



NRMSS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Annual Report - 2019

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Over the past few weeks, we have been faced with new challenges and major changes to our daily work and personal lives. We have had to work to implement new processes and procedures to help our respective employers continue business operations during the COVID pandemic. As a result of the “stay at home” ordinance, we have established a new normal for many things that we never thought we’d have to change, such as teleworking, purchasing groceries, celebrating special events, hosting meetings, family gatherings, doctors’ visits, etc. While it’s been an adjustment in dealing with these changes, we must embrace these “new normals” and take advantage of the opportunities they present. One way to do this is to control what we can control, understanding that it’s coming from our own perspective.

The Directors and Executive Committee Members hope that you and your family are staying safe during these unprecedented times. Our heartfelt wishes for recovery to anyone whose health has been compromised and condolences to those who have lost loved ones. Our deepest gratitude to all first responders, doctors, nurses, caretakers, supermarkets, pharmacies, food delivery drivers and workers, and so many more.

With that said, I want to assure you that we are passing the torch to a new and dedicated team who will take a positive approach and renewed focus on solutions that deal with the opportunities this pandemic has impressed upon us. This is very important as they continue the business and mission of NRMSS Alumni Association, Inc. They will continue to look for new ways to continue the efforts as well as continue to be a support for one another during this unprecedented time. There is no doubt that we will be able to come together again in a few weeks or months as we continue to grow this organization. Until then, let’s continue to be creative, innovative, and steadfast in doing what we do best. Let’s join in solidarity as we continue to serve as the answer and resource to the opportunity this pandemic presents. All of us look forward to when we will be able to meet again for meetings and our “Signature Event” – until then, stay safe and be well!!

*Stay Safe
and
Healthy*



THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



President, Renita Duesbury Tyler is a consummate 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. Renita is a dedicated member and a longtime supporter of NRMSS.



Vice President, Audrey Fredericks Edwards is dedicated to helping others. She is a highly motivated and tenacious individual and works tirelessly on any assignments given to her. She continues to stress on transparency and uses her general knowledge and leadership roles to improve on various areas in order to foster organizational growth. She is determined to work with the team to improve various aspects of communication with the school and has been the organization's liaison person who has been able to strength the bridge between the school and the organization.



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 who has proven she is very dedicated to the success of the organization.



Assistant Secretary, Sonia Chase Rodney 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 his accounting proficiency has enhanced the organization'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 students of NRMSS.





Assistant Treasurer, Allison Sampson is the newest member of the executive committee. She has been an avid supporter of the organization and has decided to combine her talent with the team for organizational growth. Allison is very dedicated to anything she aspires to be a part of. She exhibits a great team spirit and hopes that she can make an impact on the institution that provided her with the foundation for her personal and professional growth.



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 helping children. He and can be counted on to design, advertise and promote the various events of the organization and is also responsible for updating and maintaining the NRMSS Alumni Association's Website and Facebook page.



Director, Nalini Singh Charlton is one of the original members of the revamped NRMSS Alumni Association, Inc. She is very passionate about the success of the organization and the performance of the students of NRMSS. 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 encourage fellow alumni to attend fundraising events and to pay their annual membership dues. Nalini remains extremely dedicated and committed to the success of NRMSS.



Director, Brian Daniels 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. He has willingly hosted several fundraising drives for NRMSS in the past. His commitment to helping others has made him the recipient of several community awards for his various volunteering efforts, and thus continues to be an asset to the organization.



Director, Samuel John brings strong professional and leadership skills to the team. He is also 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 NRMSS to act and correspond with the various alumni chapters, so together they can serve the students of NRMSS. Sammy continues to demonstrate his loyalty and commitment to the organization.



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.



2019 GRADUATION RESULTS

We are elated to report that on November 21, 2019, NRMSS held their graduation and prize giving ceremony after recording historic overall pass rates at the 2019 Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) Examinations. The class of 2019 comprised 43 students, 31 of whom received distinctions. This resulted in happy graduates, and proud parents and school leadership and teachers.

