

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

CAMPION'S DIAMOND JUBILEE



March 2020

CAMPION IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

I thought I would borrow the structure of the title of the novel by Colombian Nobel Prize-winning author Gabriel García Márquez, "*Love in the Time of Cholera*". For indeed this time, this season, this moment in our history, this will be known as nothing but "the time of Covid 19".

We started the term propagating information about the importance of hygiene in the fight against the novel corona virus. Fully aware that it was only a matter of time before it made its way to Jamaica, our ICT team, led by Mr. Lavare Henry began working feverishly to have the platform for remote teaching in place. Mr. David Henry and the Heads of Department agreed upon the most effective teaching strategy to be used school wide. Ms. Rose assessed student access to devices and the internet, identified and reached out to those students without. With the sudden announcement of school closure, the team was forced into high gear, but by Tuesday, March 17, with parents informed, teachers trained, devices supplied, data plans provided and resources posted on Moodle, we were ready to meet our students in cyberspace!

I am very grateful to all the parents who have exercised patience and understanding as we transitioned to this mode of instruction. Some of you have been very gracious in your expressions of appreciation and commendations. Please continue to ensure that your child/ward engages fully in all online learning activities prescribed by teachers. It is essential that students take responsibility for their learning during this time. So even as you try to allay their fears and keep their spirits positive, please also help them to manage their time well.

Now just as "*Love in the Time of Cholera*" is still primarily about Love, so *Campion in the Time of Covid 19* is still about Campion. So this newsletter will remind you that although this virus consumes so much of our attention and energy, Campion is much more than the fight against Covid 19. As a respite from all the daily distressing headlines, see once again the colour, richness and vibrancy of our Campion community!

Special points of interest:

- Founders Week 2020
- CXC Magis Edition
- Valentine's Dance
- Campion Sports
- Sports Day
- Open Day
- Lenten Message



ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

In observance of our 60th Anniversary

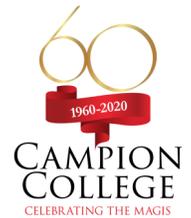


CAMPION COLLEGE
CELEBRATING THE MAGIS

The celebration of the school's Diamond Jubilee started with an ecumenical service at the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity on Founders Day 2020, January 5th. The service took the form of vespers observing the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Enlivened with music, dance and song, it was a most inspiring worship experience.



HIGHLIGHTS OF FOUNDERS WEEK 2020



THE ARCHBISHOP SAMUEL CARTER MEMORIAL LECTURE & THE CAMPION HISTORY QUIZ

Both events took place on January 8th. The History Quiz, coordinated by Ms. Kathryn Stewart, was truly “on steroids”, complete with monitors and sound equipment to allow for audio visual cues for the first time.

The lecture format was changed this year to allow for two shorter presentations – one from the Rt. Rev. Dr. Howard Gregory, Archbishop of the Church of the Province of the West Indies, and Mr. Greg Christie, alumnus and former Contractor General of Jamaica.

The event was moderated by alumna Diana Thorburn, Director of Research at the Caribbean Policy Research Institute, and proved a much more interactive experience.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Ashley Gambrell-Rousseau, who so graciously undertook the coordination of this year’s special lecture.



The winning present student team pose proudly with their worthy opponents, the alumni team!



Faithful judges Ms. Bullens & Mrs. Webster with trusty timekeeper Daniel kept score



HIGHLIGHTS OF FOUNDERS WEEK 2020

THE ARCHBISHOP SAMUEL CARTER MEMORIAL LECTURE



*Celebrating the
Magis...*



HIGHLIGHTS OF FOUNDERS WEEK

THURSDAY JANUARY 9 2020

CAMPION COLLEGE

REDFEST

2020 | RED SHIRT DAY

ALUMNI INVASION **AERIAL DRONE SHOOT**

RED IS STRONG POWDER JOUVERT

AFTER JAM
FEATURING **DJ RUSSBUSS**

GET YOUR **REDFEST SHIRT** & BE A PART OF THE RED EXPERIENCE



RED IS STRONG

On January 9th, a group of alumni led the morning assemblies and stayed on campus to have lunch. After school, students dressed in their special anniversary T-shirts gathered for a drone-shoot on the football field. Mr. Dwright Wright choreographed all the movement and the drone footage was captured by alumnus Cesar Buelto. Parent, "Agent Sasco", was the feature act at a small party on the field after the shoot while 'Auntie Bertina' kept the vibes high!.





