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Memories Of Mervyn Moore

Mervyn Moore was born on December 7th, 1939, one of seven children to Louis and Evelyn Moore of Belmont.

He began his teaching career at Fatima College in 1959, and imparted over his years subjects including Geography, History, English Language and Religion. Mervyn received his B.A. Hon (Ext) Degree from London University and his Diploma of Education from the University of the West Indies.

In the Seventies, Mr Moore served as Dean of Forms Three, Four, Five and Six. He was appointed Vice-Principal in September 1976, and Principal in 1981. He retired in December 1999 as one of the longest serving Fatima teachers, and as Principal for 18 years.

Mr. Moore married Zena Aquí and had four children: Anthony, Richard, Louis and Cathy. Mervyn was fundamentally a family man, deeply devoted to his wife, children and his extended family. His faith was central, having been born to staunch Catholic parents and during his years as a student at St. Mary's College being schooled in the philosophy

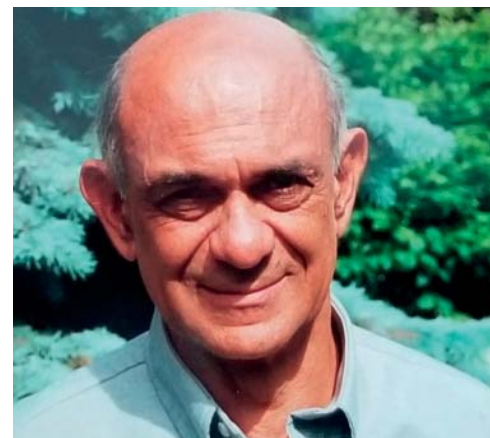
of the Scout Troop run by Fr. Toba Valdez. Mervyn Moore was a daily communicant.

Mervyn The Mixer had a keen interest in sports, particularly football and sailing. At the work level, he was never reluctant to do the most menial of tasks, even as Principal of the College. Having his share of personal challenges, never once did he complain about his fate, he saw it all as God's work.

He forged deep and lasting loyal friendships over the years. As an Administrator, his reputation was that if you did not agree with him there was never the fear that he would use that against you.

His constancy and buoyant personality will always be cherished. He passed away on 20th May 2020, and was laid to rest on 27th May 2020. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

Available to view on YouTube are the following:
His retirement ceremony
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LN-jQQgPK8xM>



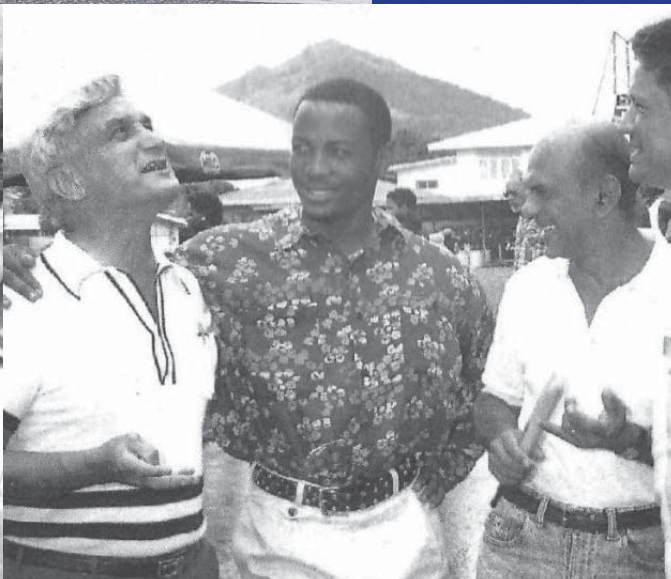
A dedication video featuring an interview with Mr. Moore following his retirement:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5gtB-8PV-1pY>

His funeral at Fatima College:
<https://youtu.be/By3SuJp223Q>

Those wishing to send condolence messages to the family, or share stories about Mr. Moore, can do so on the Mervyn Moore Memorial Website
<http://mervyn-moore.forevermissed.com/>



