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Images from the Fatima 2024 All-Inclusive Carnival Fete, "Quantum Revelry"

held on Saturday 3rd February







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Tribute to Alloy Lee Ha

Hailing from the humble fishing village of Mayaro, Alloy Lee Ha was a legendary teacher to many generations of students at Fatima College.

Fatima student from 1954 to 1959, he represented the school in Cricket, Football, Chess, and Badminton, and was a Scholarship winner. When he returned to Fatima as a teacher in 1966, he taught Maths and Add Maths, as well as English Language, English Literature, French, Spanish, Latin, History and Geography. He was head of the department for Maths and Languages and served as Deans of Forms 3 and 5. He even served as Form 6 Dean, as well as Acting School Principal, both for short periods of time.

A number of Fatima teachers were actually students of Mr. Lee Ha. At different times, he taught Mr. Clifford Roach, Mr. Brash, Mr. Pierre, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Ramdass and Fr. Mc Phillip.

Mr. Lee Ha retired in 2001 after 35 years of service, and passed away on the 24th of April 2024. He has left an indelible impression on all who were taught by him.

More extensive information on his many achievements and life at Fatima can be seen in a 2021 tribute on the FOBA website: [Tribute to Alloy Lee Ha \(Alumnus and Retired Teacher\) | Fatima Old Boys Association](#)

Rest in Peace Sir...you truly personified our motto #NitendoVinces.

Mrs Jeanette Zakour-Elias

Jeanette Zakour-Elias was one of the first two female teachers at Fatima College, the other being Daphne Haywood.

They began in September 1973, both past students of Holy Name Convent. Jeanette was an Island Scholarship winner in Languages and after completing her years at university, assumed duties at Fatima College which was her first job. Jeanette taught French, Spanish and Religion and exuded a confidence well beyond her years. She was focused and passionate about her subjects and a consummate professional.... there was no time to waste. Both students and colleagues speak in glowing terms of her years in Fatima from 1973 to 1979, taking a break to do a year stint in France. Jeanette set the bar high for the female teachers that followed. Fatima can boast of their teachers who are dedicated to the vocation and Jeanette was the key stone. **May she rest in peace.**



Dr Bernard Tappin

Dr Bernard Tappin, who served as Vice-Principal of Fatima College from 1991-2000, passed away on 14th February 2014

He was a well-known educator, not only at Fatima College but also at Holy Cross College, Arima. He was a former teacher and Dean at Holy Cross College from 1975 to 1991, before going to Fatima. He returned to Holy Cross College where he served as Principal from 2000 to 2006.

He was contributor to the Catholic Education Board of Management for a few years. The Catholic News often turned to Dr Tappin for historical information on the Archdiocese. **May he rest in eternal peace.**



Tribute to Robert Solomon – RIP September 2022

Robert Solomon's legacy remains a cornerstone of the Fatima Old Boys' Association.



*Always
an Epitome
of Happiness*

Robert had what some may call an idiosyncratic habit of jumping. His life and his personality seemed to be one of high-spirited 'jumping for joy'. His artistic juices as a Designer Par Excellence appeared to flow easily, as he created endless works of art for an eclectic range of clients, including FOBA. For FOBA—thinking and talking at a speed that was so alive—he originated punchy themes for all our events, and followed those with knock-out décor that went perfectly with each occasion.

As his work sprouted around us at all Fatima events and across T&T, it blossomed throughout the world wherever his designs were installed. He made every event more spectacular, which lead us to an overwhelming love for Robert. We came to appreciate this joyful persona that we will always hold dear in our hearts.

All of that understanding was to tell us that when Robert jumped, it was really to touch the sky. Now he has finally and joyfully done that... and he can rightfully rest in peace.

As the former Creative Director for Fatima Fete and all things FOBA, Robert's innovative vision and unwavering dedication profoundly impacted our community. His creative leadership transformed our events into unforgettable experiences, fostering a strong sense of camaraderie and school spirit.



“ Since his passing, I, Jelani Christian Corbie (Class of 2016, Form 5), have had the privilege of succeeding him in this esteemed role. In my tenure, I strive to honour Robert's remarkable contributions, even while infusing my own style and perspective, ensuring that our events continue to uphold the high standards Robert established, as we all adapt to the evolving needs of our Association. - Jelani Corbie



Photos by Kermit

Images from JBI "Jus Bring It" Cooler Fete, held in collaboration with Kairi People, on Wednesday 10th January 2024





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Living the Grey Shirt – Garvin Warwick

After being a basketball player for 10 years, Garvin Warwick (Class of 1997) joined the Fatima College basketball program in 2010 as a way to start giving back to his alma mater. He was Assistant Head Coach for two years before Fr. Gregory asked him to spearhead the program in 2012.