SPIRIT DAY & MR & MS CAMPIONITE COMPETITION 2020



On Friday January 10th - Spirit Day, the Student Council staged what is being hailed as the best Mr. and Ms. Campionite event ever. Student Council President, Carell Ramsay and her team produced an excellent show, which thrilled their audience and generated rave reviews.

This year's winners are 6B students **Jade Simmonds** and **Nathan Walker**.

Great work Mrs. Taylor Smellie!





CAMPION COLLEGE
CELEBRATING THE MAGIS

MAGIS AWARDS CXC EDITION 2019

On January 30th Campion's 'CXC Edition' of the Magis Awards was held, honouring just over 200 students who earned 7 or more Grade 1 passes at the CSEC level, and 4 or more Grade 1 passes at the CAPE level on the 2019 CXC examinations.

The event was very efficiently coordinated by a team headed by Mrs. Syreeta Kenny-Bennett, Sixth Form Supervisor.

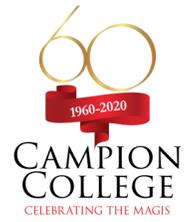
The Guest Speaker was Professor Michael Taylor, Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology, UWI, Mona, Campion alumnus and current parent. Other special guests included Archbishop Richards, the Honourable Alando Terrelonge, MP, Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information, Mr. Tanjay Holmes, Administrative Officer for CSEC and CVO's at the Overseas Examinations Commission, Mrs. Hazel Masters-Williams, Education Officer, Ms. Jomarie Malcolm, President of the CCAA and Mrs. Corah Sylvester representing the Home School Association.

AVINASH POTLURI SCHOLAR

A highlight of the Magis Awards CXC Edition is the announcement of the winner of the Avinash Potluri Scholarship. The 2019 recipient is **Tahjae Jackson**. This two-year scholarship is awarded to the Fifth Form student who achieves the most outstanding results on the CSEC examinations in a given year, and who chooses to enter the Sixth Form programme at Campion.



Celebrating the Magis...



CXC MAGIS EDITION—BRAVO CAMPIONITES!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to our two national scholarship winners for 2019:

- Brenton Bartley** The Jamaica Independence Scholarship (Male)
- Roshaun Robinson** The Jamaica Independence Scholarship (Female)



ALUMNI ON CAMPUS

It's been wonderful to see our alumni back on campus, reliving old days with the lunch special & tour ably guided by our 6th formers!

Calling all Campion Alumni!
When last did you have a Campion canteen lunch?

Come back to school with your friends & enjoy lunch in the canteen, at the tiki huts or sitting at green wall!
Get a tour & see the campus...

1 box juice PLUS 1 of:
• Pizza Pocket
• Callaloo Pocket



Enjoying a Campion lunch



TEACHERS "PROTEST"

Campion parents are accustomed to seeing (and trying to dodge) H.S.A. reps at the roundabout handing out flyers or trying to sell them tickets. But they were taken by surprise when they drove in to school on Jan. 15 to find teachers on the circle holding up signs and blowing vuvuzelas. Some parents were visibly worried as they approached the noisy group, fearing that

a protest of some sort was being staged. And indeed there was. But instead of a protest by disgruntled teachers, there were protestations of appreciation and love, in signs, shouts and chants, for our beloved Campion parents!



We love our parents!