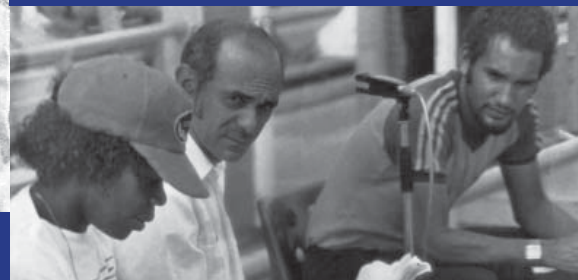
Fr Ryan and Staff 1968. Most notably C. John, E. Pouchet, C. Pantin, R. Holman, M. Brash, M. Moore, F. John



Clive Pantin, Brian Lara and Mervyn Moore



Fatima Teachers Concert 1990's



Keston Sheppard

Mr. Moore was one of a kind. A dynamic, caring and humble teacher and Principal. Monday morning assemblies would always give to us strong words of encouragement, ensuring to instill within us morals and values, that motivated us the strive and conquer. His office door was always opened to everyone. Mr. Moore's legacy will live on. Thank you Sir, and now you go to rest in Heavenly places. My... See More

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Azim Sunderji

A tireless, selfless person. Great principal and teacher. May you Rest In Peace.

5d Like Reply Message



Rion Carlos Mendonca

Wow..another great teacher gone..Mr. moore guided us thru our years as principal. He taught us geography , although he would stray off topic, to share a personal story or 2.. He supported and believed in Fatima, from sports to academics..Rest In Paradise Mr. Mervyn Moore, you will be missed..my condolences to all friends and family..#nitendovinces

5d Like Reply Message



Kendall Thomas

My deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mr Moore, my principal and teacher may he rest in peace....

4d Like Reply Message



Sewhchand Maharaj

He was instrumental in my transfer to Fatima College. A very kind principal in his time. Often taken advantage of due to his kind nature.

4d Like Reply Message



Dre Dre

RIP Mr. Moore and Great Principal, Teacher and Father Figure with 250% EQ and understanding.

5d Like Reply Message



Sheldon TJ

Always held the interest of the students when he taught a class. With his lovely stories. RIP you are remembered for the good work you did.

4d Like Reply Message



Graham Fernandes

RIP Mr. Moore. Thanks for your dedication to leading Fatima in all the years I was there and beyond.

5d Like Reply Message



Roget Bryan

RIP Mr. Moore. Thank you for all you did for so many of us for so many years.

5d Like Reply Message



Top Fan

Stephan Solomon

You have fought a good fight, You have finished your course, You have kept the faith.

Rest in Peace Mr Moore.

5d Like Reply Message

Fatima College and the Covid-19 Pandemic

WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FIRST CASE OF COVID-19 IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ON THURSDAY MARCH 12TH ALL SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING WERE CLOSED ON MONDAY MARCH 16TH.

Fatima College took the policy decision to continue classes online for the remaining three weeks in order to complete the syllabus of the second term.

Mock Exams, which had already begun for Form 5, and Form 6 which were due to begin on Monday 16th were cancelled. School officially closed on Friday April 3rd for the Easter Vacation. On Easter Tuesday, our Administration and Middle Management met to finalise a new timetable for Term III. This commenced on Friday 24th, with virtual classes for Forms 1 to 4, 8:30 to 12 noon, five periods a day using two platforms: Google Classroom (that was already in use), and Zoom.

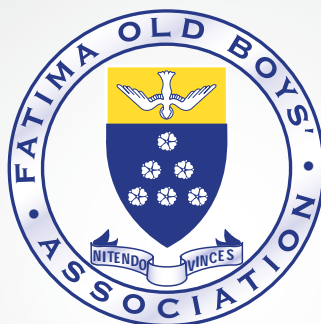
The exam classes of Forms 5 and 6 were served by the platforms of WhatsApp, Google and Zoom, to give feedback for their Mock Exams scripts and Past Paper question.

The affairs of the College—namely H.O.D. and Dean's Meetings, Department Meetings, School Assemblies, Parent Meetings—have all continued via Zoom. The Administrative Office remained opened for limited hours, to respond to the needs particularly of the senior students in their applications for Tertiary Education. There have been challenges, but Staff of the College have willingly answered the call at this time of global crisis. Our efforts have drawn us closer to each other and given renewed commitment to our vocation.