While the College has won 10 divisional titles, The National Championships Competition was resumed in 2023 after a 10-year hiatus. The Under-15s went undefeated for the entire season and were crowned National Under-15 Champions; the Under-17s also went undefeated for the season, eventually crowned National Champions. In 2024, Fatima captured titles in the Under-15, Under-17 and Under-20 divisions.

Garvin has held many leadership positions in sport including Executive Member of the Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee (April 2013–November 2017), President of the National Basketball Federation of Trinidad and Tobago (March 2014–January 2016), and Advisor to the Minister of Sport and Youth (March 2016–April 2018).

With the need for showcasing the talent of the Caribbean, Garvin and his team established the company “Next Level Performance TT” (NLP) in 2022, with the aim of bridging the gap between Caribbean athletes and the US and Canadian Collegiate systems and coaches. Their mission is to assist student athletes to build a profile that is detailed for College and University scouts. NLP also assists with scholarship preparation and opportunities for Caribbean Athletes. <https://nextlevelperformancett.com>.

Garvin was involved as well in the formation of Spartans TT Sports Club, an organisation which helps in cultivating the athletic potential of young aspiring athletes in Trinidad and Tobago. <https://www.facebook.com/SpartansTT>

Q Why did you select Fatima?

A My two older brothers Nicholas and Garth Warwick attended Fatima College. Being a younger sibling, in Primary School I attended all the Intercol matches and became a Fatima fan.

Q How was your experience at Fatima—pleasant and/or non-pleasant; worst mischief, etc.

A Fatima College days were the best days of my life. I tell stories to my players all the time.

I credit my willingness to give back to Fatima College to Fr Gregory Augustine and Mrs Hubbard, because they saw something in me that I didn't see in myself, and they gave me opportunities to lead and manage the basketball Form 1 League as well as other activities at the College.

Q What sports, if any, did you participate in in Fatima?

A I played Basketball of course, but also played Football. Played in a few Second Eleven games too.

Q Who was your favourite teacher(s) and which teacher(s) did you give the most trouble.

A My favorite teachers were Fr Gregory Augustine and Mrs Hubbard (Geography) ‘Trouble’ was Mrs Kublalsingh and Mr Gibson (Principles of Business). But with age brings wisdom. (I thank them all immensely for their patience and dedication.)

Q Have you been able to maintain friendships with your classmates since school? Any class reunions?

A All my good friends to this day are my College mates—Miguel Cielto, Damion Hepburn Brent Radix Kayle Nurse, Sean Inness...to name just a few.

Q What was your academic path immediately after Fatima, and how did you get onto the basketball court.

A After Fatima, I went on to work at TSTT in 1999. There I was in Sales, and because I was introduced to Marketing and Advertising campaigns, I decided to do a diploma in Marketing...and the rest is history. I now hold a Master's in Strategic Marketing from Anglia Ruskin University. After my studies in Marketing, and my picking up coaching, I went on to further my academic progress with a diploma in the Art and Science of Coaching from the University of the West Indies, plus I secured my FIBA Level 1 Certification (International Certification). I went on to do a post-graduate diploma in



Sports Management at the UWI, attaining First-Class honours and election as Class Valedictorian. I coach not only at Fatima College but also at Holy Name Convent and for Spartans TT. My education in basketball is always literally on-the-go and on-going as I travel annually to join coaches and programmes in the US, to learn new and advanced training techniques.

Q Tell us about the evolution of Fatima basketball since you took over the program. What have been the most important/significant changes? What have been the highlights? Whether there's still room for improvement?

A Since taking over the basketball programme in 2012, it has been all about developing a ‘winning culture’, on and off the court. In my first year, we finished 2nd in U17 and 3rd in U15. But that was based on the talent of one or two players who were in the programme. It was not until the 2015-16 season we started seeing the fruits of our labour: we won the U15 North Zone School League Title—the first in the school's history!

In 2017, we captured the U20 North Zone School Basketball Title. But our best two seasons turned out to be 2022-2023 and 2023-2024...having captured all North Zone School Basketball Titles in both seasons, as well as five Trinidad and Tobago Schools Basketball Titles. We brought home the coveted National U20 Title to Fatima College! With only two of the three National titles captured in our last two outings, we still need to capture all three in the same year!!

