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Editorial

## WORLD EVENTS

### COVID-19 VIRUS PANDEMIC

We are almost there....perhaps!

Over the last six months, the Omicron variant of the virus displaced the Delta variant as the one most likely to be transmitted. This was the strain from which those unvaccinated people being admitted to hospitals were suffering.

On the positive side, those who had received the full dose of two shots (and the third booster shot) but still contracted the virus (a group which included Her Majesty the Queen) suffered only mild symptoms which tended to disappear within five days.

People had thought that the pandemic had been beaten in Ontario and had become rather lackadaisical in their guard against it, causing the new cases count to raise very quickly in December and the Government to respond by re-implementing previously raised restrictions. The Government action seemed to have the required effect as the new cases count started to fall, allowing the Government to promise in February the removal of most, if not all, restrictions by 1st April.

However, it cannot be inferred from this that it is no longer necessary to take any precautions against the transmission of the virus. All three vaccination shots must be taken, and masks still worn in crowded venues. However, the Government is suggesting that it will remove the mandate for masks also by 1st April. Then, the requirement for masks will be at the discretion of individual organisations.

Coming from us, any cautionary advice may seem to be a bit hypocritical as we plan to hold our first fund-raising event, the Annual Spring Dance, in the 4th week of April. We expect a sold-out attendance of 250 people as we know that people are anxious to get out and celebrate with friends and family after two years of being advised not to do so. We will not be asking for vaccination "passports" for admission to the dance. However, we encourage potential attendees to get their shots and not to attend if they show any symptoms of a possible infection. Please remember that, in a crowd like on a relatively small dance floor, the probably of infecting or being infected by others remains very high. Please be mindful and considerate of others.

### UKRAINE

There is not much more which can be said about the catastrophe unfolding in Ukraine that has not already been said in the public media.

There has been much argument about who caused the conflict which is taking place. Did Ukraine provoke the actions of Russia or did Russia feel threatened to cause it to take its action? Both the question and the answer are completely immaterial in light of the facts which are as follows.

1. Ukraine is an independent sovereign nation.
2. Russian President Putin has declared in public that Ukraine is really a part of Russia as he has demonstrated in annexing the Crimea territory of Ukraine,
3. Russia has amassed a large army which has invaded a sovereign nation. In spite of the euphemism, used by Russia, that the action is only a "military operation", it is a war of invasion.
4. Ukraine is not a member of NATO and does not have any defence agreements with other countries to assist it in any act of aggression against it.
5. The Russian army has been most indiscriminate about its aggression, shelling non-military civilian areas which include private homes, hospitals and medical facilities.
6. Two and a half million citizens of Ukraine, primarily the old, women, and children, have sought refuge in neighbouring countries which have been overwhelmed in trying to provide appropriate support. One and a half million are in Poland.

It is a waste of time and energy for the "man in the street" to argue about why this war has happened. The "Western" governments have done as much as they can do in invoking severe sanctions against Russia, sanctions which are very likely to cause the collapse of the Russian economy. We do not know (and even fear) the consequences of this.

The best that the "average" person can do is to donate to legitimate charities which are committed to providing relief to those Ukrainians which are suffering from this invasion.

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*Biography of Jesuits at St. Stanislaus College - 26*

### FR. MYLES LOVELL

Myles Henry Drummond Lovell was born in Newcastle upon Tyne on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1918, and was ordained as a Jesuit priest in 1963. After spending two years (1966-68) teaching at St. Stanislaus College, he was appointed as the Superior, Jesuit Mission, Guyana, a position he held for the period 1968-74.

A soldier through and through, when Myles Lovell converted to Roman Catholicism in the latter stages of the Second World War, his obvious choice on its conclusion was to enter that most military of orders, the Society of Jesus.

He welcomed the military marks of the Jesuit and embraced them, sometimes to the puzzlement and occasional fury of his companions in training. But, as in the Army, so in the Society of Jesus, his superior officers recognised in him a genius for organisational skills. These were more often neglected than employed. Indeed, from Martin D'Arcy's day, the English Province, as it then was, took a certain pride in exercising the art of the amateur. Not so Lovell. His major work was as Superior of the Guyana Mission in South America, where his staff-officer qualities were given full rein.

The only son of a soldier, Major E. H. Lovell, Myles Lovell was sent first to Wellington College and thence to the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, where he was awarded the King's Medal in 1938. His first war experience at the age of 21 was Dunkirk. As a gunner, he lamented having to leave the guns behind. "But we destroyed the sights," he recalled with evident relish. He was later posted to the Middle East as a Royal Artillery staff officer and, there, he became a Catholic.

After war service and having nursed his dying father, he settled for the Society of Jesus. In 1954, he entered the Jesuit novitiate at Harlaxton Manor, an unlikely Gothic pile outside Grantham. He dived at once and wholeheartedly into the complexities of Ignatian spirituality, seizing the many military references and associations offered by St. Ignatius in the Spiritual Exercises. A man of prayer, Lovell struggled then and throughout his life to balance a warm and human heart with the Jesuit ideal - a life of military discipline directed to one end, the service of God wherever obedience decreed.

Three years' philosophy studies were followed by four years' theology. In between came two years at Mount St. Mary's College where Lovell taught Physics and Mathematics to the junior boys, "my little men", as he knew them. Then, in 1963, he was ordained priest.

A final year of spiritual training, his tertianship was by choice spent in Germany. Immediately following, he was sent to Guyana, the English Jesuits' South American mission. A mere three years later, he was appointed Superior of the mission, which sprawled across 83,000 square miles (the size of England and Scotland) and comprised some

two dozen parishes and many schools, some in areas so remote as to be served only by plane.

Lovell's office became a miniaturised battleground, with wall maps, coloured flags indicating his various posts - schools and parishes - and a large wall-chart detailing the disposition of each one of the 60 priests and lay brothers under his command. Such thoroughness was needed. Politically, times were tense. Forbes Burnham, a neo-Communist, had been President by diktat almost since independence in 1964. The Jesuits and their work were viewed with growing suspicion. Moreover, racial tension between the East Indians, who had secured power, and the West Indian and Amerindian races was at boiling point.

As well as traditional parish work, the Jesuits were notable educators, not only in Georgetown, where they ran a highly successful grammar school for boys, but in the Rupununi Region of the interior, where their mission stations schooled the indigenous Amerindians.

In 1969, there was an armed uprising in the Rupununi. Someone had been surreptitiously running guns on the Jesuit supply plane, and the government took the opportunity of forcibly withdrawing all the Jesuit missionaries. Somehow, Myles Lovell stayed put and, single-handed, attempted to continue the station's work, normally the task of six priests. He remained for over two months until the crisis subsided.

At the end of his statutory six-year term as Superior, Lovell enjoyed a sabbatical at the Bellarmino College in Rome, where he studied Scripture. He then applied to teach in the seminary for local student priests in the Sudan, near the remote southern town of Mau.

Returning home to work in England after an absence of 14 years, Lovell was sent to Aberdeen, centre of the offshore oil industry. His superiors felt that a man of his calibre would be ripe for the challenge of caring for the hundreds employed in the rigorous working conditions of the North Sea. Much to his fury and frustration, however, try as he might for two years, Lovell was never allowed aboard an oil-rig. He had to be content with plying his ministry on the dockside; finally, he was moved inland to more conventional posts of parish work, first at St. Joseph's, Aberdeen, and later at Ellon, north of the city, where he was parish priest for five years.

Here, too, his full energies were expended. Lovell had always been a great walker: one of his first victories of obedience had been to persuade his rector at Mount St. Mary's that a good pair of shoes costing 63 shillings was better than a cheap pair which would wear out within the year. In Ellon, afternoon and evening, he paced the streets visiting his people. He also built a new church.

Previously, a garage, which had been expanded to seat up to 60 parishioners, had served

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**Fr. Myles Lovell**

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the purpose. The new priest was determined to demolish this and start again to cater for the growing population of immigrant oil-workers. But first, he had to persuade his bishop. Mgr. Mario Conti was unhappy at the prospect of incurring a fresh diocesan debt to solve a temporary overcrowding problem. There was not enough room for a church, he argued. After one session which involved the two clerics pacing out the available area, they ended in discord with the bishop storming off. "I am playing him like a salmon," Lovell reported confidently to his friends. Even-

tually, the church was built - its cost, £165,000, met by the bequest of a wealthy widow.

Following a hip operation in 1994, Lovell was sent in his final posting to Chipping Norton, a sleepy Oxfordshire parish with few demands. He then came across a large sum of money bequeathed by his predecessor - and set to, without delay, on an elaborate renovation scheme. This would have been finished in December 1999, and Lovell had plans to pay one last visit to his former flock. But his cancer galloped him away to a more pressing engagement. He died in London on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 1999.

