

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2020

NEWSLETTER

BURSARS' ASSOCIATION OF JAMAICA



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

JULAN WRAY

"Innovation is the outcome of a habit, not a random act." – Sukant Ratnakar

I must applaud our Bursars for conceding that the need to sustain a high level of efficiency and effectiveness in schools is greater than the power for change.

Indeed, student's ultimate self-determinations could be best protected by ensuring their education, coupled with the delivery of excellent administrative management. It is only appropriate that the association is embarking on how to re-route conscientiously by means of advanced ways to guarantee inclusivity in our roles as Bursars. The thought of **"Navigating Responsibly the New Normal with Technology"** sends an empowering message, as excellence in service has just as much a place in our schools as anywhere else. I also view this as an investment in our future.

As far as empowering messages go, this one is definitive, as too often the limitations of the education system live with us more than our potential. The time to be eccentric is now, be heartened to equip ourselves with new tools and new ways of carrying out the varied Bursary functions and remove the limits that have been placed on our progress.

I am confident that our developments will be greatly buoyed by our leaders and external affiliates as we "live technology", and hope for a successful school year and beyond.



MESSAGE FROM VICE-PRESIDENT REGION 5

Nadean Shortridge

Greetings my BAJ family:

I would like to express my profound gratitude to my Region 5 family for electing me as Vice President. They saw in me what I did not see in myself. I accepted the charge and now can proudly say that I have gained a wealth of experience.

Being a part of the BAJ executive I became more knowledgeable about its operations, met and socialized with other Bursars and Assistants which assisted me in my professional development. As VP I represented in most activities that were held during my tenure, such as:

- Sunbeam Boys Home Christmas Treat
- Annual Retreat
- Funeral Services
- Luncheon and Award Ceremony
- Fun-days and
- Executive Meetings

I guided my Region 5 family so that we could fulfill the mandate of the Association. In doing so, the executive planned Regional Meetings which incorporated Training and an Outreach Project.



The Parish Representatives worked very hard in ensuring that Bursars and Assistants who were not members were encouraged to become members and to give support when needed especially during COVID-19.

As we move into another year, I want to encourage the Bursars and Assistants to give of themselves to serve.

"We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10)

As we traverse this pandemic as a family, here are some tips to reduce stress and promote wellbeing.

- Pause. Breathe. Reflect
- Connect with others
- Keep a healthy routine
- Be kind to yourself and others
- Reach out for help if you need it



"Each one reach one as we fight Covid-19"

RECIPIENTS OF NATIONAL HONOURS

WE SALUTE OUR RETIRED BURSARS WHO WERE
PRESENTED WITH NATIONAL AWARDS
FOR LONG AND FAITHFUL SERVICE

- Ms Dawn Fearon - 31+ Years
Bursar - Lennon High School
- Mrs Pauline Harrison - 35 Years
Bursar - Tacius Golding High School
- Mrs Valrie Elaine Facey - 35 Years
Bursar - G.C. Foster College
- Mrs Veronica Scott-Taylor - 43+ Years
Bursar - Edwin Allen High School
- Ms Idell Rose Scott - from 1977
Executive Secretary - Cross Keys High School



20TH ANNUAL CHURCH SERVICE

9:00am
Sunday, November 22, 2020
Members In Christ Assemblies
Spanish Town

Zoom Link
Meeting ID: 868 51033872
Passcode: 621629

BAJ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10:00am
Wednesday, November 25, 2020

Zoom Link
Meeting ID: 816 3854 7223
Passcode: 690069

BAJ VIRTUAL SEMINAR

10:00am
Thursday, November 26, 2020

Zoom Link
Meeting ID: 868 8879 3309
Passcode: 037092

NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVES

FOR ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2020-2021

President Elect:

- Janice Taylor
- Nadean Shortridge
- Carol Ellis
- Totlyn Bryan

Secretary:

- Sheree Blidgen
- Olive McFarlene
- Paulette Robinson
- Peta Gay Ellington
- Theda Brooks

Public Relations

Officer:

- Janice Green-Williams
- Beverly Clarke-Frazer
- Coretta Longman
- Tanesha Smith

Treasurer:

- Patrick Patterson
- Marisha Grey-Smith
- Denese Logan
- Oreta Morant
- Canute Bailey

Assistant Bursar Representative:

- Chene Martin-Gordon
- Shola Smith
- Colleen Dempster

Industrial Relations Officer:

- Tanya Hamilton
- Portia Holness

COMMENDATIONS

We commend those who have completed Associate, Bachelors, Masters Degrees and those who are pursuing higher education.

We wish for steady progress to those who are currently pursuing the Diploma in Government Accounting at MIND. A Scholarship awaits the top achiever!

Best wishes to new mothers, new fathers, new births and those expecting new borns.



ANNUAL CHURCH SERVICE 2019



CONDOLENCES

- To the immediate and school families of Ms. Hope Leach, former Bursar of Maldon High School, St. James.
- To all Bursars who have lost a family member or friend during the year.
- To the Sunbeam Boys' Home who lost a member of their family.

“May the hope of Heaven give you peace and the tender touch of God bring you comfort”

BACK TO SCHOOL AWARD SUNBEAM BOYS' HOME

CONGRATULATIONS! TO OUR BOYS OF THE SUNBEAM BOYS' HOME

PEP Achievement:

- **Mark Sinclair** - Old Harbour High School

CSEC Achievement:

- **Collin Brooks** - 9 subjects (including 2 Grade 1s)
- **Tyrone Muirhead** - 4 subjects (including 1 Grade 1)
- **Fabian Forbes** - 5 subjects



REGION 4 COMMUNITY OUTREACH BLOSSOM GARDENS CHILDREN'S HOME



INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE

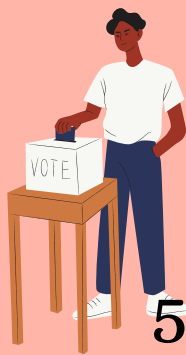
Members will be able to cast their votes between the hours of 9:00a.m. - 3:p.m. on Wednesday November 25, 2020, during the time allotted for AGM.

Please see the list of locations within each parish/region for casting your votes.

Voting Sites

- Kingston/St.Andrew - Campion College
- St. Ann - Marcus Garvey Technical
- St. James - Montego Bay Community College
- Portland - Titchfield High
- St. Mary - St. Mary High
- Manchester - Belair High
- St. Catherine - Cedar Grove High
- Clarendon - Central High
- St. Thomas - Paul Bogle High
- Trelawny - William Knibb Memorial

Be sure to take along your member's ID or an alternate one for verification.



THANK YOU TO THE OUTGOING EXECUTIVE !!



TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK !