



THE A.G.A.A. CHRONICLES

The Official Newsletter of the Aabuthnott Gallimore Alumni Association, Inc.



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Alumni Overview

The Aabuthnott Gallimore Alumni Association, Inc. was founded in August of 2016 by a group of past students from the classes of 1976 to 1982. The main objective of the Alumni is to foster a relationship among past students and in turn strengthen our bond with the school, thus maintaining a strong life-long relationship between the alumni and our alma mater.

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

We strive to inspire and support the Aabuthnott Gallimore High School, through the purposeful engagement of the Association.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To provide support for enhancing the quality of education for the success of students at Aabuthnott Gallimore High School. We will work in collaboration with the school to encourage alumni participation in its programs, activities and development efforts.



Members of the Jamaica Chapter of the Aabuthnott Gallimore Alumni sharing with the AGHS Family at the handing over of Cheque to Home Economics Department in 2017

Board Chairman's Message



Harold Burnett - Board
Chairman

On behalf of the Association, I must thank the Creator for giving us the vision and for taking us this far. It hasn't been easy, there's been many challenges, ups and downs, lows and highs, and very dull moments too, but we continue to persevere in order to reach our goals. We look forward to getting more support

from all past students, stakeholders, friends, families, and well-wishers of this noble institution, as we aspire to give back to our alma mater.

As our motto rightly says, **EXCELLENCE THE GOAL**, our main aim is to reach our goal, which is impacting lives in every possible way. A big thank you goes out to all those persons who have contributed to our school through this organization. We look forward to your continued support and welcome the support of those who haven't started as yet. We are also ready to partner with whoever is willing to lend support and contribute to this worthy cause.

Let's have these words on our lips each day, "***If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living will not be in vain.***"

Sincerely,
Harold Burnett-Chairman Alumni Board

President's Message (US Chapter)

It is with great pleasure that I greet you all. I'm indeed humbled to know that I can serve our organization as President over the years. Working with great people, to me, we are more than the Alumni. We are a family.

Our continued programs, such as Scholarship, Mentor-ship, and Sponsor-ship, have been tremendously awesome. I'm encouraging everyone to be a part of, and support this amazing organization as we continue to work with the principal, staff, and students of this great school, Aabuthnott Gallimore High. Congratulations to our newsletter team for their hard work. Thanks to our Board Chairman, officers, and all members who are working hard to keep the fire burning!



Mavaline Gayle -
Overseas President

Excellence the Goal!

Mavaline Gayle - Overseas President

President's Message (Jamaica Chapter)



Hugh Campbell -
President (Jam. Chapter)

I greet you all with a heart full of love and true respect. We join together in our Past Student Association to always support and uplift our school. As we know, there is our little one coming behind, seeking the same successful dreams we had. We who would have shared a common path and some great memories from our journey through high school, see it fit to give back through the PSA. The German Philosopher Emmanuel Kant said, "***It is my duty to care as I am not alone - My needs are yours too, and we survive together when your will and my will become our will.***"

Many thanks to all those who have since 2016 assisted in making our Past Students' Association successful at delivering on our objectives. The PSA's events and activities have brought so many of us together with our external stakeholders over the last three years. We celebrated at our three annual events: Summer Fair, Christmas Cantata, and to close the year, our Grand Gala Banquet and Ball.

As a President, my main focus is on the growth of membership and long-term sustained improvement in our school's image. We can do much more at these together, as we grow stronger in membership and participation (give back).

I send genuine congratulations to the school's management, teachers, and general staff. I take notice that our school has been doing much better each year now, even with some real geniuses passing through, achieving excellent results.

The PSA prides itself in excellence for our school and the students passing through it. Yes, the subtle message is:

President's Message cont.

We are one, promoting the same set of core values. It takes all of us to raise our children right. Let them see us together as a community united around them in support of their promising future, showing them the kind of high-quality human beings we know they can turn out to be. I know the day will come when we would have expanded with chapters in England, Canada, and even Australia.

The future is positive, hopeful, and together we will succeed. It is about all of us being united. Blessings!

