



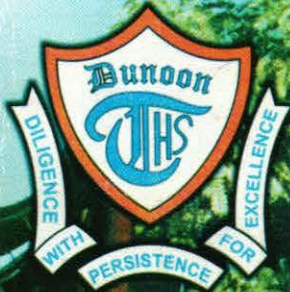
The Kingston Technical High School Story



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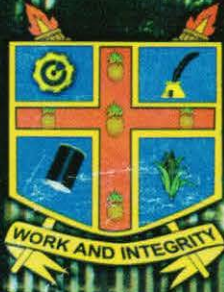
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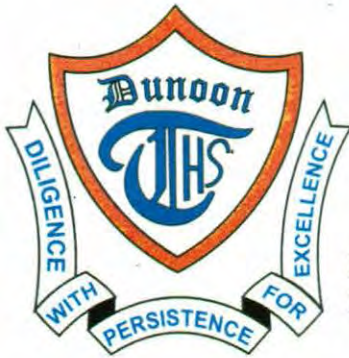
WITH SHORT HISTORIES OF DINTHILL, DUNOON, HOLMWOOD, ST. ANDREW, ST. ELIZABETH & VERE TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS

PARTNERS WITH CAST/UTech IN DEVELOPING TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN JAMAICA

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TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL CRESTS/LOGOS



Dunoon Technical High School



Dinthill Technical High School



Holmwood Technical High School



St. Andrew Technical High School



St. Elizabeth Technical High School



Vere Technical High School

NOTES ON COVER DESIGN

The cover highlights the main theme of this monograph which is

The Kingston Technical High School (KTHS) Story

The newly designed Crest has incorporated the Motto, **Training and Character** into the overall format.

Photographs on the cover are of:

- Two final year - 2003-2004 academic year students, Paul Reid and Janieve Tate
- One of the early KTHS buildings formerly used as a Principal's residence in the early days

Associated with the KTHS Story are brief histories of six of Jamaica's technical schools which have been at the forefront of the developments in technical education at the secondary level in the country. The crests/logos of these schools are shown in miniature, but larger versions are shown in the separate sections on each school and are also reproduced below.

THE KINGSTON TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL (KTHS) STORY

With short histories of Dinthill, Dunoon, Holmwood, St. Andrew, St. Elizabeth and Vere Technical



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This is the story of a historic institution (KTHS) which has been a pioneer in technical education in Jamaica over its hundred year history. **Part 1** It is a story of:

- Principals who have provided leadership and inspiration to succeeding generations of students
- School Board and staff of all categories who have served faithfully over the years
- Students who have made the school proud by their contribution to 'life after school'
- The alumni who have supported the school in its growth and development
- Parents and guardians who have supported their children as they passed through the difficult years of adolescence
- An institution which has been an inspiration to other schools at the secondary level which have followed in its footsteps
- An institution which has been a philosophical inspiration to its tertiary level partner the College of Arts Science and Technology, now the University of Technology.

It is also the story of developments in technical education from a Ministry of Education perspective, **Part 2**

Finally a series of short histories of six technical high schools that have followed the leadership of KTHS, **Part 3**

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Dedication: The publication is dedicated to the members of these school communities who have laboured long and hard to make the institutions what they are today. In so doing they have contributed greatly to the development of the Nation.

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PART 1

KINGSTON TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL. ITS ESTABLISHMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduction to the History of KTHS.

The early history of Jamaica is dominated by sugar as the staple industry of the country. Slavery and the plantation system were the major legacies of the country's history.



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The fluctuation in prices for sugar and the hardship and uncertainty associated with this single industry led to serious thought being given to providing training in various skills, in an effort to strengthen the economy of the island, to develop alternative industries and to reduce unemployment.



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One of the direct results of this was the establishment of a school to begin to address the problems. KTHS grew out of this time of great technical need. Jamaica faced a new era and there was a great demand for institutions through which ambitious people could build a better nation.

Reginald Murray writing on "Skill Training Since 1920" makes the following comments:

"The decades between 1920 and 1950 were marked by a search for vocational training modalities that would be suited to the circumstances of a poor people who were becoming increasingly self-conscious under a colonial government that was endeavoring to preserve the viability of the large sugar and banana plantations with their endless demand for cheap labour.

The search for training modalities was most dogged and multi-directional in the sphere of the technical and industrial arts. To begin with, there was the one technical and commercial school located in Kingston to serve the entire island - a sort of tower in the midst of some eleven lesser manual training centres attached to schools in the rural parishes. The purpose of the school was quite clearly stated; it was to extend the education given in the ordinary public elementary schools and to provide special vocational training - technical and commercial for boys, and domestic and commercial for girls. Day and evening classes were held. The school also provided courses in woodwork and metalwork for boys and cooking and laundry and the like for girls selected from the public elementary schools in Kingston. The Principal, in addition to controlling the work of the Technical School (as the institution came to be known) was for years attached to the Mico Teachers College as instructor in "manual training". He conducted classes in the subjects under reference and, as Organising Inspector of Manual Training, supervised and examined the work of the other manual training centres in the island. One of the proud boasts of the school was its affiliation with the City and Guilds of London Institute.(1)

Kingston Technical High School (KTHS) must be regarded as the pioneering institution in Technical and Vocational Education in Jamaica.



**KINGSTON TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
(ORIGINAL BUILDING)**

As such its role in the development of this component of the educational system needs to be properly recognised. The school provided the necessary leadership and direction to the process of recognizing the role that Technical Education should and would play in national development and gave impetus to a number of other important developments. Among these were the establishment of other technical high schools and the impetus it gave in the start of its tertiary level partner, the College of Arts Science and Technology (CAST).



**THE COLLEGE OF ARTS SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (CAST)
1958.**

Footnote (F 1). The abbreviation KTHS is used throughout the text to refer to the Kingston Technical High School irrespective of the name at that particular period of its history, unless the specific name at the time of the school's development is necessary. The term CAST is also used throughout the text to describe the new tertiary institution, although in its formative year, 1958 it was known as the Jamaica Institute of Technology and in 1995 became the University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech).

No history of CAST/UTech could therefore be complete without reference to the history of KTHS. (F1) There are a number of reasons for this.

Firstly, as the first technical school in the island it played a leadership role in technical education and led the way in the introduction of curriculum elements that represented alternative educational directions to the traditional academic programmes of study in the high schools. KTHS and later CAST were therefore philosophically attuned to the development and establishment of technical education as legitimate and important alternative educational directions which the country not only should take, but which were in fact critical to its future industrial development.

In addition, the early planning for a tertiary level institution revolved around the concept of a **Kingston Technical College**, a name which features in early planning documents but which was never used for the new institution. Instead the first name for CAST was the **Jamaican Institute of Technology**.

Secondly, KTHS by whatever name it was called in its long history was an alternative secondary school to the traditional high schools. It therefore provided an educational avenue of opportunity which would not have been available to many aspiring young Jamaicans. In a similar way CAST, and later UTech would provide an alternative and viable tertiary level technical educational opportunity, to the more academic and traditional UWI.

Many of the first and earlier students at CAST were graduates from KTHS. KTHS has a proud record of having made a great and significant contribution to Jamaica's development. It has a list of illustrious graduates who have gone on to serve with great distinction in a variety of fields not only in Jamaica but also in many other parts of the world. In fact the KTHS/CAST partnership has continued in the reverse as many of the teachers at KTHS are graduates of CAST/UTech.

Thirdly, several staff members of KTHS moved to the new tertiary institution when it was being established and were the pioneers in an exciting new national educational adventure. The first designated principal of CAST, Mr. Alistair Thomson was also advisor to the Government on developments in technical education and had previously been Principal of KTHS. He had also played an important role not only in the planning of the new institution but also in the development of other schools across the island which were to become the network of the new technical high schools. The KTHS staff members who were the majority of that early starting group were:

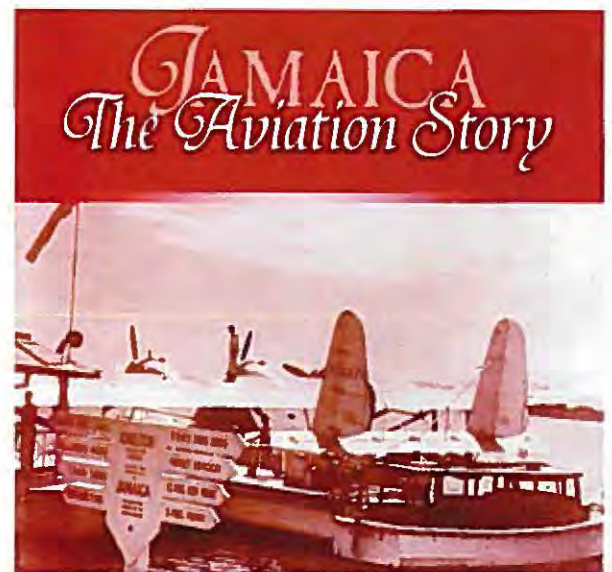


ALISTAIR THOMSON

Mr. Alistair Thomson, (Principal Designate), Mrs. Daisy Campbell (Institutional Management), Mr. Leslie Donaldson (Science), Miss Rosemarie Evans (English), Mr. Percy Eyre (Maths), and Mr. Jasper Wray (Industrial Arts).

Other staff members who were later transferred to CAST included: Messrs. Headley Brown, Roy Clennon, Jack Harris, Calvin McKain and Mrs. Gladys Morgan. Miss Amy Bailey must also be reckoned with the group of KTHS staff who were to later make their impact at CAST. Miss Bailey taught at the school for some fifty (50) years and after retiring later taught at CAST in both the Institutional Management and the Commerce Departments.

In this connection it is interesting to note that in Professor Patrick Bryan's book **Jamaica the Aviation Story**,⁽²⁾ reference is made to a comment by Flight Lieutenant Dudley Thompson on the performance of the ground crews in support of the flight crews in **World War 2**. Thompson states: *The ground crews were marvelous. These were the air force men who kept the planes in good condition. They knew how much responsibility rested on them, knew we could not get out and 'fix it' once we were up there, and would not let us go out with bullet holes in 'their' planes. Several times I had to explain how I managed to get their planes shot up. Altogether the ground crews were the most admirable and efficient bunch.* Professor Bryan goes on to make the point that of 102 veterans 20 percent of the recruits were from the Kingston Technical High School.



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KTHS was established as a Manual Training School in the Old Buildings on Hanover Street which had previously housed the Mico Teachers College before its move to its present location.

The School followed the tradition of the Mico in being a pioneer in its own right. While Mico was a pioneer in teacher education in Jamaica, the Kingston Technical School became a pioneer in technical education.

MISS AMY BAILEY BEING CONGRATULATED BY GOVERNOR GENERAL SIR FLORIZEL GLASSPOLE ON RECEIVING THE NATIONAL AWARD. LOOKING ON IS LADY BUSTAMANTE. (PHOTO COURTESY GLEANER COMPANY)

The Mico College Connection

Some excerpts from the history of Mico College by Frank Cundall are appropriately recorded. (3)

"The Mico College, known at first as the Mico Institution, and then as the Mico Training College, was founded in 1836, ante-dating by three years the founding of any now existing 'normal' school in America. Its home was in Hanover Street, Kingston in a building still colloquially known as the Old Mico.

Plans were being made to move the Institution and the foundation stone of the new building was laid on the 4th of December 1894 by Sir Henry Blake KCMG the then governor. This was on lands acquired by the trustees to the north of the racecourse."

"In January, 1896, a notable step in advance was taken, constituting an epoch in the history of the college: the removal of the institution to its present site, facing on the Marescaux Road. For sixty years from 1835 to 1896, the institution had had its home in Hanover Street, Kingston. Sir Henry Blake formally opened the new buildings of the relocated college on Wednesday the 5th of February 1896. Up to that date during the sixty years of existence the College or rather the institution had provided for the education of many thousands of children and for that of 694 teachers"

The buildings at Mico have had an unfortunate history. The new building opened in 1896 was destroyed by the 1907 earthquake and subsequently rebuilt and rededicated on Wednesday the 21st of April 1909 by the Governor Sir Sydney Oliver. On the 27th of January 1910 these newly constructed buildings were again destroyed, this time by fire. The present main building was opened on the 10th of October 1911.



THE OLD MICO INSTITUTION BUILDING.



PLAQUE ON THE OLD MICO INSTITUTION BUILDING.



THE PRESENT MICO TEACHERS COLLEGE

The Development of KTHS (4,5,6,)

The removal of the Mico College opened up the way for the establishment of the Kingston Technical School. As soon as the Mico College moved, the Kingston Technical High School was established in January 1896 as a Manual Training School. It was initially known as the **Board School**, so called because it came under the direct supervision of the Board of Education. The School was designed to be a model elementary school offering advanced 'manual training' and it was hoped that it would develop into 'a centre of good general and technical education'. In fulfilling that hope, the aims of the school and its curriculum underwent major changes evolving into the present Technical High School programme.



MR. JOHN G PEET

Little is known of the first year of its existence. Its recorded history begins in June 1897 under the headship of Mr. John G Peet the first headmaster, whose aim was to provide a skill to the students so that they could enter the particular trade of their interest. The school made rapid progress and in addition to the ordinary elementary school training, instruction was provided for teachers and student teachers in manual training.