Stigmatized as an underachieving school, the NRMSS 2019 graduates were publicized in several local newspapers throughout Guyana due to their outstanding performance. Students achieved 100% passes in 15 subjects inclusive of English, Agricultural Science, Principles of Business, Information Technology (“IT”), to name a few. [Click here to read one of the published articles showing historic pass records.](#)

It should be noted that the Class of 2019 was a small graduating class due the bad reputation the school had received in the past. Teachers therefore had the advantage of concentrating on smaller classes, thus achieving rewarding results.



1) Top 11 Graduating Students

Due to the exceptional performance of the students, the headmistress and her staff found it difficult to name the “top ten” students. Following are the results of the “top eleven” students in order of accomplishments.



Erykah Baptiste - 11 Subjects

Distinctions: English A, Office Administration, Principles of Business

Grade 1: English B, Geography, Social Studies, Principles of Accounts

Grade 2: Economics, Electronic Document Preparation and Management, Integrated Science, Mathematics



Johanna Davidson - 11 Subjects

Distinctions: English A, Principles of Business

Grade 1: Office Administration, English B, Social Studies, Principles of Accounts

Grade 2: Economics, Electronic Document Preparation and Management, Geography, Integrated Science

Grade 3: Mathematics



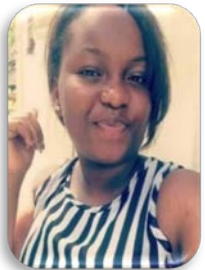
Mikaela Foulkes - 11 Subjects

Distinction: English A, Office Administration, Principles of Business

Grade One: Principles of Accounts

Grade Two: English B, Social Studies, Economics, Integrated Science, Mathematics

Grade Three: Geography, Electronic Document Preparation and Management



Shanique Morris - 11 Subjects

Distinction: English A

Grade One: Principles of Business

Grade Two: Principles of Accounts, Office Administration, English B, Social Studies, Mathematics

Grade Three: Economics, Integrated Science, Geography, Electronic Document Preparation and Management





Savannah Austin - 10 Subjects

Distinction: English A, Office Administration, Principles of Business,
Grade One: Social Studies
Grade Two: Economics, Electronic Document Preparation and Management, Integrated Science, Mathematics, Principles of Accounts
Grade Three:English B



Faith Fraser - 10 Subjects

Distinction: English A, Principles of Business
Grade One: Principles of Accounts, Social Studies, Office Administration
Grade Two: Electronic Document Preparation and Management, English B
Grade Three:Economics, Integrated Science, Mathematics



Aaliyah Trotman - 9 Subjects

Distinction: Electronic Document Preparation and Management, Office Administration, Principles of Accounts, Principles of Business
Grade One: English A
Grade Two: Social Studies, Economics, Integrated Science, Mathematics



Abigail Barkoye - 9 Subjects

Grade One: English A, Social Studies
Grade Two: Food, Nutrition and Health (Tech), Electronic Document Preparation and Management, English B, Family and Resource Management (Tech.), Mathematics
Grade Three:Chemistry, Textiles, Clothing and Fashion (Tech.)



Zishel Williams - 9 Subjects

Distinction: Principles of Business
Grade One: English A, Family and Resource Management (Tech.), Food, Nutrition and Health (Tech)
Grade Two: Social Studies, Electronic Document Preparation and Management, Textiles, Clothing and Fashion (Tech.), Integrated Science
Grade Three:Mathematics



Daniel Wharton - 9 Subjects

Grade One: Information Technology (Gen.), Technical Drawing (Tech.), English A

Grade Two: Agricultural Science Single Award, Mathematics, Industrial Technology (Mechanical) (Tech.), Geography

Grade Three: Physics, English B

Shaguan Greene - 8 Subjects

Distinction: Information Technology (Gen.), Technical Drawing (Tech.)

Grade One: English A, Mathematics, Industrial Technology (Building) (Tech.)

Grade Two: Geography, Physics

Grade Three: English B



2019 DONATIONS AND FUNDING

1) Backpacks and Supplies

In 2019, as have been done in previous years, the US chapter donated textbooks to the school's library at NRMSS. We also provided a total of 96 backpacks, stocked with necessary school supplies to all freshmen entering NRMSS after gaining entry through the Common Entrance Exams. Below are some of the school supplies provided:



Composition Notebooks, 3- and 5-Subject Notebooks, Pens, Pencils, Markers



100 10-Piece Geometry Sets



96 Back Packs



We thank the Guyana Chapter for assisting with stocking the backpacks with supplies. We are also happy to report that this program will be continued annually. The new students, their parents, Headmistress Ms. Allison Cosbert and staff were all very thankful for this assistance.