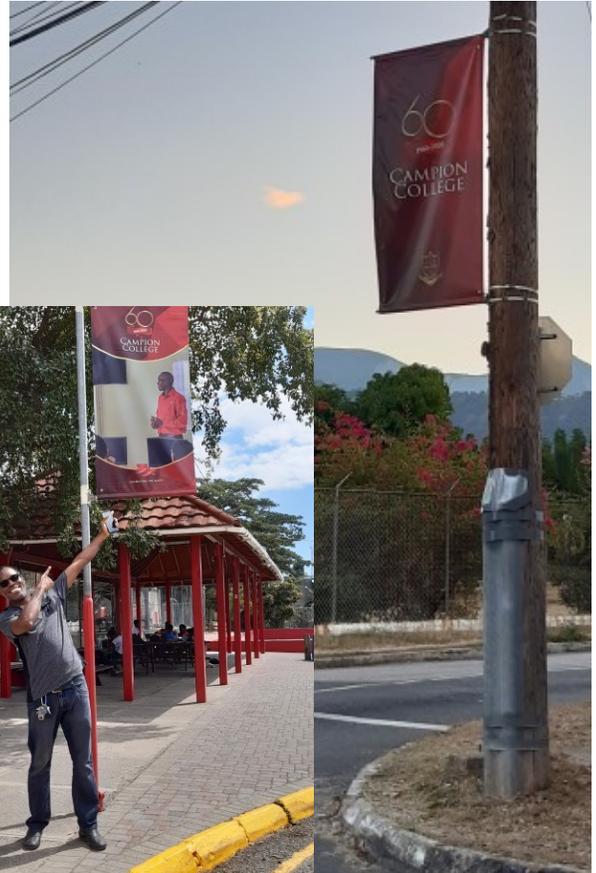


CAMPION BANNERS ARE UP!

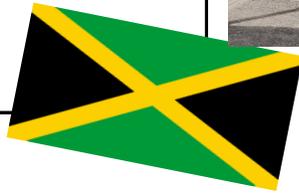
Campion pride flies high in the beautiful banners along Hopefield Avenue, Old Hope Road and at the school's entrance!

Images of Campion excellence in teaching, service, sports, science education, dance and school spirit remind us of how much we have to celebrate in this year of Jubilee!

We are deeply grateful to Stephen Steele of IPrint for the generous gift of the printing and installation of our 60th anniversary banners!



JAMAICA DAY 2020



Through the efforts of the Humanities Department, headed by Mrs. Arlene Hay, special activities were organized this year in observance of Jamaica Day, February 21st. There was a flag-raising ceremony with the singing of patriotic songs in the courtyard at the start of the day. The Department also staged a concert after school.





PRINCIPAL'S VALENTINE'S DANCE



On February 14th, Campion alumni and parents enjoyed a sumptuous meal in a most romantic setting in the Jim Webb Courtyard. The "selecta", DJ Bambino did an incredible job of getting everyone on the dance floor and from all accounts, a wonderful time was had by all. Mrs. Lesley Morris, alumna and current parent, is to be commended for so effectively leading the planning for this fundraiser.



Alumna Jessica Yap provided entertainment!