**OBITUARIES**

With a heavy heart, we announce that **Alumnus (62-67) John Walter Denham Yong**, born on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 1951, passed away on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2022, peacefully in his home, surrounded by his loving wife, Barb, and caring son, Aaron. Johnny will be missed by his four loving sisters, and his numerous nieces and nephews. He was Papa John to 11, and a father figure to many.

John was a part of the BMA where he enjoyed his numerous road trips with his biker friends. He loved travelling and wanted to see the world. He adored line dancing and would always encourage others to discover their passion with dancing. Everywhere Johnny went, he would carry his backpack of games, ready to play at a moment's notice. The most precious gift of all was that John found, felt, and understood the love of Christ which brought him great comfort.



He had a big heart and loved big. He was a beautiful example of a loving, caring, and selfless man who spent his time volunteering and teaching anyone who listened. Among his many nicknames, his most recent would be MacGyver for his ingenious methods of fixing, creating, and improvising solutions.

**Alumna (82-88) Karen Elizabeth King.**

Peacefully at home on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2022, at the age of 51. Cherished daughter of Mary and Charles King. Loving mother of Brittany Khan. Dear sister of **Alumna (84-90) Amanda** and Shawn King. Wonderful aunt to her nieces and nephews; beloved cousin to many.



**FUND-RAISING EVENTS IN 2022**

Over the last two years, the COVID-19 virus and the precautions around it have forced the cancellation of all, except two, of our fund-raising events. The exceptions were the two 2021 Golf Tournaments which were allowed to proceed as they were outdoors with minimum mixing of players. Even these events were restricted as the club house remained closed, and the usual sit-down meals became pick-ups.

After the recent announcements by the Government of Ontario, the province is now "open for business" and, from 1<sup>st</sup> April, all restrictions will be removed for gatherings indoors and outdoors. All our plans are based on this assumption, with the understanding that they may be changed at any time at the "pleasure" of the Government because of the status of the pandemic in the province.

There will be four dances – Spring, Caribjam, Fall, and New Year's Eve Gala – and one Golf Event. The COMING EVENTS section on the final page of this newsletter provides what information about them is known at this time. The details will be filled out as their dates draw clos-

er. The Golf Tournament is a different category of fund-raising, with more details which are outlined below.

1. The tournament will be held on Saturday 9 July, 2022, at the Lebovic Golf Club in Aurora.
2. The cost will be \$300. This will include golf carts, two meals (breakfast and lunch, or lunch and dinner), an on-course snack, and three drinks.
3. Each participant will receive 2 extra free individual passes (not transferrable and with no allowance for guest players) for play at the club on dates (if available) of their choice.
4. Registration and payment is required before the event which will start at 8:00 a.m. in a sequential fashion at 15 mins. intervals. In registration, each foursome must select a requested time of start.
5. Players may arrive 45 mins. before their start and must leave no later than 45 mins. after their conclusion.

We hope to see all our past supporters back again at our events. In the meantime, keep well and keep safe.

## MEMBERSHIP

The following is the list of alumni who are currently paid-up members in 2022. Membership is based on the calendar year.

**CANADA (82)**

Paul Abdool<sup>2</sup>  
Lance Alexander  
Howard Amo<sup>2</sup>  
Alwyn Appiah<sup>3</sup>  
Bernard Austin<sup>2</sup>  
Gregory Badley  
Malcolm Barrington<sup>1</sup>  
Gerard Bayley<sup>1</sup>  
John Rene Bayley<sup>2</sup>  
Ian Camacho<sup>3</sup>  
Paul Camacho<sup>1</sup>  
Alfred Carr<sup>7</sup>  
Wilfred Carr<sup>1</sup>  
Joseph Castanheiro  
Sydney Chin  
Gerry Chin-sam<sup>3</sup>  
Ivan Choo<sup>2</sup>  
Tony Clarke<sup>7</sup>  
Paul Crum-ewing<sup>4</sup>  
Richard DaCosta<sup>4</sup>  
Edward DaSilva<sup>2</sup>  
Terry DeAbreu<sup>2</sup>  
Tyrone DeAbreu<sup>1</sup>  
Gregory DeCastro<sup>2</sup>  
Rupert DeCastro  
Andre DePeana<sup>3</sup>  
Clive Devers  
Roger Devers