2) Donations for Graduation Ceremony

As usual, the US Chapter provided the gold pins with the NRMSS insignia for the student's gowns and the 2019 tassels for their caps. In addition, the Chapter continued its annual Top 4 Students Award of laptops with Windows 10 operating system and Microsoft Office 2019 licenses for each of the top 4 students.

Valedictorian and top four graduating students pictured below receiving their awards donated by the NRMSS Alumni Association, Inc. from Debra Dodson Coulthrus, Assistant Secretary for the Local Chapter.



Erykah Baptise, Valedictorian



Johanna Davidson



Shanique Morris



Mikaela Foulkes



3) Feeding Program at NRMSS

The NRMSS Alumni Association initiated a well-needed feeding program at the school at the request of the school. This program was initiated after one teacher reported that there were students who secluded themselves in the library at lunchtime with nothing to eat. Upon investigating, the teacher learned that the students were ashamed to reveal that their parents could not afford to provide lunch for them.

The feeding program started on June 13, 2019 and provided 150 meals to the end of the school year (end of June 2019). The program was happily endorsed by Ms. Allison Cosbert, Headmistress, who emphasized the need to continue with the hope of including many more students who are not able to have a meal at lunchtime. Ms. Cosbert remarked that she “saw improvement not only in attendance, but also in end of year performance and attitudes from those students who benefited from the program”. Ms. Donessa McDonald, Senior Teacher reported that the students were also sharing their meals with others like them.

a) Pledges Received from Alums, Family and Friends for 2019

Name	Amount
Mark Ramnauth	500.00
Michael Niccolls	450.00
Audrey Edwards	300.00
Bernice Elgin Savory	250.00
Nalini Charlton	200.00
Randy Rankin	150.00
Denise Budhan	100.00
Chinyere Croft Thornhill	100.00
John Henry	40.00
Neron Knights	40.00
Oliver Molder	40.00
Andre Richards	40.00
Total Donations	\$2,210.00



b) Meals Provided and Daily Cost (US and GY\$)

School Days	Meals	Cost (G\$)	Cost (US\$)
Friday, September 06, 2019	10	\$4,000	\$20
Monday, September 09, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Tuesday, September 10, 2019	10	\$4,000	\$20
Wednesday, September 11, 2019	10	\$4,000	\$20
Thursday, September 12, 2019	10	\$4,000	\$20
Friday, September 13, 2019	10	\$4,000	\$20
Monday, September 16, 2019	10	\$4,000	\$20
Tuesday, September 17, 2019	10	\$4,000	\$20
Wednesday, September 18, 2019	10	\$4,000	\$20
Friday, September 20, 2019	10	\$4,000	\$20
Monday, September 23, 2019	10	\$4,000	\$20
Tuesday, September 24, 2019	10	\$4,000	\$20
Wednesday, September 25, 2019	10	\$4,000	\$20
Thursday, September 26, 2019	10	\$4,000	\$20
Friday, September 27, 2019	12	\$4,800	\$24
Monday, September 30, 2019	12	\$4,800	\$24
Tuesday, October 01, 2019	10	\$4,000	\$20
Wednesday, October 02, 2019	10	\$4,000	\$20
Thursday, October 03, 2019	10	\$4,000	\$20
Friday, October 4, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Monday, October 7, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Tuesday, October 8, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Wednesday, October 9, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Thursday, October 10, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Friday, October 11, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Monday, October 14, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Tuesday, October 15, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Wednesday, October 16, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Thursday, October 17, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Monday, October 21, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Tuesday, October 22, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Wednesday, October 23, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Thursday, October 24, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Friday, October 25, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26