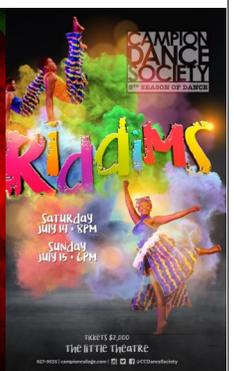
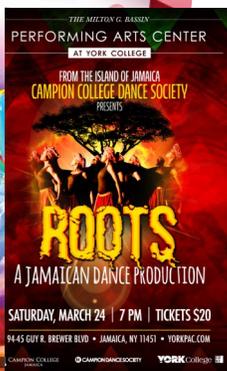
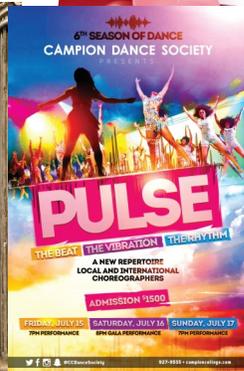
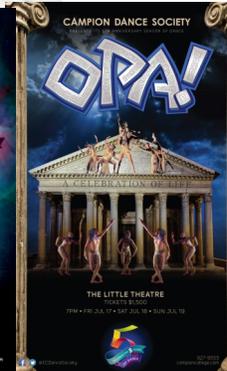
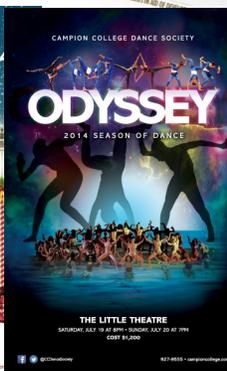
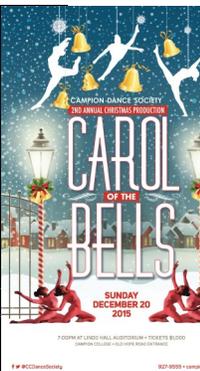
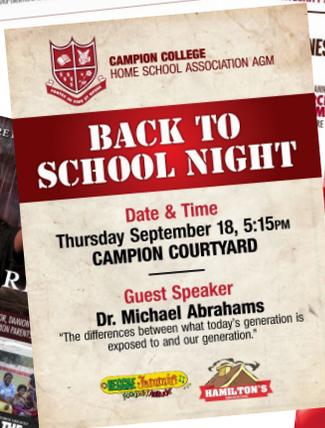
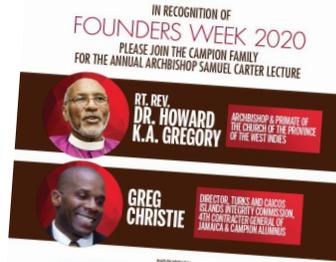
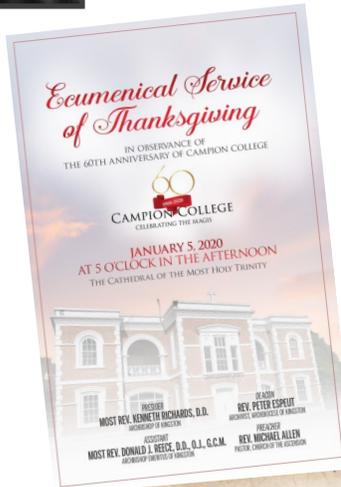
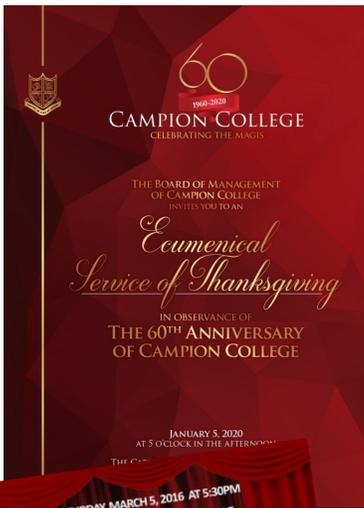
MEET MATTHEW TIPPINS!



Ever wondered where Campion gets its 'wicked', amazing, professional, first-world, graphic designs for posters, invitations and programmes? Meet Mr. Matthew Tippins, Director of Marketing, SuperClubs, based in California.

Since 2014, he has graciously responded to requests from Mrs. Nakash to do designs for Campion, even when the weight of his own workload made this very demanding. Matt, as some of us who annoy him with last minute jobs and endless requests for changes, have come to call him, can never be repaid for the quantity and exquisite quality of the work he has produced for us.

I use this opportunity to thank him most sincerely, on behalf of the entire Campion family. Though not a Campion alumnus, his is certainly the spirit of a True Campionite. We look forward to the day when he can join us at a Magis Awards ceremony, where we would be happy to confer this honour on him!





CAMPION SPORTS

Sanjana Nallapati competed in the US Alpha Bravo Construction Squash Silver Tournament at the end of last term and won her category in Under 13 and placed 4th in the U15 category. She placed number 1 in the Jamaica Junior Championship held in November in her category.



Squash Champ Sanjana Nallapati



Gold medalist Noel Ellis (above) who won the 3000m Open at the Isaac Henry STATHS meet while, at right, Justina Butler took the gold in the Class 3 High Jump



Our Under 19 Cricket, Volleyball (Boys) and Hockey Teams all **topped their zones** this season!!!