Terence Devers  
Neville Devonish  
Ron Dias  
Jerome D'Oliveira  
Paul Duarte  
Joe Faria<sup>5</sup>  
Raymond Fernandes  
Keith Fletcher<sup>3</sup>  
Andre Fredricks<sup>5</sup>  
Darwin Fung<sup>1</sup>  
James Fung<sup>5</sup>  
J. Neil Gonsalves<sup>1</sup>  
Ken Hahnfeld<sup>2</sup>  
Brian Hall-Stevenson  
Albert Hamilton<sup>3</sup>  
Hugh Hazlewood<sup>1</sup>  
Paul Hazlewood<sup>2</sup>  
Monty Henson<sup>3</sup>  
Desmond Hill<sup>1</sup>  
Andrew Insanally<sup>2</sup>  
Richard James<sup>4</sup>  
Desmond Jardine<sup>1</sup>  
Clayton Jeffery<sup>2</sup>  
Amanda King  
Vibert Lampkin<sup>2</sup>  
John Lopes<sup>3</sup>  
Geoffrey Luck  
Michael Mendes de Franca<sup>1</sup>

Colin Nurse<sup>3</sup>  
Anthony O'Dowd<sup>2</sup>  
Michael Persaud<sup>2</sup>  
Renuka Persaud<sup>1</sup>  
Compton Pestano<sup>3</sup>  
L. A. Phillips  
Marcelline Ramcharan  
Linden Ramdeholl<sup>2</sup>  
Romeo Resaul<sup>1</sup>  
Peter St. Aubyn  
Savitri Seenauth<sup>2</sup>  
Robin Shaw<sup>2</sup>  
Asoka Robin Singh  
Michael Singh<sup>1</sup>  
Akisha Somrah<sup>1</sup>  
Cecil Subryan<sup>4</sup>  
Albert Sweetnam<sup>2</sup>  
Michael Texeira<sup>3</sup>  
Arthur Veerasammy<sup>1</sup>  
Vibert Vieira<sup>1</sup>  
Paul Vincent<sup>2</sup>  
Howard Welshman<sup>1</sup>  
David Wong<sup>1</sup>  
Brian Yhap<sup>3</sup>  
John Yip<sup>2</sup>  
Angus Zitman<sup>3</sup>

**AUSTRALIA (1)**  
Lennox Yhap<sup>2</sup>

**BRAZIL (1)**

Stephen DeCastro<sup>1</sup>

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (1)**

Deep Ford<sup>3</sup>

**GUYANA (1)**

Fitzgerald Yaw Jr.

**TRINIDAD (2)**

Richard Harford<sup>1</sup>  
Ronald Harford<sup>1</sup>

**U.K. (7)**

John DaCosta<sup>3</sup>  
Julio Faria<sup>3</sup>  
Tony Gomes  
Leyland Grant<sup>3</sup>  
Neville Jordan<sup>2</sup>  
Charles Kennard<sup>2</sup>  
Raymond Pancham<sup>3</sup>

**U.S.A. (28)**  
Clydewyn Anthony<sup>4</sup>  
Mark Anthony<sup>4</sup>  
Wayne Austin<sup>4</sup>  
Lloyd Barker<sup>4</sup>

Satynanand Bhagrat-tee<sup>1</sup>  
Stephen Budhu<sup>4</sup>  
Rev. Andrew Chan-a-sue<sup>3</sup>  
Ronald Chanderbhan<sup>2</sup>  
Dalip Etwaroo<sup>2</sup>  
Bernard Friemann<sup>2</sup>  
Trevor Gibbs<sup>4</sup>  
Edward Gouveia<sup>2</sup>  
Philip Greathead<sup>2</sup>  
Leyland Hazlewood<sup>4</sup>  
Michael Heydon<sup>3</sup>  
Edward Isaacs<sup>4</sup>  
Edwin Jack  
Wilfred Jack<sup>3</sup>  
Kenneth Jordan  
Jolyon King<sup>6</sup>  
Joey Lopes  
Nevrindra Mangru<sup>4</sup>  
Christopher Martin<sup>4</sup>  
Carlyle Moore<sup>4</sup>  
Godfrey Nurse<sup>3</sup>  
Horace Persaud<sup>3</sup>  
Peter Rodrigues  
Jolyon Williams<sup>4</sup>

There are 123 paid-up members.