Q What were your main responsibilities during your time as Executive Member of the Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee?

A My role was to support the Marketing efforts, and that was a part of the President's overall campaign “10Gold24”.



Q With the Paris Summer Olympics on the horizon, is there anything in particular that has your attention, that you are looking forward to seeing?

A As a marketer, I always love to see the creativity of the Opening Ceremony. We'll enjoy seeing our Trinidad athletes showing off the red, white and black. Of course, I'm always locked into the basketball, with my favorite players LeBron James and Aja Wilson trying to bring high glory for Team USA.

Q You are also the the Assistant Coach of the National Under-17 Girls' Basketball

“ Fatima College days were the best days of my life. I tell stories to my players all the time. I accredit my willingness to give back to Fatima College to Fr Gregory Augustine and Mrs Hubbard, because they saw something in me that I didn't see in myself.”

Team. How do you balance all your work, school and home responsibilities?

A It's always challenging, but it requires proper scheduling, and understanding organizations, as well as a supportive family. My wife and kids are very supportive of my basketball coaching career. They understand the work I put into it, and that it's not just a hobby but a way of life.

Q You obviously have a passion for developing youth sports and beyond. What do you see as your overall mission/goal?

A I've been fortunate to have good people around me in my life, starting from in my teenage years, with influencers from Teachers to Coaches. And can't forget my mother who played a pivotal role.

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

Dining With The Saints 2024

In cherished tradition, members of the Fatima Old Boys' Association came out to support our brothers of the St. Mary's College CIC Past Students Union for Dining with the Saints on Saturday 15th June, adding to the vast menus with dishes such as BBQ Jerk Chicken, Curry Stew Pork, Hong Kong Tuna and Bake & Shark.

The chefs on duty were sub-committee chairmen, Peter Corbie and Jelani Corbie, along with FOBA Secretary Ronald Williams. FOBA has participated in Dining with the Saints since its inception and it is one of our long-standing representations of camaraderie.

We look forward to having the CIC PSU at our Fatima Food Fest this coming October, where they will no doubt bring some stellar dishes to wow the patrons.



Living the Grey Shirt – Fatima Teacher Kwasi Noel

Kwasi Noel (Class of 2001/2003), has been a member of the Fatima Staff since 2007. He teaches French and Spanish and has been a Dean since 2015 (Form 6 until December 2023; Form 4 from January 2024 to present).



"Gifts of Blue and Gold" ("GOBAG"), the Fatima Annual November Concert, was started in 2009 as a fundraiser concert for the Form 5 graduation. It was then under the leadership of the College's Choir Director Kwasi Noel. The concert has now grown and become a tradition, staged in the Hall at Fatima. Moreover, it has become an opportunity for the College's various music groups to showcase what they learned in their extracurricular activity, outside the realm of competition. Most of the performances are by the Choirs of the College, but there are displays of musical talent by the various instrumental groups and instrumentalists who collaborate to form The Orchestra. Additionally, singers from Holy Name Convent have become welcome participants in the production.

Q Why did you choose to attend Fatima as a student?

A I came from a family of devout Catholics. Particularly so was my maternal grandmother, who as part of her faith, often prayed the Rosary and loved the Church's Marian doctrines. She was born in 1917 and thus grew up learning about the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima in Portugal, as occurred in 1917. As a result, my attending a school consecrated to Our Lady of Fatima was a given for my family. At my age then, I had no understanding other than that I wanted to pass for Fatima College!

Q How was your experience at Fatima—pleasant and/or non-pleasant; worst mischief, etc.?

A Looking back now, it was no different to any of life's circumstances or anyone's school life: there were great times, I encountered

amazing people, and there were the tumultuous days of challenges—all amalgamating to help me to be an adult who could make some sort of useful contribution to society.

Q What sports, if any, did you participate in in Fatima?

A For a little while I was into swimming, which I continued to do beyond my Fatima years.

Q Who was your favourite teacher(s), who was the scariest teacher(s) and which teacher(s) did you give the most trouble?

A I had great respect for all my teachers but Madame Allison Poon (and everyone knew this) was my favourite and scariest—an amazing dichotomy when I think of it. I wouldn't say that I was a trouble-maker (my mother was a teacher too!).

Q Have you been able to maintain friendships with your classmates since school? Any class reunions?

A Yes, I remain in contact with friends from back then, and I ended up working with one of them at Fatima—he is now a priest: Fr. Maurice White.