By 1900 the school was also catering to students from elementary schools on a part-time basis, and started evening continuation classes in 1901. The 1907 earthquake destroyed the major portion of the buildings and as a result the school was transferred on a limited scale (the Boy's department) to the police barracks at Elletson Road.

Cundall reports:

"The main building it may be interesting to note was the scene of the West Indian Agricultural Conference at the time of the earthquake in 1907; and luckily the fabric though shaken withstood the shock. For six years after the earthquake from 1907 to 1913, it gave a home to the Supreme Court of the Colony."

*In the year 1910 the school became the **Kingston Continuation School**, so called because it provided a continuing education for students who had outgrown elementary school". (3)*



MR. RONALD GOLDSWORTHY

In the following year, the Manual Training School at Elletson Rd. was closed and a technical department established in the Old Treasury Building on Harbour Street. Later that same year the school was again removed to its present location on Hanover Street.

In February 1928 a Committee consisting of Mr. C.G.H. Davis (Chairman), Mr. Robert Johnson, Mr. Robert B. Barker and Mr. H.A. Stephenson was appointed to *"inquire into and report on the workings of the Commercial, Technical and Continuation School, Kingston and to make such recommendations as may appear necessary to increase the usefulness and efficiency of that institution."* The Committee in November recommended inter alia that:

- ✍ Greater stress be laid on the teaching of science in the Continuation and Technical departments
- ✍ Additional equipment be secured
- ✍ Additional accommodation be provided for the domestic science classes
- ✍ Teachers in elementary schools be given opportunities at the Technical School of preparing for the examinations of the City and Guilds of London Institute.
- ✍ Home Economics teachers be given special classes.

By 1913 all sections were united at 82 Hanover Street. The vocational areas hitherto limited to woodwork and domestic science now included structural engineering, machine shop practice, welding, electrical installation, commercial subjects and handicrafts. Students were prepared for the examinations of the Royal Society of Arts in commercial subjects and for the City and Guilds of London Institute in the technical and domestic science subjects. The school was then known as the **Government Commercial, Technical and Continuation School**. Weekend classes in domestic science and manual training were held for teachers, to enable them to offer these subjects in their schools.

Mr. Peet was succeeded by Mr. Ronald Goldsworthy who served twice as Principal over the periods 1925 - 1930 and 1943 - 1947. Between 1913 and 1930 the general character of the school remained unchanged except for the training offered to veterans of World War 1 in tailoring, shoe-making, carpentry and woodwork.



DR. JOHN HARRIS

The report was obviously taken seriously, for Dr. John Harris appointed principal in 1930 implemented a number of important developments. Some of these were the:

- ✍ Expansion of the evening school
- ✍ Introduction of the House System and the
- ✍ Erection of new buildings



DR. JOHN HARRIS WITH MEMBERS OF STAFF



DR. JOHN HARRIS WITH STAFF AND HOME ECONOMICS TEACHERS ATTENDING WEEK-END CLASSES

KTHS as it is now, represents a process both of the acquisition of buildings over the years as well as the construction of new ones. The features of the physical plant include: The Mico Building, The Masonic Temple on Hanover Street (Eastern side) the Robinson building (Western side of Hanover Street) damaged by fire and rebuilt, and the entrance block, classrooms, labs and assembly hall. The initial foundations that were laid were added to over the years with the school being able to stand tall as a leader of secondary technical education in the country. The Robinson Building and complex now houses the library, auto-mechanic and electronic engineering (the last to be added) shop, drawing rooms, art rooms, classrooms and a tuck shop.



THE OLD MICO BUILDING FROM HANOVER STREET



THE MASONIC BUILDING



FIRST KTHS BUILDING AND FORMER PRINCIPAL'S RESIDENCE



HANOVER STREET NOW



ADMINISTRATIVE BLOCK (CENTRE)



ENTRANCE TOWER: CLASSROOM BLOCK



**THE ROBINSON BUILDING (WESTERN SIDE OF HANOVER STREET)
DAMAGED BY FIRE (PHOTO BY ALFRICO ADAMS)**



MURAL IN THE ROBINSON COMPLEX



**THE ROBINSON BUILDING
(WESTERN SIDE OF
HANOVER STREET)
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The school has had over its history no less than seven name changes reflecting the evolution of the institution. These have been 1896-1900, **The Board School**; 1900-1911, **The Manual Training School**; 1912-1919, **Government Technical and Continuation School**; 1920-1926, **Government Continuation, Technical and Commercial School**; 1927-1931, **Government, Commercial, Technical and Continuation School**; 1932-1959, **Kingston Technical School**; 1960-Present, **Kingston Technical High School**.

An ongoing process has been the lifting of the standard of the academic subjects and the widening of the curriculum. Spanish was added to the curriculum in the 1930s. The Senior School Commercial Certificate of the Royal Society of Arts (RSA) became the school-leaving examination for the Commercial department and was accepted as a qualification for entry into the Civil Service. This acceptance was an important initiative in the 1930s of the then Governor of Jamaica H. E. Sir. Edward Denham. The Governor on a visit to the school observed the proficiency of Miss Amy Bailey's shorthand students and at her instigation promised to facilitate the entry of the graduates into the Civil Service.

Among the notable events of the fifties was the fact that the school had its first Jamaican principal in Mr. Leigh. A. M. Lloyd. He succeeded Mr. Alistair Thomson who along with other members of the Technical Department had left to set up the Jamaica Institute of Technology (later the College of Arts



MR. LEIGH. A. M. LLOYD

The London GCE examinations and the GCE examinations of the Associated Examining Board (AEB) replaced the RSA as the main examinations written by all students.

The electronics course was introduced to the school first as a 'Crash Course' three months before the start of commercial television in 1963. The purpose of the original programme was to upgrade radio technicians and enable them to operate as TV servicemen. This electronics course subsequently became a regular part of the curriculum.

A PTA was launched in 1978 through the instrumentality of Mr. E.G. Roper then the Principal. The decade of the seventies also saw the acquisition of premises at 79, 80 and 81 Hanover Street and a significant growth in the school population.

As a Technical High School since September 1960, the aim of the school has been to provide a good high school education with a bias towards applied sciences and practical skills related to the commercial and industrial needs of the country. The new programmes of study are of sufficient breadth and depth to enable graduates to qualify for entry into tertiary institutions. The school also has a Vocational Department offering two-year vocational courses.

A technical school is an institution which has a specific emphasis throughout its programmes of study and in its approach to curriculum delivery. Among the later additions (1980-1996) to the curriculum were entrepreneurship, appliance servicing and computer applications:

- The emphasis on practical competence and the achievement of specialized skills
- The recognition that graduates would be able to immediately fill employment positions in the fields of business, commerce and industry.
- The curriculum should have a strong emphasis on science and technology
- The graduates because of their broad-based education and training would also be able to move vertically into tertiary level educational institutions. Specifically, many of the first students of the newly created Jamaica Institute of Technology in 1958 (later to be called CAST) were graduates of KTHS.

Among the later additions to the curriculum were appliance servicing and computer applications. Other technical/vocational offerings are mechanical engineering technology, building technology, electrical and electronics technology, welding, auto-mechanics business and secretarial studies, clothing and textiles, and food and Nutrition. The academic subjects cover the full range of high school subjects

except that only one foreign language; Spanish is taught. English language and mathematics are compulsory for the duration of all programmes. Other subjects are prescribed according to their relevance to the specialised courses. Students must also study an additional subject chosen from among the arts and social studies groups.

STUDENTS AT WORK



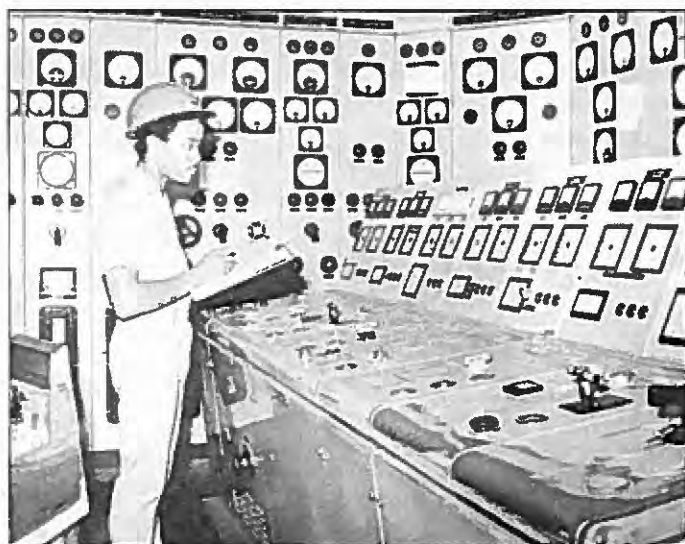
OLD BIOLOGY LAB



NEW BIOLOGY LAB WITH VISITORS FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF KINGSTON (DONORS)



STUDENTS IN TYPING CLASS (1960'S)



STUDENT TRAINEE AT JPS POWER STATION



SURVEYING



WORKSHOP TECHNOLOGY

KTHS has a proud record of having made a great and significant contribution to Jamaica's development. Some comments from the "Messages" in the 100th Year Anniversary Gleaner Supplement in 1996 are worthy of note. (6)

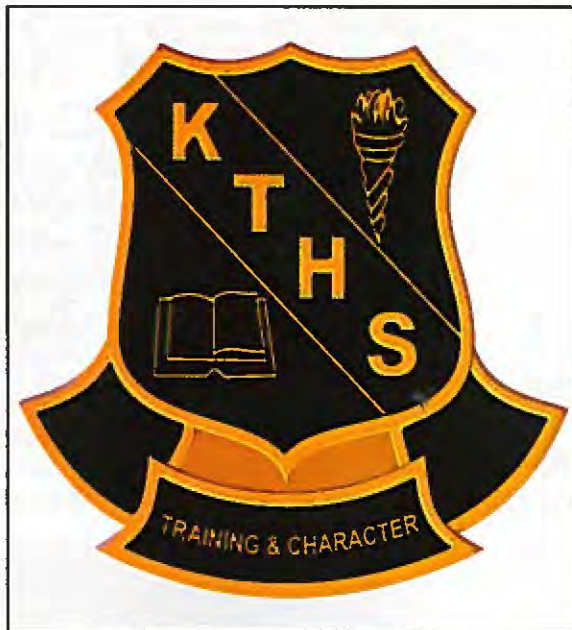
- "One of the outstanding schools in Jamaica" Governor General Sir Howard Cooke
- "This institution has served the people of Jamaica extremely well and continues to enjoy a reputation for excellence" Rt. Hon P.J. Patterson Prime Minister.
- "One of our country's most highly respected institutions of secondary education" Rt. Hon. Edward Seaga Leader of the Opposition.
- "This institution is a true example of one which has evolved through creative and focused planning. it has grown into a model institution offering technical vocational education and training" Hon. Burchell Whiteman, Minister of Education, Youth and Culture.

Extra curricular activities and sports.

The school has an extensive programme of extra-curricular clubs and societies which contribute to the students' overall social and spiritual development.



FASHION PARADE 1960'S



KINGSTON TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL (K.T.H.S.) LOGO.

The present Logo developed after the school was formally named Kingston Technical High School in 1960 has the letters K.T.H.S. boldly and diagonally displayed across a shield with a torch at the upper right corner symbolizing "Enlightenment" and a book in the lower left corner symbolizing "Knowledge". The motto: "Training and Character" long in use, is a recent addition to the logo design.



PAUL REID AND JANIEVE TATE

Two typical final year students share the spotlight as examples of the present day KTHS student. There are Six Houses at the school whose names are:

ATKINS (Former VP)
DENHAM (Governor, Jamaica)
GOLDSWORTHY (Principal)

HARRIS (Principal)
PEET (Principal)
PLANT (Board Chairman)

The school has also had an outstanding cadet corps unit and over the years sports has played an important role in the life of the students. Many of them have not only done well in specific sports at the school level but have gone on to represent Jamaica in one or other of its national teams.

Regarding the school's involvement in sports, it was some time before the institution was accepted into the competitions for traditional high schools. Prior to this, the school participated in a number of competitions for non-traditional schools.

Netball and Volleyball in the quadrangle and athletics at the national stadium all made the school very sports conscious.

The Nineteen Fifties (1950s) Our Memorable era in sports (6)

Keith Brown writing in the 100th Anniversary Supplement on: *The Nineteen Fifties (1950s) Our Memorable era in sports* describes the teams of that era and their fine performances.

KTHS was in the early days a school without an adjoining playing field. There was therefore the need to use borrowed facilities.

In athletics, enthusiastic students got hold of that great coach Ted Lamont and persuaded him to let them join his Unity Track Club which used Winchester Park as the training ground. In addition the students trained at Hannasons Oval on Deanery Road, which later became Nelsons Oval and is now the school's sports field. As the athletics programme took shape, out of that came the famous: "Spence Twins", Mel and Mal, Les Laing and George Rhoden the latter two of Helsinki Relay fame.