School Days	Meals	Cost (G\$)	Cost (US\$)
Monday, October 28, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Tuesday, October 29, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Monday, November 04, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Tuesday, November 05, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Wednesday, November 06, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Thursday, November 07, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Friday, November 08, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Tuesday, November 12, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Wednesday, November 13, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Thursday, November 14, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Friday, November 15, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Monday, November 18, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Tuesday, November 19, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Wednesday, November 20, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Friday, November 22, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Monday, November 25, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Tuesday, November 26, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Wednesday, November 27, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Thursday, November 28, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Friday, November 29, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Monday, December 02, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Tuesday, December 03, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Wednesday, December 04, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Thursday, December 05, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Friday, December 06, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
Tuesday, December 10, 2019	13	\$5,200	\$26
2019 TOTAL	730	\$292,000	\$1,460



4) Playfield Rehabilitation and Maintenance Project

This project was born out of a discussion on the organization's FaceBook page. In the mid-70s and early 80s, NRMSS students benefited from a playfield where various sports were played. Over the years, the entire school suffered from a lack of funding which resulted in the deterioration of the school building and grounds. This project was initiated by the local chapter and we created a GoFundMe project to assist with funding the rehabilitation work of the playfield. The first step was to raise funds to purchase a tractor to be used for maintenance of the ground. Our goal was to raise \$10,000 but fell short of that goal. However, there was enough raised to allow for the purchase of a John Deere E140 lawn tractor which has been handed over to the school.



Local Chapter Vice President Rendall Harry presenting the tractor to Headmistress Allison Cosbert in the presence of fellow alums and current students.



a) Playfield Project Donors

Name	Amount
Amanda Eastman	1,500.00
Audrey Edwards	400.00
Audrey Watkins	100.00
Andre Budhan	100.00
Bernice Savory	100.00
Beverly Ross	100.00
Carl Liverpool	100.00
Carol Etienne-John	100.00
Dean Higgs	100.00
Denise Budhan	100.00
Di Kravetz	100.00
Victor Cort	100.00
Donald Hyndman	100.00
Gillian Wyles	100.00
Randy Rankin	100.00
Renita Tyler	100.00
Jermaine Liverpool	100.00
Kevin Edwards	100.00
Merle Basdeo	100.00
Michelle Alexander	100.00
Nalini Charlton	100.00
Joseph Fredericks	90.00
Selwin Gaul	75.00
Chrystal Fredericks	75.00
Terry Mathura	70.00
Michael Niccolls	56.00
Courtney Hinds	50.00
Cecil Thomas	50.00
Gordon Layne	50.00
Ian Haynes	50.00
Jacqueline Gaymes	50.00



Name	Amount
Janice Inniss	50.00
James Melville	50.00
Loleita Persaud	50.00
Petula Haynes	50.00
Rudy Matadin	50.00
Samuel John	50.00
Simone Shuffler	50.00
Cheryl Chichester	40.00
Shelly Alves	40.00
Marcia Yearwood	25.00
Coleine Wright-Baker	25.00
Elvis Alves	25.00
Brian Danny	25.00
Dion Webber	20.00
Micah Hartman	20.00
Nicky Liverpool	15.00
Angela Wiltshire	15.00
Total Donations	\$5,016.00

5) General Donors

Name	Amount
Metallica Industries	2,500.00
Allison Sampson	\$300.00
Leon Sears	110.00
Lotieta Persaud	101.00
Lancelot & Merlin Myers	100.00
Karen Skinner	100.00
Dean Massiah	100.00
Raymond Burrowes	75.00
Patricia Thomas	70.00
Dionne Kravitz	50.00
Monica Wyles	50.00



Name	Amount
Karen Baker	35.00
Sue-Kim Haynes	25.00
Andrew Simon	20.00
Jackie Dare	20.00
Petula Haynes	20.00
Roxanne Thomas	10.00
Sharon VanCooten	10.00
Tracy Cummings	10.00
Total Donations	\$3,706.00

6) In-Kind Donors

Allison Smith	Brian Daniels	Nalini Singh Charlton
Bernice Elgin Savory	Gillian Wyles Harding	Samuel John
Karen Skinner	Leon Sears	Renita Duesbury Tyler
Margaret Butts	Simone Chase Rodney	Audrey Fredericks Edwards
Mary Samaroo		

7) NRMSS Signature Fundraising Event

Our Annual Signature Fundraising Event was held on August 31, 2019 at Afrika House in Brooklyn, New York. We were pleased with the support received from alumni and friends who traveled Barbados, Bahamas, Canada, England, Guyana, while others hailed from Florida, Texas, Georgia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia to meet others at this festive occasion.





