

THE SWAN CONNEXION

ST HUGH'S HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION ONTARIO



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Tamieka Bailey

After many years of dormancy, the St. Hugh's High School Alumnae was reborn in the fall of 2019. In January 2020, a board was installed, and a governing charter was quickly completed and formed, adding further structure, while we learned to take baby steps. As we had our meeting of the minds, we dissected many ideas to make the organization profitable in order to fund the school and raise funds to benefit the current signets. Despite having our plans silenced by the Covid 19 pandemic, through resilience and determination we were able to have a marginally successful year which is outlined in our Year In Review document. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the officers of the board, our alliances, and our supporters. I look forward to our continued growth and prosperity. With a sense of pride, I invite you to journey with us, as we move forward to make our school and this Alumnae a success!

Fidelitas!

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Fundraisers

Jamaica Canadian Association (JCA) Walkathon 2020

Despite the forced cancellation of our planned activities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we had our first fundraiser in August 2020 when we participated in an annual walkathon hosted by the Jamaican Canadian Association (JCA). It was an exhilarating experience and a confidence booster as we not only raised funds for our alma mater but also had fun bonding with our fellow members.



Fundraisers

The Fish Fry

It takes just one person with a dream and a team that will follow!

Our first Fish Fry fundraiser was the brainchild of one of our members who felt strongly that it could be a huge success, and boy was she right! The event which was held on May 29th was truly a team effort – from meal planning, to securing a caterer, to route logistics. With COVID preventing us from having central distribution, our members took to the streets delivering meals to our supporters in our signature blue and gold bags. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our supporters and say how grateful we are to all of you for helping us achieve a very successful event that resulted in us exceeding our target by almost 90%. We would not have been able to pull it off without our supporters!

The ladies gearing up to deliver fish dinners



Althea packing her car to meet Vivienne



Vivienne delivering one of her orders



Tamieka doing her hand off to Zara



Swan Sister, Carol making a delivery to a happy patron.

Fundraisers

The Fish Fry



Tamiaka (President) doing another delivery.



Tamiaka & Racquel pose for a selfie.

Fundraisers

Walk n Talk 2021

The first annual Walk n Talk walkathon hosted by the Alliance of Jamaican Alumni Associations (AJAA) came fast on the heels of our Fish Fry, and we were hesitant to participate. Despite our reservations, we 'masked up' and had a fun-filled socially distanced virtual walk at Saigon Park in Mississauga. Although we missed some of our members from the 2020 walkathon, we also welcomed new walkers on the Saigon trail. In the end we had a very successful fundraiser that exceeded our target.

Swans at Saigon Park, Mississauga



(L-R) Zara Brown, Racquel Muir Auleen Gooden, Tamioka Bailey



(L-R) Paulette Tenn, Tamioka Bailey, Racquel Muir, Auleen Gooden, Maraye Bonner.



Carol on her walk at Neyagawa Trails.

Donations

Our mission is to:

"To promote the welfare and advancement of the students of St. Hugh's High School so that each student may successfully complete their education and take their rightful place in society."

Hand sanitization Stations

We are very proud that in spite of the limitations presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, we were able to make a donation of ten (10) Sanitizing Stations and three (3) Hand Washing Stations to our alma mater – items which were critical to the successful reopening of the school once the vaccinated student population reached the required level. All equipment have been installed and are operational.



Principal Mrs. Bryan-Hughes (L)
accepting Hand Sanitizer from Juliet
Rothery-Moodie (R)

Bursaries and Scholarships

We also funded one full scholarship and a bursary for two students in need of financial assistance to complete their education. These will be awarded once examination results are known.

"Giving is not just about making a donation.

It's about making a difference"

- Cathy Calvin

In the words of William Arthur Ward "Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it"

I, therefore, wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to the members of the Toronto Chapter of the St. Hugh's Past Students' Association, for the generous donation which has enabled the school to strengthen one of the Ministry of Health and Wellness Disaster Risk Management Protocols, and to provide assistance to a few Swans by way of a scholarship, bursary and examination fees.

Through your support, the funds disbursed have provided

- 10 non-touch Sanitizers
- 3 Handwashing Stations
- A scholarship for 1 student of Grade 7 or 13
- A bursary for 1 student 'of Grade 12 or 13 which will provide books/examination fees.

It is my hope that this partnership that has been forged will continue to enrich the lives of generations of swans.

Fidelitas,

Andrea Bryan-Hughes (Mrs)
Principal



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Andrea Bryan-
Hughes

Movers and Shakers

Did you know that we celebrated our first National Alumni Day just this month and are proud to say that we are members of the Alliance of Jamaican Alumni Association and are pleased to be a part of such an occasion.

Here are some of the great footprints we are making out there? Well Listen Up...



Distinguished Past Student 1992, Fae Ellington C.D. has been among three people who received honorary degrees from Northern Caribbean University (NCU) at it's virtual graduation exercise that was held on Sunday August 8, 2021.