Q Give us the 'back-story' about the Fatima music program, and your role as Fatima Choir Director.

A Music has always been integral to life at Fatima and choral singing was a major part of this. Mr. Maurice Brash along with Ms. Myrtle Cumberbatch ran the choral program in my time as a student. With Mr. Brash's encouragement, a group of us who participated in Music Festival joined the Marionettes Chorale in 2002 when we were in Lower 6, and my interest and skills in choral singing (because singing in a choir is a different skill) grew and flourished there.

When I joined the Fatima Staff in 2007, I saw myself as just helping out, especially since I replaced Mr. Brash in the French/Spanish department. I never would have thought my involvement would have evolved into my leading the choir.



I think the music program has really grown. What existed has expanded, and what wasn't there before was created—all due to the commitment of many stakeholders (teachers, parents, students, individual alumni and FOBA itself as an organization.) In addition to Ms. Cumberbatch (who remains as our accompanist), several other persons are keeping music alive at Fatima: Music Teachers Ms. Nivedita Nobbee & Mr. Akil Patrick; Pan Directors Mr. Roy Edwards and his daughter Roisha, and Mr. Leon Grey, an old-boy and now Fatima parent who runs the Drumming Ensemble.

Q GOBAG last year (2023) celebrated 15 years of stagings. Tell us about how you got involved back in 2009 and how it has evolved over the years, and about the eventual involvement of the Holy Name singers.

A When I was a student, from 1996 - 2003, Fatima never had a major school concert. Back then, I would have wished that such productions existed. In September 2009, I took on the task of coordinating the Form 5 Graduation, and at a planning meeting, Mr. Michael Roberts, an old-boy and one of the parents of the boys of the class of 2010, suggested a concert as a fundraiser! That became a good excuse to get something off the ground—something I would have wanted to have seen happen at the College when I was a student.

It was also made easier because the then newly-installed Principal Fr. Gregory was all for it, and he gave me full support. Particularly in those early years, when I had less experience as a 'Project Manager', nothing was spared to ensure the success of the show. I like to think that FOBA's construction of the mezzanine and upgrades to the Hall were made because of GOBAG (well I know it was at least part of it).

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

Unitus and Competere – FOBA/St. Mary’s College Past Students Union Joint Christmas Dinner

Fatima, CIC embark on kindred spirit of unity

The Fatima Old Boys Association and the St Mary’s College Past Students Union (CICPSU) are trying to put aside the concept of rivalries between the two institutions and work together for the commonality and betterment of their students.

On December 7th 2023, the first step in this process was made as the two entities met at the Fatima College Hall along Mucurapo Road, St James, for a dinner that was themed ‘Unitus and Competere’.

It was attended by past students of both esteemed colleges, who both gave their assurances to work together to ensure the betterment of both institutions.

Father Gregory Augustine, Chairman of the Holy Ghost Fathers told the Express that the idea for the collaboration came about in July during a mission of the Holy Ghost Fathers.

“We’ve had a friendly rivalry over the years but this year, with all that’s happened in recent times, and what’s going on in the world with so much division and alienation, we opted to have an initiative together. To come together and find the best path forward for each college, in terms of challenges and opportunities, but doing so working hand in hand. And we didn’t want this to be something only in words and platitudes, we wanted it to be tangible. So, we came together and organized the way forward and decided to do some initiatives together. This dinner was the meeting in preparation for this step, and we have other things planned including fundraisers and parties, and other such things,” Fr. Augustine said.

He said that he believed that both schools, and even their past student unions, can learn from one another, and he hoped that it would be a step for the betterment of all colleges in the future, not just CIC and Fatima.

“We all are unique, yes. But there is a commonality. A kindship of spirit. Born from the excellence that both schools and their students try to achieve. And that expands not just to the students, but to any national of this country. We are human beings, and we all should be looking out for each other and supporting each other. It should not be a competition, or bitterness, or jealousy thing. We all need that sense of community which has been

eroded over the last few years. If one succeeds, we all succeed, and it should not be a situation where we are angry at another, or because they are from different schools or communities that we do not help one another.

“We need unity, not just in our schools, but in our country as a whole. And this is just one of the first steps these committees can use to hopefully bring us to this. Cause we all come from common heritages and even experiences. We are far more alike than we are different, and this is what we need to focus on. Yes, we are still schools and we have to ensure the legacy of academic excellence continues. But we would also like to believe that schools are more than a place to beat books. They are institutions of learning, what it means to be an adult, a worker, a brother, a husband, a father, a human being. We want to start emphasizing the importance of the excellence of being a human being and why the motto is ‘Together we aspire, together we achieve,’” Augustine said.