The cricketers have advanced to the semi-final round of their competition, while the hockey players and volleyballers are in the quarter finals.

We await word from ISSA as to whether or not these competition will resume. But in the mean time, we congratulate these boys and their coaches on an excellent season so far!

Congrats

Campion golfers receive their trophy at the Jamaica Gold Association Interschool Golf Tournament





CAMPION SPORTS

At the Corporate Area Champs our Girls finished 12th with 35 points and Boys 10th with 23 points.

- Derrick Bernard** Gold Medal in Class 2 Boys High Jump
- Krystal Sloley** 2 Silver Medals in Girls Class1 100m and 200m
- Justina Butler** Silver Medal in the Girls Class 3 High Jump
- Denee Charles** Bronze Medal in the Girls Class 3 80 m Hurdles
- Tianna Blake** Bronze Medal in the Girls Class 4 High Jump



BASKETBALL

Congratulations to our Under 16 Basketball Team and their coaches on retaining their title as Southern Conference Champions! They went all the way to the National Finals on March 11th, where they lost to J.C. in a tough match. I could not have been prouder of the true Campion grit and heart which the boys displayed. **Red is indeed strong!**





CAMPION HAPPENINGS

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

On **February 13th** the school paused to acknowledge the 100-day mark of the academic year. Teachers used the day to express appreciation for their students by providing treats for them – from book markers and notes of encouragement to candy and small gifts. This is an initiative of the Guidance Department and Grade Supervisors designed to build school spirit and promote feelings of attachment to school among our students.



FORTES HACKS

The Software Engineering Club of Campion College, under the direction of Mr. Lavare Henry, hosted its first 24 hour Hackathon: **FortesHacks** in the school's auditorium from 6 pm Friday, January 24 to 6 pm Saturday, January 25, 2020. 60 students participated, representing 17 teams and worked on problems relating to the environment and sustainable development issues. It was a fun but tiring experience. Thanks to the

alumni Christopher Gayle, Jehiel Smith, Ritesh Reddy, Nicholas Rance, Brandon Stanley, and many others for their support in making the event possible. Special mention to Kristen Stanley and Shawn Grant— the main masterminds behind the hackathon!



THE WINNING TEAM!



BLOOD DRIVE

On February 14th, the Interact Club held its annual blood drive in the auditorium. Some 40 persons attended, and 20 units of blood were collected. Representatives for the National Blood Transfusion Service expressed appreciation to the school community for its contribution to this most worthy cause.

STUDENT OUTINGS

TRIP TO PANAMA & MEXICO

Over the Mid-Term break, a group of students of Spanish travelled to Panama and Mexico for a study tour and language immersion experience. The trip was coordinated by Mrs. C. Allen-Pearson, Head of the Department of Modern Languages. Among the chaperones were some parents and Spanish teachers Mrs. Connie Reid-Neil, Mrs. Peta-Gay Smith, and Mrs. Rosemarie Wray-Cooke.



FIELD TRIPS

As usual there was a host of field trips this term, as teachers prepared students for their School Based Assessments at both the CSEC and CAPE level. These included trips to Great Huts in Portland, Sligoville, and Hope Gardens.



FRENCH CONNECTION

Mrs. Taina Lowe-Williams, teacher of French worked with Mr. David Cairol, a visiting French musician, to involve 26 of our students of French in the writing, performing and recording a song online, in a cultural exchange with students from Lucie Aubrac College in France.



SPORTS DAY

With our special 60th anniversary relay jerseys, our new medal podium and the work of the Hype Master, Mr. Dwright Wright as co-commentator with Mr. Foster, we were very 'boasy' on Sports Day 2020!

A thousand thanks to Ms. Suzanne Barton, who worked as Coordinator for the day!



BELLARMINE WON THE CHERLEADING



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CAMPION OPEN DAY

First Open Day in 10 years!

Teachers and students pulled out all the stops to present the most creative and innovative displays on March 6th—Open Day 2020. Visiting parents and alumni were notably impressed by students' ability to accurately explain the science behind their exhibits.

Special commendations to Mrs. Lorna James-Dobson whose leadership made Open Day such a success!!