Hugh Campbell - President (Local Chapter)

Principal's Message



Mrs. Eloise Panton- Principal

Welcome to the Aabuthnott Gallimore High School (AGHS), which offers quality education at a minimal cost. At AGHS we aim to provide outstanding support and guidance to facilitate student development. Our staff uses both tangible and intangible resources

to educate students on both curriculum and skill sets needed for seamless integration into the wider society. We not only aim to ensure that students become upstanding members of society but for them to also achieve self-actualization.

In these times, where education provides the means to climb the global ladder, we strive to provide excellent teaching for all students. Students are valued and treated with respect regardless of background, and it is with this environment we are able to foster deeper connections.

Over the years, we have had a vibrant Past Students' Association body which has partnered with us to provide various scholarships from which students benefit as well as fundraising activities to assist the school in important projects undertaken. Let us continue to support the vision of the past students' association and work with them to create a first class institution of choice.

Using our motto, Excellence the Goal as our guiding star, let us all be reminded that, ***"Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction, skillful education and the vision to see obstacles as opportunities."*** Anonymous

Mrs. Eloise Panton – Principal

Board Chairman's Message (School)

The story is often told in literature, in script, and folklore of **"the few good men and women"**.



Warren Newby - Chairman
Board of Governors (AGHS)

History is replete with the triumphs of those who dared to do what none had done before, of those who persevered when others quitted, those who sacrificed, when others spoke, those who took action in the absence of any guarantees excepting their own commitment to the cause, and devoted their lives to the betterment of others in spite of themselves. It is the story of our Heroes. It is in this light that I, on behalf of the board of governors, salute the PSA of the Aabuthnott Gallimore High School. Your commitment to this institution is one of the towers of hope that we will, in fact, meet the demands of our future with the quality of education necessary to transform our country. As an Old Boy myself, I am indeed proud of your continued support.

Many attempts have been made to build a PSA at our school. This has been the most sustained effort. I have encouraged the President, to work on building capacity within the organization. It is my view, that the school will benefit greater in the long term, if we lay the foundations in a sound constitution, a strong recruitment policy, an encompassing network, a robust accountability framework, and dynamic fundraising capability. This newsletter is an awesome addition to what is being by the organization thus far.

Our school continues to provide quality education in very trying circumstances. I must report that our leadership is motivated, our faculty devoted, and our students committed to tackling all the issues with all the energy we can muster.

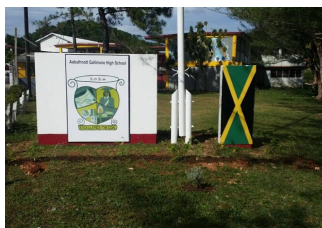
Our aim of being in the top 30 high schools in Jamaica is girded by our school development plan, which will serve us to 2023.

Board Chairman's Message (School) contd.

I look forward to continuing to work with you to fulfill our mandate to the school community, cognizant that excellence is indeed the goal, which, through God's grace, will be fulfilled in our tenure and given to the generations to come for protection. God speed on your plans.

With deepest affection,

Warren Newby
Chairman Board of Governors



Garden and Sign at the Aabuthnott Gallimore High School

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Anonymous

Landscaping Project

Come on out and visit the school! As part of our ongoing effort to enhance the beautification of the school, the Alumni have embarked on painting the welcome sign at the entrance of the school and have planted a flower garden around it.

Maintenance of the garden at the entrance is being done by one of our past students Mr. Donovan Marshall and maintenance workers.



Beautifully Manicured Lawns of Aabuthnott Gallimore High School.

Annual Prize Giving



Grade 9 class of Elite Students listening attentively to Educator Mr Barthlett Wray.

As part of our ongoing effort to make meaningful contributions to the school, the alumni planned on recognizing students at the Annual Prize Giving ceremony to be held at the school this coming November. Here students who excel at the top of his or her class will receive a plaque for academic achievement, while certificates will be given to students in varying categories such as punctuality, most improved, and extracurricular activities they excel in.

Cricket Lovely Cricket

A sport loved by many of us, the cricket teams at Aabuthnott continue to excite us with their exuberant performances during the cricket season. They have been winning matches despite the lack of proper gears.

The alumni in the past have made contributions of bats, pads and sneakers to the cricket team. But they still need more assistance. For those of us who would like to support the under 14-cricket team or the senior cricket team, please contact Mr. Nam at the school or Ms. Shawnnet Wray at 876-886-9426.

Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.
Malcolm X

Mentorship Programme

One of the goals of the Alumni is a sustained relationship between current students at Aabuthnott Gallimore High and the Alumni. To accomplish this goal, we have begun a mentoring program at the school where past students with the approval of the school's administration, have visited the school and have given pep talks to at risk students who are playing truants - encouraging them to stay in school.

We want to develop an emotional bond with these students. We can only do so by providing support, guidance, and opportunities in whatever capacity we can.

The Alumni planned on having pep workshops to help students transition into college and or universities. We will guide and help students choose courses to suit their preferred choice of career path. We will further assist students with CAPE and SAT preparations, including the writing of scholarship essays. We also want to build their self-esteem, thus giving them an optimal attitude about school as they work towards their goals and aspirations. By having a vibrant mentoring program for the general student body, we hope to see a lower or zero dropout rate among students.

Deriving from this mentorship program is that currently, there are past students who have committed to sponsoring a student who requires financial assistance to attend school.

We encourage past students to participate in this mentoring program whether to become a role model for these students, offer your time to teach and advise students in areas they need help in or, provide financial support. Doing so will create a long-lasting relationship with these students who will, in turn, feel compelled to return said favor to other students.



Students listening attentively to the Law and Justice Presentation at Career's Day 2019

Annual Book Drive

The recently launched Back to School Drive by the association has been a success. Thanks to the teachers, parents, and students who saw it fit to donate used books that could be distributed to students in need. We encourage all past students and friends to participate in this project as we plan on making it an ongoing project. Students and parents can drop off school supplies such as used or unused books, calculators, geometry sets, pencils, hand sanitizers, personal items at the school, or one of the soon to be identified drop off centres.

We are in the process of making a formal proposal to the Board of Governors of the Aabuthnott Gallimore High School for an established drop off location. Other locations will be identified in Alexandria and other major townships.

We appeal to members of the PSA that if you have these supplies at home, and they are not being used, then please reach out to Mr. Phileman Wynter - Project and Events Coordinator or Ms. Shawnet Wray regarding your donations.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

BENEFITING THE AABUTHNOTT GALLIMORE HIGH STUDENTS WHO NEED THEM

COLLECTION DATES: SEPT 1-30

DROP-OFF LOCATION AABUTHNOTT GALLIMORE HIGH

WHAT WE NEED

PENCILS, TEXT BOOKS, RULERS, BALLPOINTS, NOTE BOOKS, ART SUPPLIES, STAPLERS, CALCULATORS, BACKPACKS, ETC

CALL SHAWNETTE FOR MORE INFO:
(876) 886-9426 OR
aghpsa.secretary@gmail.com

Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family.
Kofi Annan

Career Day Expo 2019

A very successful event since started two years ago, Career Day has seen past students visiting the school to speak to students on varying career paths. The alumni's main objective of this is to provide career networking where students can attain useful information and guidance when choosing a career path. We encourage all past students from different backgrounds - whether you are in the field of farming, teaching, building, hospitality, medical, business, entrepreneurship to participate in this event. You would be surprised to know the impact you might have on one student walking through the door of Aabuthnott Gallimore High!



Students listening attentively to Presentation at Career's Day 2019

Graduation 2019

As part of our ongoing effort to create a meaningful impact on graduating students, the Alumni have, for the past three years, awarded gifts to the top-performing male and female students for their overall academic achievements. Each top performing male and the female student received a laptop along with the cash incentive of JA. \$5,000.00. For this past graduating batch, the top male and female students received the laptop. Cash incentive was awarded to a student for most improved in his academics.



Top Male Student collecting his Award from the PSA.- 2017

Our goal going forward is to award four graduating students with laptops, along with cash incentives to other graduating students for their academic achievements. We need you our fellow alumni on board to help steer this ship!

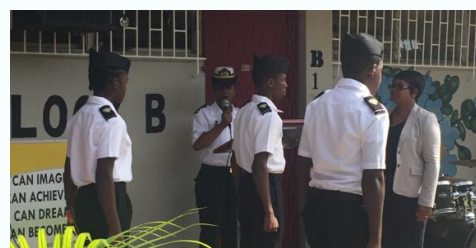
Membership

Past students of the Aabuthnott Gallimore High School are encouraged to become a member of the Alumni. Currently, there are two chapters, one locally and the other a registered 501(c)3 entity in the United States. Registered members pay an annual due of Ja \$4,000.00 for those living in Jamaica and US\$50.00 for those living overseas. The Alumni also welcome associate members. Please encourage your friends and family to join the Alumni as an associate member at an annual discounted rate of Ja \$1000.00 and US\$25.00.

