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## The Coalition Monthly

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#### **Dear Members of the Alumni Community:**

We hope that you are healthy and trying to keep calm with all that is going on around you. We give thanks for each new day and look forward to each day hoping that it will be better than the previous day. We also try to make this happen by seeking divine intervention. YES, WE PRAY FOR EACH DAY TO BE BETTER THAN THE DAY BEFORE. Do not lose faith, we believe that better and brighter days are coming.

#### **KUDOS TO CHERYL WYNTER**



Congratulations to **CHERYL WYNTER**, Community Liaison Officer at the Consulate General of Jamaica, Miami and a graduate of the Queen's High School, who is among the 144 recipients to be honored by the Jamaican Government in October. Ms. Wynter will be bestowed with the Badge of

Honor (BH) for her sterling contribution to the Government and to the Diaspora, at the formal ceremony on National Heroes Day.

Jamaica's Consul General for Southern USA, Oliver Mair sees this as a well-deserved recognition for Ms. Wynter who since 1999 has been a critical member of the Consulate General's team, providing exemplary service to the Jamaican American Diaspora across the Southern USA, primarily to the South Florida region. He also noted that this is a small gesture of appreciation for Ms. Wynter's selfless service.

Ms. Wynter, an ardent supporter of the Coalition of Jamaican Alumni Associations of Florida, is often seen at Alumni Associations' events on weekend. She is also a founding member of the nine-year-old Jamaican Women of Florida (JWOF).

For her community involvement, Ms. Wynter was previously recognized by official and community agencies in South Florida, with 'Cheryl Wynter Day' proclaimed on September 8, 2011, by the Broward County Commission. She was also honored with the Community Service Award from the Government of Jamaica through its Miami Consulate, and also acknowledged by the American Friends of Jamaica for outstanding Diaspora work.

#### ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS' MEMBERS RECEIVE AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING WORK IN THE COMMUNITY



XAVIER MURPHY, the President of Jamaica College Old Boys' Association and founder of the premier Jamaican online platform Jamaicans.com, was honored by the City of Miami Gardens, at the Reggae Summer Splash event on Au-

gust 7, 2021, which marked the 59th anniversary of Jamaican independence.

Mr. Murphy was honored with the **Cultural Icon Outstanding Jamaican American Award for his contributions to the community provided through** Jamaicans.com.

Commenting on his award, Murphy said, "This honor is very special to me as when I migrated to the USA, I settled in Miami Gardens. It is quite humbling to be recognized in the city where it all started."



Xavier Murphy also recently received the "Champion in Media" award from the Jamaica Diaspora Taskforce Action Network.



Wolmer's and UWI Alumnus PAT MONTAGUE was also recognized for her contribution at the Miami Gardens Reggae Summer Splash event. Pat is the president of Pat Montague Marketing & Promotions, a full-service advertising, mar-

keting, and public relations firm in South Florida.

At the August 30 "Jamaican Trailblazers Reception & Cultural Presentation", held at Lauderhill's City Hall, former Camperdown Past Students' Association President **DR. ALLAN CUNNINGHAM** and the immediate past president of the Jamaica Ex-Police Association, **MALACHI SMITH** were among nine recipients who received Trailblazers Awards. A trailblazer is a pioneer or an innovator. Both Allan Cunningham and Malachi Smith have been trailblazers in many areas in South Florida.



**Dr. Allan Cunningham** started the People Profile Organization that "recognizes ordinary people doing extraordinary things" in our community. He is the founder and first president of the Jamaica Men of Florida whose core mission is "to

empower the younger generation of Jamaicans". Dr. Cunningham is also the creator of the JADIAS, an organization that is geared towards the social and economic empowerment of Jamaicans in the southern USA. For Jamaica's annual Independence celebration in August, Dr. Cunningham started the "Independence Motorcade" and so far, has achieved his goal of having a longer motorcade each year. With an earned doctorate in Business Administration, Dr. Cunningham has taught and consulted on international business and management.



Mr. Malachi Smith is an International Dub poet. A fellow of the University of Miami's Mitchner Caribbean Writer's Institute where he studied poetry, Malachi was a founding member of Poets in Unity. Malachi Smith is a graduate of Florida International University and was the first recipient of the WEB Dubois

Scholarship. He has served 3 terms as the president of Jamaica Ex-Police Association of South Florida (JEPA) during which he helped to develop the association's annual Jamaica Police Station Refurbishing Project, the annual Jamaica High School Scholarship, JEPA's annual Jamaica Adopt a Basic School Project for a Day," and JEPA's Annual Memorial Service. Among Caribbean contemporary poets, Malachi Smith has received the "most wards".