Supporters having a good time!



Alums and supporters Neron Knights, Andre Richards, Oliver Moulder and John Henry.



FINANCIAL REPORT

1) Executive Summary

The state of the Union is strong as the US Chapter had a very successful 2019 fiscal year, with increased assets of \$3,474 as a result of a solid financial performance. Overall, total assets of \$20,578 at Dec 31, 2019 represented a 20.3% increase in our cash position.

Total revenue of \$22,277 represented an increase of 45.5% or \$6,966 from fiscal year 2018, and attributable to increased revenues from the Annual Dinner & Dance and Other Income. Additional revenues were also attributable to new funding sources for the Feeding Program and Project Guyana for the Playfield Rehabilitation Project including the purchase of a tractor.

For overall expenses of \$18,802, 63.3% was sent to the local chapter for the benefit of the school in Guyana while 28.7% was expensed towards the Annual Dinner Dance.

Net Income of \$3,474 represents an improvement of \$5,553 from fiscal year 2018, or \$2,601 favorable variance to budget.

Our Annual Dinner & Dance generated a net margin of \$6,083 or 46.7% of total revenue for the event.

2) Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets

	December 31, 2018 (\$ Rounded)	December 31, 2019 (\$ Rounded)	Change (\$ Rounded)
Cash	\$ 17,104	\$ 20,578	\$ 3,474
Other Assets	0	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 17,104	\$ 20,578	\$ 3,474
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0	0	0
TOTAL EQUITY	\$ 17,104	\$ 20,578	\$ 3,474
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Financials in this report are unaudited and represent fiscal years 2018 and 2019



3) Revenues and Expenses

<u>Year-to-date Financial Report thru Dec 31, 2019</u>		<u>2019 YTD Total</u>
Balance brought Forward		
Income:		
Donations	\$ 7,675.18	
Dues	300.00	
Sept Dinner Dance - Afrika House Event	11,306.53	
Other Income	2,995.08	
Total Income	\$ 22,276.79	
Expenses:		
Project Guyana - Direct Expense	11,898.81	
Ticket Tailor	338.20	
Sept. Dinner Dance - Afrika House Event	5,389.48	
NYS Dept. of Law - Taxes, Filings	50.00	
Donations - US Charities, Guyana Affiliates, Other	771.74	
Communication, Social Media - website hosting	129.00	
Bank Charges	25.00	
Postal Services, E-Commerce and Administrative charges	200.26	
Total Expenses	18,802.49	
Net Income	\$ 3,474.30	

Financials in this report are unaudited and represent fiscal 2019

4) Actuals to Budget

Full Year Actuals to Budget

	<u>2019 YTD Total</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Income:			
Donations	\$ 7,675.18	\$ 5,268.00	\$ 2,407.18
Dues	300.00	891.00	(591.00)
Sept Dinner Dance - Afrika House Event	11,306.53	13,745.00	(2,438.47)
Other Income	2,995.08	-	2,995.08
Total Income	\$ 22,276.79	\$ 19,904.00	\$ 2,372.79
Expenses:			
Project Guyana - Direct Expense	11,898.81	5,900.00	(5,998.81)
Ticket Tailor	338.20	-	(338.20)
Sept. Dinner Dance - Afrika House Event	5,389.48	8,699.00	3,309.52
NYS Dept. of Law - Taxes, Filings	50.00	-	(50.00)
Donations - US Charities, Guyana Affiliates, Other	771.74	2,945.00	2,173.26
Communication, Social Media - website hosting	129.00	659.00	530.00
Bank Charges	25.00	28.00	3.00
Postal Services, E-Commerce and Administrative charges	200.26	343.00	142.74
Total Expenses	18,802.49	18,574.00	(228.49)
Net Income	\$ 3,474.30	\$ 1,330.00	\$ 2,601.28