Alexander Bruzual, Trinidad Express, 11 December 2023



Teacher Ronald Williams, left, and 181 Design Build director Jessel Evens.

Schools share common heritage St Mary’s, Fatima join forces

St Mary’s College and Fatima College held their first joint Christmas Dinner together recently at Fatima College on Mucurapo Road, Port-of-Spain.

The Holy Ghost Fathers are responsible for the two colleges and they wanted greater collaboration

between the schools, so there are now plans to do fundraising events together.

The expectation is that the students will recognise that they come from a common heritage and experience and are more alike than different.



Stephanie Weekes, left, and Donnella Rodriguez. PICTURES ANISTO ALVES

Friday, December 22, 2023
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C-PSU VP - Fundraising Matthew Leach, left, attorney Marielle Leach, FOBA member Raymond Samms and former member Ann Mouttel. PICTURE ANISTO ALVES



C-PSU president Gregg Mannette, left and FOBA president Kevin Crosby.



neke St Rose, left, and Danielle Paty-Quow



CICF consultant Sean Valley, left, and Fr. Gregory Augustine.



Event coordinator Pauline Charles-Knott, left, FOBA VP Christian Flemming and Holy Ghost Fathers board member Dwight Andrews.

Fatima College Mayfair 2024

Fatima College held their annual Mayfair on Sunday 5th May. FOBA, reprising a traditional role, was responsible for the management and running of the bar, with the invaluable assistance of Fatima alumni, family and friends.



FATIMA MAYFAIR 2024
CINCO DE MAYO

<p>BBQ</p> <p>Extras will be considered after paid ticket holders collect</p> <p>11 AM-3:30 PM</p>	<p>KIDS WORLD</p> <p>Balloon Animals Cotton Candy Popcorn Giant Connect 4 Lucky Dip Musical Chairs Raffles Tin Pan Alley</p> <p>ALL \$10 each</p> <p>NOON-6 PM</p>	<p>BINGO</p> <p>No pre-sale ENTRY \$100 (9 complimentary cards) Additional cards \$10 each</p> <p>1 PM-5 PM (Entrance from NOON)</p>	<p>DISCO</p> <p>\$125 at door Bands upon entry Non-alcoholic drinks included Door prize</p> <p>2 PM-6 PM</p>
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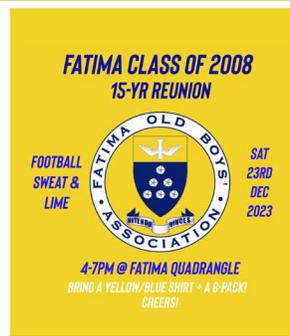
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Class of 2008 15-Year Reunion

The Class of 2008 celebrated their 15-Year Reunion on **23rd December 2023** with their 1st Reunion Sweat and Lime (Yellow vs Blue) at the Fatima College Quadrangle. The reunion was very successful and enjoyable, fielding around 40-50 Fatima old boys, and Fr. Gregory was even present to join in the celebration.



Form 3 Career Day 2024

The Fatima College Form 3 Career Day was held on 17 April 2024, with “Service to Country” as the theme.

The Featured Speaker was the Honorable Stuart Young, Minister of Energy and Energy Industries, who shared insights into his own career path, and offered advice as to how students can consider their subject choices.

Students had the opportunity to visit 15 booths representing different potential career paths—those including Agriculture, Architecture, Business, Cyber and National Security, Energy, Hospitality and Tourism, Manufacturing, Medicine, Media, Religion, STEM, and Sport.

A few Fatima alumni who participated in the Career Day, share their experiences below.

I recently had the privilege of representing my organisation Precision Cyber at Fatima College’s Career Day, centered around the theme of “Service to Country.” Engaging with the bright minds of Form 3 students was an enriching experience that I’ll cherish.