In football at that time KTHS not being in the High School category, could not compete with the powerhouses of those days, but the school hit the headlines by completely dominating the Facey Cup for independent schools. Keith Brown recalls that after a particularly dominant 1955 season when the school demolished all comers, the team also more than held its own with specially arranged Division 2 club teams. A writer in a letter to the Gleaner complained that the KTHS team looked like "big men" who should not be playing against schoolboys. Several members of that team went on to represent leading clubs. Peter Lewin, Elvin Schloss and Hopeton Kenton also made the Jamaica team and Karl Lewin probably missed his chance because of a broken leg. Other notables who are mentioned are "Gummy" Loiten, Ossie Edwards, "Buss", "Tassy", Carl Chen and Raoul Whittingham.

In cricket the school also made headlines with their performances. The school won the Harrison Cup for independent schools numerous times, but the supreme success was winning the Evelyn Cup for clubs in 1954. It was the first time in the history of the competition that a schoolboy team won. Some names in that memorable team included fast bowler Karl Peart the captain who later became an outstanding football referee. An interesting sidelight in the story on cricket: In the year 1957, that KTHS was allowed into the Sunlight Cup competition, the outstanding opening batsmen Peter Lewin and Lloyd Houghton, were selected for the All Sunlight team

The girls were not to be outdone and in athletics the names Eileen Sutherland and Una Morris, 1960's stand out. Una now a pediatrician in California went on to become one of Jamaica's most famous Olympians. In softball, the girls were unbeatable and at one stage the KTHS girls comprised the bulk of the players on the League champions La Favourita club team as well as the Jamaica team. Some of the outstanding players were: Candy Nicholson, Vivette "Dark Angel" Peres, Hyacinth Grizzle, Gloria Hinds and Eileen Sutherland.

The spirit of that age embodied the lessons which the students were forced to learn - guts, pride, tenacity, and determination to succeed despite monumental odds.

In 1954 the school won the Evelyn Cup for clubs in Cricket and in 1955 the football team won the Facey Cup for competition among non-traditional secondary schools.

Later when it became a part of the regular high school system, the football team coached by the late Fr. Roy Campbell won the Walker Cup for the first time in 1962, an achievement which moved Mr. Kelly to grant the temporary use of land at Doncaster as a playing field. The cricket team also had major successes winning the Sunlight Cup in 1965, and again in 1967 and the All-Island Spalding Cup in that same year. The team also won the Sunlight Cup in 1979.



VOLLEYBALL IN THE QUADRANGLE



ATHLETICS AT THE NATIONAL STADIUM



THE QUADRANGLE



GIRLS NETBALL TEAM



1954 EVELYN CUP WINNERS FOR CLUBS IN CRICKET

FRONT ROW: L-R:
L.A.M. Lloyd, Dr. John Harris, Mr. James, H.H. Atkins.
BACK ROW: L-R:
(5) Collymore



KTHS FACEY CUP FOOTBALL TEAM, 1955

From Left to Right 'Back Row':
Osbert "Ossie" Edwards (deceased '04), Carl Chen, A. Whyte,
Calvin (Tassy) Salmon, Hugh (Peter) Lewin, Keith Brown.

Front Row:
Hopeton Kenton, Augustus (Gummy) Loiten, Neville Hamilton,
Winston "Buss" Reid, Karl Lewin.

The 1955 KTHS Facey Cup Football Team by Karl Lewin(6)

Karl Lewin a member of the team wrote about the classy and classic 1955 aggregation. The team patterned itself after a Brazilian Club "DIM" which had visited the island during that period and supporters of the school team used to cry out, "DIM them" which spurred the team on to brilliance. Several players went on to play for Jamaica including: "Peter" Lewin Y.M.C.A. and Jamaica left wing; Hopeton Kenton former Y.M.C.A. and Jamaica centre half; Karl Lewin former Y.M.C.A. goalkeeper (was called up for trials for Jamaica and missed selection because of a broken leg); Winston "Buss" Reid centre forward would have played for Jamaica had he not migrated. Then there were: Calvin "Tassy" Salmon the diminutive right winger; Osbert Edwards the hard charging right back; "Gummy" Loiten the reliable right half; Carl Chen, the classy dribbler and inside right, Neville Hamilton the smooth cool inside left and A. White the all-purpose player and substitute goal keeper. These footballers made their school proud and given the chance, might well have beaten their counterparts in the Manning Cup competition.



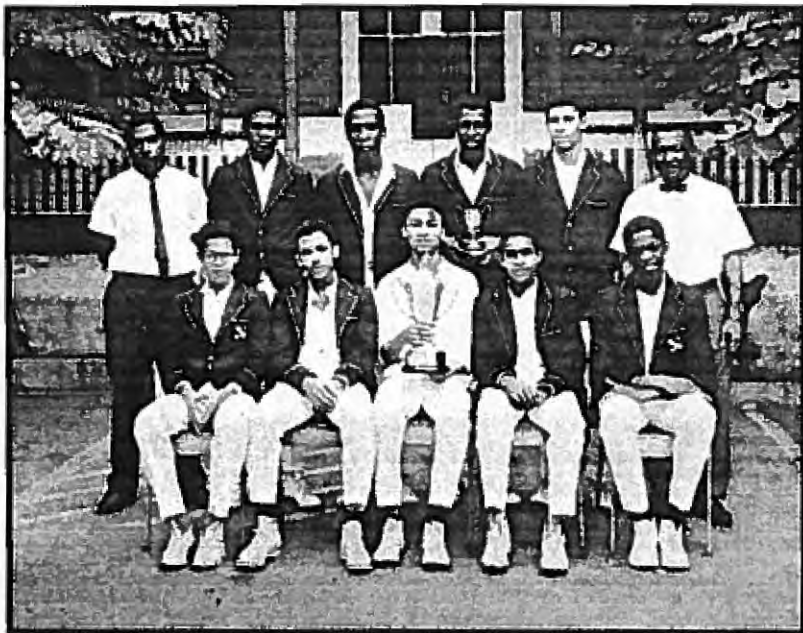
**KINGSTON TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
1962 WINNERS OF THE WALKER CUP
(FROM THE HISTORY OF INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOL
FOOTBALL COMPETITION, 1909 - 1973 BY MR HERBERT McDONALD.
PHOTO COURTESY OF PETER HAMILTON).**

Back Row: Alfred Batchelor, Assistant Master, Sydney Gooden, Alvin Williams,
Ivor Fennell, Gladstone Byfield, Winston Davis, Earl Munroe,
Rev. Father Roy Campbell, S.J. Coach.

Front Row: Errol Hylton (Captain) Gilbert Chang Jr. Joscelyn Desgouthe,
Alford Brooks, John Brandon, Victor Hunter.

The 1962 KTHS Walker Cup Football Team

Gladstone O. 'Bunny' Byfield a members to the team described the challenges of the year. The team were challenged by one of their members to believe in themselves and in addition, beloved Vice-Principal "Capo" Atkins would get the team together in their office and inform them that "The whole school is behind you". The team finished fourth in the Manning Cup but went on to win the knockout Walker Cup. In the semi-final the team the team beat KC.3-0 and in the final they beat J.C. 1-0 on a goal from John Brandon. The team has affectionate memories of their coach Father Roy Campbell, affectionately known as "Bull Roy" who taught the boys not only how to dream, but how to make their dreams into reality. He taught the boys how to be men and to be responsible for their actions and most of all he taught them, coming from various backgrounds how to live as friends.



1965 SUNLIGHT CUP WINNERS

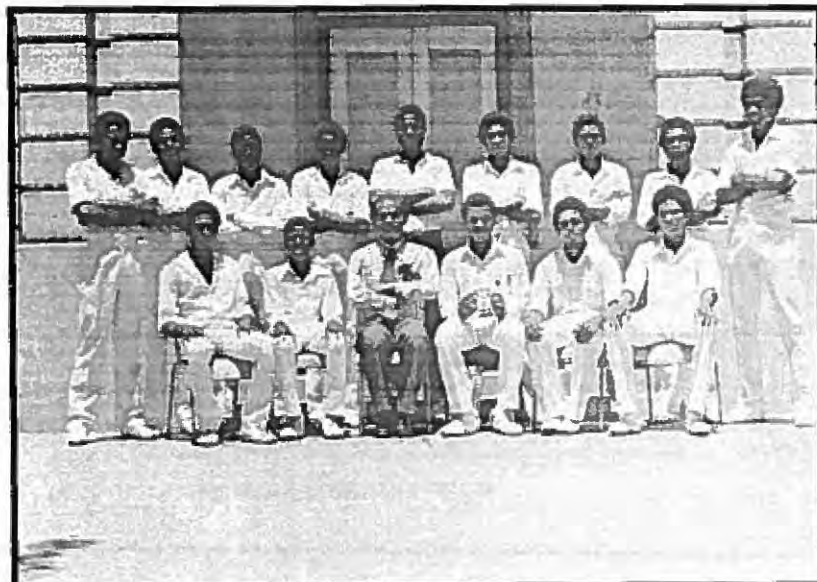
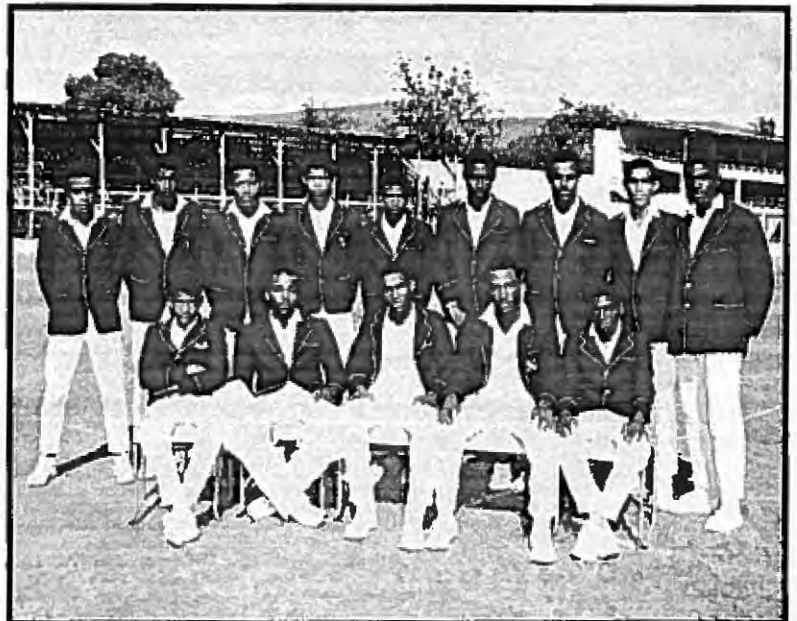
FRONT ROW: L-R:
 Karl Marriott, Herbie Jarrett, (Dec'd), Danny Evering (Capt.),
 Anthony Wright, Anderson.

BACK ROW: L-R:
 Dave Clarke (Coach), "Happy" Douglas, Graham,
 Anthony Campbell, Dennis Dingwall, Edmond Roper (Principal)

1967 ALL ISLAND SPALDING CUP WINNERS

STANDING: L-R:
 Clive Small; Downie Walker; Donovan Rose; Wilmot Gray;
 Carl Cuffe; Ridley Bowen; Gladwin Brown;
 Errol Kellyman; Norman Brown.

SITTING: L-R:
 Clive Brock; Dennis Douglas; Anthony Wright (Capt.);
 Lyndel Wright Jnr; Dennis Lewis.



**1979 SUNLIGHT CUP WINNER
 & TAPPIN CUP RUNNERS-UP**

FRONT ROW: L-R:
 Calvin Wilson, Peter Grant, Jasper Wray (Principal),
 Barrington Buchanan, (Captain), Barrington Boothe,
 Christopher Kennedy.

BACK ROW: L-R:
 Clifton Hackett, Sinclair Brown, Cecil Osbourne, Peter Wallen,
 Steve Henry (Coach), Courtney Mattis, Egbert Wilson,
 Calvin Brown, Carlton Moore.

The Cadet Unit also brought fame to the school in competitions, and in specific achievements. Milford Taylor writing in the 100th Anniversary magazine reminisces nostalgically about the exploits of the Cadet Unit.

The Cadet Unit by Milford Taylor. (7)

The KTHS Cadet Unit was started in 1943 during the Second World War with acting Principal William Goldsworthy as the Captain. He handed over the captaincy in 1944 to Mr. H. H. Atkins (Cappo). The Unit had the first Cadet Band in Jamaica and for quite some time it was the only band in the Combined Cadet Force (JCCF) and used to play at all the annual inspections. The band was tutored by the Jamaica Regiment Band and the Jamaica Military Band and produced several good musicians. Officers in charge of the band were Messrs. C. J. Morrison, Leslie Kitchen and Jasper Wray. Drum Majors were Phillip Barclay, Milton Weise, Fred O'Meally and Victor Elliott. In the early 1950s the school gave up the band.

Company Sergeant Majors over the years were: The first, Carey (a student from Bermuda), Stennett Day, Student McIntosh, "Jumpy" Clarke, Orville Day (Head Boy) 1948-49.