*Notes :*

1. These (23) alumni have paid in advance through 2023.
2. These (29) alumni have paid in advance through 2024.
3. These (24) alumni have paid in advance through 2025.

4. These (16) alumni have paid in advance through 2026.
5. These (2) alumni have paid in advance through 2027.
6. This (1) alumnus have paid in advance through 2028.
7. These (2) alumni have paid in advance through 2029.

**MONTHLY TORONTO ALUMNI BREAKFAST GROUP (AFTER COVID RESTRICTIONS LIFTED)**

Left to right: Roger Devers, Paul Hazlewood, Cecil Subryan, Alfred Carr, Eddie DaSilva, Des Jardine, Bernard Arokium, Bunty Phillips, Paul Camacho, Philip Rodrigues, Richard Gomes, Ron J. Lee, Art Veerasammy, Jimmy Fung, Sherlock Martin, Tony Pestano, Leonard Arokium.

**FEELING BLESSED***By Alumnus (46-51) Dave Martins*

It's one of the features of daily living that we often look back at our lives and feel fortunate for some of the things that have come our way.

I have several friends in this category who will, from time to time, make this point about their own situation, and it occurred to me very recently, after a very touching email from my friend and fellow musician, George Jardim, who spoke about his own satisfaction with things on his plate, triggering me into reflecting on what he said as it related to my life. I have noted this before, but it bears repeating.

To look back on it, I am particularly thankful for the inclination to music that I came with. I have mentioned it before, referring to my very musical mother, Zepherina, who sang constantly around the house, and introduced me to a number of songs from the old days, no longer heard on the radio. Clearly, whatever musical inclination was already in my genes was fortified by her, but my own gratitude for it, as something inbred, came to me much later in my own life after I had moved to Canada in the 1950s and started Tradewinds in Toronto in 1966. I have written before about that period and the two general music groups previous to Tradewinds (the Latins and the Debonairs) and about the 1966 switch to Tradewinds, zeroing in on Caribbean music and featuring many of my own songs. Although I don't recall seeing it this way at the time, I look back on it and see that I was blessed by much of what ensued.

To begin with, in the very first recording sessions I did with Tradewinds – including Glen Sorzano, Kelvin Ceballo, and Sello Gomes, all Trinidad migrants to Toronto like me – came four songs I had written. One of these, Honeymooning Couple, aired on the popular Sunday Serenade programme on Radio Trinidad, hosted by veteran broadcaster Sam Ghany, became a hit all over the region (Sam's programme was heard on stations from the US Virgin Islands to the north and Grenada in the south).

I have mentioned this development before, but the subject of the column today leads me to say that, as I look back on that era, that feeling of being blessed or fortunate is part of it, but I confess it was not there at the beginning. Indeed, some of the Trini musicians in Toronto were openly dubious about my undertaking in 1967 of recording these songs and taking them with our small, unknown four-piece band, Tradewinds, to this enormous musical explosion of Trinidad Carnival with 15-piece brass bands, like Mano Marcelin and, of course, the enormous steel-bands blocking an entire street as they passed. Truth is, I had never been to Carnival and, in retrospect, if I had, I would have sided with the doubting Trini musicians and not taken on the venture in the first place. A four-piece band with no brass and no percussion? You must be out of your mind, Martins.

It was therefore not peculiar that, in 1967, actually standing

on the stages of the legendary Trinidad event – Queen's Park Savannah, Casuals Club in Port-of-Spain, and Pointe-a-Pierre Club in South Trinidad – I remember the feeling of being blessed as I looked out on those venues, jammed with people, and almost had to pinch myself to believe where I was. And that was just the beginning. In the months and years that followed, as the band continued to appear at venues such as New York's Carnegie Hall and Madison Square Garden, and the Queen Elizabeth Theatre in Toronto, and similar venues in Montreal and Vancouver, it did not fail to occur to me what a blessing it was that this one-time barefoot boy from little Hague village in Guyana, was standing in these hallowed places and establishing my right to be there. I confess I was overawed by it.

