Run/Walk to be held on Saturday, May 6th, at the Miramar Regional Park in Miramar. For registration details please visit the website www.jamaicahi5krun.com

I commend the organizers of the **True Blue weekend** again showcasing your love of country and school through these friendly competitions between both alumni associations. Your camaraderie throughout the weekend celebration undoubtedly demonstrates your selfless mission in partnership, to aid in advancing educational and social development at your alma maters.

I wish for the participants and patrons, another memorable and enjoyable weekend as you celebrate the activities demonstrating 'true' brotherhood.

Sincerely,

R. Oliver Mair
Consul General
Southern United States

Richard Davy is a former Jamaican football player who had an impressive career playing for various teams, including Howard University Bisons, the Jamaica National football team, and several other teams in the American Soccer League (ASL). He was born on May 3, 1953, and started playing football while in high school.

Davy was a standout player during his high school career, setting numerous records that stood for many years. He led his Wolmer's Boys High School team to a triple crown in Jamaican high school football championships. Davy established the single-season record of 23 goals, which stood for 27 years, and also set the career record of 48 goals. Before transferring to Wolmer's, Richard had won a Manning Cup Championship with Jamaica College High School (JC) in 1968.

In 1971, while still in high school, Davy was selected to play for the Jamaica National football team and scored on his debut against Haiti. He went on to represent the Jamaica National football team on 27 occasions, scoring 11 goals.

Davy went on to play soccer for Howard University Bisons, where he helped the team win the 1974 Division 1 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship. He was an instrumental player for the team and was the architect of the winning goal in the NCAA Championship game. Howard University Bisons posted a perfect 19-0-0 season record, which remains unbeaten and unmatched by any other Collegiate soccer team after over 35 years.

After his college career, Davy was drafted by the Connecticut Yankees of the American Soccer League (ASL). He played for several teams in various leagues, including the Washington D.C.-based Jamaica "Nats," where he led the league in scoring most of those years. He retired from soccer in 1987.

Davy was a talented and skilled player who left an indelible mark in the history of Jamaican and American soccer. His records and achievements still inspire and motivate young soccer players to this day.





STGC OLD BOY'S ASSOCIATION SOUTH FLORIDA President's Message



On behalf of the family of **St. Georges College** in **South Florida**, I greet all our brothers in blue at the staging of our first post Covid Pandemic **True Blue weekend**. This is another sign of normalcy returning to our lives. But as we celebrate, let us also remember those of our respective communities who have passed away in the past three years. In the memory of our brother, Dennis Zadie and certainly too of his son, our brother Chris Zadie who passed recently, let us use this weekend to celebrate not only football, but life.



This is certainly a time for us to rekindle friendships and renew healthy rivalry. Let us use this time to not only enjoy ourselves, but may it also be a time for us to teach those about us that rivalries are healthy only when energies are channelled into avenues of growth and we recognise that mutual respect and love of humanity and sport can help us to be healed of animus.

May this weekend be a time of joy and true sportsmanship and friendships.

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HON. PETER GRACEY

On behalf of the **Global Jamaica Diaspora Council**, "Warm welcome **Jamaica College and Saint George's College Alumni Associations** to the **True Blue Weekend, Ziadie Cup Soccer Tournament!** This event celebrates the sport of soccer and honors the memory of the great Dennis Ziadie, whose passion and dedication inspired so many.



The **True Blue Weekend** with "The" **Jamaica College** and **Saint George's College** is important to our diaspora because it celebrates the rich history, culture and traditions of Jamaica. These two schools represent a proud legacy of academic excellence and athletic achievement, and their alumni have made significant contributions to various fields, not only in the southern United States, but all around the globe. The **True Blue Weekend** provides an opportunity for members of the diaspora to come together, share their experiences and celebrate their shared heritage. It also serves as a platform to support education and youth development initiatives in Jamaica, ensuring that future generations will continue to thrive and succeed.

I hope that you will enjoy the friendly competition, make new friends and create unforgettable memories. I wish you all the best of luck and look forward to seeing your skills on the field.

Best wishes and let the Battle of the Blues Begin!

Hon. Peter Gracey
Gobal Jamaica Diaspora Council Representative
Southern United States
Fervet Opus In Campis!



Dear True Blue Weekend Fans, and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you back to the long-awaited **16th annual True Blue Weekend!** After a hiatus of two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are thrilled to be able to host this exciting event once again.

We understand these years have been challenging for everyone. Since we last met we have lost friends and family, including **Chris Ziadie**, who had been a cornerstone of this event. We hope the return of **True Blue weekend** provides a sense of normalcy and excitement as we all begin to navigate a post-pandemic world.



We are grateful for your continued support and dedication to the **True Blue Weekend/Ziadie Cup**, and we look forward to seeing you all in the stands cheering on your favorite teams. Let's make this **True Blue Weekend** one to remember and celebrate the return of football to our lives.

Thank you for joining us, and let's kick off this **True Blue Weekend** with energy, passion, and sportsmanship!

Sincerely,
Xavier Murphy
President, Jamaica College Old Boys Association of Florida.





The Jamaica College Old Boys' Association of Florida – True Blue Weekend

I extend warm greetings to **College Men** of the **Florida Chapter**. We are very pleased that you have continued the True Blue Weekend which has become a calendar tradition, with Old Boys from all over converging on Florida to link up. Congratulations Gentlemen!