How to register with the alumni: The local chapter had recently created an online Google Form where past students can access the Alumni's registration form.

The Google Form is available via a link that will be sent to the past student's email. Once they have gotten the link, the form will open by clicking this link. You complete all the relevant sections and click submit at the base of the form. To request the Google Form kindly send an email to ghspsa.projects@gmail.com

We are also in the process of creating membership ID's along with the Association's Handbook, which will be made available to all past students.



Brown's Town High Cadet Corps sharing at AGHS

Sports teaches you character, it teaches you to play by the rules, it teaches you to know what it feels like to win and lose-it teaches you about life.
Billie Jean King

Christmas Cantata

The plan is in the pipeline for our annual Christmas Cantata which will be held under the theme **"LOVE HAS COME DOWN"** on December 14 2019, at the Edmondson Methodist Church in Charlton at 5:00 p.m. Participants in the Cantata will be from schools and churches in the surrounding areas close to the school.

The objective of organizing the annual Christmas Cantata is to foster a close relationship among the current students, the community and the Alumni.

Congratulations to the St. Hilda's High School who won the Cantata Trophy for the best item presented at the 2018 Christmas Cantata. They will keep the trophy for a year. Which school will be the winner of the coveted Christmas Cantata trophy at this year's Cantata? We encourage past students, friends and family to join and share in this memorable occasion.



Sports Day

The alumni have since its inception played an integral part in the annual sports day event at the Aabuthnott Gallimore High School. Each sports day, the alumni awards a trophy to the champion team and plaques to the champion boy and girl. We have also donated stopwatches to the sports department.

For the first time this year, the alumni donated forty (40) t-shirts to participating athletes. The t-shirts were divided evenly among the four houses the athletes represented namely; **Beaumont, Hill, Linton and Walford.**

Let's plan to make next year's sports day a bigger and better one by making donations of athletic gears such as t-shirts, shorts, sneakers or spikes to these students. Yes, the next olympian athlete(s) is right there at Aabuthnott! They just need our support to get them on that journey!

Grand Gala Banquet

December 28, 2019, will see the alumni having its third annual Grand Gala Banquet & Ball at the school. The purpose of this fundraising event is to raise funds to assist with the repairing of the roofs at the school. The theme for this banquet is: **"Achieving and Maintaining Excellence"** Past students are encouraged to support this fund-raising event. Stay tuned for more information to follow! The keynote speaker for this

evening will be our popular personality Mr. Mark-Edward



Price for a regular ticket is Ja\$5,000.00 per person and Ja\$6,500.00 for a VIP ticket.



Appeal to Alumni

Our fellow alumni, the students at Aabuthnott Gallimore High School need our support. For us to continue with the work that we have started in giving back to our school; and to expand on services, we need everyone to become a member of the Alumni and start making contributions or donations towards a project of your choice. We do have an account in Jamaica where one can donate. The account is:

National Commercial Bank

Ac# 684-2504-34

Name on account:

Aabuthnott Gallimore Alumni Association

For those who are living overseas and want to contribute through our overseas account you can do so with:

SpaceCoast Credit Union

Ac# 8100001781533

Name on Account:

Aabuthnott Gallimore Alumni Association Inc.

Or on our website at: www.aabuthnottalumni.org

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We want to hear from you...

We want to hear from you! Send us your feedback on things you would like for us to highlight in our next publication or ways we can improve as we go along. Please send your comments to: aghpsa.projects@gmail.com or to npryce@aaluthnottalumni.org

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- GREENHOUSE
- HUMIDITY
- HURRICANE
- LATITUDE
- LONGITUDE
- LOW
- MAP
- METEOROLOGY
- MONSOON
- NORMAL
- OZONE
- PATTERN
- PERCENTAGE
- PRECIPITATION
- PREDICTION
- PRESSURE
- SEASONS
- SPRING
- SUMMER
- TEMPERATURE
- TIDE
- TORNADO
- WEATHER
- WET
- WINDY
- WINTER

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.