I never confessed my awe to anyone or wrote about it, but the feeling was there big time, and to look back on it is to wonder why the incongruity of it all did not inhibit my playing. Okay, I was now living in Toronto, but I was still very much a country boy from a small village in the Caribbean, playing in a venue where so many musical greats had presided. Indeed, I remember looking up at the higher tiers in Carnegie Hall, in particular, a legendary place for sure, and not only feeling no inhibition but, in fact, exhilaration at all the smiling faces in this sold out venue, cheering these four Caribbean immigrants. Blessed is the word that applies. I felt so then, and feel so now.

And it's not just the venues. In this musical journey, now in its 53rd year, I have also been blessed by the associations formed along the way – with Ellis Chow Lin On, Sam Ghany, etc., in Trinidad, and by the one in Barbados with my close friend Vic Fernandes who booked the band there, and by Peter Michael in Antigua, and by the bond with the late Freddie Abdool here in Guyana, who shepherded Tradewinds in venues all over this country where visiting bands rarely went – such as the venues in New Amsterdam and Linden, and in Leonora and Versailles. There were many other key figures and incidents in the Tradewinds story, too numerous to mention here – probably for a book down the road – but one of my favourites has to do with a performance in Buxton, probably eight or nine years ago. Tradewinds had a collection of hits by then, and we had played at this jam-packed school hall, made concert style for our show, and we played for one hour straight.

I had come off the stage, the place was jammed, and was working my way through the crowd, when a tall man, holding his son by the hand beside him, walked up to me, with a shy smile on his face, and he leaned over to the young man and said, "Look him there, tell him." The young man, probably 8 or 9 years old, walked up to me, grabbed me by the hand, and said, "Ah love dem songs, bad, man." I'm sitting typing these words, and the tears are in my eyes now as they were then that day on the East Coast. I've been in prestigious venues, here and abroad, and I have heard lavish compliments from an array of people

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**Feeling Blessed***(Continued from page 5)*

ranging from President Forbes Burnham here to the Prime Minister of Canada and all the way down to the donkey cart driver on Sheriff Street who recently shouted out “Dave” across the traffic to me as I passed, and, at those moments, I confess the word “blessing” comes to mind but, for some reason, the one that dominates those memories is the boy in Buxton with “Ah love dem songs, bad, man.” Probably the context in which it came is in play, and the nature of it, a man encouraging his young son, but that in-

cident left me with this feeling of being blessed. It’s that way. also, for the one I wrote about previously when a man in Parika, after we had shaken hands, telling me, “Boy when you shake my hand, you give me chicken skin.” We remember certain things because of the circumstances at the time and the environment, but those two occasions will remain with me forever, long after my time in music ends, as examples of when ordinary people in ordinary circumstances made me feel truly blessed.

**COLLEGE NOTES****GUYANESE STUDENTS TOP CARIBBEAN AT CSEC AND CAPE EXAMS**

Guyanese students have topped the Caribbean at both the CSEC and CAPE levels.

At the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE) level, Samuel Haynes from Queen’s College has been awarded for ‘Overall Outstanding Achievement’. He scored nine Grade One passes at the 2021 CAPE sitting.

At the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) level, Guyana scored the top spot with Zaynab Shaffie from Queen’s College awarded ‘Overall Outstanding Achievement’. She scored 18 Grade Ones and two Grade Twos.

Meanwhile, Guyanese students scored several other regional awards.

Crystal Benjamin, from the Bishops’ High School, won the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) CAPE Accounting award. **Abdul Subhan, from the St. Stanislaus College**, topped the region at CAPE History.

At the CSEC level, Roshini Samaroo from Queen’s College is the region’s top Humanities student; Naresh Jagnanan from the Essequibo Islands Secondary School is the region’s top Business student; and Sarena Razak from

Queen’s College is the region’s top Technical Vocational student.

Riley Nurse from Queen’s College and Saalih Rahim from the Isa Islamic school also scored the ACCA CSEC Accounting award.

**GUYANA TOPPED REGION BEFORE**

This is not the first time that Guyanese students have topped the Caribbean at these exams. In 2020, Zane Ramotar and Bhedesh Persaud, also of Queen’s College, were the region’s top performers for both CAPE and CSEC.

When the country hosted the opening ceremony of the 2021 CAPE and CSEC result in October, CXC Director, Dr. Nicole Manning had mentioned that Guyana recorded higher pass rates than the Regional average at both the CSEC and CAPE levels.

Dr. Manning disclosed too that, much like the performance for CSEC, 88 percent of the CAPE candidates from Guyana obtained acceptable Grades One to Five Passes, as opposed to the Caribbean’s 87 percent pass rate. Additionally, she said that, in the 33 subjects offered by CXC at the CSEC level, Guyanese candidates were top in 20 subjects.

