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## NOTICE OF 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Take notice that the St Stanislaus College (Guyana) Alumni Society (SSCGAS) will hold its Annual General Meeting at **4544 Sheppard Ave East, Toronto on Sunday, 24 September, 2023, starting at 2:00 P.M (EDT).**

Members in good standing, as of the date of the meeting, are eligible to vote on all issues raised at the meeting, including the election of new Directors and the Executive Committee for the year 2023-2024. Members not in good standing can become eligible to vote at the meeting on payment of their current membership dues. **All members in good standing of any St. Stanislaus College Alumni organization anywhere in the world are automatically members in good standing of the Alumni Society.**

In addition to electing the directors and officers for the year 1 September, 2023, to 31 August, 2024, this meeting will also review and vote on amendments to the SSCGAS Constitution. The Board of Directors have approved the proposed amendments to the Constitution, which have been included with the materials for the meeting.

Refreshments will be available from 1:30 p.m. for those members attending in person. If you are unable to attend in person, a Skype Link will be available from 1:45 p.m.

The Skype Link: <https://join.skype.com/s1Fi3ZyrZ8FY>

### AGENDA

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|--|-----------------|
| Call to Order  | - Alfred        |
| One-minute silence for lately departed   | - Alfred        |
| Adoption of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of St. Stanislaus College (Guyana) Alumni Society, 25 Sept, 2022 | - Alfred        |
| President's Report   | - Alfred        |
| Treasurer's Report   | - Bunty         |
| Resolution ratifying actions of Officers and Directors on behalf of the Society                                    | - Alfred        |
| Resolution waiving the audit or financial review of the Financial Statements                                       | - Alfred        |
| Amendments to the Constitution   | - Alfred        |
| Election of Board of Directors   | - Alfred        |
| New President's Acceptance Speech  | - New President |
| Any other business   | - New President |
| Adjournment  | - New President |

**Art Veerasammy**  
**Secretary**  
**St Stanislaus College (Guyana) Alumni Society**  
**Dated the 21st day of August, 2023**

### PROXY FORM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE (Guyana) ALUMNI SOCIETY 24 September, 2023

If you wish to appoint a person other than the persons designated on this form, please insert the name of your chosen proxy-holder in the space provided.

The undersigned member in good standing of the St. Stanislaus College (Guyana) Alumni Society hereby appoints the President, Alfred Carr, or, failing him, the Secretary, Art Veerasammy, or, failing them, the Treasurer, Bunty Phillips, or (print name of person appointed)

as proxy-holder of the undersigned, with the power to attend, vote, and otherwise act for and on behalf of the undersigned with respect to all matters that may come before the AGM of 24 September, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Member in Good Standing

Day                      Month                      Year  
Please return the proxy form by e-mail to the Secretary at [aveerasammy@st-stanislaus-gy.com](mailto:aveerasammy@st-stanislaus-gy.com), or by postal mail at **St. Stanislaus College (Guyana) Alumni Society, 4544 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario M1S 1V2.**

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### SSCGAS EVENTS IN 2023

As the year of 2023 winds down, we can both look back on and look forward to the Society's events of the year.

Normally, we hold five annual fund-raising events but, this year, we had scheduled only three, two of which have already occurred. If any blame can be apportioned to anyone for this disruption in our schedule, we can point a finger to the major and universal disrupter of the past 3 years—COVID 19!

Our expert and well experienced members of our events sub-committee usually plan well ahead of all the events. This includes finding locations for the events and reserving them at least one year ahead of the planned date. This includes submitting either a down-payment of a full payment to the owners of the facilities for a guarantee of the reservations. When COVID struck, large public indoor gatherings were prohibited, so no reservations were made and continued not to be made since we had no idea when the prohibitions would be lifted.

When the restrictions were finally lifted in 2022, we had less than 2 months to prepare for our first event in April, and we were not certain whether our supporters would be brave enough to attend. We planned for a smaller attendance, and we were right in our assumptions as it was not as well attended as in previous occasions. This gave us some pause to consider whether we should proceed with the other events in the rest of the year.

We decided to hold only two more events, one being out-of-doors and which, therefore, we expected to be well-attended (and it was!), and the other being at the end of the year which was far enough distant from the date of the raising of the restrictions to enable our supporters to have more time and experience to feel comfortable at attending an indoor event. Nevertheless, we still planned for a smaller

than usual attendance, and we were right to do so as enough supporters attended to fill the smaller space allocated without having anyone being unable to purchase a ticket to attend.

