

# SEMPER FLAGRANS!

Newsletter of the Glenmuir High School Past Students' Association



## GHSPSA President's Christmas Message

*Happy Advent 2017 to my Glenmuir Family!*

*This year has been very special to the Alumni and I wish to extend holiday greetings to the Home and Overseas Chapters of the Glenmuir High School Past Students' Association.*

*Advent is a time to reflect on God's goodness. As we think about ourselves and our loved ones, we must also remember our neighbours, the voiceless, the vulnerable and the underserved. Our beloved school was born from the need to provide a solid education to the working class. During this season, we should in every way possible support those who are often forgotten. It is a time to give of your time and your treasure and to remember the reason for the Season.*

*The recently-elected Executive has been energized to take advantage of the very good work done previously by the Task Force, Year Groups and Overseas Chapters, but there is still a lot to be done. This issue of our newsletter serves to honour and recognize some of our current and past students who have made us very proud. There is so much on which to reflect and for which to be thankful as we celebrate the many successes of Glenmuir High School, particularly during this Season.*

*As we prepare to welcome the New Year, let us be resolute in achieving the short term goals of expanding the membership and developing an online alumni platform so we can better communicate and connect with each other. Our alma mater has prepared us well and we have the foundation on which we can build an enviable and viable association. 2018 will be significant for all past students here and abroad. It's the year when we will begin a year-long celebration of the school's 60th anniversary and I feel assured that you will participate in the many planned activities.*

*On behalf of the Executive of the Glenmuir High School Past Students' Association, I wish for you and yours a peaceful and holy Christmas and a New Year filled with immense possibilities and every Blessing.*

**Semper Flagrans!**  
**Sandra Bailey**



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## Sheila Sealy Monteith Appointed New Jamaican Ambassador to Belgium

'...at a time when Jamaica's relations with the European Union and its member countries will take on renewed significance as a result of anticipated developments associated with the post-Cotonou arrangements and Brexit', according to Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Senator the Honourable Kamina Johnson Smith - Gleaner article, Thursday, November 23, 2017. One of our very own has been appointed to lead Jamaica's bilateral and trade relations with the European Union.



For the members of the Task Force, this news was bittersweet. There was pride, because our very own Sheila, was excelling in her chosen field, but the Past Students' Association was 'losing' the 'hands on' presence and participation of a dedicated and talented contributor. Ambassador Monteith has made invaluable contribution to the many undertakings of the task force since its inception in 2014. She conceptualized and assumed the role of producer and editor of the Newsletter *Semper Flagrans*, assisted in the planning and execution of the annual fundraising brunch and other celebratory and fundraising ventures. She demonstrated a tireless commitment to every task with words of wisdom and encouragement at every juncture.

Members of the PSA executive and other Glenmuir well-wishers gathered for lunch at the Jamaica Pegasus on Sunday, November 26 to break bread with Ambassador and to wish her God speed on this exciting new chapter in her personal and professional journey. She was presented with a citation expressing deep appreciation from the Glenmuir family as we let her go to soar to new heights - confident that wherever Sheila goes, there also goes Glenmuir. *See citation on p. 7.*



## Meet our new executives!

L-R:  
Lavern Kitson - *Secretary*  
Saundra Bailey - *President*  
Prince Myers - *Treasurer*  
Prudence Simpson - *VP*  
Renee Mair - *PR Officer*



*The Glenmuir High School Past Students' Association, through its various chapters across the globe, extends best wishes to you and your loved ones, for a peaceful, holy, safe and enjoyable Christmas season, and for a new year of hope and fulfilment.*

*Flagrans Veritatis Studio!*

## SPOTLIGHT ON THE LONDON CHAPTER OF THE GHS PSA



Following an invitation from Peter Allison in 2011, I became involved with the past students here in the UK, joining them for an afternoon in a park in North London. It was a beautiful sunny day, which matched the spirits of those in attendance. I was duly elected President of the Chapter, with Peter Allison as Vice President, Sophia Smith as Secretary and Durant Thompson as Treasurer.

