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South Florida Annual JIS Independence Essay Competition Winners

Two South Florida students have come out on top in the annual Jamaica Independence Essay Competition in Florida. They are 14 year-old, Diamond Cunningham, a student at Pembroke Pines Charter High School; and nine year old Deianeira Hoffenden, who attends St. Bartholomew Catholic School, both residents of South Florida.

The winners were selected from a group of 25 entries, each detailing their experiences from a wide range of topics relating to the history and culture of Jamaica, and its Diaspora. The annual Independence Essay competition was organised by the Jamaica Information Service (JIS) in Miami, and was part of the annual festivities celebrating Jamaica's Independence in Florida.

Both winners will be awarded a plaque from Jamaica's Consul General, Mrs. Sandra Grant Griffiths and also a gift certificate from the Partners for Youth Foundation, Incorporated, a non-profit association committed to the advancement of youth in the Diaspora, through its involvement in programs in education and the arts. The annual competition is open to first, second and third generation Jamaican students residing in Florida, and received responses from a large number of students.

Deianeira, now a fifth grade student, creatively described the significance of Jamaica's six national symbols, earning her first place in the nine to 12 year old category. She enjoys reading, travelling and learning about other cultures. This she said augured well for her entry. "I was

excited to write the essay because of my recent visit to Jamaica earlier this year and the wonderful experience I had," she added.
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September 2010 Calendar

Friday, September 3

***St. George's Old Boys Association
Dinner/Dance***

Saturday September 4

***Clarendon College Alumni
Association Ball***

Saturday, September 11

***St. Elizabeth Technical High School
Banquet***

September 12 - 18

***Cornwall College Alumni
Association Homecoming in
Jamaica***

Saturday, September 18

All Alumni Association Meeting

Saturday September 25

***Glenmuir Alumni Association
Dinner & Dance***

***More information on the events listed
about are found inside the newsletter***

Meanwhile, in her essay, Diamond penned an endearing story of a known Jamaican individual who had made an outstanding contribution to the local community. Her grandmother, Grandma Valrie, aptly fit that role as the person who had influenced her life and that of the wider community.

Diamond actively participates in youth activities at her church, the Pines Seventh Day Adventist Church, and also at her school where she is a student leader and former secretary of the Future Educators Association.

Expressing pride in her entry, the 14 year old spoke of the unconditional love and affection she had received from her siblings, grandmother, and community.

MIAMI (JIS), Wednesday, September 01, 2010

South Florida Annual Jamaica High School Alumni Soccer and Netball Tournament

September 5 & 6, 2010 Labor Day Weekend: South Florida 2nd Annual Jamaica High School Alumni Soccer and Netball Tournament

Soccer:

JC * Herbert Morrison * Garvey Maceo Mannings * Meadowbrook * Trench Town STETHS * Wolmers * Camperdown * Rusea's Cornwall College * Manchester High * Ocho Rios High * Excelsor * Calabar * Kingston College

Netball:

Meadowbrook * Ardenne * Dunoon * Mona High * Queens * Vere Tech* Frome Tech

Each Jamaican High School Alumni is formally invited to participate in our exciting annual tournament. The first South Florida event was

held Labor Day weekend, Sunday and Monday September 6th & 7th 2009. A grand cash prize is presented to the winning team as well as a donation presented to the winning schools in Jamaica.

Last year seventeen teams competed in the soccer and netball tournaments with Rusea's High and Ardenne emerging as champions.

Online registration is available on the Team Registration page.

For More information call: **786-370-7597** or email us rocoder@caribunitedfc.com



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
September 18, 2010

GAMES NIGHT!!!
October 9, 2010

Call any of the executive members above for more information or write to the association using the email address listed above



SAVE THE DATE!!!!

**ALL ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS MEETING
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2010, 11:00 AM
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY (DAVIE)**

- WALKATHON!!
- JOINT FUNDRAISING EVENTS!!
 - ALL ALUMNI RAFFLE!!
 - ALL ALUMNI CELEBRATION!!
- COALITION OF JAMAICAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS!!

All Secondary Students to Benefit from Textbooks Covering 33 Subjects

All students attending secondary level institutions will benefit from textbooks covering 33 subjects for the new 2010/2011 academic year, which are being sourced at a cost of \$637 million, with the exception of literature books. This was disclosed by Assistant Chief Education Officer, Media Services Unit at the Ministry of Education (MOE), Dr. Olive Maragh, during a JIS 'Think Tank' on August 25.