To our students – Strive on
Fatima Boys, Strive on.

Fr. Gregory Augustine, CS.S.p
Principal



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Fatima 75th Anniversary Mass and Launch of **Anniversary Display**

IMAGES FROM THE FATIMA COLLEGE 75TH ANNIVERSARY MASS HELD ON FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY 2020 AT THE SCHOOL QUADRANGLE.

Father Gregory was joined by other priests, bishops and the Most Reverend Charles Jason Gordon, Archbishop of Port of Spain, and Fatima alum, who delivered the homily. The mass was followed by a reception and the official launch of

the 75th Anniversary Display in the school hall. The display ran from Saturday 18th to Friday 24th January and was attended by teachers (past and present) and students (current and former).



Images from FOBA's "Jus Bring It" 2020 Cooler Fete

held in collaboration with Kairi People, on Wednesday 15th January at Salybia



Photos courtesy **Focus** and **Island Mix**. Visit the FOBA Facebook page or FOBA website for full albums

Living The Grey Shirt – Former FOBA President, **Dennis Ramdeen**



1970 Class 3A. Dennis Ramdeen seated front row, 2nd from left.

Q In what years did you attend Fatima?

A 1968 to 1975

Q Describe the culture of the College in your time.

A The culture of the College from my experience was largely shaped by the Principal. My Principals were Father Ryan and Mr Clive Pantin. Father Ryan had a calm temperament, epitomised by the phrase he would use to get the boys at assembly to stop talking and or to pay attention. The phrase “Steady lads” are the words most associated with him. They speak to his style of choosing honey over vinegar although he was no push-over. At the time, Fatima had about six priests and two Brothers on staff. There was a lot of religious activity, including the Legion of Mary and the saying of the Angelus at lunchtime. Wherever you were when the bell sounded for the Angelus, you stopped in your tracks as if the National Anthem were playing. I would summarise this culture as one guided by a gentle giant called Father James Ryan. Discipline served up with velvet gloves.

My second Principal was Clive Pantin, who became Principal in 1972. Mr Pantin was the first layman to hold the post of Principal at a Catholic school run by a religious order (in Fatima’s case the Holy Ghost Fathers). Clive helped to relax Fatima a bit. Yes, we still had all the rules but now we had a Principal who was funny and far more approachable. His addresses at Assembly were legendary, and they provided my first training in corny

jokes and the art of the pun. (Glen Roach also contributed in this area)

I remember my class being asked in Lower Six if we could be anybody in the world, who would we choose to be. I chose Clive Pantin. He was a simple, accessible, humble and hard-working leader, so I did not have to go far for my choice. What school at that time had a Principal that played football with his students? We did.

Clive Pantin made you want to do good. His best trait for me was his care and concern for the underdog. For example, he reached out to our less endowed neighbours at Mucurapo Secondary to share our facilities with them. Our Class of ‘75 put together a video on Mr Pantin entitled “Answering the Call” that can be seen on YouTube. This production with direction and videography by Clifford Seedansingh, gives some insight into why we loved him so much.

Q How long were you on the FOBA committee before you ran for President? Did you hold any positions/Offices prior to being President?

A I joined FOBA sometime around 1978 when I returned from studying in Canada. It was then led by the Founder of FOBA, Derek Johnson. FOBA really struggled in those days to get Past Students to come back to serve. The main project at the time was an Annual Bingo held on the school compound, open air in the current car park area. (This area used to be a tennis court, in Fatima’s early years). There was

also an annual BBQ, and the “Old Boys” ran the bar at the annual Mayfair. In those days we served alcohol. Derek Johnson, Ricki Inniss, Dennis McSween, Dr George Khan, Hollis Roberts, Reynold Makhan were some of the stalwarts of FOBA in the 70’s and 80’s.

Q What made you decide to run for FOBA President?

A When I became President in the early eighties, I think I won by default. At the time you became President by acclamation and since I was the youngest in the bunch, I was told that it was time for me to be President. The whole Executive was selected on that basis.

Q What years (and for how long) were you FOBA President?

A Not sure. It seemed like 3-5 years.

Q What was your vision for FOBA while you were at the helm?