The uncertainty of 2022 made us still wary of long-term planning for 2023 and, by the time we started to consider whether of not to return to normal, we could not obtain locations for two of the events. However, we have already started looking towards 2024, and the newly elected members of the Executive will have time to make early decisions and reservations.

#### Spring Dance

We had planned for a pre-pandemic attendance, but we had only about two-thirds of this amount in attendance. Nevertheless, everyone had a good time, and we did make a profit (albeit small) this year.

#### Golf Event

We had hoped for a full turn-out but ended up with an 83% attendance, mainly due to the event being held on Friday rather than the usual Saturday. This was the only day in the week which had been offered by the Golf Club. Nevertheless, the weather was good, all the players enjoyed themselves, and we did make a good profit though not as much as we had hoped for.

#### Caribjam and Fall Dance

These two events were cancelled as already explained.

#### New Year's Eve Gala

We are planning for slightly larger attendance this year, and we expect this event to be sold out well in advance so, if you plan to attend, register early.

#### Other

We do have one other event this year, but it is not a fundraiser and is covered separately in the following article.

### HONOURING THE COLLEGE AND ITS NAMESAKE

In the Christian tradition, a calendar of saints is organized by associating each day of the year to one or more saints, and that day is referred to as the feast day of the saint. The feast day of St. Stanislaus Kostka, after whom the College is named, occurs on the 13th of November.

The College Alumni Associations in Antigua and Barbuda and in Barbados have always celebrated this day, by a festive get-together in Antigua and Barbuda and by a Mass and a social gathering in Barbados.

The Toronto alumni have never marked this day in any special way but, in October 2022, an alumnus enquired about the possibility of recognizing that date in Toronto, but it was too late to do anything for that year.

In 2023, we will follow Barbados by having a Mass, followed by a get-together with some light refreshments. An Executive member suggested that the Mass should be held, if possible, in a Jesuit-run church as St. Stanislaus was a novice in the Jesuit order. Of the two possible churches in Toronto, the more suitable one is **St. Elizabeth of Hungary, 432 Sheppard Avenue East** (on the north side about 100m west of the Sheppard/Bayview intersection).

This year, the feast day occurs on a Monday. We do not believe that a week-day would be suitable for a good attendance, and neither would Sunday be when there might be a conflict with the normal religious observations of that day. Therefore, we decided on **Saturday 11th November**.

This day is also Remembrance Day, but ceremonies to honour this day are in the morning and would not conflict with an event in the afternoon. Therefore, **a Mass will be held at 1:30 p.m.**, followed by the **get-together at about 2:30 p.m. in the church hall** in the basement of the church. The Mass Offertory collection will be donated to the church in appreciation of the use of the church facilities.

There are those alumni who may be non-Catholic Christians, non-Christians, or even non-religious. Nevertheless, we **invite all alumni (and their spouses)** to attend the Mass, as observers if not as participants. If attendance at the Mass is not an option, we invite those who cannot attend to come after the Mass to the get-together.

For catering purposes, we ask that those planning to attend inform us (at [lphillips@st-stanislaus-gy.com](mailto:lphillips@st-stanislaus-gy.com)) as soon as possible, but not later than Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

## OBITUARIES

*Irene Victoria Carr* (known to many as Rene) passed away peacefully on July 30, 2023, in Brampton, Ontario, after a long and full life (9 Nov., 1940). She was well-loved and will be missed terribly by her surviving children, Robert (Jessica), Deborah (David) and Carol, and former husband and longtime friend **alumnus Wilfred**. She also leaves behind six beautiful grandchildren, Dezzy, Dax, Quincy, Jojo, Soleil, and Julien. As the eldest of her siblings, she will be fondly remembered by Marjorie, Winston, and Esther. Rene will also be missed by her nieces and nephews, countless friends, the church, her clients, and all those who enjoyed living life with her.

## VISITORS TO TORONTO - 1

### NEW HEADMISTRESS MEETS TORONTO ALUMNI



*From left to right around the table: Joan Veerasammy, Hugh Hazlewood, Rupert DeCastro, Renuka Persaud, Donna Isles (standing), Paul Abdool, Alfred Carr (standing), Carol Abdool, Donna's son-in-law, Donna's daughter, Margaret Cunningham, Helen Jardine, Des Jardine, Marcelline Ramcharan, Savi Seenauth, Barbara Hazlewood, Bunty Phillips, Arthur Veerasammy*

Mrs. Donna Isles, the new Headmistress of the College since May of this year, paid a visit to Toronto to see her daughter and son-in-law, but still found some time to meet some of the members of the Toronto Alumni Executive and other alumni.

