



SEMPER FLAGRANS!

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From the Pen of...

2015 has been a special and exciting year for the Glenmuir family. Our usually high level of recognition for sterling achievements rose to new heights, filling us with deep pride in our alma mater, its current student body and alumni. Formed to bring together the alumni in Jamaica, The GHS Taskforce has been working to harness the high levels of energy thus released. We are justifiably buoyed by the interest and commitment which have resulted in notable activities this past year.

Please join us for our 2015 year-in-review in this first edition of SEMPER FLAGRANS! On behalf of the Taskforce, I thank all of you for your support, and extend my best wishes to you and your families for a fulfilling 2016.

- Omar Davies, *Chairman*



Our New Rhodes Scholar!

Flagrans' pride soared when past student, Sherona Forrester, attained the 2016 Rhodes Scholar award.

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International Women's Day Brunch

Good food, good friends, good vibes!

In the spirit of Homecoming 2014, the GHS Taskforce hosted its first major event of 2015 to bring the alumni family together. The **International Women's Day Brunch** held on March 8th was a stellar event, an unforgettable experience and a resounding success. Highlights included the unexpected appearance of Tarrus Riley, singing his hit song "She's Royal," in tribute to the women of Glenmuir and women everywhere! The Brunch also launched our fundraising efforts for the S.T.E.A.M. Project. (See p.6 for details.) Going forward, we hope to mark this occasion as a yearly feature on the alumni calendar.

With representation from almost every year group, beginning with the first group of students, we encourage you to begin putting together your year group tables as we plan for the 2016 edition.

Once again, we thank our countless volunteers, at every level of the planning and execution, without whom we could not have mounted an undertaking of this nature. (See Photo Gallery on p.6)



Meet-and-Greet — May 2015

An evening of camaraderie and fun!

As we could not contain our excitement at the growing list of schoolmates who were being brought together to celebrate Glenmuir, the Taskforce mounted a "Meet-and-Greet" on May 29th 2015. It was purely coincidental that the Taskforce Chairman was celebrating his birthday on the same day! Glenmuir events have a well-deserved reputation for being classy and expertly organised and this was no exception. Thanks to the Jamaica Pegasus team for their professional support.

Among those in attendance were some of the pioneers from the first year group, still 'burning with the zeal for truth!' These included Carlton Burrell, Delroy Reid, Molly Fletcher and Omar Davies.

A great time indeed was had by all!



Members of the Taskforce planning the next big thing.

The Glenmuir High School Past Students' Association Taskforce

The Glenmuir High School Past Students' Association Taskforce comprises a strong combination of past students based in Jamaica and overseas, who have voluntarily committed their involvement to achieving the core values of the Association. Key members include:

- Dr. Omar Davies, M.P.**
- Ambassador Sheila Monteith**
- Resident Magistrate Jennes Anderson**
- Candice Chensue**
- Deiwght Peters**
- Ewan Simpson**
- Fitzroy Benjamin**
- Hedda Watson**
- Jeffery Daley**
- Jennifer Mendes**
- Lavern Salmon**
- Marlene Hargitay**
- Marsha Smalling (current Principal)**
- Nsombi Jaja**
- Paulet White**
- Prince Myers**
- Prudence Simpson**
- Radcliff Knibbs**
- Sandra Boreland-Bailey**
- Stephen Charoo**
- Sydney Bartley**

Meet Our New Rhodes Scholar Sherona Forrester



Sherona Forrester, Class of 2008, made her alma mater extremely proud when she was selected as the 2016 Rhodes Scholar. This was the second time in its history that Glenmuir was thus honoured.

Raised in the community of Mineral Heights in central Clarendon, Sherona spent her early years at Mineral Heights Primary and then happily entered Glenmuir High School following her GSAT examinations. At Glenmuir, Sherona continued to perform well academically and athletically. In addition to playing netball and basketball, she developed a love for soccer and became a member of the first girls football team to play competitively. An 'all-round' student, Sherona also served as head-girl and contributed to the school choir.

Sherona graduated from the University of the West Indies with first class honours, majoring in Economics and Statistics. Not one to ignore the character-forming impact of sports, she continued her association as member and captain of the Reggae Girls football team, and member of the university's basketball and netball teams. She also became a member of the Jamaica Youth Choir.

The Taskforce brought the Glenmuir family together on Sunday December 13th to celebrate Sherona and her achievements. Among those in attendance were The Rev. the Hon. Dr. Ronald Thwaites, MP. Minister of Education, Sherona's parents, her schoolmates and choir colleagues, as well as the Principal, members of staff, students and representatives of the alumni.



Sherona looking regal and resplendent in a gown designed by our own Donald Mirander, at her Tribute organised by the GHS PSA Jamaica, on December 13th, 2015



"It was a proud moment for me to hear of your election to the Rhodes Scholarship for 2016. Your accomplishments in the academic, sports and other areas of leadership are a vindication of all that Glenmuir has stood for over the years.

You represent the striving for excellence that the school has urged upon all of us who have been privileged to pass through its hallowed halls. Indeed you embody the balance that Glenmuir has come to be known for throughout Jamaica, as it has produced outstanding results in national and regional examinations, as well repeated success in football, cricket and chess, plus contributions in the performing arts."

