



Annual Report 2017

NRMSS Alumni Association, Inc.
A New York 501 (3)(c) not-for-profit organization



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Dear North Ruimveldt Secondary School Alumni, Supporters and Friends,

We are extremely grateful for the enormous support and generosity, you have demonstrated to the NRMSS Alumni Association, throughout 2017. Your continuous sponsorship confirms your commitment to our Alumni Association and our mission, to receive contributions and funds that will enable us to provide financial assistance to NRMSS when necessary. It enables us to promote, foster and support new and or existing programs, and to use and apply said funds, to purchase educational materials, tools, and equipment, necessary to stimulate, motivate, encourage, promote and enhance the educational opportunities and advancement of the student of NRMSS.

This executive committee embraces transparency and this report along with the supporting documents will convey how your donations and funds were disbursed in 2017. This report will also describe the significant occurrences for the period and will communicate planned spending for 2018.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of NRMSS Alumni Association, Inc., I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support, commitment and contributions throughout 2017. Your selfless participation enabled the association to accomplish the goals that were established. Most importantly, we were able to equip the students and staff of NRMSS with the tools necessary to execute their day to day activities.

Again, we sincerely thank you all for your unrelenting dedication and generosity to NRMSS, and we look forward to your continued support which is so vital to the sustained success of the NRMSS Alumni Association.

Together, we are creating excellence, one student at a time.

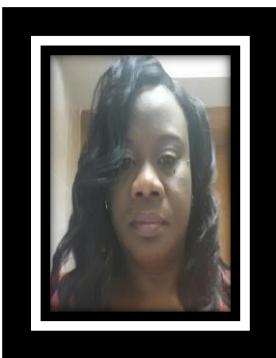
Respectfully,

Renita Ann Tyler
President

The Executive Committee



President, Renita Duesbury - Tyler – Is a consummate a professional who is attentive to detail and a strong team player. Renita has extensive leadership skills, which she uses to accomplish the goals and objectives of the Association. She utilizes her motivational skills to garner support and sponsorship for NRMSS. She insists on transparency on all levels, and really cares about the educational advancement of the students and future of NRMSS. She is a dedicated member and a longtime supporter of NRMSS.



Secretary, Gillian Wyles – is a very knowledgeable and dynamic individual who uses her teaching experience to direct this team. Gillian has served on many teams and is thus able to transfer those skills to augment the committee. She is a long time member whose has proven she is very dedicated to the success of the organization.



Assistant Secretary, Sonia Chase Rodney – She is an avid team player who is always willing to undertake any role to help support the Committee. She has a take charge personality, and can accomplish tasks when inspired. Sonia also served as Secretary with the Guyana Chapter before migrating to the USA. Sonia is a dedicated member and one of the youngest on the committee.



Treasurer, Leon Sears – is a hardworking professional, whose extensive background in the finance industry and accounting proficiency, has enhanced the team's financial reporting structure and increased its transparency. Leon remains the consummate professional, who is dedicated to the association and the well-being of the student of NRMS.



Public Relations Officer, Andre Richards – Is a dedicated and talented individual, who brings a lot of IT and illustrative skills to the committee. Andre is very passionate about the Alumni Association. Andre and can be counted on to design, advertise and promote the various events for the Alumni Association. Andre is responsible for updating and maintaining the NRMSS Alumni Association Website and Facebook page.



Director, Nalini Singh- Charlton – Is one of the original members of the revamped NRMSS Alumni Association. She is very passionate about the success of the organization and the performance of the students of NRMS. Nalini is a vibrant, team-oriented individual who is very well known in the diaspora. She possesses very strong motivational skills, which she utilizes to recruit alums to attend events and to pay their membership dues. Nalini remains extremely dedicated and committed to the success of NRMS.



Director, Brian Daniels – is the newest member of the Executive Committee. He is a professional who is great at multitasking and motivating others. Brian is extremely committed to volunteerism and has been supporting NRMSS Alumni Association, from its inception. Brian has hosted several fundraising drives for NRMSS even before serving on the committee. Brian has received several community awards for his various volunteering efforts, and thus will be an asset to the NRMSS Alumni Association.