#### THANK YOU, CARIBBEAN NATIONAL WEEKLY

The Caribbean National Weekly supplement "Celebrating Jamaica's Alumni in South Florida" was published in August 2021. This highlights some of the outstanding ac-

complishments of Jamaican Alumni Associations in South Florida. Thanks, Hugh Ferguson and CNW Weekly for this wonderful expose of our Jamaican alumni associations in South Florida. Just in case you did not see it or did not have a chance to read the supplement, you can do so now. Right click on the picture to the right.



#### **SIDEWALK TALK**

Pete Kennedy hosts a monthly "Sidewalk Talk" Zoom series in which he brings together different individuals and groups to have a conversation about issues in Jamaica and South Florida. Representatives from different alumni associations have been invited to participate in the September 17, 2021 airing of Sidewalk Talk. Here is the Zoom link (HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/95382827945) and you can get more information from the flyer on page 4.

#### **ALL ALUMNI WALKATHON**

We reserved the Corporate Pavilion at the Central Broward Regional Park for the All Alumni Walkathon on December 11. Due to COVID-19, the park's rules for our event will be different. However, we are going to walk, enjoy ourselves, and there will be food and drink. We have asked Dr. Allan Cunningham and Mrs. Judith Cunningham to be the grand marshals for the 2021 Alumni Walkathon. Allan is the Global Jamaica Diaspora Council Representative for the Southern thirteen states; and Judith is the President for People Profile Inc. Please see the flyer on page 12. Strict COVID-19 Protocol will be observed.

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To join the conversation, use the link below HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/95382827945



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### FORMER HERBERT MORRISON HIGH JUMPER DANIELLA ANGLIN NOW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

BY PAUL A REID Observer West writer reidp@jamaicaobserver.com September 02, 2021



Former Herbert Morrison Technical high jumper Daniella Anglin is eagerly anticipating the next step in her track and field career after taking up a scholarship at the University of South Dakota in the US. Anglin, who arrived in Vermillion, South Dakota, recently and is settling down for the start of classes and preparation for the indoor season, is one of three Jamaicans who took up offers to attend the Summit League school. Joining her are the pair of Moeisha Bridgen and Annalee Robinson of Vere Technical. Anglin, the County of Cornwall Athletics Association (COCAA) Class One girls' high jump record holder, who has won at all levels in Jamaica, said settling down in the new environment was taking some time.

"In some ways it is different, the food is way different and the neighbourhood, everybody is friendly [and that is] something I am not used to in Jamaica, and at school the method of teaching is different, so yeah, it is a bit of adjustment on my side," she told the Jamaica Observer West. That, however, she said, has not dampened her drive as South Dakota has several other Jamaicans on its roster, adding that she has her eyes set on doing well.

She told the Observer West earlier this week that her short-term goal was to jump well at the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletics Association) level and hopefully, if the opportunity to go professional presents itself later, she would be ready to take the next step.

The former Herbert Morrison High jumper who will pursue a degree in nursing, said she has always followed the fortunes of the other Jamaicans on the NCAA circuit.

"Yes, I have always followed the NCAA and saw what was going on," said Anglin, adding that "the US provides more opportunity for track athletes both academically and in competition, and that was a big thing for me." Her years at Herbert Morrison, she said, had prepared her for college life.

"The family-type atmosphere that I had at Herbert Morrison stands out the most for my high school career and all that they have done for me," she told the Observer West. The Spring Mount in southern St James resident, who also ran the 400m in her final two years in high school, attained 12 subjects in the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) and is awaiting the results of her Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE) exams.

Anglin, who stands close to six feet tall, says her mother, Avian Thompson Brown, was her biggest influence while growing up. "If it wasn't for her, I wouldn't be the person I am today," she stressed.

Track and field was not the only sport she participated in while attending primary and high school as she also played netball. She lists former Bulgarian high jumper Stefka Kostadinova as one of her sports idols as well as Jamaican sprinters Usain Bolt, the double World record holder in the 100m and 200m as well as World and Olympic champion Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce.