We fundraise in a variety of ways and after intense discussion the members chose to support the welfare of the students, which initiated a breakfast program at the school. This has now been taken over by the Parent Teachers' Association (PTA). We have also supported GHS students studying here in England, and encourage those studying here to make contact with us, whether they need advice, prayers or even a Sunday dinner. We meet for a fundraising social at least once a year. At one of our gatherings last year, David Scott, son of Dr. Sydney Scott, the first Principal of Glenmuir, was our guest speaker. He gave us an insight into Dr. Scott, beyond his headmaster's role, which was quite interesting.

Our oldest member left Glenmuir in 1976. Peter Allison, our Vice-President, attended Glenmuir from 1975 to 1980. He was there during Dr. Scott's time and recalls the auditorium

being built. Even in its unfinished state, it was being used for study sessions. In 1977, Dr. Scott employed a professional football coach, which turned the tide at Glenmuir for its sporting achievements. Sophia Smith, our Secretary graduated from Glenmuir in 1986. She currently teaches and resides in London. Durant Thompson was a 1991 graduate and holds the position of our Treasurer.



I attended Glenmuir from 1980 to 1985, during which period Glenmuir Road was being modernised. Oh the mud we had to tramp through! I was a founding member of the Girl Guides, and was Patrol Leader of the Marigolds, belonged to the drama club, ISCF, dance club, 4H and Spanish club. Note, none of these called for physical activity - I hated PE with a passion (everyone was bigger than me) and I could write a book of PE excuses!

I currently reside in a little town in the English countryside which was the birthplace of Oliver Cromwell, with my husband and 2 children.

*MRS. KERRY GANNA (formerly Badaloo), PRESIDENT*

### DO YOU RECOGNIZE YOUR SCHOOLMATES IN THE U.K.?



*"... the history of Glenmuir is an incredible compilation of narratives of self-assertion, diligence, hard work and unrelenting pursuit of excellence spurred by the founding Principal, subsequent principals, Board Chairmen and members, supportive parents, and a host of competent and dedicated staff. Throughout, present and past students have reflected outstanding achievements and brought glory to their School."*

Quote from Background document for Glenmuir's 60th anniversary celebrations, prepared by Sydney Bartley.

2018 will be an exciting year for Glenmuir – both for the school and the Past Students' Association. See information on some of our anticipated activities below!

#### JAMAICA CHAPTER

*January 13th 2018 at 8.30 p.m.*

GHSPSA hosts "Pressure Drop", play written by Basil Dawkins and directed by Douglas Prout, at the Little Little Theatre on Tom Redcam Drive. Tickets are available from Prudence Simpson at 815 0640. Cost J\$1,800.

*March 11th 2018*

Annual Fund-raising Brunch, Special feature – Launch of Glenmuir's 60th anniversary.

#### UK CHAPTER

*March 17th 2018*

Spring Fling Social and Meeting

#### SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER

*May 5th 2018*

Mothers' Day Picnic

*September 29th 2018*

Annual Dinner Dance

For more information and to let us know of your activities/events, please contact us at: [glenmuiralumnija@gmail.com](mailto:glenmuiralumnija@gmail.com)



## Glenmuir at 60

*"... Glenmuir High School celebrates sixty (60) years in September 2018.*

*Founded in 1958 by then Lord Bishop of Jamaica Percival Gibson, Glenmuir High School opened its doors to students on September 15 of that year. Over the period, Glenmuir High School has established itself within the Jamaican education and socio-cultural space as an institution of worth and substance."*

*"Established on the vision of the need for a school of excellence in central Jamaica that would offer quality education to the children of the poor in that section of the island, the School has indeed achieved its objectives and is now recognized as among the schools of choice for children and their parents who would wish for fulsome and outstanding education."*

— Quotes from Background document for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, prepared by Sydney Bartley.