She was invited to a dinner at a restaurant where she introduced herself and told us of her short experience at the College and her forthcoming plans for continuing the work to make and maintain the College as No. 1 in Guyana.

We have some small parts, to be shipped to the school, for the school's computer equipment and, when she was asked, Donna kindly agreed to act as the courier on her return trip to Guyana.

We wish Donna all the best in her new job, and we promised to give her our support in any request she might make of us.

## VISITORS TO TORONTO - 2

## ALUMNUS (50-57) JOHN SPARROCK DROPS IN



Front sitting left to right: Rupert DeCastro, Hon. Justice (rtd) Vibert Lampkin

Back from left to right: Des Jardine, Peter Sparrock (son of John), John Sparrock, John Yip, Alfred Carr, Renuka Persaud, Hugh Hazlewood, Bunt Phillips

Alumnus (50-57) John Sparrock was an outstanding student at the College. In the school year 56-57, he was the Vice-Captain of the school and played as a full-back on the school's football team. In 1957, he was awarded the Demerara Bauxite Scholarship to attend the University of the West Indies (UCWI) in Jamaica. In the same year, he took the University of London Advanced Level Examination and obtained a pass with distinction in all three subjects (Pure Maths, Applied Maths, and Physics) which he sat. No other student in British Guiana could match this result, so he was awarded the country's highest award, the Guiana Scholarship which enabled him, after achieving a First Class B.Sc. degree at UCWI, to go to England where he earned his Ph.D. degree.

Those alumni who have been members of the Toronto Executive will know or have heard of John. While he lives in New Jersey, U.S.A., he has been active in the Toronto

alumni association. He is responsible for setting up our unique e-mail address ([@st-stanislaus-gy.com](mailto:@st-stanislaus-gy.com)), has created web-sites to help the school and the association, and was the main driver of the project to digitise the College's Annuals, most of which can now be accessed on the internet ([Stanislaus College Magazines \(st-stanislaus-gy.com\)](http://Stanislaus College Magazines (st-stanislaus-gy.com))).

John paid a "flying" three-day visit to Toronto on the last week-end of July to attend the funeral of the Dr. Karl Mas-siah (from Barbados), the husband of his cousin, Dr. Pam DaCamara, both of whom were at UCWI when John was there. Some of the Toronto alumni were at College and at UCWI with John, but none of the other alumni had ever met him in person, so we took the opportunity to invite him (and Peter, his son who drove him to Toronto) to a Saturday lunch to effect a meeting.

John and Peter returned to New Jersey on Sunday.

### Apollitical Aphorisms

1. If God wanted us to vote, he would have given us candidates. ~Jay Leno~
2. The problem with political jokes is they get elected. ~Henry Cate, VII~
3. We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office. ~Aesop~

4. When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it. ~Clarence Darrow~
5. Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you. ~unknown~
9. Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other. ~Oscar Ameringer~

## MEMBERSHIP

The following is the list of alumni who are currently paid-up members in 2023. Membership is based on the calendar year.

**CANADA (91)**

Paul Abdool<sup>1</sup>  
Howard Amo<sup>1</sup>  
Alwyn Appiah<sup>2</sup>  
Paul Archer<sup>2</sup>  
Glen Armogan<sup>4</sup>  
Bernard Austin<sup>1</sup>  
Malcolm Barrington  
Michael Barrington<sup>3</sup>  
Gerard Bayley (*dec*)  
John Rene Bayley<sup>1</sup>  
Teddy Boyce<sup>3</sup>  
Ian Camacho<sup>2</sup>  
Paul Camacho  
Alfred Carr<sup>7</sup>  
Wilfred Carr  
Joseph Castanheiro<sup>4</sup>  
Bob Chee-a-tow  
Sydney Chin  
Gerry Chin-sam<sup>2</sup>  
Ivan Choo<sup>1</sup>  
Tony Clarke<sup>7</sup>  
Paul Crum-ewing<sup>3</sup>  
Richard DaCosta<sup>3</sup>  
Edward DaSilva<sup>1</sup>  
Derek D'Andrade<sup>4</sup>  
Russell D'Abreu  
Terry DeAbreu<sup>1</sup>  
Tyrone DeAbreu  
Gregory DeCastro<sup>1</sup>  
Rupert DeCastro<sup>4</sup>  
Andre DePeana<sup>2</sup>  
Raymond Dias<sup>3</sup>  
Jerome D'Oliveira