"The MOE is providing textbooks to secondary institutions through the National Rental/Loan Scheme. The scheme provides textbooks in the major subject areas for all students in Grades 7-9 of Primary and Junior High and All Age Schools; all students in Grades 7-11 in Upgraded and Traditional High Schools; all students in Grades 7-11 in Technical and Vocational High Schools; all students in Grades 7-11 of Agricultural High Schools, Independent Schools and some non-profit organizations," Dr. Maragh explained. She pointed out that the Ministry does not provide literature textbooks or textbooks for sixth form and college/tertiary level students. For the 2010-2011 school year, textbooks will be provided in areas, such as languages, mathematics and sciences, arts and humanities, business education, industrial education and home economics education. Dr. Maragh informed that the books will be provided by suppliers, such as Carlong Publishers, Kingston Bookshop, Meto Corporation, Book Wizard and Sangster's Book Stores Limited.

While these textbooks will not be delivered to schools at the usual time in September, due to a textbook audit that was conducted earlier this year, the MOE is recommending that the current stocks of textbooks being held in schools be used until deliveries are made during the first term of school. In the meantime, the Assistant Chief Education Officer pointed out that textbooks and workbooks are also being procured for primary schools.

"The textbooks and workbooks being bought are those that are aligned to the Revised Primary Curriculum and are of the highest quality based on the MOE's textbook review process," Dr. Maragh noted, while pointing out that stocks of several books are now being distributed. "For the 2010/2011 school year, the MOE is procuring Students' Books and Workbooks for Integrated Studies for grades 1-3 and workbooks for mathematics for Grades 1-3. Top up quantities are being bought for the Term 1, Grades 1-3 Students' Books and workbooks, as some stocks were procured and stored from last year. These stocks, which were in storage, are now being distributed to 543 primary, 163 all-age and 87 primary and junior high schools," she added.

Dr. Maragh said that full quantities are being bought for the Terms 2 and 3 Grades 1-3 students' workbooks, as these books are considered consumables and are required to be replaced yearly. These workbooks are being procured from Macmillan Publishers at a cost of more than \$117 million.

Full quantities are also being procured for the Grades 1-3 Mathematics Workbooks, as these are also consumables and have to be replaced yearly. These workbooks are being bought from Pearson Education at a cost of just under \$30 million dollars.

Kingston (JIS): Thursday, August 26, 2010

STGC Old Boys Association of Florida 2010 Annual Dinner/Dance Signature Grand Ballroom



6900 State Road 84, Davie Florida

Half mile east of University Drive

FRIDAY, September 3, 2010

South Florida's Most Dynamic and Versatile Live Band

South Florida's Legendary DeeJay

Libido Jamusa

Playing Reggae, R&B, Soca, 80's Retro, and Salsa, Libido has rapidly risen to the position of being the musical choice of "those in the know."

For five decades, Jamusa (Denver Silvera) has been playing a mix of Old School and New School music that includes all genres.

**\$ 75.00 Contribution per Person
Wine Served with Dinner**

Cash Bar: 7:30 pm. * Dinner: 8:30 pm

Ticket Information

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The
Clarendon College Alumni
Association
South Florida Chapter

Invites you to the
12th Annual Ball
At the



Sheraton Ft Lauderdale
Airport Hotel

1825 Griffin Rd, Dania Beach, 33004
954-920-3500 (E of I-95 at Griffin Rd)



On

Saturday September 4, 2010

Meet and greet at 7:00 pm

Dinner at 9:00 pm

TICKETS: \$70

**DANCE
TILL 2:00
AM
TO THE SOUNDS OF
DJ C-ROY**

**Event parking
complimentary**

Prizes
&
Surprises!

Gate prize:
Weekend for 2
at the Sheraton Ft
Lauderdale Airport Hotel.

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**St. Elizabeth Technical High School
Alumni Association
South Florida Chapter**

ANNUAL BANQUET

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 11TH 2010
8:00PM-200AM**

ADM. \$60 PER PERSON

**MUSIC BY
C-ROY
THE ENTERTAINER
OF WAVS
SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY
SONS OF MY-STRO**

**SHERATON FORT LAUDERDALE
AIRPORT HOTEL
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CORNWALL COLLEGE



"OLD BOYS Homecoming Week"

Sept. 12 – 18, 2010

Montego Bay, Jamaica.