A No grand vision really. We saw ourselves as a fundraising arm of the College and we organised legacy fundraising projects.

Q What was the most challenging aspect of being President of FOBA during your tenure?

A Attracting past students to join us in our volunteerism.

Q What were you most proud of during your tenure as President?

A Our role in helping to fund the Pavilion on the College’s playing field. The Pavilion was designed by Father Gerard Farfan. (Please know though, we were not the sole source of funds for this.)

Q Is there anything you would have liked to have done during your Presidency and that you didn’t get a chance to do?

A Yes. Figure out a way to attract more members, not just to serve on the Executive but also to volunteer to help at our events. It was always the same four or five persons doing the work.

See full interview on
www.foba.fatima.edu.tt

Memorium To Everard Pouchet

ONE OF FATIMA COLLEGE'S MOST BELOVED TEACHERS, MR. EVERARD POUCHET, PASSED PEACEFULLY FROM THIS LIFE ON THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 23RD, 2020. A PRIVATE FUNERAL SERVICE WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL, 2020. EVERARD IS SURVIVED BY SIX CHILDREN.

He was born in Cocorite and became a resident in Diego Martin in 1964 where he lived with his wife, Marlene, and raised their six children.

In April 1990, Fatima Principal Mervyn Moore had an accident which required him to be hospitalized, and Fatima found itself without a Principal, Vice-Principal and Manager. Mr. Pouchet acted as Principal during this time, with Mr. Francis John as Vice-Principal, until July that year when Mr. Moore was able to return and continue his duties. Mr. Pouchet retired from Fatima in 1998 after 32 years of service.



Clive Pantin, with his staff school year 1973-74 and introduction of the first female teachers at far left, Ms. Daphne Haywood, and far right, Ms. Jeanette Zakour. Mr. Pouchet seated front row, 3rd from left.

Vijay Sawh
RIP Mr. Pouchet 😞 Excellent teacher. Made accounts fun with his dry humour and white pocket protector.
4w Like Reply

Hayden Anthony Alexander
RIP Sir. He was strict but a good teacher.
4w Like Reply

Dwayne T. Johnson
Ouch.....so sorry to hear this, many fond memories of this man, RIP Mr. Pouchet.
3w Like Reply

Maurice Williams
Rest In Peace . I remember the days in accounts class and after school lessons
4w Like Reply

Douglas Brunton
Great teacher. Nice man. I remember his A level History class fondly
4w Like Reply

Jason Stedee Stedman
🙏
4w Like Reply

Warren Roberts
My condolences to the family.
4w Like Reply

Brian Findley
My condolences!
4w Like Reply

Top Fan: Stephan Solomon
Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace

Anthony Julien Pacheco
Sincere condolences to all in his family. He was not only a good teacher, but most importantly, a good person. May he rest in peace.
3w Like Reply

Christian Cozier
Definitely had a lasting impact on my career choices. He was a solid, humble and caring teacher. One of the pillars of Fatima College. God rest his soul! 🙏
4w Like Reply

Fidel DeFreitas
RIP Mr. Pouchet. A strict but fair teacher that cared. His history class taught and nurtured my love for history that lasts today. He gave me a chance that I will never forget. One of the great ones! His impact can be seen clearly in all these wonderful

Derek Daniel
Brilliant teacher. Thank you sir for your service. Condolences to his family.
4w Like Reply

Allan Tam
One of the best teachers! He was respectful and maintained total order in the class. Condolences to his family.
4w Like Reply

Charles M Phipps
Smart, lovely and caring man. He taught me, and I worked a year alongside him after leaving Fatima. Rest In Peace.
4w Like Reply

Reginald Rose
My deepest condolences to his family and relatives. And at this time, truly sad. He was one of my favorite teachers. And it was through his class that I developed a love for accounting, even though I never truly followed that dream, and as such I developed a true understanding of critical thinking. Something many still haven't truly grasped. Thank you sir for your tutelage. Your Black slacks, white shirt and black tie showed your commitment to not just teaching, but your love of accounting. You will be remembered.
4w Like Reply

Kyle Rudden
My condolences to the Pouchet family. I remember Mr Pouchet teaching us General Paper in Form 6 (1983-1984). He would deliberately take difficult positions to make us think, and then trip us up in our own illogic. With hindsight, you can see how he was teaching us how to think and how to consider morality from a deeply held philosophical perspective. One of the Fatima teachers who contributed to my life. Rest in Peace indeed!
3w Like Reply

Peter Bynoe
It was an honour to have encountered you in my education at Fatima, as a shining example of impeccable integrity and character. Rest in Peace (class of 82)

#FatimaFlashback

WHICH TEACHER HAS SO MANY STALE JOKES HE COULD WRITE A BOOK?