#### MAJOR GLENMUIR@60 EVENTS

**11 March 2018**

Launch of 60th Anniversary Celebrations at Annual Brunch

**September 2018**

Founder's Week Activities to include Church Service, Naming of Buildings, Parade of Stars

**December 2018**

FLAGRANS Banquet

**January 2019**

60th Anniversary Sports Day

**May 2019**

Labour Day School Beautification

**July 2019**

FLAGRANS Cruise

#### CONTACT INFORMATION FOR GLENMUIR@60

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## GLENMUIR UPDATES – In Pursuit of Excellence!

### Glenmuir wins Inaugural UTech Jamaica Mathematics Quiz Competition

Glenmuir won the inaugural staging of the UTech Jamaica Mathematics Quiz Competition in November. This competition amongst Jamaican high schools saw Glenmuir defeating many of the country's top high schools to emerge the victors. Congratulations to our students and to coaches Mr. Andrew Gordon and Miss Oneika Anderson. Representatives of the Jamaica Chapter of the Alumni Association visited the school at its Annual Prize Giving Ceremony in December and awarded the students and teachers for their success with a monetary prize sponsored by individual past students.



Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, CD, President, University of Technology Jamaica presents the first place trophy in the UTech, Jamaica Inaugural Mathematics Quiz Competition held today, Thursday, November 30, 2017 at the University's Papine campus to Glenmuir High School students and their coaches. Accepting the trophy from left are, Miss Oneika Anderson, Mathematics Teacher and Coach, Jabari Glaves, (back row from left) Phillip Lloyd, Eric Dixon, Javier Bryan, and Mr. Andrew Gordon, Mathematics Teacher.



GHSPSA, Jamaica Chapter President Sandra Bailey presents a token to team member Eric Dixon as fellow team members Jabari Glaves and Javeir Bryan look on.

### Prize Giving 2017

Glenmuir High School celebrated its annual Prize Giving Ceremony on December 6, 2017 and awarded those students who performed exceptionally well in internal, external examinations as well as in extra-curricular activities. For this year, 12% of the cohort of students earned seven or more grade ones in the June 2017 CSEC exams with Krystal Coleman earning 11 grade ones whilst at the CAPE level (6th Form), 15% of the cohort earned three or more grade ones with Javeir Bryan, Kimale Graham, Shelby Peterkin and Stanecia Wynter earning 5 grade ones and Eric Dixon earning 6 grade ones.

### EISTEDDFOD

November at Glenmuir is Eisteddfod time! The vibrant inter-house competition features competition in the performing arts speech, music and dance. This year's competition was won by the mighty Deroux House! **Make some noise Derouxites!**

*HAVE A FAVOURITE MEMORY OF YOUR YEARS AT GLENMUIR? HAVE A PHOTO THAT YOU THINK WE SHOULD SEE?*

*SHARE THEM WITH US AS WE WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE FOR GLENMUIR@60 - 2018 TO 2019.*

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## Congratulations to Breanna Julal!

Glenmuir also copped another first at the Caribbean Child Research Conference in November as upper sixth form student Breanna Julal walked away as the champion. She presented her research on, An Investigative Study into the Impact of Gang-Related Sexual Grooming on the Academic Performance of Teenage Girls in the Community of Highgate Gardens. In addition to being the overall champion, Breanna also secured the award, Top Female Researcher; and the sectional prize, Best Oral Presentation, which received a perfect score from the judging panel. Breanna is an honour roll student at Glenmuir and has ten ones at the CSEC level and four ones at the CAPE level!



At the awards presentation, Glenmuir's Breanna Julal (centre) is joined by teacher Mrs. Jody Titus-Maxwell at right. Mr. Newton Douglas of the former Child Development Agency is at left.



Glenmuir's Breanna Julal smiles proudly as she displays her awards for the top Caribbean Child Researcher.