Paul Duarte  
Joe Faria<sup>4</sup>  
Raymond Fernandes<sup>1</sup>  
Keith Fletcher<sup>2</sup>  
Andre Fredricks<sup>4</sup>  
Darwin Fung<sup>5</sup>  
James Fung<sup>2</sup>  
Mike Gomes  
Richard Gomes<sup>3</sup>  
Harold Gonsalves<sup>1</sup>  
J. Neil Gonsalves  
Ken Hahnfeld<sup>1</sup>  
Albert Hamilton<sup>2</sup>  
Hugh Hazlewood  
Paul Hazlewood<sup>1</sup>  
Monty Henson<sup>2</sup>  
Desmond Hill  
Andrew Insanally<sup>1</sup>  
Richard James<sup>3</sup>  
Desmond Jardine  
Clayton Jeffery<sup>1</sup>  
Anthony Jekir  
Gregory Kellawan<sup>2</sup>  
Vibert Lampkin<sup>1</sup>  
John Lopes<sup>2</sup>  
Michael Mendes de Franca  
Colin Nurse<sup>2</sup>  
Anthony O'Dowd<sup>1</sup>  
Michael Persaud<sup>1</sup>  
Renuka Persaud  
Compton Pestano<sup>2</sup>  
L. A. Phillips<sup>4</sup>  
Carl Ramalho

Marcelline Ramcharan<sup>4</sup>  
Linden Ramdeholl<sup>1</sup>  
Alex Rego  
Romeo Resaul  
Bryan Rodrigues  
Savitri Seenauth<sup>1</sup>  
Maurice Serrao<sup>1</sup>  
Robin Shaw<sup>1</sup>  
Michael Singh  
Albert Smith<sup>3</sup>  
Vanita Soman  
Akisha Somrah  
Peter St. Aubyn<sup>4</sup>  
Cecil Subryan<sup>3</sup>  
Albert Sweetnam<sup>1</sup>  
Michael Texeira<sup>2</sup>  
Arthur Veerasammy  
Vibert Vieira  
Paul Vincent<sup>1</sup>  
Howard Welshman  
Godfrey Whyte  
David Wong<sup>5</sup>  
Brian Yhap<sup>2</sup>  
John Yip<sup>6</sup>  
Angus Zitman<sup>2</sup>

**AUSTRALIA (1)**

Lennox Yhap<sup>1</sup>

**BRAZIL (1)**

Stephen DeCastro

**DOMINICAN****REPUBLIC (1)**

Deep Ford<sup>2</sup>

**GUYANA (1)**

Seivewright Benjamin

**TRINIDAD (3)**

Richard Harford  
Ronald Harford  
P. I. Gomes<sup>4</sup>

**U.K. (6)**

John DaCosta<sup>2</sup>  
Julio Faria<sup>2</sup>  
Leyland Grant<sup>2</sup>  
Neville Jordan<sup>6</sup>  
Charles Kennard<sup>1</sup>  
Raymond Pan-cham<sup>2</sup> (*dec*)

**U.S.A. (36)**

Clydewyn Anthony<sup>3</sup>  
Mark Anthony<sup>3</sup>  
Mark E. Anthony<sup>3</sup>  
Wayne Austin<sup>3</sup>  
Lloyd Barker<sup>3</sup>  
Satynanand Bhagrat-tee  
Wayne Brereton  
Stephen Budhu<sup>3</sup>  
Rev. Andrew Chan-a-sue<sup>2</sup>  
Ronald Chanderbhan<sup>1</sup>  
Dalip Etwaroo<sup>1</sup>

Bernard Friemann<sup>1</sup>  
Trevor Gibbs<sup>3</sup>  
Edward Gouveia<sup>1</sup>  
Philip Greatehead<sup>1</sup>  
Leyland Hazlewood<sup>3</sup>  
Michael Heydon<sup>2</sup> (*dec*)  
Lloyd Houston<sup>4</sup>  
Edward Isaacs<sup>3</sup>  
Wilfred Jack<sup>2</sup>  
Sheron Jones  
Jolyon King<sup>5</sup>  
Nevrindra Mangru<sup>3</sup>  
Christopher Martin<sup>3</sup>  
Vince McBean<sup>5</sup>  
Carlyle Moore<sup>2</sup>  
Godfrey Nurse<sup>2</sup>  
Hugh Christopher Pat-  
rick<sup>3</sup>  
Horace Persaud<sup>3</sup>  
Hugh Rodrigues<sup>4</sup>  
Peter Rodrigues<sup>4</sup>  
Richard F. Rodrigues<sup>4</sup>  
Gyanda (Eric) Shivna-  
rain<sup>5</sup>  
John Sparrock  
Leyland Thomas<sup>4</sup>  
Jolyon Williams<sup>3</sup>