(Share a couple of those jokes if you remember any).

I would give a slight nod to the late Roderick Glasgow (later principal of Belmont Secondary) And I would say he was intellectually snobby more than stale; but quite funny all the same. Mr. Lee Ha could be corny at times. And Mr. Romero was also corny in his starchy manner. But when you got to know him, he was really a nice guy. Ray Holman could give a good joke every now and again. Clive John tried once in a while, but always failed I would say; but also a nice guy. And our beloved Principal, Clive Pantin, was genuinely funny - GREAT LEADER.

Vinda RamSingh (Form 5: Second time 1970-71)

Teachers seemed far too serious to give any jokes at all.

Desmond Waithe (Form 5, 1961; Form 6, 1963)

Fr Anthony Pantin, stale jokes.
Anthony Isidore Smart (1964)

Had Pouchet for Fm 5 English. First period in morning. Coming from Barataria took the train and then a PTSC school bus to Fatima. I was usually late, train was punctual but bus was always late, so was I. No one else from my class was ever on the bus, so I was always trudging in by myself. It was embarrassing, as everyone felt I was a nuisance walking in late, some took pleasure in hearing my excuses. My excuses were required before I took my seat. One morning Pouchet asked me "What is your excuse this morning Thurton?", with sarcasm he provided an answer in the form of a question "The train tire punctured?". I couldn't beat that one, so I laughed at myself with the class. By the end of the term and time to write O'Level English exam, He said: "Thurton since you were so good at making up excuses I suggest you write a Descriptive essay for your exam." I didn't like English but I passed. Pouchet was cool.

Mr. Roach
Richard Clarke (1985 - Form 5)

Glen Roach
Glenn Mendez (Form 6, 1978)

Clifford Roach
Richard Burgess (88/90)

Raymond Thurton (Form 6, Science 1972)

Mr. Roach
Richard Clarke (1985 - Form 5)

Glen Roach
Glenn Mendez (Form 6, 1978)

Clifford Roach
Richard Burgess (88/90)



The stale joke king had to be Clive John. He is the only man that I know to laugh at his own stale jokes when we were all silent - all the while stroking the wisps of beard.

KEVIN SUARES (FORM 5 IN 1987)

I remember distinctly Clive John wore his belt upside down... had Mexico written on it. When he was eventually told it was upside down, he looked down, bent it towards him and declared, "No, it isn't!". I can't recall any joke more burnt into my memory than that one. He may not have had the most jokes but when he did, they were memorable.

Vishesh RamSingh (1992, Form 5)

The one and only Glen Roach
Robin Mohamid (Class of 1982, A'Levels)

Harry Ramdass always had me in stitches, usually during cricket. Great all 'round guy. I have lots of good memories of him. But incidentally, he is also my answer to your No.2 Question, as I only got strokes once in my time there.

Christian Deane (1999 Form 6)

#FatimaFlashback

WHICH TEACHER GAVE THE HARDEST STROKES?

I got licks twice: once from Fr. Girod, and once from Fr. Ryan. Neither was too bad. But I can't say which teacher gave the hardest strokes. I leave that to those who can speak from regular experience. Although Fr. Farfan looked intimidating as hell—whenever he delivered strokes, his Senior Dean's door was open, for all to gaze upon the unfortunate recipient.
Vinda RamSingh (Form 5: Second time, 1970-71)

Certainly the hardest strokes came from Father K. Power. Interestingly though, Fr Power was like a father to all Fatima Cadets at the annual Cadet Camp. He was the R.C. Chaplain. Subsequently he became the Chaplain in the TTDF and it seemed then that I was his favourite. No more

hard strokes! Dr. Ashton could attest to the power of Fr Power.
Desmond Waithe (Form 5, 1961; Form 6, 1963)

Fr Kevin Power, hard licks.
Anthony Isidore Smart (1964)

I only got strokes once from Mr. Lee Ha and that wasn't fun. Heard Mr. Romero was tough though.
Vishesh RamSingh ('92, Form 5)

I heard it was Romero (never got licks though). But Pantin loved using "Jeze-belle"...
Robin Mohamid (Class of 1982, A' Levels)

Mr. Romero!
Richard Clarke (1985 - Form 5).