Other highlights:- In 1953 the Unit under Sgt. Major Kaestner Phillips won the McGrath Stick (Baton) for coming first in the National Inspection. He also represented the school at the Queen's Coronation in the UK

- In 1955 the Company led by Sgt. Major Alfrico Adams (also Head Boy) won one of the three top places at the Annual Camp at Knockalva.

- In 1967 the Unit headed by Sgt. Major Robert Gregory built a rope bridge across the quadrangle which received high commendation from Inspecting Officer Major Ken Barnes. A platoon led by Robert Gregory also embarked on a route march from Morant Point to Negril along the North Coast Road. The exercise took just over five days. The platoon marched at nights and in the early mornings, resting and sightseeing during the days.



CADET INSPECTION WITH GOVERNOR SIR KENNETH BLACKBURN



CADETS ON THE MOVE



CONGRATULATIONS FROM MR. McCALLA ON RETURN

The unit was in the top (10) ten in the Annual Inspection 1987-1994 and placed first in 1990-1992. Stennett Day and Neville Hernandez were the first two cadet force products to get into the Office Corps of the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF). Other JDF Officers who came from the cadet force were: Major General Rudolph Green and Major Morais Kerpens-Lee.

PRINCIPALS

Over its long and distinguished history KTHS has been headed by principals who have shared the vision for a school of excellence in keeping with its Motto "Training and Character". The school has had 15 appointments or acting appointments to the post of Principal, of which one person has served as principal twice (Mr. Goldsworthy). There have also been periods -some quite long - when various persons have acted as principal. Three (3) of these acting appointments are included, either because of the length of time in the acting position (Alston and Turner) or because of the significant contribution that the individual made to the school's development (Atkins)

The following is a list of those who have served as principals or acting principals of the school. They are detailed in the sequel.



MR. JOHN G. PEET
(1896-1925)

1. Mr. Peet an Englishman was the first Principal of the newly established training institution. The school occupied the building which had been vacated by the Mico College. During his tenure the school went through several name changes: The Board School; The Manual Training School; Government Technical and Continuation School. Slow but pioneering developments took place during his tenure as the school began to find its feet in the educational system.



MR. REGINALD S. ANDERTON
(1947-1949)

5. Mr. Anderton was also an Englishman, but came to the school from an appointment in Africa. During his short stay at the school, he initiated the publication of a school magazine and initiated a number of other important changes.



MR. WILLIAM RONALD GOLDSWORTHY
(1925-1930 & 1943-47)

2. Mr. Goldsworthy another Englishman joined the staff in 1911 as an instructor. He was appointed head of the technical department in 1917. He acted as Headmaster (Principal) in 1925 and was appointed in 1926. He was subsequently promoted to Superintendent of Technical Studies in the Department of Education. During his period at the Department of Education Dr. John Harris served as the Principal. During his period of service the name of the school changed again to Government Continuation, Technical and Commercial School.



MR. PATRICK ALSTON
(1949-1955 - ACTING)

6. Mr. Alston acted for six years during the period between the departure of Mr. Anderton and the appointment of Mr. Thomson. It is said that he was not appointed because he did not have a degree.



DR. JOHN HARRIS
(1930-1943)

3. Another expatriate, Dr. Harris presided over many important changes in the functioning of the school. There was more emphasis on Evening Vocational Training and the introduction of the City and Guilds of London and the Royal Society of Arts examinations. There was also another name change of the school to the Kingston Technical School. Dr. Harris implemented many of the recommendations of the Davis committee both in terms of curriculum development as well as expansion of the physical plant.



MR. ALISTAIR G. THOMSON
(1955-1957)

7. Mr. Thomson a Scotsman, broke the tradition of English heads of the school. He was a pioneer in many ways. He was not only the Principal of the Kingston Technical School but also advisor on Technical education to the Ministry of Education. As such his advice led eventually to the establishment of the five additional technical high schools in the early 60s. Between 1957 and 1958 he was busily engaged in laying the foundations for the establishment of the Kingston Technical College which became CAST) in 1958.

MR. WILLIAM RONALD GOLDSWORTHY
(1943-1947)

4. After Mr. Harris left Mr. Goldsworthy was appointed Principal a second time in 1943, serving until 1947.



MR. LEIGH A. M. LLOYD
(1957- 1961)

8. Mr. Lloyd has the distinction of being the first Jamaican to be appointed Principal of the school having previously served as Head of the Commerce Department. Born in Mandeville, he was educated at the Mico College where he was champion athlete in 1921. Before coming to Kingston technical he was Assistant Master and Headmaster at Government Schools. During his tenure the school's name was changed to the present one of the Kingston Technical High School. It therefore joined the ranks of the 'High School' system.



MR. DOUGLAS A. CROWTHER (1961-1964)

9. Mr. Crowther another Englishman was previously a lecturer at the Northern Polytechnic in London as well as the Wimbledon Technical College. He came to Jamaica from Birmingham where he had headed the Electrical Engineering Department at Garrett's Green Technical College. The school with its new status continued to grow and to play its part in the High School system winning the Walker cup in football in 1963.



MR. HUGH H. ATKINS (1964-1965 ACTING)

10. Mr. Atkins 'Kapo' has been one of the personalities of the school. A great raconteur and support to all the principals he worked with, it is appropriate that he be recognised as one who gave unstinting service to the development of the school. He acted after Mr. Crowther left and before Mr. Roper took over.



MR. EDMUND G. ROPER (1965-1978)

11. Mr. Roper was born in Panama of Jamaican parents. Educated at Mico Training College London University (B. Sc) and Cornell University (M.Sc). He served as tutor at the Mico and at the Jamaica School of Agriculture as Senior Master and Registrar. He was also the founding Principal of St Elizabeth Technical High School from 1961-64. He was a member of the Jamaica Combined Cadet Force, Chairman of the Apprenticeship Board and a member of the Island Advisory Council of the 4-H Clubs. On his retirement he became the Registrar of the Overseas Examinations Council.



MR. JASPER WRAY (1978-1983)

12. Mr. Wray was the first past student to become Principal. He was also the first student to be awarded a scholarship to the Government Technical and Continuation School as it was called then and he pursued a course in Building and Engineering Technology with first class results. He joined the teaching staff at the age of 17 and rose to be the Head of the technical department. He later gained the bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering from Indiana State University. Before assuming the position of principal of Kingston Technical High School, he served as Principal of St. Elizabeth Technical High School and later as head of the Technical Education Department at CAST.



MISS DAPHNE COMRIE (1983-1997)

13. Miss Comrie, a past student of KTHS has the distinction of being the first female principal. She is a graduate of Shortwood Teachers College and the University of the West Indies, Mona. She joined the staff of the Kingston Technical School in 1962. She moved from Head of the Department of Languages to Vice Principal in 1979. After acting as Principal for a year, she was appointed to the post in 1984. During her tenure there was great improvement in the learning environment. The Biology and Physics labs. were refurbished through the instrumentality of the Rotary Club of Kingston. Under the USAID/GOJ Basic Skills Development project, a computer lab. was installed, the library expanded and the resources for teaching auto mechanics and engineering workshop technology vastly improved.

Miss Comrie also served as Chairman of the Apprenticeship Board.



MR. SYDNEY TURNER (1997-2000 - ACTING)

14. Mr. Turner, held the substantive post of Vice Principal with special responsibility for Technical and Vocational Courses. He acted as principal for three years before retiring. A graduate of the Kingston Technical School, he joined the teaching staff in 1967 after service with the National Water Commission. He also attended CAST where he gained the Diploma in Mechanical Engineering (Dip. Mech. E.) and the Higher National Certificate (HNC). He was awarded the Diploma in Education from UWI Mona, in collaboration with Huddersfield Polytechnic. Mr. Turner was for some years an Assistant Examiner for Technical Drawing in the Caribbean Examinations Council School leaving examinations.



MISS GEORGETTE PALMER (~~2000-PRESENT~~) (2000 - 2012)

15. Miss Palmer who was one of two Vice Principals, acted as Principal from 2000 until her appointment in 2002. Another graduate of Kingston Technical and Shortwood Teachers College, she joined the teaching staff in 1979. She undertook further studies at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA where she earned the B.Sc. degree in Vocational Home Economics Education.



Mr. Ernest Donaldson
(2013 – 2019)

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Mr. Donaldson joined the school as Principal after the retirement of Ms. Palmer and after the brief tenure as Acting Principal by Vice Principal Mr. Victor Jackson. Prior to joining the school, Mr. Donaldson was a member of staff at José Martí Technical High School also serving as Vice Principal. He is a graduate of CAST_Vocational Training Development Institute, and Mico University College where he earned a Master of Arts Degree in Teaching. In addition to his stellar experience as a professional educator, he has also served as an External Moderator for the Caribbean Examining Council (CXC)



Mr. Maulton Campbell
(2019 – PRESENT)

Mr. Maulton Campbell was appointed to the position of Principal in 2019 following the retirement of Mr. Ernest Donaldson. Prior to joining the school, he taught at Dinthill Technical High School, Charlemont High and briefly at St. Jago High School. Mr. Campbell holds an Executive Master's in Education Management, and a Bachelor of Education in School Management and Leadership from Mico University and Mona School of Business (UWI). He also holds an Associate Degree in Management of Information Systems from Excelsior Community College and is certified in Principalship through the National College for Educational Leadership (NCEL). In addition to his academic qualifications he has participated and served several community and local organizations such as: Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, St. Catherine Parish Council, Jamaica Scout Association, Jamaica Red Cross, and in 1996 received the Keys to the City of Lincoln, Nebraska (USA) for Humanitarian service and work in the field of AIDS discrimination.

KTHS ALUMNI SUPPORT

The school has developed an extensive support base through its alumni associations. There is an International Executive Board with representatives from the chapters in Atlanta, Florida, Jamaica, New York and Toronto. Members of the current International Executive Board are: Chairman, Bertram Hill, New York Chapter president; Vice Chairman, Barbara Rose, Atlanta Chapter President; Secretary, Vilma Pindling, New York Chapter; Treasurer, Vinroy Whyte, Jamaica Chapter; Public Relations, Tony Austin, New York Chapter; Representatives: Milford Taylor Jamaica Chapter President; Noel Harriott, Toronto Chapter President, Dawn Bennett-Linton, Florida Chapter; Owen Shakespeare, New York Chapter President.

The International Executive Board, through collaborative efforts with member chapters and alumni, is committed to utilizing all the available talents and resources to make Kingston Technical High School the "school of choice" for students seeking a higher level of education. Its goals are to:

- Assist member chapters in achieving their goals and objectives
- Provide the tools to empower the students to compete in the information and technological age
- Assist in the establishment of a mentoring program between students and alumni and to provide career Guidance
- Aid in the development of reputable educational programs
- Assist in the provision of scholarships for students



**NEW YORK ALUMNI IONE SENIOR (CENTRE) GIRVAN CALDER (RIGHT)
PAYING COURTESY CALL ON MAYOR MARIE ATKINS**



**NEW YORK ALUMNI & CARIB CEMENT NORWEGIAN CONNECTIONS CONTRIBUTING TO A 29 SEATER BUS.
MS. D. COMRIE (3rd LEFT) MR. SIDNEY TURNER ACKNOWLEDGING**

THE GRADUATES

KTTHS has had an illustrious list of graduates who have served with great distinction not only in Jamaica but also in other parts of the world. They have made excellent contributions in many fields of human endeavour.

Some of these areas have been:

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| - Building | - Law |
| - Engineering | - Politics |
| - Business | - Public Relations |
| - The Civil Service | - Religion |
| - Education | - Sports & Entertainment |

The list below is merely a sample of some of the distinguished graduates of the school. Many of those listed are presented in greater detail in the text that follows. It has not been possible to present all those in the list in detail and there are of course many others who have not been listed at all. The list gives examples of the excellence of those who bring pride to the memory of the school.

THE GRADUATES

ADAMS Alfrico - Civil Engineering Consultant

ALLEN Everett - Religion Baptist Minister

ALLISON Gladstone (Bill) - Govt. Officer, Toronto

ANDERSON Farel - Dental Surgeon

ANDERSON Patrick - JAAA President

AUSTIN Tony - Engineering

BECKFORD Barry - Engineering

BENNETT-LINTON Dawn - Home economics

BINNS Keith - Insurance

BLAIR Ian - Management

BRADSHAW "Sunny" - Music, Jazz Band Leader

BROWN Eric - Building/Engineering

BROWN Erica - Drama

BROWN Headley Dr. - Banking

BROWN Headley - Engineering CAST

BROWN Keith - Public Relations

CHAMBERS Patrick - Engineering

CHEN Carl C. - Architecture

CLIFF Jimmy - Actor and Singer

COLE Curtis - Bld/ Engineering

COMRIE Daphne - Education Principal KTHS

COMRIE Locksley - Bld/ Engineering

HUNTER Victor - Civil Service

COVERLEY Eric - Drama

DAY Orville - Security Forces

D'CAMBRE Roylton - Business

DOUET Louis - Engineering

DOUGLAS Easton - Q Surveyor, Plan. & Politics

DOWNER Henderson - Law

ELLIS Wayne - Project Manager

EVELYN Mavis (nee Wilson) - Accounts

FLETCHER Dennis - Engineering

FORBES Clifton - Sports Olympian

FRANCIS June - Medicine

FRANKLYN Robert - Business

GREEN Rudolph - Army, Major General JDF

GREGORY Robert - Ed. & Training HEART NTA

HAMILTON Victor - Accounts

HARRIOTT Noel - Business

HARVEY Errol - Photography

HENRY Lascelles - Engineering

HILL Bertram - Business

HOGARTH Garfield - Bank Manager

HOLNESS Janice - Law

LINCOLN Junior - Business

THE GRADUATES

JACKSON Fitzarthur - MP, Junior Minister

KERPENS-LEE Maurice - Army

LEWIN Karl - Accounts

LONGMAN Courtney - Business

MARCH M.D.F - Civil service

McKAIN Calvin - Engineering, CAST

MILLER Rupert - Education VTDI

MITCHELL Bert - C.P.A. Accounting

MORRIS - CHONG Una - Olympian, Medicine

MUTABARUKA (Allan Hope) - Poet

NEINS Ricardo - Engineering

NEWMAN Cecil - Building/Architectural Drafting

PANTON Keith - Business, Religion

PINDLING Vilma - Business

PRESTON Aston Z. - Finance & Ed. VC, UWI

RAINFORD Roderick - Rhodes Scholar, Finance

REYNOLDS Lanny - Business

RHODEN George - Sports, Olympian

RICKERBY Camelita - Civil Service

ROBERTS Danny - Trade Unionism

RODNEY Compton - Business

ROSE Barbara - Business

RUSSELL Kathleen -Olympian

SADDLER Neville - Engineering

SCOTT Gilbert - Civ. Ser. Perm. Secy. (Nat Secy & Just.)

SEALY Theodore E. - Journalism

SEATON York P. - Contractor, Bldg./Elec.

SENIOR Ione - Business

SEYMOUR Morin - Management

SHAKESPEARE Owen - Engineering

SHAW Trevor - Surveying

SINCLAIR Hector - Engineering

SPENCE Mel - Olympian

STANLEY Lorna - Business

STENNETT Henry - Broadcasting

TAIT Mirvan - Civil Service

TAYLOR Milford - Science

TELFER Alton - Business

TIPLING Carmen - Public Relations

WALKER Rosemarie - Accounting

WALLACE Clarence - Engineering

WALLACE Hyacinth - Olympian

WEISE Milton - Engineering

WHITE Roy - Wood Working

WHITTLE Sybil - Religion

WHYTE Vinroy - Accounting

WILLIAMS Ranny - Actor

WILLIAMS-SINGH Beryl - Civil Servant

WRAY Jasper - Education

WRIGHT Ashton - Law, Contactor Gen./ Diplomat

WRIGHT Clive - Olympian

WRIGHT Lyndel - Sports, Cricket

DETAILS ON SOME SELECTED PAST STUDENTS



ADAMS Alfrico Delroy Alfrico Adams former headboy and Sgt. Major in the Cadet Corps has happy memories of a school that provided the atmosphere that a shy young man needed to grow and develop. Further education at Hammersmith Polytechnic in the UK formed the basis for his later extensive professional engineering career, first in association with various individuals and companies and subsequently on his own as Smada Consultants Ltd. Widely acknowledged as the elite professional, he has been chairman of the Jamaica Association of Engineers and been awarded the JIE award of excellence.. His numerous consulting jobs include the recent Port Bustamante expansion. He is an active member of the United Church and is married with three sons.



ANDERSON Patrick Hugh "Pat" attended KTHS from 1951-54 with further studies in Personnel Management and Industrial Safety. His major employment has been with Alcan serving as Process Supervisor, Training Officer, Safety Officer and finally as Community Relations Officer (sports and youth development) Fondly known as "Mr. Alcan", "Pops", "Dus". and "Uncle Bunny" Pat Anderson is undoubtedly one of the most well known and loved sporting figures in Jamaica. He has touched the lives of hundreds of youngsters and has been the enabler for many successful athletes. Among these are Linton McKenzie 'the road race king', Deon Hemmings (Olympic gold medallist), Lorraine Graham, Mardrea Hyman, Inez Turner, Beverley Langley, Ellen Grant, Lapyhane Carnegie and Beverley Grant. There are others too including Ricardo Powell in cricket.

Pat has held many positions in sporting organisations including: The Jamaica Football Federation - Former President and Life Member; Jamaica Cricket Board of Control - Member; The Jamaica Amateur Athletic Association President, with the achievements of Jamaica at the Athens Olympics in 2004 under his belt; The Board of the G. C. Foster College of Sports and Education; The Alcan Sports Association, Former President; Bauxite Sports Council, First President. He is also the recipient of numerous awards including the Carreras Sports Foundation Award for sports development as well as the O.D from the Government of Jamaica.



BECKFORD Earl Barrington "Barry" represented KTHS in football, cricket and athletics. He went to the UK where following World War I he continued his education at Scotland's Royal Technical College and the South West London Technical College. This was followed by the professional examinations for his structural engineering qualifications. Experience with the UK firm of Babcock and Wilcox and the Staffordshire County Council fitted him for his return to Jamaica where he served as Chief Planning Engineer with the Ministry of Construction (Public Works Dept.) followed by the position of Chief Civil Engineer with the Jamaica Public Service Company. He then established his own civil engineering business, first as Beckford and Jones and now as Beckford and Dixon. A past President of the Jamaica Institution of Engineers and the Lions Club of Kingston, he has been involved with the Jamaica Badminton Association, The Amateur Swimming Association and the Jamaica Kennel Club.



ANDERSON Farel H. Farel Anderson from Springfield, St. James, graduated from KTHS in 1951. He worked as a technician in the Department of Surgery and Medicine at the University of the West Indies. He left in 1955 to study agriculture at the Ontario Agricultural College (now University of Guelph), obtaining a BSA. Degree in 1961. He studied dentistry at the University of Toronto graduating in 1966. with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. In March of 2004, Dr. Anderson was appointed a Fellow of the Academy of Dentistry International (F.A.D.I.) in recognition of his international service. He has been a volunteer at the F.I.S.H. dental clinic at Papine for the past 12 years. Dr. Anderson was also recognized for his services in the community- Collingwood Ontario--in which he lives with wife Eleanor, having been one of the proud recipients of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2003.



BINNS Keith Constantine. Keith is a legend in the life insurance industry where he has been a leader with Island Life. He was the number one agent for 14 of the past 15 years at the Knutsford Branch, is a life Member of the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table as well as qualifying for the Top of the Table award (a unique distinction). He has been an inspiration to many. He serves racing on the Jockey Club as a steward, is a member of the Jamaica Deposit Insurance Corporation and is active on several other Boards. A skilful raconteur, his services as Master of Ceremonies are always in demand. As MC at KTHS functions he is the "life of the party" with his capacity to engage his audience with stories about the school. His reputation as a fund raiser for the school and other organisations is impressive.



BLAIR Ian. Ian Blair's grounding at KTHS gave the initial thrust to his first job at the Government Printing Office as an accounting clerk. He moved on to become a trained aircraft service engineer licensed to service British Airways, BWIA and Air Jamaica equipment. From 1983 - 1994 he was Vice President responsible for Maintenance and Technical Services at Air Jamaica. For the next four years he operated as a management and aviation consultant, providing specialised technical services and business plans for clients. Since 1998 he has been the Senior Vice President responsible for operations at the Port Authority of Jamaica. Ian Blair holds a BSc in Management Studies, an M.Sc. in Accounting and a Ph.D in Strategic Management from Kennedy-Western University in Wyoming. A keen long distance runner and a record collector, he is a recipient of the KTHS alumni award for excellence.



BROWN Keith. Keith has made his name in the field of public relations being the principal officer of the public relations firm of Brown Ray and Associates. He is the founding President of the Public Relations Society of Jamaica and has held membership in the Public Relations Society of America and the International Public Relations Association. Among other things he is a past president of the Jamaica and West Indies Jaycees, the Jamaica Boxing Board of Control, a Vice President of the Jamaica Cricket Board of Control, and President of the Jamaica Early Childhood Association. He is the recipient of several awards for community service including the Order of Distinction (O.D.) in 1980



BROWN Headley Adolphus (Posthumous) A native of St Thomas, Headley Brown had a distinguished career in the Jamaica government service. After leaving KTHS he entered UWI where he earned the Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate degrees in economics. He held various positions in the Jamaica government service including Trade Administrator (1977-1981) and Director General of the National Planning Agency (1981-1985). He was appointed Governor of the Bank of Jamaica serving in that position from 1985 to 1989. During his term as Governor, Dr. Brown laid special emphasis on building professional capacity in the area of economic research and planning and on the coordination of economic planning in the public sector. He was the recipient of the Order of Jamaica (O.J.) Award.



BRADSHAW Cecil Valentine (Sonny) Central Branch School led to KTHS where his enterprising spirit was given encouragement, for after leaving school he taught himself to play several musical instruments including the clarinet, horn, base organ and piano. Playing with various bands, he honed his skills and eventually launched out with his own band the Sonny Bradshaw seven in 1950 and the quartet in 1959. Sonny has been a leader in the music industry in Jamaica for over fifty years working with the Jamaica Federation of Musicians and other interested parties. He is a director of the Jamaica School of Music and has been active in promoting a series of popular music concerts all over the island. He has participated in Festival and Independence programmes, the L.T.M. Pantomimes and has accompanied a host

of star performers such as Sarah Vaughn, The Mighty Sparrow, Johnny Ray and Brook Benton. The annual Jamaica Ocho Rios Jazz Festival was the realization of the dreams of Sonny and Myrna (Nee Hague). It enriched Jamaica's musical landscape by bringing the best jazz musicians from around the world in a nine-day festival. Sonny Bradshaw is composer, recording artist and versatile musician who has played all over the world. He must be hailed as a Jamaican musical icon. He has been awarded the Centenary Medal, the Silver Musgrave Medal and the Order of Distinction (C.D).



CHEN Carl C. Carl in his time at KTHS made his name in football in the famous 1955 Facey Cup championship team. After leaving school Carl went to the UK as a Jamaican Government Scholar to study architecture at Bristol University and Town Planning at the Leeds College of Art. He gained valuable practical experience working with the firm of Stanley Wright and Partners in Leeds on a variety of architectural and urban planning projects. On returning home he worked as

acting Government Town Planner for several years. During that period he served on a variety of Government appointed boards and committees including the DaCosta Commission of Enquiry into the award of contracts and work permits. He helped to establish planning standards for developments in the New Kingston area. In 1971 Carl established his own architectural, planning and construction management consulting business, Carl C. Chen and Associates. He has been involved in numerous projects including the May Pen Bypass and helps in the training of young architects as a part time lecturer at the Caribbean School of Architecture at UTech. He is an active member of the Jamaican Institute of Architects and a member of the Town and Country Planning Authority.



COMRIE Locksley. Locksley Comrie had initial ambitions to enter one of the grammar schools, but having passed the entrance examinations and survived the terrifying interview, he soon discovered that KTHS was the place to be. The experience provided lasting memories of the staff, characters he and other students came to admire and respect: Capo, Mr. Atkins; Mr. E. G. Phillips former head of the Engineering Department and "Uncle Mets" Mr. Vaughn. KTHS provided in the 'journey of the mind' the necessary discipline and preparation for the outside world. He also has special respect for and memories of teachers: Jack Harris, Stanley Heron, Roy White, Roy Clennon, Calvin McKain, Jasper Wray, Hugh Atkins, Enoch Smith, and E. C. Phillips. Study in the UK at the Polytechnic of the South Bank earned Locksley a Bachelor's degree in structural engineering followed by a diploma in advanced structural engineering. A year with British Railways provided important practical experience. Returning home he worked as senior engineer with Wallace Evans Associates followed by a stint with the National Planning Agency. Further education at the Polytechnic University Brooklyn NY. earned him a Masters in Transportation Planning and Engineering with a PhD pending. Extensive work experience in New York fitted him for his position back home as transportation consultant with Metropolitan Management Transportation Holdings (MMTH) Locksley has been an active member of several civic, sporting and activist organisations both in the USA and in Jamaica. A former chairman of the KTHS Board of Management he is a proud and active member of the Board of the Boys Town programme. He has received numerous awards including the KTHS Outstanding Alumnus award and the Kingston and St. Andrew Football Association (KSAFA) award for outstanding contribution to football development in Jamaica.



D'CAMBRE Roylton. Roylton D'Cambre went to KTHS from 1958-1962 and started his technical career in the engineering group. An initial period at UWI in the arts faculty was not the direction that Mr. D'Cambre wanted so he left and went to work at the JPS as a power station operator. This was followed by a position at the Kaiser Bauxite Co. in Discovery Bay as a supervisor of the ore drying plant. His entrepreneurial career started to take off when he opened the very successful Mr. Hot Dog operation in Kingston with some ten carts at various locations. But he was persuaded to go to Shell where he served as assistant to the General Manager and Chief Trouble Shooter for some seven years. He was learning the petroleum industry for he then left to develop and operate Lubricants Distributors Ltd from 1981-1992 with National Fuel and Lubricants Ltd next. This latter company grew by leaps and bounds over the period 1991-2004. Soon the green National petroleum gas stations became a familiar landmark on the local scene. His twenty two (22) stations were now becoming a threat to the big three companies -- Esso, Shell and Texaco-- and there were attempts to buy him out. The successful buyer was in fact the French company Total one of the largest oil companies in the world. Mr. D'Cambre the visionary, is now proposing to go into the housing development business with his new company Quality Incorporation XII Limited.