The **Jamaica College Old Boys** of **Florida** have continued their unwavering, unbroken support for the College, serving with gladness. The current students and staff have been the beneficiaries of several contributions in various areas of school life. Our co-curricular activities, sports teams and coaches thrive as a result of your work behind the scenes. **WE ARE GRATEFUL.**

Our school population is just over 1700 boys, with a teaching staff complement of about 120 and about 65 support staff. We have increased marginally in size as we allowed some boys to repeat grades after the learning loss due to Covid 19. In fact Covid's impact on the academic development of our students will take some years to remediate. For example, we have noted a decline in CSEC Mathematics from over 90% passes to 70% in the 2022 exams. This is cause for concern and we have added contact hours and extra support to Mathematics and English, especially in grades 7-9.

Overall, our performance in external exams plateaued with 15 of 24 subjects having pass rates of over 85%. A significant amount of boys achieved national and regional placements. Work is burning...

We are back Face to Face with our efforts now on repairing losses in learning of the last two and a half years while also preparing for external examinations. We have also lost over 20 teachers since the beginning of the year, mostly to the overseas market, and this has meant recruiting and training of new staff. Even with the new salary increases, we anticipate a further exodus at the end of the school year. These factors, in addition to managing a series of deaths and a challenging financial position, have made this year a most difficult one. We will get past this with reviewed, renewed focus and strategic planning. Our emphasis remains on STEAM and the process of change in the teaching methodology is ongoing. New teachers are embracing the 'hands-on' methods and the boys are more engaged. A work in progress.

There are infrastructure and equipment needs including an Infirmary/Health Center, Information Center/Digital Library and a Music Facility. We also need improved classrooms, emergency water supply and termite treatment for the campus. Staff incentives also need support. These in addition to the urgent needs of our sporting teams, especially the Track Team.






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JAMAICA COLLEGE Principal's Message Cont'd

Our boys continue to perform inside and outside of the classroom. We were the top two teams (1st and 2nd) at the recent National Robotics Competition. We received the Inspire Award (the top prize) and were also the winning Alliance with Immaculate Conception High. Both teams will soon be off to the World Championships in Houston. **BIG ACHIEVEMENT!**

We are still competing at the High School Stock Exchange Competition where we have won for the last 5 years.

Our U19 volleyball team lost 2-3 in the urban finals and our U16 table tennis team also lost 2-3 in the final. Both teams have had a very good season as we have a high quality programme in place.

Our U19 basketballers reached the semis. The swimming and cricket teams are improving. We are fixing the School Challenge programme.

In football, last term we returned the Manning Cup and Super Cup to our shelves. We were semi-finalists in the U16 and All Island Champions in the U14 competition. There is a Trophy Tour coming your way!

The Track and Field team won 6 races at the Gibson Relays and is now preparing for Champs. The hardest part of our year has been the death of two excellent male teachers (Jeovannie Baxter and Diego Hines) and two students (David Virgo and Daniel Frith), with another (Kemeish Barr) in serious condition at the hospital. These deaths gutted our school with inexplicable grief.

We bawl, we pray and we press on...We are in constant dialogue with President Xavier and his team and we salute our Florida Old Boys who have consistently given "forward" to the College and the development of our current boys. **WE APPRECIATE YOU.**

Best wishes for a successful True Blue Weekend.
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ST. GEORGE'S COLLEGE Principal's Message



Dear STGC and JC Old Boys, and Friends,

Greetings on behalf of the **St. George's College family**. I would like to commend the organizers of this year's **True Blue/Dennis Zadie weekend** for continuing such an excellent tradition of collaboration and sportsmanship!

In my **16 years** of serving as Principal of **St. George's College**, these past few years have been the most challenging, as I am sure that it has also been for my dear friend **Wayne Robinson, Principal of Jamaica College**. As we continue on the road of post-Covid recovery, events like these are a source of joy for our school communities.



At **St. George's College**, we have risen to the recovery challenge though targeted professional development for teachers and extensive and carefully planned academic and social support programmes for students. This year we have hosted three of six planned weekend residential boot camps for fifth form students at no cost to them, as well as weekend classes and development programmes for our younger students. Despite the challenges of 2021-2022, twenty of the twenty six subjects undertaken at CSEC and thirty eight of the thirty nine at the CAPE level, had passes of 80% or more.

Our Sports teams have been performing well. We are particularly proud of our under 16 Basket ball team which won the **ISAA Southern Conference Championship** as well as the ISSA and All-island competition. Our Lacrosse Team is currently in the semi-finals and the only team that has been undefeated in the competition thus far. In order to help students reconnect and re-engage, we have more than doubled the numbers involved in sports and clubs and societies this year.

Our donors and supporters continue to be very generous. In September 2022, we blessed and commissioned two new buses. In January 2023 we implemented WiFi across the campus, created AV rooms on every classroom block, and installed projectors in several classrooms, in support of our theme for the academic year promoting 21st century skills, "4C a Great Future; Create, Collaborate, Communicate, , Think Critically".

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Enjoy the True Blue Weekend!
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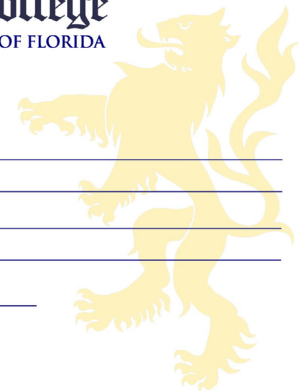
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