Never got... didn't want to tangle with Mr. Gabriel
Glenn Mendez (Form 6, '78)

Romero
Richard Burgess (88/90)

This was a toss up between "Ro" (Rest in peace!) and Mr. Pouchet. Fr. Girod became Form 1 dean when I was in Form 4; he brought "Betsy" out of retirement. It pissed him off terribly when he heard that a Form 1 pupil said that "Girod doh beat hard". Betsy went into immediate retirement and a longer, thicker and stiffer strap came into production.
Kevin Suarez, Form 5 in 1987.

Living The Grey Shirt – Daniel Francis

Q In what years did you attend Fatima, and what influenced your choice of Fatima College for your Secondary School?

A I entered Fatima in 2003 and went on to do Form 6 in 2008. While in Primary School I met Father Gregory who would say Mass at my school pretty frequently. One day he told me that I needed to attend Fatima College after SEA, and following that, my parents and I were hard set on my attending Fatima.

Q Tell us about your memories at Fatima – pleasant and/or non-pleasant? Fondest/Strangest memories? What is the worst mischief you got up to? Any memorable nicknames?

A Fatima was one of the best periods of my life. It really shaped me as a person. I learned about camaraderie and how to express myself confidently. At first when I entered it was very different for me because I went to a mixed primary school. So, being in an all-boys school was an adjustment...but eventually not that big.

My fondest memory is an easy one: It was my birthday on April 15th, 2008, and I was enjoying my Easter holidays. The first year of Lower 6 was about to begin and I was excited about the new challenge. Father G called me to wish me a happy birthday and to share some exciting news that I would be the next Head Prefect. That moment will forever be stamped in my mind. Worst mischief would definitely be the slap wars and random water fights we got into. Our teachers were really getting fed up with our wildness. In my year there were many nicknames for boys as we went up the different forms but we really stuck to calling each other by our last names. So I was simply known as Francis mainly.

Q Did you play any sports or take part in any extracurricular activities at Fatima? What sports do you follow now and what are your favourite teams?

A Yes, I played table-tennis and football, but my main love was basketball. I played the majority of the time I was in Fatima and even helped the team through some successful seasons. I follow the NBA and international football very closely. My favourite basketball team is the Lakers and my favorite football team is Barcelona.

Q Tell us about your life and career after Fatima.

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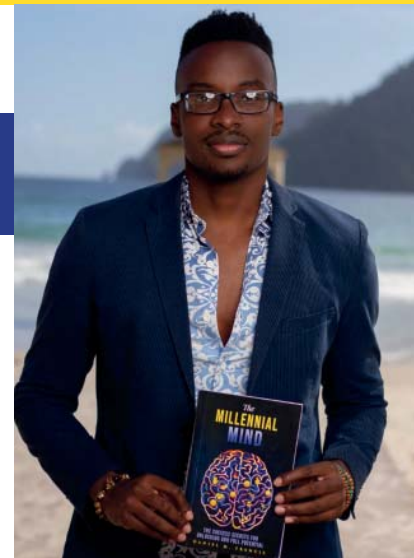


A After Fatima, I took a year off to do my SATs and I got a full scholarship based on that and my extracurricular activities to attend a school called Loyola University in New Orleans. Those four years were eye-opening, amazing and I was able to make great new friendships. I graduated with a Biology degree and a minor in Latin American Studies. The plan was to return to Trinidad and start medicine but when I returned I was unable to commit to applying. Lost and confused I worked miserably for two years until I finally asked my parents for help. Luckily, they are leadership development coaches and they prompted me to do my first ever personal development program. It changed my life. I found my purpose through the course, became more goal-oriented, and had a new verve for life. That began my journey as a personal development coach.