Director, Samuel John – brings strong professional and leadership skills to the team. He has been one of the founding members of NRMSS Alumni Association and continues to dedicate his time using his management and pastoral skills to unite, motivate and inspire the team. He has been instrumental in encouraging the staff at NRMS to act and correspond with the various alumni chapters, so together they can serve the students of NRMS. Sammy continues to demonstrate his loyalty and commitment to NRMSS.

Our Mission

We are committed to the betterment of our Alma Mater, North Ruimveldt Secondary School. Following is an itemized list of our commitments:

- ❖ Provide financial assistance to North Ruimveldt Secondary School (NRSS) in Georgetown, Guyana;
- ❖ Receive contributions for the purpose of funding grants to NRMSS;
- ❖ Promote, foster and support new or existing programs;
- ❖ Use and apply funds to purchase educational materials and other necessary educational tools and equipment; stimulate, encourage, promote and enhance the educational enrichment and to expand the creative horizons of students through their active participation in the activities of this Corporation;
- ❖ Create, form and establish community based programs to support, improve, enrich and advance the educational development of school children;
- ❖ Assist children to participate meaningfully in the educational mainstream;
- ❖ Receive, establish and maintain a fund or funds of real or personal property or both, and subject to any restrictions and limitations hereinafter set forth, to use and apply the income and principal thereof exclusively for the educational purposes of the foundation and generally to endeavor to support, further and advance the educational development of the students of NRMSS. Nothing herein shall authorize the corporation to operate or maintain a charter school, a nursery school, an elementary school, a secondary school, a college, university or to advertise or offer credit bearing courses or degrees in New York State.
- ❖ To receive, establish, and maintain a fund or funds of real or personal property, or both, and subject to any restrictions and limitations hereinafter set forth, to use and apply the whole or any part of the income therefrom and principal thereof exclusively for charitable, scientific, and benevolent purposes either directly or by funding programs or projects that accomplish such charitable and benevolent purposes;
- ❖ Collaborate with the existing Alumni Chapter in Guyana regarding the needs of the students of NRSS;
- ❖ Help assure the stability of NRMSS as they contribute to academic excellence in Guyana;
- ❖ Associate with any non-profit organization involved in assisting Guyanese in Guyana and elsewhere;
- ❖ Formally associate with the NRMSS Old Students Association or any Successor Organization.

NRMSS 2017 Graduation and Prizing Giving Ceremony

NRMSS held their graduation and prize giving ceremony on in November 2017. Over 110 students graduated. As is customary, the US chapter provided the gold pins with the NRMSS insignia, the 2017 tassels and laptops to the top 4 graduating students for 2017.

It is noteworthy to mention, the Home Economic Department almost achieved 100 percent passing at the CXC's. The Home Economics teachers said, the equipment donated by the US chapter contributed greatly to this success.

Pictured below, is the graduating class of 2017. Seated in front, are the top 4 graduates with their laptops donated by US Alums.



More 2017 graduates



Providing Equipment

The US chapter fulfilled its goal to ensure NRMSS was equipped with 2 heavy duty printers needed to enable the school to provide letters, copy exams papers, create certificates etc. The US chapter encouraged the Canadian chapter to purchase one of the printers, and the US chapter purchased an efficient Laser Printer/Copier for the school that included a 3 year warranty. The warranty ensured repairs would be done at no cost. The Guyana Chapter promised to ensure toner and copy paper will be provided when necessary.

US Chapter donates Laser Printer/Copier to Headmistress Allison Cosbert



In April of 2017, **Renita Tyler** and **Gillian Harding** personally restocked the Home Economic Department, with the cooking utensils and various other kitchen items, the students would need to execute their practical exams efficiently.

Some of the donated Home Economic supplies



Providing School Supplies

Several US alumni got together and conducted a successful school supplies drive, which resulted in over 500 pounds of books, socks, pens, pencils, erases, sharpeners, back packs, highlighters, crayons, markers, pencil cases, folders, etc., being donated to NRMSS in Guyana. This event was started by **Audrey Edwards** and friends. The US Alumni Committee got on board and decided to make the book drive a part of their signature event. Attendees to the event were encouraged to drop off school supplies at the event. The US chapter then collected and shipped all of the items to NRMS via Laparkan Shipping Co.