DOUGLAS Easton. Easton Douglas recalls being informed that he had failed the entrance examination for the school. Not believing this he went to the school to enquire about the result and met up initially with skepticism from the guard (Sarge, Mr. Levy) at the gate. At the office he was told that he had failed and he politely asked for details. 'Please tell me why,' Douglas asked. The staff in the office looked up the results and discovered a big mistake. Douglas had done exceptionally well and his marks had been misapplied. Apologies from Mr. Metcalfe Vaughn and Miss Skeete (now Mrs. Tait) brought joy with the knowledge that he would be awarded a scholarship. Easton has had a distinguished career which he summarises as: Chartered Surveyor, Land Economist, Town Planner and Politician. Professional qualifications obtained in the UK were followed by a distinguished career in the government service including posts of Government Town Planner and Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security. Numerous directorships were part of his career including the chairmanship of the Town and Country Planning Authority. Principal in his own Chartered Surveying Company, he played an active part as a founding member of the Association of Land Economy and Valuation Surveyors. His career in politics as MP (1989-2002) and Cabinet Minister 1989-2000 led to many other connections at the national, (Development Committee of the Cabinet); regional, (Consultant to the OAS) and international (WHO) levels. He is the author of several publications, a member of many clubs and societies and is a fitness buff. He has received the KTHS Award for Excellence and the Order of Distinction (C.D.) from the Government of Jamaica.



DOWNER Henderson. Mr. Downer is a graduate of the University College of the West Indies, New College, Oxford and was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1969. He served as lecturer at North Western Polytechnic (now the University of North London). He subsequently returned home and served in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions rising to the rank of Deputy Director. He was appointed a Supreme Court Judge in 1986 and then a Judge of the Court of Appeal from 1988 2004. He reflects on two items about the school that impressed him. The first, the challenge to do well and to make Jamaica an excellent place. The second, the recognition that KTHS was a pioneer in many national educational initiatives.



GREEN Rudolph George, Edward. Attending KTHS from 1942-1946 Rudolph Green had a brief period of public employment, before embarking on his army career. This is where he made his mark moving through the ranks of Lieutenant, Captain, Major, Lieutenant Colonel, Colonel Brigadier and finally to Major General and Chief of Staff of the Jamaica Defense Force. During his army career he has had many important attachments. Among these are ADC to Governor Sir Kenneth Blackburne (1959); ADC to Lord Hailes the Governor General of the West Indies (1959-1961); Equerry to HRH Princess Margaret during Independence Celebrations (1962) and ADC to Governor General Sir Clifford Campbell (1962-63). He has also attended a number of overseas army training institutions including the Army Staff College in Camberley and served for a period with the West Indies Regiment. He is Anglican and Former Rector's Warden of the Kingston Parish Church, a Past Grand Master of English Freemasonry and active with the St John Ambulance Association, the Jamaica Red Cross and the Boy Scouts. He is the recipient of the Order of Distinction (both O.D. and C.D.)



GREGORY Robert. Mr. Gregory is one of the distinguished graduates (1968). Moving to the USA he graduated from Baruch College (NY) and earned a Masters degree from the New York School for Social Research and a Postgraduate Certificate from the RVB Institute in the Netherlands. His business career involved seven years in the USA with the Avis Corporation in management training and organisational development. Returning home in 1979 he held the post of Programmes Director of the Institute of Management and Production (IMP) and in 1985 was appointed MD of Hofab Manufacturing Company, (the then ICD's Garment Export Manufacturing Subsidiary), building it from two employees to over 600. Appointed as Executive Director of the HEART Trust, National Training Agency of Jamaica (HEART Trust/NTA), on January 1, 1991 he has taken the organisation on a path of significant growth and development with the undergirding philosophy of preparing a world class Jamaican workforce. He is a founding member of the Jamaica Association for Training and Development (JATAD), Chairman of the Students' Loan Bureau, a member of the Rotary Club of St. Andrew and Chairman of the KTHS Board of Management.



FLETCHER Dennis Alexander. A graduate of KTHS, CAST and Penn State University, Dennis has had several engineering and management positions in his career. His latest was General Manager of Caribbean Casting and Engineering (1975-2001). He describes himself as a business executive, is involved in several Christian organisations, service clubs, the Teachers Service Commission and the National Council on Technical and Vocational Education.



HAMILTON Victor G. Victor is a very active member of the local chapter of the KTHS alumni, currently being the Vice President of the chapter and sometime acting Chairman. Graduating from the school in 1951 he pursued a career in accounting rising to the position of Audit Senior with Coopers and Lybrand and as Chief Accountant with a number of other firms. Later he established his own accounting firm known as Hamilton, Hall & Co. He has been a part-time lecturer at UWI in the accounting programme. For his support and contribution to the school the KTHS alumni presented Victor Hamilton with the award of excellence.



HENRY Lascelles Victor After three years at KTHS Lascelles worked with the Machado Tobacco Co. (B.A.T. Group) before going to CAST where he obtained the Higher National Diploma in mechanical engineering. Additional specialist training in Germany, England and Scotland fitted him for his Caribbean service engineering work with the B.A.T Group offices in Barbados, Guyana, Suriname and Trinidad. He was appointed factory manager of the Cigarette Co. of Jamaica 1978-1994 and subsequently Managing Director 1994-1995. He is a member of the Jamaica Institute of Management, the Institute of Plant Engineers and has served as a part-time lecturer at CAST.



HILL Bertram Bertram after leaving KTHS graduated as an electrical engineer but soon moved into the areas of business and finance. He is a fund manager in New York with expertise in investment banking with connections with international clients. As a mover in the formation of the International Executive Board of the KTHS Alumni Association, which was inaugurated in 1999, Bertram its President. The Board provides a coordinating link between the local chapter and the four overseas chapters.



HUNTER Victor Victor entered KTHS from Boys Town Primary School in 1959 and the skills of the natural athlete soon became evident as he represented his house in competitive games. He was soon representing the school in table tennis, cricket and football. He was a member of the winning Walker Cup football team in 1962 and was selected for the All Schools Football Team in 1962 and the All Schools Cricket team in 1963. For the next ten years he represented Boys Town Sports Club in all three sports and at various times captained the Senior Cup cricket team and the Division 1 and Division 2 football teams. He also coached the Boys Town Minor League football team. His working life has been spent as a civil servant first in the Collector General's Department and latterly with the Ministry of Labour and Social Security. Victor has received the KTHS alumni award for excellence.



HARVEY Errol E. G. Errol is one of Jamaica's foremost photographers, trained at the Germain School of Photography in New York, followed by early experience with Evans Colour Lab. Returning home Errol worked with the Jamaica Information Service as Chief Photographer from 1965- 1996. He has traveled extensively with Prime Ministers Manley, Seaga and Patterson to exotic places like: The Kremlin Palace, The White House, The United Nations and Havana. He has been official photographer for numerous visits by heads of State including four by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. He is the recipient of the Jamaica Centenary Medal and the Order of Distinction (O.D.).



HOLNESS Janice. After leaving school Janice worked with the Ministries of Health and Housing before going to the United States to further her education. A graduate of St John's University (*Summa Cum Laude*) and the University's School of Law she became a member of the American Bar Association and other lawyers' Associations. She worked in the US with a number of prestigious legal firms including the Securities and Exchange Commission, (SEC) New York. While in the US she was a volunteer for the Democratic Party and was also involved in many aspects of community service, including the mentoring of children and counseling clients through the legal aid system. She recently returned to Jamaica where she is now the Chief Investigator for the Financial Services Commission.



LEWIN Karl Karl after leaving KTHS left Jamaica for the USA where he pursued further education, first at Southeastern University, B.S. Degree, followed by an MBA at Fordham University. Associated extensive US working experience with firms such as James H. Lowry, Revlon and Exxon prepared him for return to Jamaica where he has had a progressive career in management. Senior management positions with the HEART Trust, Crawford Fletcher Insurance Brokers, Karl Lewin and Associates as President and the Policy Review Unit Office of the Prime Minister, have led to his current position as Managing Director of Barita Trusts Management Co. He has been a past chairman of the Constant Spring Golf Club, a past president of the Lions Club of Kingston and is a member of the board of RJR and TVJ. His community service has been recognised with Lion of the year and President of the Year Lion awards. He is also a recipient of the KTHS award for excellence and service.



LINCOLN Junior attended KTHS as an evening student, but notwithstanding that fact has maintained a great interest in the school and in its development. Over the years Junior has developed his entrepreneurial skills and has established extensive interests in the International Music Publishing Industry, the Motor Racing Industry, the Horse Racing Industry, the Special Events Promotions Industry, and the Real Estate Development Industry. In this last field he has pioneered a number of housing development schemes in partnership with the Government under the *Can Cara* Housing System. The company has recently been involved in the establishment of a major sewage-recycling project in St. Catherine in collaboration with the National Water Commission. Junior is the Chairman of the Boys Town Old Boys Association, a member of the Boys Town Board of Management and the fund raising committee. Princess Ann specially commended him for his initiative in organising a fund raising event at the Royal Albert Hall for the Ethiopian children's relief programme.



MITCHELL Bert Accountant Bert has received the Harvard Distinguished Award for outstanding service in the field of Business and Education. He is the first black person to have served as the President of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants (CPA). The recipient of numerous awards including the Marcus Garvey Award for Excellence, the Continental Liberty Award and the Martin Luther King Keeper of the Dream Award, he also received an honorary doctorate from Baruch College and subsequently from several other universities. His accounting firm of Mitchell and Titus is one of the largest accounting firms in the United States and he has served in numerous community and public service organisations



MUTABARUKA Formally known as Alan Hope, Muta studied electronics at KTHS which provided the opening for a job with the Jamaica Telephone Co. (JTC). In those formative years he began to study Rastafarianism and found it more meaningful than the Roman Catholicism of his upbringing or the political radicalism into which he had drifted. Further examination led him to the view that Rastafarianism was more radical than he had initially perceived but also more relevant to his own thinking. While at the Telephone Company he stopped combing his hair, started growing locks, altered his diet and declared himself Rastafarian. As part of his universal quest he left Kingston and the JTC and moved to St James where he began to develop his poetic and literary skills. MUTA as he is known, has traveled widely in the USA and Africa and has developed an extensive list of poems and social commentaries often titled 'MUTA Seh' or as 'Extended Reasonings'. They are listed on his web site www.mutabaruka.com. MUTA eschews the term 'dub poet' which he argues is too restrictive, and believes that he has an important role to play through his relevant poetry and controversial social commentary.



MARCH, Middleton Desmond Fleming Mr. March has had a distinguished career in the civil service moving from the position of temporary clerk to the rank of Permanent Secretary first in the Ministry of National Security and subsequently in the Ministries of Justice, and Labour retiring in 1990. He serves as a member of the Police Public Complaints authority. He has been honoured by the Kingston Chapter of the Alumni Association for his achievements and active support of KTHS.



PANTON Keith St. Elmo. Dr. Panton recalls his years at KTHS 1948-1953 with appreciation and in particular the training in business skills, which fitted him for his first job as the accountant at the St. Elizabeth Parish Council, a job traditionally, reserved for women. Study abroad followed with a B.A. at Wilmington College M.A. and PhD degrees from Washington State University, specializing in Labour Economics and Personnel Management. In addition there were several special training certificates. A number of jobs in the USA fitted him for employment with Alcan Jamaica Limited. He rose through the ranks as Manager Industrial Relations, Vice President Personnel, Executive Vice-President and General Manager, President and Chief Executive Officer, Kirkvine and finally as Executive Chairman, Alcan Jamaica Company, being the first Jamaican to be the CEO of Alcan Jamaica Ltd. On retiring from

Alcan, Dr. Panton served as Senior Research Fellow - Mona Institute of Business, U.W.I. Dr. Panton then entered the full-time Christian Ministry as an ordained Priest of the Anglican Church.

The recipient of numerous awards during his American study, he is also a Fellow of the Jamaica Institute of Management, was Manager of the Year for 1986, awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the UWI and the Commander of the Order of Distinction from the Government of Jamaica. A member of numerous boards and organisations he was Chairman of the University Council of Jamaica Chairman of the National Commercial Bank Group Ltd and a Vice President of the PSOJ.