**VENEZUELA (1)**

Michael Chin-a-loy<sup>3</sup>

There are 141 paid-up members. (*dec* - deceased)

Notes :

1. These (29) alumni have paid in advance through 2024.
2. These (26) alumni have paid in advance through 2025.
3. These (24) alumni have paid in advance through 2026.

4. These (15) alumni have paid in advance through 2027.

5. These (5) alumni have paid in advance through 2028.

6. These (4) alumni have paid in advance through 2029.

**Arthur Veerasammy**

Locksmith

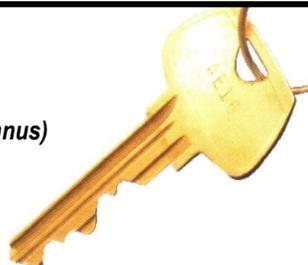
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**SPECIAL NOTICE ON MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is paid by calendar year i.e. January to December. Therefore, membership up to 2022 expired on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022. If your name no longer appears in the above list, please submit your membership fees as soon as possible. See page 8 for the membership form and address, or pay electronically at [www.torontosaints.com](http://www.torontosaints.com).

We remind you that the fee is \$25 (Can) per year but, if you pay \$100 (Can) for 4 years, you will receive an extra year for no further charge. Selecting the multiple year membership will mean that you will not need to worry about having to remember to pay the fees for the next five years.

## COLLEGE NOTES

### RUPERT DECASTRO BURSARY AWARDS

The Rupert DeCastro Bursary awards are given to those College students who live in the Golden Grove area and have demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the Teachers selection committee, that there is a financial need. The following are the awards for the 23-24 school year.



#### Jadan Demitri Benjamin

230 Section 'B' Non Pariel, ECD

Age: 11 years

Attended: Ghandi Memorial Nursery School, and Enmore Hope Primary School

He is excited to be attending St. Stanislaus College for their STEM and Robotics clubs.



#### Joshua Theodore Benjamin

Lot 47 section B Non Pariel, ECD

Age: 11 years

Big brother leading the way for two younger siblings to follow.

Wants to be an animator, game, and software developer and, someday, be able to do animations for Dreamworks movie studio in Hollywood.



#### Kamella Perry

Attended: Tiny Footstep pre-school, Starters Nursery School, Modern Achievers Primary

She is an avid lover of the Arts and interior design, and hopes to turn her creations into a career.



#### Tahirah Ally

156 New Town Enmore, ECD

Age: 12 years

Attended: Enmore Primary School

She enjoys the school as the teachers and fellow students are very nice, cooperative, and helpful. Her hobbies are playing outdoor games.



#### Vashti Khan

18 B Section K, Foulis, ECD

Age: 11 years

Attended: Enmore Hope Primary School Her hobbies are reading, spending time towards my academics, making new friends, exploring, playing games, and helping others. She wants to further her studies at UG to become an Auditor.

### SAINTS WINS DEBATING COMPETITION

In this past July, the St. Stanislaus College debating team emerged victorious in the JOF Haynes (Georgetown chapter) 2023 debating competition which was held in the Smart Room of St. Stanislaus College.

The members of the team were Reginald Brown (1st speaker), Italy Ton-Chung (2nd speaker), and Aziel Arthur (3rd speaker) who was selected as the overall Best Speaker of the competition. To win the competition, the team defeated New Campbellville Secondary (Round One), Dolphin Secondary (Round Two), Queenstown Secondary (Round Three), St. Rose's High School in the Semi Finals, and the North Georgetown Secondary School in the Finals.

In the Finals opposing the moot, 'Sexual Education should be mandatory in Secondary Schools', the Saints team outwitted its opponent with what was described as a well-structured and excellent rebuttal, helped also by the first speaker of the proposing team fumbling a great deal which allowed Saints to win by 20 points (256-236).

Saints will be representing Georgetown in the regional debating competitions to be announced at a later date.



### SAINTS ARE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS IN GEORGETOWN REGION

In the 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the National School Basketball Festival (NSBF) tournament, organized in June by the Youth Basketball Guyana (YBG) and sponsored by ExxonMobil, the St. Stanislaus College team won the Georgetown Conference boys' U18 section.