5) 2019 Dinner Dance Revenue and Expense

	2019	
Revenue:		
Tickets		\$ 7,350.00
On-line Sales (27)	810.00	
Door Sales (216)	6,540.00	
Dues Collected at Dinner		300.00
Bar and Drinks		3,865.00
Donations		1,516.00
Food Sale		
Other		
TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 13,031.00
Expenses:		
Afrika House (Hall rental)		2,940.00
Bar and Drinks		1,870.00
Food		665.00
Bartenders		680.00
Music Entertainment		500.00
Supplies, Accessories, Ice		241.22
Online Transactions (Ticket tailor & PayPal)		51.64
TOTAL EXPS		\$ 6,947.86
NET INCOME		\$ 6,083.15
% of Net Income to Rev		46.7%

6) 2020 Proposed Budget and Assumptions

<u>Major Category</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>	<u>Assumptions</u>
Income:		
Donations	\$ 10,000.00	Estimation based on strategic plan
Dues	1,000.00	40 paying members at \$25 each
Sept Dinner Dance - Afrika House Event	12,437.18	10% revenue increase from 2019 actuals
Other Income	3,300.00	Represents 10% increase from 2019 actuals
Total Income	\$ 26,737.18	
Expenses:		
Project Guyana - Direct Expense	13,000.00	Estimation based on expanded/new programs
Ticket Tailor/PayPal	700.00	Estimation based on increase online activities
Sept. Dinner Dance - Afrika House Event	6,218.59	Based on goal of 50% margin
NYS Dept. of Law - Taxes, Filings	100.00	
Donations - US Charities, Guyana Affiliates, Other	1,000.00	Anticipated increase participation with US charities
Communication, Social Media - website hosting	600.00	Increase Web and Social Media visibility
Bank Charges	100.00	
Postal Services, E-Commerce and Administrative charges	300.00	
Total Expenses	22,018.59	
Net Income	\$ 4,718.59	



7) Financial Priorities and Highlights for 2020

We plan on improving our accounting procedures and organizational administration. We will also continue funding programs and complete other outstanding projects.

- Transition of all responsibilities to newly elected officers;
- Continue funding Annual Backpack Program, Feeding Program and Playfield Maintenance Project;
- Provide new computers for IT Department; 2 ceiling fans for the Allied Arts Department; projectors for the Social Studies, Foreign Languages and Science Departments
- Create ad hoc sub-committees;
- Breakdown of financials by program areas such as Feeding Program and Playfield Maintenance Project;
- Increase collaboration with other chapters;
- Host two fundraising events annually with the intent of achieving at least 50% profit margin;
- Solicit high dollar giving donors and corporate sponsorships;
- Increase membership (in good standing) growth and collection of dues.



THANK YOU LETTER

April 15, 2020

Dear NRMSS Alumni, Supporters, Family and Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the generosity and support to the NRMSS Alumni Association throughout 2019. Your support has helped make a difference in the lives of hundreds of students at the North Ruimveldt Secondary School (NRMSS), the beneficiary of our causes. We appreciate your continued benefaction and are grateful for all that you have done and continue to do.


Our undertaking is to receive contributions and raise funds that will enable the organization to provide financial assistance, to NRMSS when necessary. The funds we receive, 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 that is necessary to promote and enhance the educational opportunities and advancement of the students of NRMSS.

We advocate transparency and this report, and the supporting documentation will communicate how your donations and funds were expended in 2019.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of NRMSS Alumni Association, Inc., I would like to thank each one of you for your continued support and commitment to our mission and for your unrelenting generosity and dedication to NRMSS and the students.

To the team, I take this opportunity to say thank you for your support, dedication and devotion to the organization. Thank you for sacrificing your time and efforts towards our many causes and fundraising activities. Thank you for the support and commitment you have shown over the years. I truly appreciate each one of you. Together we were able to accomplish several tasks help make a difference for the students at NRMSS in addition to aiding several folks at the various organizations we supported. As I make my exit as President, I am both comforted and assured that the Alumni Association is in capable and competent hands. Thank you all and may God continue to bless, guide and protect each one of you.

Respectfully yours,


Renita Ann Tyler
President