EVELYN Mavis, London in 1948

Mavis has the distinction of being a member of the first Jamaican team to the Olympics in London in 1948. She studied business at KTHS and worked in a number of private companies before moving to CAST in 1962 as the Chief Accountant. She retired in 1988 after serving for 26 years. Mavis' events were the 100 and 200 yards and the hurdles. Trained by Ted Lamont she was a champion in Jamaica. At the CAC Games in Baranquilla Colombia in 1946, she broke the 80 metres hurdles record in the semi-finals, but had to settle for the silver medal in the final as she had a bad start. Mavis reflects that in those days you dug a hole in the ground for starting and she contrasts athletics of those days with today's high award system. She has a shelf of trophies won in business house and other competitions in Jamaica. Being chosen on the team of five girls - Vinton Beckett, Mavis Evelyn, Carmen Phipps, Kathleen Russell, and Cynthia Thompson - for the 1948 Olympics in London was a special honour and she was proud to represent Jamaica. The journey by banana boat to England was quite traumatic and most of the girls were sick. Vinton Beckett was the only one reaching a final (high jump) and the girls were disappointed at being withdrawn from the 4x100 relay, in which they had a good chance of medaling. Mavis underwent surgery for a ruptured appendix shortly after returning from the Olympics and decided to retire.



FORBES Clifton L. Mexico, 1968

Clifton a 1964 graduate had an outstanding career at KTHS. While at KTHS, Clifton took part in the boys athletic championships, played on the Sunlight cup cricket team for three years and Evelyn Cup for the KTHS past students' team. He taught for a year before moving on to the University of Nebraska where he obtained qualifications in engineering and business administration and later a qualification from the University

of California at Berkley. Professional experience followed, first in the USA and later at the Jamaica Telephone Company, (later Cable and Wireless) where he held several senior positions.

It is in athletics that Clifton has been outstanding, representing Jamaica at the highest level between 1965 and 1970. He was Jamaica's team captain at the Mexico Olympics (1968), CAC Games in Panama (1970) and the British Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh (1970). He also represented Jamaica at the CAC games in Puerto Rico 1966, and the British Commonwealth Games in Jamaica (1966). In 1967 at the Pan Am Games in Winnipeg he set a Canadian Open record in the 440 yds.

At the Mexico Olympics in 1968 he broke the 400m. Jamaican record and was a part of the relay team - Errol Stewart, Mike Fray, Clifton Forbes and Lennox Miller - that equalled the 4x100m world record in the heats and broke the record in the semi final (38.39). This record although not formally accepted by the IAAF represents an all-time best performance/record for under- 23s in the 4x100m. relays. The team finished fourth in the finals (owing to a bad baton change). Clifton has the distinction of being a member of one of Jamaica's teams - the only country outside of the USA - that at one time or another held the world record in both the 4x100m and 4x400m relays.

He has served as Manager/Coach to the Jamaican team to the African Games, Ghana; Manager of various teams (World Junior Championships, CAC championships, in Puerto Rico and El Salvador, Pan American Games, Canada and Santo Domingo) He has served as a certified track and field official and fitness instructor for the Jamaica Netball Association for 12 years. He received the Samuel C. Waugh trophy as the outstanding athlete in 1969 at the University of Nebraska and in 1974 he was made honorary Admiral in the Nebraska Navy (the State's highest civilian award) and has also been honoured by the KTHS alumni in 2001 and 2004. The Carreras Sports Foundation made a special award in 2003 to the relay team at the Mexican Olympics for the clear injustice of their earlier omission from the awards programme.



MORRIS-CHONG Una Tokyo in 1964

Una started running in primary school and then at KTHS she held and broke records in the 100, 200, and 400 yards. Then in the Girls Championships in 1964 and 1965 she broke records in the 100, 200 yards and with the team the 4x100 yards relay.

While at the University of California Medical School in San Francisco she represented Jamaica in the Tokyo Olympics in 1964 and became the youngest athlete at age 15 and the first Jamaican female athlete to place fourth in the 200m. She also starred in the U.S. indoors winning the gold medal in the 200m. In the Caribbean Games in Puerto Rico in 1966 she won gold medals in the 200 m and the 4x100m relay. She is world record holder in the 300m indoor and a bronze medallist in the 200 and 400 m. in the 1967 Pan Am Games. Una was named Jamaica's Sportswoman of the Year in 1963 and 1964.

After graduating from medical school she did her internship at Kaiser Permanent Hospital and then did residency at Martin Luther Hospital in Los Angeles. Specializing in radiology she was appointed professor at the University of Southern California Medical Centre and later chief editor for the Los Angeles Radiological Society.

Una is married to Charles Chong a computer analyst and is the mother of two boys and a girl. She lives in California but keeps in touch with the school through the award of the Una Morris Scholarship to an outstanding student athlete.

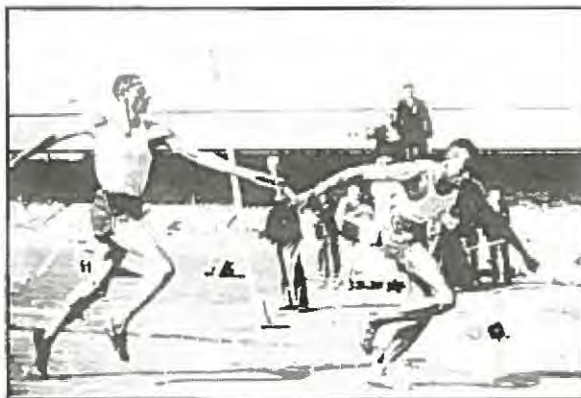


RHODEN VINCENT George Olympic: Helsinki, Finland in 1952.

George Rhoden's name is indelibly etched in the records of the Helsinki Olympic games in Finland in 1952. It was there that he became the first and only athlete from the Caribbean to win two gold medals and to set two world records at the same time. The first was in the 400 m. in which he set a new world record at the time of 45.8 sec. Two days later with teammates Arthur Wint, Leslie Laing and Herb McKenley, he anchored the 4 x 400m relay team to the gold medal and a new world record of 3:03.9 This was the famous relay in which Herb McKenley ran a fabulous relay third leg to cover a 15m deficit to Charlie Moore. The story of that relay is told:

The cheers grow louder and they give Herb a strength he never knew he had. Little by little with every smooth relaxed stride as around the curve and down the backstretch he gains; little by little with every relaxed stride as Moore, head rolling and body straining, withers under the assault. At 399 metres Herb nails him.

A smooth change gives Rhoden a one-stride lead over Whitfield. Moore's leg is timed at 46.3. Herb's at an unheard of 44.6! Now Helsinki is in pandemonium. Surely the race must be Jamaica's now. Rhoden is the world 400 record holder and Olympic champion; Whitfield finished last in the 400. But 'Marvelous Mal' is a thoroughbred. Despite the 800 and 400 races, which should have exhausted his resources, Whitfield runs one of his finest 400s. He matches Rhoden stride for stride all the way around the track. But although the Jamaican does not gain an inch of ground he doesn't concede any either and summoning all his mental and physical strength, Rhoden drives himself into the tape the same scant stride ahead of his relentless pursuer. (7)



McKENLEY/RHODEN CHANGE OVER

Off the track George Rhoden pursued his academic career graduating first from Morgan State College with a bachelor's degree which was followed by a certificate as a registered physical therapist from the New York University's Graduate School of Medicine. He subsequently earned a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine at the California College of Podiatric Medicine in San Francisco where one of his awards at graduation was the Meade Johnson Fellowship which allowed him to study foot surgery at California Medical Hospital in San Francisco. Among the many offices he has held have been Assistant Professor of Podiatric Medicine at California College of Podiatric Medicine and chairman of the podiatry department at San Francisco County General Hospital. In addition he serves as a member of the US Olympic Drug Testing Programme and lectures on sports and podiatric medicine. In 1994 he was inducted into the United States World Sports Medicine Hall of Fame and has been awarded the Jamaican Order of Distinction Commander Class.



(L-R) 'MAL' WHITFIELD, AUTHER WINT & HERB McKENLEY

RUSSELL WILLIAMS Kathleen Helsinki in 1952



Kathleen's athletic talents were recognised early on and she won a scholarship to attend KTHS. Her talents were further recognised when she was granted a scholarship to Philander Smith College in the United States. A versatile athlete, Kathleen excelled both in running and in the jumps. She won medals in the sprints as well as in the hurdles, high jump and long jump.

She won bronze medals twice in the 80 m. hurdles at the CAC games in Baranquilla, Colombia in 1946 and in Guatemala City in 1950 as well as a gold medal for the 4x100 m. relay in Guatemala City. Later at the CAC games in Mexico City in 1954 she won two gold medals in the high jump and 4x100 m. relay, and a silver medal for 80 m. hurdles. The other members of the relay team that won gold on the two occasions mentioned above were Cynthia Thompson, Carlene Searchwell and Hyacinth Walters.

Kathleen also won medals competing in inter-collegiate sports in the USA, including gold in the long jump and 80 m. hurdles, silver in the high jump and bronze in the 200 m.

Selected to represent the country in the 1952 Olympic games in Helsinki the sprint relay team only made it to the semi finals. Graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Home Economics in 1956, Kathleen returned home and worked as a dietician at the University Hospital at Mona until her untimely death in a car accident.



SPENCE Mel

Olympic: Melbourne in 1956, Rome in 1960 and Tokyo in 1964.

Mel Spence has the distinction of having represented Jamaica in three Olympic games Melbourne 1956, Rome in 1960 and Tokyo in 1964. He and his twin brother Mal have been confused from early days when the two competed in athletic events; which brother was running and which brother won the race! Mel attended KTHS from 1951 to 1954. Over his long and distinguished athletics career it is said that he was one of the most versatile track athletes competing at distances from 100 metres to one mile. He also served as co-captain of Jamaican athletic teams and has competed in the Pan American Games in Mexico City (1955) and the Goodwill Games in Panama City. On a track scholarship to Arizona State University he served as co-captain of the Varsity Track Team and won medals at both inter-collegiate and international games.



WALTERS Hyacinth

Olympics in 1952

Early recognition of her athletic ability at Half-Way-Tree primary School led to a scholarship at KTHS. Her early prowess earned her the title "Fleet Foot".

Hyacinth won many medals in her athletic career including: two bronze medals (50 and 100 m.) and a silver (4x100 m. relay) at the CAC games in Baranquilla Colombia in 1946; three gold medals (50 and 100 meters and 4x100 m. relays) in the CAC games in Guatemala City; and two silver and a gold in the CAC games in Mexico City in 1954.

Selected to represent Jamaica at the 1952 Olympics in the 4x100 m. relays, the team reached the semi finals. Hyacinth was awarded a scholarship to Philander Smith College in Little Rock Arkansas and graduated in 1956 with a B.Sc. Degree in Home Economics. Moving to New York she did her dietary internship at New York Hospital/Cornell while attending Teachers College/Columbia University from which she graduated with a Master's Degree in Science and Nutrition. She worked at NY Hospital for 31 years until her retirement in 1991.



WRIGHT Clive

Olympics: Seoul, South Korea in 1988.

Clive displayed his athletic talents early at school and on the basis of his performance in the sprints at Boys Champs was selected to represent the school at the Penn Relays.

Later selected to represent Jamaica he competed in the IAAF World Athletic Indoor Championships in 1987 in the 200m and in the IAAF World Outdoor Championships in 1987 gaining a bronze medal in the 4x100m relay. Next selected for the Olympics he competed in the 1988 games in Seoul, South Korea reaching the quarter finals in the 200m and was on the team that came fourth in the 4x100m relay

In the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona Spain he reached the semi finals in the 200m.



PRESTON Aston Z. Aston Preston is one of the most distinguished alumni of KTHS. He pursued higher education by part-time studies and external examinations, qualifying as a Chartered Accountant and obtaining an External Law Degree from the University of London. Joining the staff of the young University College of the West Indies, he advanced rapidly through the ranks from Accountant in 1954 to Pro-Vice Chancellor (Finance) in 1969 and Vice Chancellor in 1974. He served the University for 35 years and saw student numbers grow from 7000 to 10,000 during his period as Vice Chancellor. He displayed great courage, integrity and dedication as he guided the University through harsh financial times. He succeeded in negotiating with the Governments of the fourteen contributing territories the mechanisms that would carry the University forward as a regional institution. The citation for his honorary Doctorate from the University of Hull stated: *"No one perceived more clearly the role of a university in the society which it serves and of the need to adjust that role to meet the changing needs of the society itself."*

He did not confine his activities to the University. When he died on June 24th 1986, he was Chairman of Air Jamaica and the Caribbean Examinations Council. He served as Chairman of the Council of the Association of Commonwealth Universities, on the Board of Governors of The University of Guyana and the University of Zambia, on the Executive Committee of the Inter-American Council for Economic and Social Development (CUIDES) and Honorary Vice President of the Scouts Association of Jamaica. He was a recipient of the Order of Jamaica.



RAINFORD Roderick "Chippy" BOJ. For Roderick Rainford KTHS provided an opening for secondary education to many who would not otherwise have had that opportunity. He also points out that students exposed to low-valued techniques for manipulating wood, brick and metal laid the foundation for the later emergence of the finest and most highly accomplished engineers. Similarly, those who studied commercial subjects found this a springboard to the highest echelons of business and finance. The school nurtured excellence and teachers were held in high esteem. A graduate of UWI he was later a Rhodes Scholar (KTHS first and only Rhodes Scholar) at Oxford from 1965-1966 and a Woodrow Wilson Fellow with a M.A. from the University of Toronto in 1971.

After working with the Jamaican Government for a period, he was appointed Secretary General of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat from 1980-1992. He served as Governor of the Bank of Jamaica from 1992-1993 after which he was appointed to the office of the Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund. He is a recipient of the Order of Jamaica (OJ).