The event served as a platform to introduce students to various industries pivotal to Trinidad and Tobago’s growth and development. It was

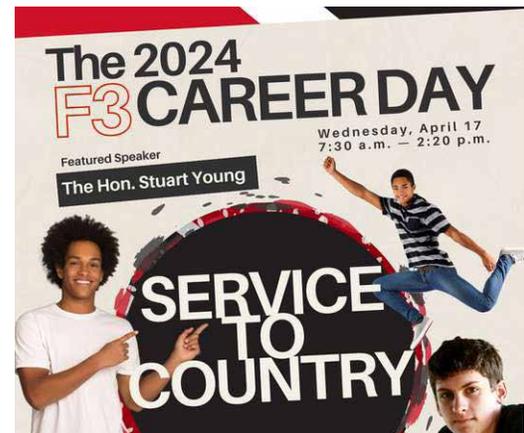
incredibly inspiring to witness their enthusiasm and eagerness to explore opportunities in these key sectors.

As an alum of Fatima College, being able to contribute to the event and ignite the curiosity of young minds, particularly in the field of IT and cybersecurity, was immensely gratifying. In today’s digital age, where cyber threats pose significant challenges to organizations, it’s imperative to equip the next generation with the necessary knowledge and skills to navigate these risks effectively.

I firmly believe that by empowering our youth with the tools to understand and address cybersecurity challenges, we’re not only safeguarding our nation’s digital infrastructure but also nurturing a generation of resilient and innovative leaders.

A heartfelt ‘thank you’ to Fatima College for providing this invaluable opportunity for me to give back to my alma mater and contribute to the development of future leaders.

Garvin Warwick (Class of 1997)





It was a privilege and an honor to experience what felt like a “full circle moment” facing Fatima youngsters. I am active in the fields of Science, Art and Athletics, and I represented the notion that you can be good at more than one thing while forging unique solutions for each—informed by all of them.

Based on the kinds of questions that were asked, we have a bright future that will be shaped by those ahead of us. It was a very well-organized event with thoughtful speakers. I would like to extend a personal thank you to Aprile Akim who made this cherished memory possible.

Dexter Browne (Class of 1984)



When I was approached to be a part of this event, I felt duty bound, honored and excited because I was given a platform to give back to the school and teachers to whom I owe so much for their molding me into the human being I have become and continue to strive to be. It afforded me yet another opportunity to impact the lives of some of our nation's youth who may mature to be successful well-rounded individuals and future leaders.

It gave me the chance to reconnect with my past. That re-emphasized to me just how much things have changed and how advanced we as a society have become. I sincerely hope that I was able to open some eyes to see the fulfilling world of sport administration and management.

Given the opportunity again in the future I would not hesitate to seize the moment! **Strive on Fatima Boys, Strive on.**

Richard Piper (Class of 1983)
National Teams Director
Trinidad and Tobago Football Association (TTFA)

Fatima College Sports 2023 to 2024 Year in Review

FOOTBALL

Senior Football Team – **North League Champions and Secondary Schools Premiership League Champions**, their first national league title since 1978.



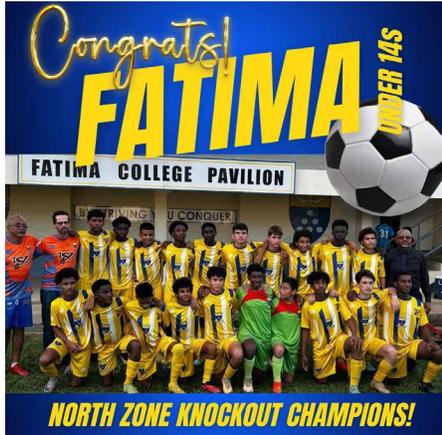
2023 - Premiership Standings

School	P	W	D	L	G.F.	G.A.	G.D.	PTS.
1 Fatima College	15	13	01	01	50	08	42	40
2 St. Benedict's College	15	11	02	02	51	10	41	35
3 San Juan North Sec.	15	10	03	02	37	14	23	33
4 Presentation College	15	09	04	02	25	08	17	31
5 Naparima College	15	08	03	04	48	14	34	27
6 Arima North Sec.	15	07	05	03	24	10	14	26
7 St. Anthony's College	15	08	02	05	34	21	13	26
8 Trinity College East	15	05	03	07	24	28	-04	18
9 East Mucurapo Sec.	15	05	03	07	28	40	-12	18
10 Malick Secondary	14	05	02	07	37	25	12	17
11 Queen's Royal College	15	05	02	08	30	32	-02	17
12 Speyside Secondary	15	04	05	06	18	29	-11	17
13 St. Mary's College	14	05	02	08	26	40	-14	17
14 Bishop's High School	13	01	01	11	07	40	-33	04
15 Pleasantville Sec.	14	01	01	12	12	72	-60	04
16 Chaguanas North Sec.	15	01	01	13	05	65	-60	04

U16 – Treble Champions (North League, North Knockout, National League)



U14 – North Knockout Champions



U13/Form 1 - Treble Champions (North League, North Knockout, National League)



WATER POLO

Republic Bank National Secondary Schools Waterpolo League:

Senior Team – Successfully defended the **Championship Title** and took home the **Gold**.