Along the way I also joined an event company called EEEmpire that has had huge success in the Event sphere. We even threw 'Sekon Sunday' on Fatima Grounds, allowing Nesta and me to 'return home'—which was a great experience! I became a host of an online show called "Up in Yuh Business", where I interview young entrepreneurs in Trinidad and Tobago on an online network called "Trinidad and Tobago Good News Network". Then in late 2019, I committed to writing a book called "The Millennial Mind: Success Secrets for Unlocking Your Full Potential". It was launched on my birthday, 15th April 2020, and has been widely successful.

Q The official book launch was planned to take place at Fatima College, but because of the COVID-19 pandemic, you were forced to have instead a virtual book launch on April 30th. Tell us about that and other challenges you have faced with the ongoing pandemic.

A When COVID-19 made its way to our shores, I kept my fingers crossed that I would still be able to have my launch at Fatima on April 15th. I was crushed when the government announced that all



non-essential businesses would be closed and we could not gather in groups larger than 5. I had made these plans almost six months before so it was really a crushing blow. I took some time to absorb the reality and accept that I would not be able to do this how I had originally planned. I then dusted myself off and challenged myself to make this great somehow. That is where the idea of the first-ever virtual book launch came from. It was streamed through Instagram live and had all the bells and whistles of a book launch but with a Trinbago twist.

I had Keevo the entertainer as the host, held the live at a well-lit studio, observed the social distancing policy of no more than 5 people in a group, and had all the entertainment join in live from the comfort of their homes. I read an excerpt from my book, gave a speech, had a violinist serenade my audience, a spoken-word artist give a lyrical performance, and even had Nesta (Sekon Sta) say some words during the event. It all ended with a virtual after-party where Nailah Blackman performed and we ended with DJ Charlotte and Kris Kennedy playing us off. It concretized in my mind that anything is possible once you put your mind to it.

So even though I am getting challenges with distributing my book during this pandemic, I am still able to crush the typical statistics of a first-time author. The stats show that first-time authors only sell about 250-500 books in their first year of publication. We are close to the end of May and I am almost at 500 books sold—after approximately one month! We have to get creative with the times that we are in, and we must reframe our circumstances to stop seeing the negative and see the opportunities in front of us.

See full interview on
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The Fatima College Parent Support Group (PSG)

FATIMA COLLEGE PSG IS A VOLUNTEER GROUP OF PARENTS WORKING TOGETHER TO PROMOTE AND ASSIST IN A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES AT THE COLLEGE AND IN KEEPING WITH THE COLLEGE'S OBJECTIVES.

THE ROLE OF THE PSG

The PSG works in tandem with the Principal and Staff in achieving the College's objectives including:

- Fundraising (via corporate and/or individual sponsorships)
- Event Co-ordination
- Communications
- Volunteering of physical assistance

To achieve these goals, the PSG seeks to:

- Act as a communication-conduit between the College and home...via a Class Rep Coordinator and a team of Class Representatives
- Encourage parents to participate in the College's events and activities, this having proved to be positive reinforcement to students as they see their parents involved with the College
- Speak on behalf of our children in the College and those in the wider community, as well as on decisions affecting the children.

PSG Executive Committee Members (2019-2020):

President - Douglas D'Abadie
1st Vice President - Aimee Bartholomew
2nd Vice President - Rodney Sayney
Secretary - Cherrie Charles
Assistant Secretary - Ninoska Mack
Class Rep Coordinator - Jo-Ann Traboulay

ANNUAL EVENTS ASSISTED BY THE PSG JULY

Student Orientation:

This is the first forum for meeting the new parents, and the following occurs:

- The PSG jumps into its full PR role
- The Class Rep Coordinator(CRC) fields the data
- The CRC obtains volunteers to serve as Class Reps and/or PSG members.

NOVEMBER

Fatima 5K Run/Walk:

This event has grown tremendously over the years. It is the start of the Sports Season and all Houses rival for the Top 20, 100 and Greatest House Participation awards—a fine way to bring parents, siblings, friends, and the young men closer.