REYNOLDS Lancelot Fitzgerald "Lanny" continued his education at Westminster College London University and qualified as a professional accountant. Becoming a partner in the accounting firm of Touché Ross & Co. he subsequently joined the Jamaica National Building Society (JN). Later as General Manager he helped to build JN to be the foremost building society in Jamaica. An active member of the accountancy professional organisations both in Jamaica and the Caribbean, he is also involved in the work of several other financial institutions. Lanny served his alma mater as Deputy Chairman of the school board and did voluntary part-time teaching at the school. He is an active Kiwanian and a United Church member.



ROBERTS Danny. KTHS was a last resort for Danny Roberts but he realised later in life the significant influence of the school and reflects that "none of us was leaving the way we entered". Entering the Commerce stream, Danny was unhappy with having to do shorthand and he and the other male students successfully petitioned Principal E. G. Roper to be allowed to do Economics instead. An ACP-EEC Scholar, he graduated from the University of the West Indies with a Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) degree in Communication with Social Sciences, and a Master of Philosophy degree. Danny is a Vice President of the Jamaica Confederation of Trade Unions, a Vice President and Deputy Island Supervisor of the

National Workers Union, and President of the Union of Clerical Administrative & Supervisory Employees. A Labour Educator, Mr. Roberts is a part-time lecturer in Industrial Relations, and Law at the University of Technology and also a guest lecturer at the UWI. He currently serves as Chairman of the Michael Manley Foundation, a director of the National Housing Trust, a member of the Board of Governors of KTHS, Chairman of the South West St. Catherine Development Trust, member of the board of the HEART Trust/NTA, Self Start Fund, National Development Bank of Jamaica, Radio Jamaica and The National Investment Bank of Jamaica. He has been a radio commentator and newspaper columnist for several years, and was Editor of the Guild of Undergraduates newspaper, *The Beat*, during his campus years. In 1991 he served as President of the Youth Committee of the International Trade Union Movement, and was the guest lecturer at the prestigious Press Association of Jamaica Terry Smith Memorial Lecture.



RODNEY Compton. Compton graduated from London University and later obtained his professional Chartered Accounting qualifications. An extensive and illustrious career in the Government service - Auditor General's Department, Jamaica's Permanent Mission to the United Nations, Ministry of Trade and Industry - Ministry of Tourism division and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was followed by his position as Managing Director of the Caribbean Cement Co. His service with many different organisations include being: Registrar of the Public Accountancy Board; Hon. Treasurer Jamaica Olympic Association; Secretary/Treasurer American Chamber of Commerce; Vice Chairman KTHS Board; Board, Member Sports Development Foundation and Deputy Chairman MultiCare Foundation.



SCOTT Gilbert Gilbert Scott has served as one of the highest ranking black technologists in Ontario Canada being appointed in 1994 as one of the five regional executive directors of the Department of Canadian Heritage for Ontario. His responsibilities involved administering the Federal policy on culture for nearly 1/3 of the population of Canada living in Ontario. They also included the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, two historic waterways, four national parks, a national marine park, and, four national historic sites. He was also appointed one of three Public Services Commissioners reporting to Parliament. He has also served as a President of the Jamaican Association of Ontario. Having returned home he is now the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security.



SEATON York Page Y.P. as he is fondly known - and even so listed in the telephone directory attended KTHS from 1953 to 1956. This was followed by engineering training at CAST which fitted him for the role he was to play in the establishment and development of the Y.P. Seaton Group of Companies. The organisation has grown from an electrical and mechanical contracting company into a diversified group with a current list of nine companies. The company in its latest brochure lists many of the wide-ranging projects that have been successfully completed. Some of these projects include: Electrical and Mechanical Services at the Norman Manley Airport, the Cornwall Regional Hospital and the Bank of

Jamaica; Construction projects include the National Housing Trust and The Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica, Housing Projects including Eltham View and Sydenham Villas in St Catherine and water works including The Rio Cobre Dam and the Ebony Park Sewage System. The Y.P. Seaton group is a proud Jamaican company with a track record of successful projects that has earned it respect both locally and internationally.



SEYMOUR Morin Morin is Executive Director of the Kingston Restoration Company (KRC), Chairman of PALS Jamaica (Peace and Love in Schools) and a member of numerous other boards including the Excelsior Education Centre. His outstanding work in the leadership of the KRC has been locally and internationally recognised. The recipient of numerous local awards such as, The Governor General's Achievement Award, The Prime Minister's Medal of Appreciation, and international awards such as: Eisenhower Fellow and Fellow of the Life Management Institute from LOMA, USA. He is a Kiwanian, a Blue Mountain Coffee grower and an active leader in the Methodist Church..



SHAKESPEARE Owen Washington Owen left KTHS in 1963 and went to CAST where he majored in Construction engineering. On graduating he worked with the Public Works Department and also with the architectural firm of Shearer and Morrison. He subsequently went to New York where he completed a BSc in Construction Management at the Pratt Institute. He is involved in property management and development. Owen has served as Commissioner of the American Youth Soccer Organisation in Brooklyn and was an outstanding cricketer and footballer. He is currently the President of the New York Alumni Chapter.



STANLEY Lorna Lorna reflects that her time at KTHS fitted her for a life of challenge and excitement. The school had a reputation for training persons for the civil service and Lorna was no exception. Small in stature at age 17, she was singled out by Norman Manley for secretarial duties and there she was sharpened in the school of excellence and quality. Migrating in early adulthood to the USA, she found many productive opportunities for work and service. But Jamaica was on her mind and finally returning home in 1994 after 31 years in the USA, she set about answering the call of God to work in Trench Town. The response to that call has been decisive. Challenging gunmen and gangsters she has displayed a fearlessness that has brought a level of initial respect and later strong support from a community that is often divided on political tribalistic lines. The establishment of *Operation Restoration Christian School* in Trench Town, was the practical answer to the needs of the youths on the streets. She has been described as *Fearless in the City* and a visit to the school in Trench Town will give an idea of the impact that this courageous woman has had in that inner city community over the last ten years.



SHAW Trevor. A career in surveying starting at the Survey Department was enhanced by studies in England at the Directorate of Overseas Surveys and North East London Polytechnic. Other training was received in Sweden and Mexico. A public servant in the Land Surveying field since 1966, he has held positions of Cartographer, Director of Cadastral Mapping, and Director of Surveys and Mapping.

On the creation of the unified National Land Agency Executive Agency, he was appointed Director of Surveys and Mapping in 2001. He is Chairman of the Land Surveyors Registration Board, a Member of the Land Surveyors Association of Jamaica and the Land Information Council of Jamaica. A committed Christian his anchor phrase is: *In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus.* He is the recipient of the KTHS alumni award for excellence.



TELFER Alton S. Alton has made his mark in Canada working for many years with IBM and now operating his own business. A member of the Jamaican Canadian Association he has served on the board of directors and worked with several of the committees of the organisation. He has also served as president of the KTHS Toronto chapter and has been involved in numerous fund-raising initiatives for causes in Ontario and Jamaica.



TAIT, Mirven Louise (nee Skeete) Commerce courses at KTHS provided the opportunity for her career advancement. She has reached by quiet determination and parental example, the summit in the secretarial field having served four Prime Ministers - an achievement aided by the inspiration of teachers and the atmosphere and challenge of the school. Active in games, she played competitive softball for the Invaders. Working first in the private sector for three years she then returned to KTHS in the Principal's Office. She was involved in the activities for the founding of CAST with Mr. Alistair Thomson.

Transferred later to the Commissioner of Lands as Secretary, then to the Ministry of Defence, and to the Office of Prime Minister in 1970, serving as

recording secretary with the Bauxite Levy negotiations. She was transferred to the Cabinet Secretariat in the Office of the Prime Minister in 1970 and later served as secretary to the Prime Minister from 1979 until she retired in 1992. After retiring she has continued to serve as Executive Assistant to the Prime Minister. Active in Church and in choirs, she is a Justice of the Peace. She is married to Clarence, himself a past student and received the Order of Distinction (OD) in 1979.



TAYLOR Milford "Mil" to his friends, is one of the historians of KTHS. He is able from his experience both as student and later as a staff member, to give names and dates to events at the school. He is an expert on the Cadet Unit and contributed the article on the history of the Unit. Mil, after a four-year stint at the school on a free scholarship had after leaving school had a variety of chemically related jobs which also included teaching chemistry, maths, and physics at his alma mater. Later, awarded a scholarship to UCWI he majored in the physical sciences. His career was, however, mainly in chemical manufacturing. He was the first Production Manager and later Process Efficiency Manager for the four processing plants of the Seprod Group of Companies. Mil now retired is currently the Chairman of the local alumni chapter.



TIPLING Carmen The years 1956-1960 at KTHS, gave Carmen the start for her distinguished career in journalism, media and public relations. Advanced studies in English, Theatre Arts and Journalism at Culver Stockton College, Missouri and other professional courses, prepared her for her career direction. A short stint at the Gleaner was followed by work experience in the USA including the post of Vice-President and Group Accounts Director with Peter Martin Associates. Her extensive Jamaican experience includes Director of Public Relations at the JIDC, Personal Assistant to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Partner, Chairman and working Director of Communications Consultants Ltd. a public relations firm. She is, since April 2000 the Chief Executive Officer of the Jamaica Information Service. She has written Festival award-winning plays - "*Lunchtime Revolution*", "*Straightman*" and the "*Skeleton Inside*". She also collaborated with Ted Dwyer on the musicals

"*Port Royal Ho*" and "*Arawak Gold*", both award winning productions. She is a member of the Press Association of Jamaica, the Public Relations Society of Jamaica and the Lions Club of Kingston. She is a recipient of the KTHS Alumni award for excellence.



WALLACE. Clarence Engineer. Clarence Wallace reflected that in his day KTHS was one of the few schools with the curriculum that attracted him, but more importantly it was the only school at the time with the fees that he could afford. Membership in the Debating Club and the Students Christian Movement helped to sharpen his language skills and nurture his faith. Local drafting experience at the Ministry of Education was followed by overseas study at Westminster Polytechnic and hence to the route of professional engineer and eventually to the presidency of the Jamaica Institution of Engineers. He has been the consultant engineer for numerous projects funded both locally and internationally. He is the late Managing Director of Professional Engineering Consultants Ltd.



WHITTLE Sybil Rose Clare (nee Walker) Following early years in Manchester, Sybil moved to Kingston and eventually entered KTHS. A career in nursing and midwifery with advanced training and the MPH (UWI) followed, with subsequent involvement as a tutor at the West Indies School of Public Health. The merger of the school with UTech was a later development. Early Christian leadership training channelled her energies into active church life and work. Marriage to David Whittle in St. Thomas provided the connection with Coke Methodist Church in Morant Bay. Active work in the church and service as a Local Preacher led to a call to the ordained ministry. Rev. Sybil Whittle ordained to the Methodist Ministry on November 23, 2003. still maintains her connection with UTech. as a tutor in Public Health Nursing.



WILLIAMS-SINGH Beryl (nee TOLAN) Beryl holds the Diploma in Public Administration (DPA) with honours from UWI. She started her distinguished career in the Jamaican Civil Service followed by a stint in Trinidad with the Federal Government during the short-lived West Indies Federation. This was followed by a placement in the Office of the Services Commission and subsequent appointment as Chief Personnel Officer (1977-2000). She is a recipient of the Order of Distinction (Commander Class). She is active with Vaz Preparatory School (Secretary) and the National Council for Indian Cultural Affairs (Chairman). Very early in her career her proficiency in secretarial subjects won her the title of "Miss Secretary" in a contest with secretaries from all over Jamaica.



WRIGHT Ashton G. Ashton Wright is another KTHS student who used the educational opportunities of KTHS to good advantage. He rose through the ranks to become an outstanding government officer as a Permanent Secretary, worked as an attorney-at-law and then was appointed a career diplomat. He served as High Commissioner/Ambassador to several Caribbean and Latin American countries. After retiring he was appointed Jamaica's first Contractor General serving from 1987 to 1990. His fascinating life story told in his book *No Trophies Raise*, gives a wealth of information and many insights into Jamaican and Caribbean personalities.



WRIGHT Lyndel Lyndel, after leaving KTHS went to CAST where he graduated from the programme in Construction Management, a career in which he has been engaged for the past thirty years. Branching into project management he is a member of the US Project Management Institute and has managed a variety of projects in the millions of dollars. His management skills have been applied in cricket where he has had a

distinguished career as player, manager, selector, administrator and Board representative. He has served as: a Member of the Jamaica Cricket Association; Jamaica's First Alternate Director to the West Indies Cricket Board; Chairman of the Youth Cricket Selection Panel; a member of the National Selection Panel (1999-present); Manager of the West Indies "B" team; Manager of the Jamaica National Cricket Team, which team captured regional trophies in the Busta regional competition and was runner up in the Carib Beer Series.

Lyndel represented the Boys Town cricket team for 25 years and continues his involvement with the club as a member of the Management Committee and the Boys Town Foundation. His sterling service has been recognised by awards from Boys Town, KTHS and the College of Arts Science and Technology.

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