**SAINTS STUDENT IN PRESTIGIOUS STANFORD UNIVERSITY HACKATHON COMPETITION**

St. Stanislaus College student, **Ariel Taylor**, has been accepted into Stanford University’s premier and largest hackathon, TreeHacks 2022, which will run from February 18 – 20.

A member of STEMGuyana since 2018 through the Sports Hall STEM club, Taylor, a two-time member of Team Guyana Robotics, was blown away when she received the acceptance e-mail from Stanford.

“I was very shocked because the acceptance rate is really low, and I really didn’t expect that. When I got the e-mail, I was just so happy and shocked about it,” the 16-year-old shared in a recent interview with the *Guyana Chronicle*.

Stanford’s annual TreeHacks brings together over 1,000 students to Stanford every February. Around 2,000 students in over 15 countries participated in the competition in 2021. Stanford University is one of the top



private universities in the United States of America.

Founder of STEMGuyana, Karen Abrams, said Taylor’s acceptance into the prestigious programme is indicative of the kind of skills available in Guyana, and just how well STEM is developing in Guyana.

“What this means for her and the country is that, based on her experiences and qualifications, she is able to compete on a global level and make herself competitive to get into such a programme, which is extremely good,” Abrams commented.

She noted how ecstatic STEMGuyana is for Taylor, and how much they look forward to even more similar such accomplishments and development for its members.

“This is what we want for all of our members. This is why we do the things we do at STEMGuyana to encourage our young people to think creatively, globally, and

**Student In Stanford University Competition**

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and to think about solving problems,” she said. She added that: “This can open her up to so many more global opportunities. Ariel has been with us since she was about 12 year old as a member of our STEM club, and I am extremely proud, and so are her coaches and all the other persons involved in her technical development over the years.”

Taylor applied for the programme after it was suggested to the STEMGuyana members last month in a social media group where members regularly encourage each other.

Notwithstanding her thoughts that it might be challenging to get accepted, Taylor did not hesitate to put in an application, and Stanford was impressed with what she had to say. “In the application, I informed them about my robotics experience and how I enjoy doing this kind of things, and I

think that contributed to why they picked me,” she shared. TreeHacks 2022 will be the eighth edition of the hackathon and is being held under the theme, “*Hacking for the future: addressing deeply impactful problems and building creative, unique solutions.*”

For the competition, participants will be placed into groups of four where they will spend 36 hours developing a novel project in one of five global and technological challenge categories. This year, the categories are: privacy, security, and safety; healthcare; sustainability; web 3.0; and accessibility.

Taylor is currently preparing as best she can for the competition.

“Right now, I’m doing research on the topics that they would have put out, and I’m preparing ahead of time for it so that, when we get to that point where we have to get together and talk about it, I am well prepared,” she said.

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There will be a bus going to **Casino Rama on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March**, and the cost will be **\$25** which includes the bus ride, snacks and a draw for prizes on the bus.

The bus leaves from **Centennial Arena, 1967 Ellesmere**

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Those interested can contact **Jimmy Fung** at **416-278-0344** or by **email at [James.h.fung@gmail.com](mailto:James.h.fung@gmail.com)**. There are only 56 seats available so, if interested, sign up as soon as possible.

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Date	Event	Location	Cost
Sat. 23 Apr., 2022	Spring Dance	West Rouge Community Centre 270 Rouge Hill Drive, Toronto (Hwy 401/Hwy 2/Port Union Road)	\$60 per person (all inclusive—includes dinner and all drinks)
Sat. 9 Jul., 2022	Golf Event	Lebovic Golf Club, 14020 Leslie St, Aurora, ON L4G 7C2 (W. of Hwy 404, N. of Bloomington Road)	\$300 per person (includes 3 course plays, 2 meals, a snack on-course, and 3 drinks)
Fri. 29 Jul., 2022	Caribjam	tba	tba
Sat. 15 Oct., 2022	Fall Dance (Dinner: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)	West Rouge Community Centre 270 Rouge Hill Drive, Toronto (Hwy 401/Hwy 2/Port Union Road)	tba
Sat. 31 Dec., 2022	New Year's Eve Gala	Scarborough Convention Centre 20 Torham Place, Scarborough	tba

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