#### JAMAICA'S EDUCATION MINISTER'S COMMENTS ON COVID

## **■** EDUCATION MINISTER HINTS DELTA CONFIRMATION WILL DELAY FACE-TO-FACE SCHOOL

Daily Gleaner August 18, 2021



Education Minister Fayval Williams says the government will have to recalibrate the timetable for face-to-face schooling following the confirmation of the Delta variant of COVID-19 is in Jamaica.

The Health Ministry today confirmed that of 60 samples

sent for testing 40 results have been received with 22 positives for the Delta variant.

Prime Minister Andrew Holness had said the government was targeting mid-September for face-to-face schooling. However, online learning is scheduled to begin on September 6, 2021.

Speaking with reporters in Trelawny at the Jamaica Teachers' Association's annual conference, Williams said in the meantime the government would continue to promote vaccination.

"We're going to focus all our efforts now," she said.

Williams said the vaccination effort will be in partnership with the Health Ministry. Jamaica will on Thursday received 200,000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine from the United States. The Pfizer vaccine may be administered to children and Williams said the ministry will be seeking to encourage parents to ensure that their children are inoculated.

A press conference is to be held Thursday to announce the vaccination details for children.

In the meantime, Williams said she was pleased with the take-up of the vaccine by teachers. More than 68 per cent of the island's teachers have been vaccinated.



## **■ EDUCATION MINISTER SAYS VIRTUAL LEARN-**ING TO CONTINUE UNTIL FACE-TO-FACE RESUMPTION IS POSSIBLE

The Observer September 01, 2021

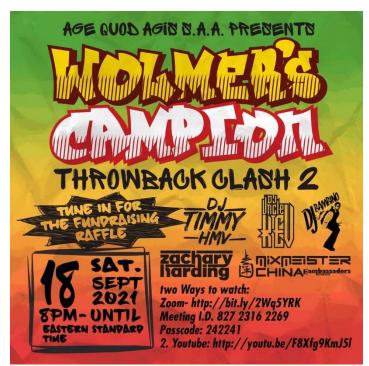
Minister of Education, Fayval Williams, says teaching and learning will begin virtually on Monday, September 6. She was responding to a question regarding the resumption of school this month.

Speaking during a news briefing at the Office of the Prime Minister today, Williams said, "School will be opened in the virtual space for all our students and if you are not able to be in the virtual space then we have platforms through which we will be providing education to our students."

"We'll continue to have our audio-visual platforms, we'll continue to have students with their workbooks and textbooks and teachers will continue to be in touch with their students so that they can collect work, mark it, return and so on.

"It's the platforms that you're used to last year that we have to continue to use this year until we are able to add the face-to-face component for the school year," Williams added.







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We sincerely thank you for making our 2020 raffle a success as your supportive efforts allow us to continue our annual contribution to our Alma Mater...Wolmer's. This year, we ask for your support in making our Annual Age Quod Agis SAA raffle the best one to date! Due to the pandemic, we will have a virtual raffle that can be accessed online via the link below:

https://agequodagissaa.rallyup.com/reunion2021/Campaign/Details

#### **PRIZES**

First Prize: IPhone 12 Pro Max (256GB, Graphite)

Second Prize: 14" Chrome Notebook
Third Prize: US\$100 gift card.

RAFFLE DRAWING September 18th, 2021

During our Virtual Party ("The Wolmer's/Campion Throwback Clash Volume 2".

Thank you in advance for your continued support and we can't wait to see everyone online at the party!

Stay Safe!



ST.JAGO ALLIMNI (FLORIDA) BACK TO REALITY BALL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021 VENUE WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY



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FOR EVENT DETAILS ON HOW TO

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## SAVE THE DATES

### You are invited to join us

October 23, 2021

ALUMNAE FLORIDA PRESENTS







JACARANDA GOLF CLUB South Florida October 30, 2021 at 8am

MORE INFORMATION AT CBARFLA.ORG/GOLF





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### ANNUAL HEALTH & FUNDRAISING



## WITH GRAND MARSHALS

Global Jamaica Diaspora Council Representative for the Southeast USA

DR. ALLAN CUNNINGHAM & MRS. JUDITH CUNNINGHAM

President of People Profile Organization

SATURDAY, DECEMBER II, 2021 9:00 AM TO NOON CENTRAL BROWARD REGIONAL PARK

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> Walk to raise funds for schools in Jamaica and be a part of a fun morning with healthy activities.

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