US Chapter donated school supplies



Other Significant Events Occurring in 2017

Allison Cosbert is named Headmistress of NRMSS. She relieved Acting Headmaster Corwin Mars. For the first time in history, the presidents of all three chapters, met with a Head Teacher of NRMSS. **Dexter Wyles, Andre Wiltshire** and **Renita Tyler** all met with the new head teacher. They communicated to her, they would like to work as a cohesive group. The group stressed, in order achieve successful outcomes, they would need the full support of the teachers and staff of NRMSS. They also conveyed, the importance communicating the needs of NRMSS in a timely manner, so, if possible, the various alumni committees can coordinate and provide the necessary support.

Chapter presidents meeting with Ms. Allison Cosbert



Prez Pep Talk

April 2017, the US Chapter President imparted to NRMSS students assembled, that the only persons that can stop them from being the best they could be, was they themselves. She urged them to form study groups if necessary and assist one another in those subject areas they may need help with. She further suggested each one teach one, because folks tend to accomplish more when they work in teams.



National Steel Pan Competition Runners Up

In 2017, NRMS placed second in the National Steel Pan Competition. The competition has become very competitive, with more school participating and equipping their teams with chrome pans. Teams are also becoming more creative, making the competition even more entertaining and competitive.



Signature Fundraising Event

We held our signature event at Africa House. It was an All-white event which was well attended. (See financial docs for earnings). We changed it up a bit and had a one man perform along with the Djay. The One man Band was hired and paid for by fellow Alum **Randy Rankin**. Supporters suggested we make the "All White" fundraiser, an annual event.

Some pics from the signature fundraiser







NRMSS aka Multi Alumni Association Presents

**A PRE-LABOR DAY
ALL WHITE AFFAIR**

Music By Selector SHERWIN and Dj SHOAN

**FRIDAY
SEPT
1ST
2017**

From
Caribbean
Power Jam
Radio

FROM 10:00 PM to 4:00 AM
Admission: \$30.00 ADVANCE TICKETS - Complimentary Dinner Provided

AFRIKA HOUSE
2265 BEDFORD AVENUE BROOKLYN NY 11226

FOR TICKETS CALL: Nalini 305-720-7267 : Renita 516-395-2066 : Gillian 646-512-9903

WIN DOOR PRIZES and More....

Proposed Plans for 2018

US Chapter of NRMSS Alumni Committee decided to award book scholarships to eligible graduating students in the US of Guyanese Parentage and affiliations, in order to be compliant with requirement of 501C3's. Students must submit essays, and a panel made up of Alums and Committee members will vote on winners. Awards will be handed out at an event to be finalized.

We are thinking about hosting a mentorship program for the students of NRMSS in Georgetown either during the latter part of 2018 or in 2019. We are targeting the 4th formers. The plan is to help them decide and prepare them for the next steps after graduating.

We received a list from the head teacher of items needed at NRMS. The school is asking for projectors for the Science Department. We will get estimates for the projectors that are needed for the school.

The newly built Allied Arts department is an oven. In September of 2017, the students literally begged us to install Ceiling fans. Observations made, determined the fans would only be circulating hot air. Samuel John visited NRMS, and confirmed the students' complaints. He has building contractors, who will do a feasibility study and provide us an estimate. We plan to

compare the estimates with a few others, with the aim to try to install some method of ventilation, be it an A/C unit or cut out actual vents in the roof of the building.

We are considering hosting a Holiday Party. Perhaps a Boxing Day night or a New Year's Year Eve party and possibly revamping our bus rides as supplemental fundraisers.

Planning to form a fund raising committee and other ad hoc committees made up of persons who always help at NRMSS functions, but do not wish to be executive members.

NRMSS needs sports equipment for the Physical Education Department, and uniforms for the various teams. They are currently using uniforms left over from other Guyana sports teams.

NRMS Hockey teams.



Significant Fundraisings for 2017

Karen Skinner
Renita Tyler
Nalini Singh - Charlton
Gillian Harding