CC Founders' Day Programme

Programme Details:

Sunday 12, 2010 - Church Service

Friday 17, 2010 - Classroom Mentorship (by Old Boys)

Friday 17, 2010 - Luncheon & Official Opening of the CC Trust Ltd. **SECRETARIAT**
- Participation in the school's Founders' Day Programme (Details to be advised)
- Lyme and Oldies session at Aqua Sol Theme Park (evening)

Saturday 18, 2010 - CC Trust Ltd. Annual General Meeting (10:00 am)
- Old Boys / Teachers Invitational vs CC Under-16 (1:30 pm)
- DaCosta Cup 'home' match (3:30 pm)
- Homecoming Awards Dinner/Dance - hosted by MoBay Chapter (8:00 pm)



Fabulous Hotel Venue

Hosted By the Cornwall College Old Boys Assn - Montego Bay Chapter

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Raymond Kerr (2nd VP) 876-463-8674; or Nicoleen Rhoomes 876-427-5972

SPECIAL GUESTS: PAST STUDENTS OF MO.BAY HIGH & MT. ALVERNIA HIGH

Old Boys' Re-union

*Glenmuir Alumni Association
South Florida Chapter*

Annual Fall

Dinner & Dance

Saturday September 25th, 2010

7pm - 1am



Pembroke Falls Club House

**1651 Northwest 136th Avenue,
Pembroke Pines, FL**

Meet & Greet 7pm - 8pm

Dinner 8pm-10Pm

(Strictly Enforced, so come out early)

Please call 954-673-0097 or 305-588-0521 for tickets
or visit glenmuiralumni.com for more details

**The Alumni Association of Titchfield High School
South Florida Chapter**

10th Anniversary Celebration

***Dinner Dance &
Award Banquet***

Sheraton Fort Lauderdale Airport Hotel
1825 Griffin Road
Dania Beach, FL 33004

Saturday October 9, 2010

8:00pm - 2:00am

Cocktails at 8:00pm

Dinner served promptly at 8:30pm



RSVP by August 13th
954-240-3296 / 954-303-9845

Payment due by Sept. 10th

Admission \$70

Advance purchase required

Cash Bar

Formal Attire

Music by



*Entertainment * Gate Prices * Surprises*

**COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND JAMBOREE
OCTOBER 8-10, 2010**

MEET & GREET – FRIDAY

Sunshine Ballroom

4301 Rock Island Road
Lauderhill, FL 33319
Corner Rock Island & 44th Street

9:00pm - 2:00am

No cover charge

Dress code: Casual

Music by DJ Everton

FAMILY FUN DAY - SUNDAY

CB Smith Park

Pembroke Pines, FL
Pavilion #7
Noon till 6:00pm

\$1.50 per person park entry

954-303-9845 or 954-240-3296

Music by DJ Everton

AFTER PARTY – SUNDAY EVENING

Reggae Village

111 NW 2nd Street
Ft. Laud, FL 33301
954-261-2459



Rusea's Old Students' Association Florida Chapter

1st Annual Fundraising Cruise

CARNIVAL IMAGINATION



4 day Western Caribbean cruise from Miami, FL
Ports of Call: Key West, Florida and Cozumel, Mexico

November 1 - November 5, 2010.

Rate available for the following cabins

Interior (4B), Oceanview (6B), Oceanview (6C), Suites

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PAYMENT DATES:

Initial Deposit - \$100

May 25 - \$150

July 25 - \$100

August 25- Balance due

Final balance will vary based on cabin selected. Rates are per person based on two people in a cabin

DISCLAIMER

*Cruise rates are capacity controlled in the U.S. dollars, per guest and based on double occupancy. Includes cruise fare, government taxes/fees, prepaid gratuities, your non-refundable donation to ROSAFL. **Does not include: Optional vacation protection, bar service, spa, salon, shore excursions, or photography.** Rates are available on select sailings only. Some restrictions (including stateroom category availability) apply. Rates are subject to change without prior notice. Ships' Registry: The Bahamas and Panama. Carnival reserves the right to re-instate the fuel supplement for all guests at up to \$9 p.p. per day if the NYMEX oil price exceeds \$70 per barrel.*

Travel Documents: US citizens require proof of citizenship (passport, certificate of naturalization, birth certificate plus a government issued photo id). All others require a passport valid through the return date, plus applicable visas. Each guest is responsible for obtaining and providing necessary travel documents prior to embarkation. (Contact your respective consulates to verify entry requirements for countries listed in the itinerary).

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