*- Excerpt from Congratulatory message to Sherona, from Michael Allen ('70),
Glenmuir's first Rhodes Scholar*

"Sherona's many successes, including her recent selection as the 2016 Rhodes Scholar, epitomise the tradition of excellence for which we prepare our students."

- Dr. Marsha Smalling, Principal, Glenmuir High School

Past student Donald Mirander started his home-grown brand **Rednarim** in November 2014, focussing on High Fashion and ready-to-wear pieces for females. The 23 y-o is currently pursuing a B.A. in Apparel Design, Production and Management, and plans to take Rednarim to international recognition in the near future.



MORE REASONS TO CELEBRATE ... AGAIN AND AGAIN!

CAPE and CSEC Successes

Once again, Glenmuir students acquitted themselves with distinction, recording exceptional performances in the 2015 staging of the CSEC and CAPE examinations. The school recorded an overall pass rate of 96.4%, with: 6 students achieving 11 grade ones; 48 students achieving 10 grade ones; 91 students achieving 9 grade ones; 44 students achieving 8 grade ones; and 26 students achieving 7 grade ones.

Twenty two students were ranked regionally with one winning the prize for the Best Short Story. The current head of the English Language Department is Renee Mair, an alumnus.

The Taskforce members supported the School's Recognition Trip to Kingston, on October 21st, for top performers.

High School of Choice

The poll results are in and yet again, Glenmuir was declared the school of choice for students island-wide.

Twin Medical Doctors Graduate

We join past student Dr. Gaunett Sinclair-Maragh in celebrating the graduation of her twin daughters – Krystle and Kimberly Maragh – as medical doctors. In 2014, Gaunett received her PhD in business administration, hospitality and tourism management. We salute them and wish them well in their endeavours.

Ambassador to Washington

His Excellency Ralph Thomas, a Glenmuir alumnus, was appointed Ambassador of Jamaica to the United States of America in August 2015, directly after serving as Ambassador of Jamaica to the People's Republic of China.

Saint International Cops International Recognition

Our own Taskforce member, Deiwght Peters added another accolade to the growing success of his modeling agency Saint International. Fifteen years after its launch, Caribbean Top Model Agency solidified its international status with historic American Vogue (.com) and Teen Vogue highlights.

CONGRATULATIONS



Deiwght Peters



Krystle and Kimberly Maragh



H.E. Ralph Thomas



PAST STUDENTS CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THEIR ALMA MATER THROUGH THE CHOIR

A number of GHS past students have maintained their association with the Glenmuir High School Choir, contributing immensely to the development of this renowned institution.

We thank them for their interest and sacrifices, particularly in the management of Choir affairs and in ensuring performances of the highest standard.

IN APPRECIATION:

The **Jamaica Pegasus** Team for the kind courtesies afforded us in hosting regular meetings of the Taskforce and some of our extraordinary activities.

The **Glenmuir Alumni** family members whose companies have sponsored our events through their various enterprises.

The **Juici** Family for renewing its interest and commitment to the Glenmuir Football Team.

The **Past Students' Association of New York, Florida and Toronto**, for their support of their sister alumni association of Jamaica.

GHS Past Students' Association of Jamaica UPDATES

Constitution

Thanks to Jeffrey Daley, an attorney and member of the Taskforce, a Constitution has been drafted and the GHS Past Students' Association in Jamaica is being registered as a legal entity. This will provide sound legal and financial basis for its operations.

Solar Project

Plans are in place to reduce the electricity costs to the school with the installation of solar panels.

Repairs to Ceiling and Floor of Auditorium

Having installed oversized fans for temperature control, efforts are now being directed to refining the ceiling and floor of the Auditorium.

Participation in School Events

Taskforce Members supported the school by attending Graduation exercises (June 2015), Founder's Day and Colloquium (September 2015).

HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR PAST STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Alumni Database

We continue to update our database and kindly ask you to share your contact information with us at glenmuiralumnija@gmail.com. Please pass this on to other members of the alumni family.

We are also seeking technical assistance in the IT area as a feature for expanding the work of the Taskforce. Please let us know if you are able to help.

S.T.E.A.M. Project

The construction of a building for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics, now has pride of place on the school's wish list. The alumni have determined that it will join forces with the school to make this a reality. We are at the beginning of a very long journey toward this objective and we ask you to join us in this effort. It is generally recognized that for any nation to make significant progress in its development thrust, it will need to invest heavily in these areas of the school's curriculum, to prepare students for a modern economy.

Initial work to date includes review of the prospective site. **Please contact us for how you can help by way of your expertise, financial support and ideas.**

MARK YOUR 2016 CALENDAR!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

March 6, 2016	Brunch
July 2016	Charity Golf
September 2016	Movie Premiere
October 2016	"AJYOY" – GHS Choir in Performance



IN MEMORIAM ... R.I.P.

Dorothy Milton-Newell
Maurice Taylor
Trevor Griffiths
Audley Coleman

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PHOTO GALLERY

International Women's Day 2015 Brunch