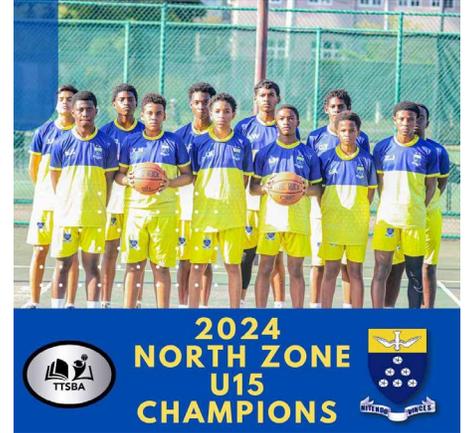
U14 – Gold

Form 1 – Bronze

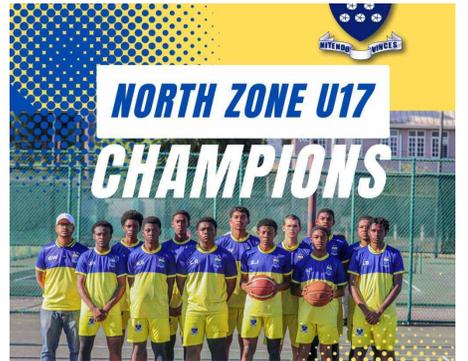


BASKETBALL

U15 – North Zone Champions and National Champions, with MVP Idris Martin



U17 – North Zone Champions, with MVP William Francis. **National 2nd Place U17 – Knock Out National Champions** with MVP William Francis.



U20 – North Zone Champions, MVP Jedaiah King **National Champions** with MVP Jedaiah King



Trinidad and Tobago Schools Basketball Association (TTSBA) hosted its inaugural 3x3 national competition at the Southern Regional Indoor Sporting Arena on Saturday 4 November. **Fatima defeated** Hillview College and copped the **Under-17 title**. Top Scorer for Fatima College was **Zachary Julien**.

HOCKEY

Trinidad and Tobago Hockey Board - Schools and Youth National Indoor Competition, December 2023: Fatima College entered two teams in the U13 division, two teams in the U16 division, and two teams in the U19 division.

U13 Division : Team 1 – 2nd place

Team 2 – 4th place

Cameron Padmore tied for the most goals in the tournament.

U16 Division

Team 1 – 1st place

Nicholas Siu Butt won the Most Goals and MVP awards.

U19 Division

Team 1 - 1st place

Team 2 - 3rd place

Nicholas Siu Butt and Andrew Mohammed tied for most goals in the tournament.

✓ **CIC Outdoor League – U13 Champions**



✓ **CIC Outdoor League – U16 Champions**



✓ **CIC Outdoor League – U19 Champions**



TRACK AND FIELD

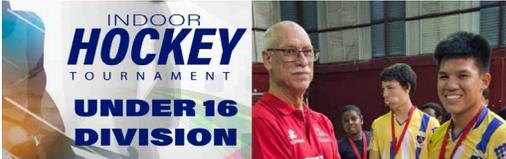
Tyrique Vincent and **Shane Comejo** represented TT at the **2024 Carifta Games** held in Grenada.

Tyrique earned a Silver medal in the U17 long jump and Bronze medal in the U17 high jump.

Shane ran the third leg of the U17 4x100m relay to help the team win a Silver medal.



Tyrique Vincent and Shane Comejo



CRICKET

Fatima College reached the **National Intercol finals** but lost to Presentation College, San Fernando – May 2024



RUGBY

In rugby **Fatima A played Fatima B** in the final of the U14 league at the Queens Park Savannah, with **Fatima A emerging winners**.

This is the second year in a row that Fatima has swept all divisions in rugby as they also won the **U16 and U19 divisions this year**.



U14 'A' and 'B'



U16



U19

TENNIS

Form 5 student, **Kale Dalla Costa**, captured the Catch **National Junior Tennis Championship** at the National Racquet Centre, Tacarigua in March. He claimed titles in both the **boys' Under-16 and Under-18** categories in convincing fashion.