Gifts of Blue and Gold (GOBAG):

GOBAG is a Concert which puts on display

the numerous artistic talents sprouting at the College. It was started in 2009, and has become a 'new tradition' to the halls of Fatima. The production showcases performances by groups such as the Senior Choir, Pepper Pot Production's Drama students and the Steel-band Ensemble. It incorporates students from Forms 1 through to 6. It also features a Joint Choir: Fatima boys with the girls of the Holy Name Convent Choir.

At the Concert, the PSG works in multiple areas as backstage-hands, makeup assistants, helpers with refreshments for the cast and crew, supervising students, and (with the Form 5 parents), the running of the bar.

DECEMBER

PSG Meet and Greet:

This is the last PSG Meeting for the year, with sharing and socializing among the Principal, Teachers and Parents.

FEBRUARY/MARCH

Sports Day:

This Day is fully organized by the College, but the PSG assists with the Start and Finish lines, scoring, and running the bar. Full proceeds of the bar go towards prizes at the Carnival Celebrations.

Carnival Celebrations:

This is another Event in which the talented Fatima boys vie for prizes—in Pan, Ex-tempo/ Calypso Competitions, to name a few. The PSG is responsible for assisting with décor, obtaining attractive prizes (including cash, electronic devices, vouchers, etc).

APRIL

Career Day:

Career Day was totally up-modeled in 2015 into a full Expo which showcases the areas of interest the students themselves suggest. It targets especially the Form 3 students, and is designed to assist them in identifying the subject areas they would choose for their future career paths.

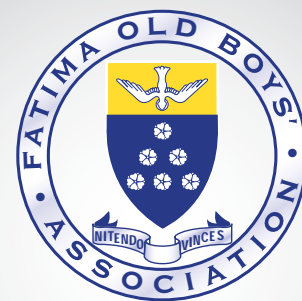
The PSG is tasked with seeking an appropriate myriad of capable and knowledgeable Presenters to share their experience and knowledge with the boys in identified areas of study. The Expo provides speakers, as well as a range of interactive booths.



MAY

Mayfair:

The annual Mayfair is the College's major fundraiser, the PSG entrusted with helping in areas including the Disco, and Fun Events (e.g. Bouncy Castles, Mechanical Bull, etc).



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WHAT ARE YOUR BAD MEMORIES OF CAFETERIA FOOD?

Miss Campbell's juice, it was like the quality of mercy: it was not strained! Those pizzas that everyone clamoured for but they were doughy and gross and needed to be doused in ketchup.

Vishesh RamSingh, '92, Form 5

Didn't eat much cafeteria food. Had lunch from the guy who used to pull up in his van on the field by the cafeteria.

Christian Deane (1999, Form 6)

The hamburgers were tough and leathery, overcooked beyond belief. Some time around mid-Form 2, I stopped buying lunch there and would get food from the vendors, rarely setting foot in there. This was about a year after Ms. Campbell died, and she really ran that place well. George doubles was a must at break-time; there was a second vendor who sold doubles too but also had lunchtime roti.

Kevin Suarez (Form 5 in 1987)

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Not a bad memory...but I remember sharing soft drink and juice with 3-4 friends ..backwash...

GLENN MENDEZ (FORM 6, '78)

The potato puffs in the old caf next to the Bio lab (where they moved the Art Studio to)

Robin Mohamid (Class of 1982, A' Levels)

Everything in the cafeteria sucked
Richard Burgess (88/90)

Intercol Nostalgia Football Festival

ON 29 FEBRUARY 2020, FATIMA AND FRIENDS PARTICIPATED IN THE ANNUAL INTERCOL NOSTALGIA FOOTBALL FESTIVAL ON ST. MARY'S GROUNDS.

The goal of the festival is not only to foster camaraderie among the participating Intercol schools/Colleges but also to give back to the aging football community by way of assisting with medical expenses. Besides Fatima College in the matches, there were representatives from Naparima College, Presen-

tation College, St. Anthony's College, St. Augustine Secondary, St. Benedict's College, St. Francis College, St. Mary's College and Tranquility Secondary. There were four (4) age categories: Under 25, 25 to 40, 41 to 55, and Over 55; and Fatima had teams in the 25 to 40 and 41 to 55 categories.



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