## Glenmuir's Best and Brightest Visit Outstanding Alumni

A cadre of Glenmuir's top scholars paid a courtesy call on two of Glenmuir's high performers and outstanding alumni, Mr. Patrick Hylton, President and Group Chief Executive Officer at NCB and Dr. Roger Irvine, Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon at the UWI, Mona. The students had the enviable opportunity to engage these stalwarts in their profession, in a scintillating rap session. The students raised insightful and probing questions as they enquired into the alumni's life at Glenmuir, their interests and their experiences. The students were joined at the visit by Dr. Marsha Smalling, Principal, GHS, Mr. Prince Myers, Manager, Debt Collections and Recovery Unit, Retail Banking Division of NCB and Executive Member (Treasurer) of the Past Students Association and Mr. Brian Boothe, Acting Senior General Manager - Retail Banking Division at NCB and a Glenmuir past student, as well. *See photos of the visit below.*



## OUTSTANDING ALUMNI



**Dr. Roger W Irvine MBBS, DM**, is a graduate of the University of the West Indies School of Medicine class of 1990 and went on to specialize in Cardiothoracic Surgery. He was awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship in 1995 to enable a 2 year elective in Adult and Paediatric Cardiac surgery at the Harefield Hospital in the United Kingdom under the world renown Cardiac Surgeon, Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub. He returned to Jamaica in 1998 to complete the Doctor of Medicine post graduate program in Cardiothoracic Surgery at the University of the West Indies.

**Mr. Patrick Andrew Alwyn Hylton, A.C.I.B., B.B.A., C.D.**, has been the President of NCB Financial Group Limited since May 2, 2017 and serves as its Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Hylton serves as the Chief Executive Officer of NCB Capital Markets Limited. He serves as a Director of National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited; Caribbean Information and Credit Rating Services (CariCRIS). He served as a Director of Bank of Jamaica. He is an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers (London). He was the recipient of the UTECH Alumni Award in 2000 for outstanding contribution to the development of the University and the 1998 Flagrans Bronze awardee for exceptional service in the field of Finance from his alma mater, Glenmuir High School. In 2002, the Order of Distinction, Commander Class was awarded to Mr. Hylton by the Prime Minister and Governor General of Jamaica, for his service in the resuscitation and rehabilitation of Jamaica's financial sector. Mr. Hylton is a BBA (Honours) Graduate in Management from the University of Technology, Jamaica.



### AMBASSADOR SHEILA SEALY MONTEITH

#### *A CITATION*

"To be honoured by one's peers is indication of outstanding service"

**T**he Glenmuir High School Alumni revel in pride, honour and gratefulness for one of our most cherished members, Ambassador Sheila Sealy Monteith. Graciously articulate within a demeanour exercised by respect for others, forbearance and self-assurance, Ambassador Sheila has been a fitting representation of the qualities that were constantly moulded into us from the very moment of our insertion into the hallowed halls of our Alma Mater.

As an outstanding alumnus, Sheila Sealy Monteith has also demonstrated a tireless commitment to every task, focusing on the students, ensuring that our every effort provide for them the postures of development that will assist them in their quest for future glory.

Within her career as also throughout her life, Sheila has been "relentless in pursuit of excellence". She takes on the arduous tasks related to her duties in the Foreign Service with character and acumen and has brought acclamation to her country during her several postings and representations.

We the Alumni of Glenmuir High School, assure you, Ambassador, of our enduring love and respect. As you leave on the eve of the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of our School's founding, it also augurs perhaps the beginnings of our more serious incursion into Europe and beyond, because we know that wherever you are, there too stands Glenmuir.

Pax Vobiscum. Walk good. Semper Flagrans. See you in Brussels!



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PAST STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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### CONTACT US, YOUR PAST STUDENT ASSOCIATION!

We'd love for you to join us! Please let us have your name (current and as a student), your year group and any special memories you have of Glenmuir High School. Let us fill the memory bank for posterity.

**BECOME A  
MEMBER**

**JOIN TODAY!**

Download our [membership application form](#),  
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