To win the conference, Saints defeated Queen's College in the quarter-finals, St. Rose's in the semi-finals, and Bishops' in the finals.

They now have to play against the champions of the other conferences to decide which is the best team in the country.



## ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

## GDF OFFICER COMPLETES COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COURSE OVERSEAS

A senior officer of the Guyana Defence Force (GDF) has successfully completed the Command and General Staff Course at the Command and General Staff College (CGSC), Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, USA.

The officer, **alumnus Colonel Sheldon Howell**, was among 1200 students from 93 countries enrolled at the college for the last academic year.

During his programme, Colonel Howell also completed a Master of Operational Studies from the CGSC and a Master of Science in Human Resource Administration from Central Michigan University, USA.

The curriculum of the CGSC focuses on enhancing leadership skills, strategic thinking, and problem-solving abilities, and covers a wide range of subjects including military operations, national security policy, military history, and joint operations, the GDF said in a statement posted on its Facebook page.

Leaving a legacy of influencing his colleagues to be better professionals, Colonel Howell was recognized for



*Brigadier Omar Khan, Chief-of-Staff of the GDF, congratulates Colonel Sheldon (right).*

his maturity and intelligence which elevated the experience and education of his classmates.

Colonel Howell stated that completing the CGSC has been a transformative and challenging experience, for which he is immensely grateful.

“Throughout the course, I have been exposed to a comprehensive curriculum that has sharpened my leadership skills, strategic thinking abilities and operational planning expertise,” he said.

In addition, he also expressed his appreciation to the dedicated and knowledgeable instructors who selflessly imparted their wisdom, guidance, and practical experiences, shaping him into a more capable and effective senior leader. He registered his appreciation for the Guyana Defence Board’s confidence in him by approving his attendance.

Colonel Sheldon was congratulated by the Chief-of-Staff of the GDF, Brigadier Omar Khan, for his successful completion of the programme.

## ALUMNA JESSICA CALLENDER BECOMES GUYANA’S WOMEN’S CHESS CHAMPION

In the Guyana Chess Federation’s Women’s National Chess Championship tournament, sponsored by Diamond Insurance, **alumna Jessica Callender** played unbeaten over two weekends in August to emerge as the champion. The 21-year-old Callender, who works as a videographer in the *News Room*, is currently rated as the highest active female chess player in Guyana and has entered her name in the annals of local chess with her maiden national title.

In the tournament, Callender played unbeaten, though drawing her games against Aniyah Couchman and Anaya Lall, and ended up with eight points after nine rounds.

The championship came down to a clash between Callender and qualifying champion Sasha Shariff on the final day. The final point Callender earned in this game solidified her victory.

After drawing in their encounter during the qualifying



rounds, the duo played a tense four-and-a-half-hour match, with both sides eager to secure the victory. They both played a symmetrical English opening. By move 66, Callender had captured all of Shariff’s pieces and was up a Queen. She checkmated her opponent 10 moves later.

Callender is a former UG Chess Champion and has represented Guyana on multiple occasions, including the most recent FIDE chess Olympiad in India. However, this is her first national title. She is currently ranked 10th overall in ratings for all active chess players in Guyana, as of August 2023.

Callender is also quite active in developing chess locally as a member of the Women in Chess Committee, a volunteer coach in the GCF Chess club, and part-time assistant arbiter in some youth tournaments.

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**COMING EVENTS**

Date	Event	Location	Cost
Sat. 11 Nov., 2023 Mass - 1:30 p.m. Social - 2:30 p.m.	Mass to honour St. Stanislaus Kostka and College, followed by meet-and-greet with refreshments	St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church 432 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto, ON (west of Bayview Ave.)	Not applicable
Sun. 31 Dec., 2023	New Year's Eve Gala	Scarborough Convention Centre 20 Torham Place, Scarborough	\$125 per person
Sat. 6 April, 2024 (tentative)	Spring Dance	<i>tba</i>	<i>tba</i>
Sat. 6 Jul., 2024 (tentative)	Golf Event	Lebovic Golf Club, 14020 Leslie St, Aurora, ON L4G 7C2 (W. of Hwy 404, N. of Bloomington Road)	\$250 per person (includes 2 course plays, 2 meals, 3 snacks on- course, and 3 drinks)
Fri. 2 Aug., 2024 (tentative)	Caribjam	<i>tba</i>	<i>tba</i>

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