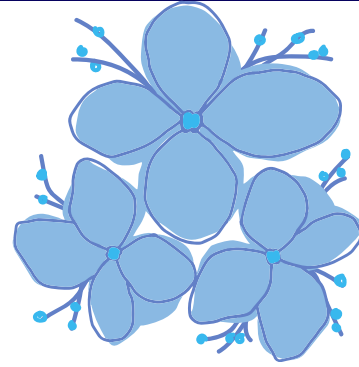
Our Swan Sister Stacy 'Stacious' Bryan became the winner of the 2021 Jamaica Cultural Development Commission (JCDC) Festival Competition for her song "Jamaican Spirit". <https://youtu.be/65JfiG6m9ms>



Communications Specialist and Past Student Yvonne Chin Irvin was presented with the Distinguished Past student Award

Remembrance

Remembering our Swans who have passed



Miss Daphnie Morrison

Former VicePresident

Passed- August 19, 2021



Cheryl Dash Brown

Past Teacher & Student

April 4 1948- March 7, 2021

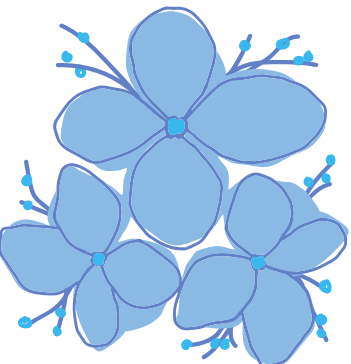


Karen Smith

Past Student

September 5, 1960-September 11, 2021

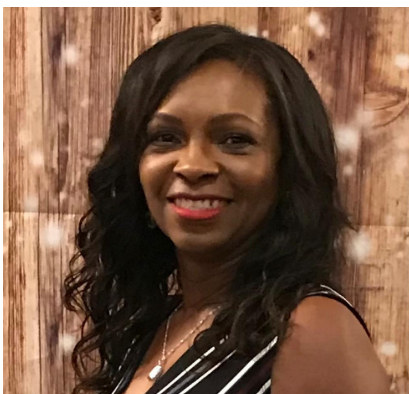
In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety - Psalm 4:8



Executive Committee



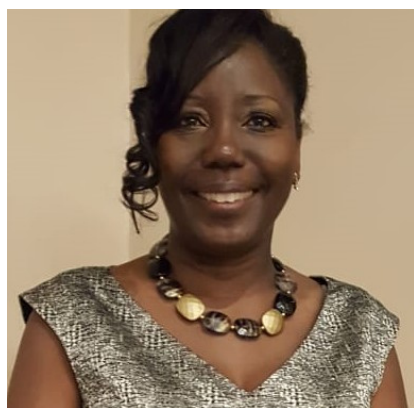
Tamiaka Bailey
President
Class of '95



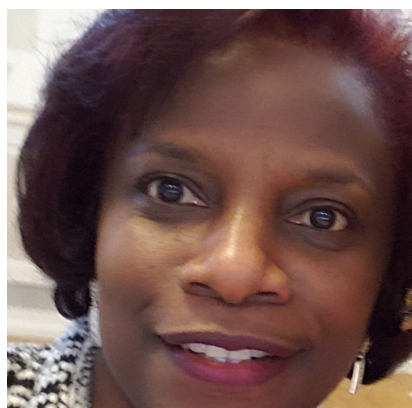
Paulette Tenn
Vice President
Class of '80



Auleen Gooden
Treasurer
Class of '81



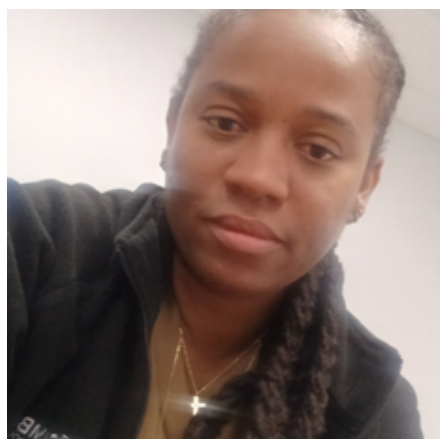
Althea Robinson
Assistant Treasurer
Class of '79



Maraye Bonner
Secretary
Class of '80



Yvonne Massey
Assistant Secretary
Class of '



Tashika Wilson-Barnaby
Public Relations Officer
Class of '95

Contact Us

We are eagerly looking forward to what's ahead post COVID, in particular the possibility of reviving our plans which were shelved due to the pandemic .

We would love to have more of our Swan Sisters join our group or even just to hear from you. Together we can do great things for our Alma Mater!



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St Hugh's High School Alumnae

Swan Connexion Editorial Team

The 2021 Swan Connexion design and editorial team consisted of Asha Rodriguez and Tameika Bailey. Our sincere thanks to both Asha and Tammy for their dedication to creating our first newsletter.

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Asha Rodriguez
Class of '98



Tameika Bailey
Class of '95