Kale won the First Citizens Sports Award for Tennis, and also became **the first male player from T&T to snag the coveted No. 1 seed in an ITF junior tournament, the Grade V tournament in Barbados!**



TRIATHLON

In March, **Liam d'Abadie** and **Tristan Scott** came **1st and 3rd in the National Triathlon Sprint Championships** held at Buccoo, Tobago. **Benjamin Carmino**, won the **Boys 13-15** age group in the **Super Sprint**.

In March, **Liam** was also crowned **National Sprint Champion** when the Trinidad and Tobago Triathlon Federation held the National Aquathlon Championships at Las Cuevas Bay on March 10. In aquathlon, athletes are required to swim and run.



Liam d'Abadie

CHESS

Form 2 student, **Luke Gillette**, is the 2024 National Under 14 Open Champion, Fatima's first since the graduation of Joshua Johnson, the current Trinidad and Tobago National Chess Champion and one of Fatima College's Chess Coaches.



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO MUSIC FESTIVAL

On Wednesday March 13, the **Fatima College Senior Choir**, soloist **Liam Gooding**, and the College Drumming Ensemble participated in the Championships round of the 35th Biennial Music Festival. Liam performed as the **North Champion of the 16-19 Boys Vocal Solo category**; the **Senior Choir, also crowned champions**, further stood out as the only secondary school boys' choir in the festival; and our drummers clinched the title of **Most Outstanding Drumming Ensemble**.



History in the Making

In 1987, Fatima made a giant step forward. In this year, for the first time ever, female students attended Fatima College. Among the first of Fatima's female students were **KARLA CAESAR** and **SHERRY-ANN CALLENDER**. In actual fact, these students did only one subject at Fatima so they were still officially students of their respective schools, St. François Girls' College and Holy Name Convent. But no doubt they paved the way for progress, for in the following year, Fatima had its first ever full-time female student in the person of **RAINA MAHABIR**.

SHERRY-ANN CALLENDER studied Further Maths at Fatima from February 1988 to June 1989.

Her teachers were Mr. G. Vieira and Mr. B. Sunderji.



Sherry-Ann CALLENDER

Sherry-Ann says that she fitted in very well with the change to a boys' school. She is of the view that it is easier to teach girls than boys because of the "class atmosphere", and she prefers to hold to this generalisation, refusing to

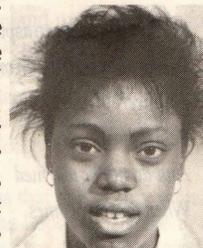
make a specific comparison between the teaching at Fatima and that at her Alma Mater, Holy Name Convent. She further generalises that "Boys learn more than girls", and "They understand more than girls."

Sherry-Ann was a keen hockey-player but gave up this sport on entering Form VI. What she has not given up, however, is her active support of the Fatima Football Team.

She has cultivated, she says, lasting friendships, and she summarises her time at Fatima in these words: "It was a great experience. I enjoyed it. I didn't expect the response of the fellers. I enjoyed it." ♦

KARLA CAESAR attended Fatima College from September 1988 to June 1990, a student of Computer Studies.

Although she was the only girl in the class, she says she never felt out of place. She admits that in the beginning, despite her excellent rapport with her teacher, Ms. Coar, she was self-conscious in class, but she fitted in easily and was pleased to see that her fellow-students were at all times very helpful.



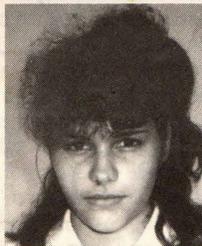
Karla CAESAR

Karla would like to see this semi co-educational arrangement continue although she is aware of the advantages of single-sex schools since, she says, some students are "too easily distracted". All in all, her experience at Fatima College was, to use her own word, "interesting". Two things that struck her, however, were

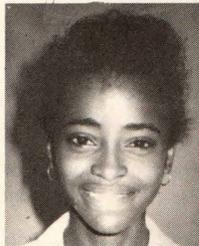
- (1) the general level of noise; Fatima is far noisier than St. François'.
- (2) the odd insolent student who would 'give back-chat' to his teachers; girls, she claims, are "not that brave". ♦



Elizabeth Dookie
(Further Maths - 1988-1989)



Sonya Edghill
(Further Maths - 1989-1990)



Lystra Lucillo
(Further Maths - 1989-1990)



Solange Marshall
(Further Maths - 1989-1990)

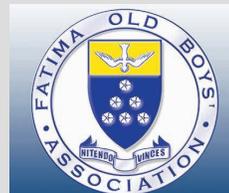
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