BROWN BAG BREAKFAST CLUB

Campion parents have teamed up with the Guidance Department to ensure that no Campion goes hungry—at least on a Friday morning!



SPECIAL PRAYERS

DOCTORS AND NURSES—FRONTLINE TROOPS IN THE COVID 19 BATTLE

The Campion family has a distinctively large number of doctors and other health care professionals among its parents and alumni.

Many of them serve in the public health sector and we know that even our med students have been called to duty, as the system tries to manage this crisis.

Let us support each one of them with our prayers.

May Almighty God preserve their own health and grant them the courage demanded by their noble calling during this season.



CONDOLENCES

We express our sympathy to the following members of our community who recently lost loved ones:

The family of **Mr John Binns**, retired teacher who served at Campion for over 40 years

Alumnus, **Robert Gordon**, whose father was murdered in January

Barbara Hussey, member of the ancillary staff who lost her husband

Steven-Kyle James of 4-3 on the passing of his mother

Janell Harper of 6B who lost her father

Christeina Virgo of 4-2 on the death of her mother



PRINCIPAL'S LENTEN MESSAGE



In none of our planning for 2020 did we foresee a pandemic that would wreak such havoc in every sphere of our global, national and personal existence.

Yet in the midst of this crisis, the Ignatian spirituality bequeathed to us by our Jesuit founders, which teaches us to **"find God in all things"**, is a source of strength and inspiration. In all the uncertainty, fear and outright panic that I have witnessed these last weeks, I have prayerfully contemplated my Campion experience, and found God in:

- The calm and brilliance of my leadership team as they so effectively spearhead the Campion remote learning initiative
- The patience and generosity of the I.T. Department and technicians, working way beyond their paid hours to support the initiative
- The passion and maternal fierceness of the Guidance Department to make sure that no child is left behind in this endeavour
- The professionalism and care of my teachers, stretching themselves to ensure that meaningful learning continues
- The dedication of the ancillary staff, turning out in numbers during school closure, to sanitize every corner of the campus– Mr. Harriott showing up every morning to water plants just to ensure that they survive the drought
- The nobility of heart of so many students who have taken the time to express appreciation to their teachers for their efforts
- The compassion of my H.S.A. leadership in wanting to reach out to students from challenging socio-economic circumstances
- The commitment of the Bursar and admin staff making sure that the business of the school can still be carried out
- The unflagging support of a Board and Board Chairman respectfully accompanying the administration in this season of unpredictability
- The countless expressions of loving concern, one for the other, circulating in our community via our now intensified e-communication

I know that I run the risk here of sounding Pollyannaish, but I am in no way trying to gloss over the perilous nature of these times. However, what is the essence of our Christian faith, if not optimism—the belief that ultimately light triumphs over darkness, good over evil and life over death.

So I commend to us all, the wisdom of two mystics, who could not be more different in their personalities, but absolutely united in their insight: Julian of Norwich, a 14th century English, Christian and Bob Marley a 20th century Jamaican Rastafarian.

Julian says she received this message in a revelation :

"...all shall be well, all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well."

Bob says he received this message in a revelation from the 3 little birds on his doorstep :

Don't worry about a thing; 'cause' every little thing gonna be alright."

May the timeless truth of their mystical messages be our hope and consolation, as we journey through the valley of the shadow of Covid 19.

I cannot responsibly close my message without reminding you of our common duty in the fight against Covid 19, to do our part to "keep the curve flat". This Lent, I do not believe that we have to go looking for acts of penance to perform. Diligently taking care not to spread this virus is excellent penance and an optimum way to live out the commandment to love our neighbours as ourselves.

Be assured of my continued prayers for the protection of every member of our community!

Grace Baston

ANNIVERSARY EVENTS POSTPONED

Unwind Vybz and our Art Exhibition “60 Acts of Creativity” have both had to be postponed. Hopefully we will be able to announce new dates once normality returns.

Celebrating the Magis

with

60 ACTS OF LOVE & MERCY

What will you do for your Act of Love & Mercy?

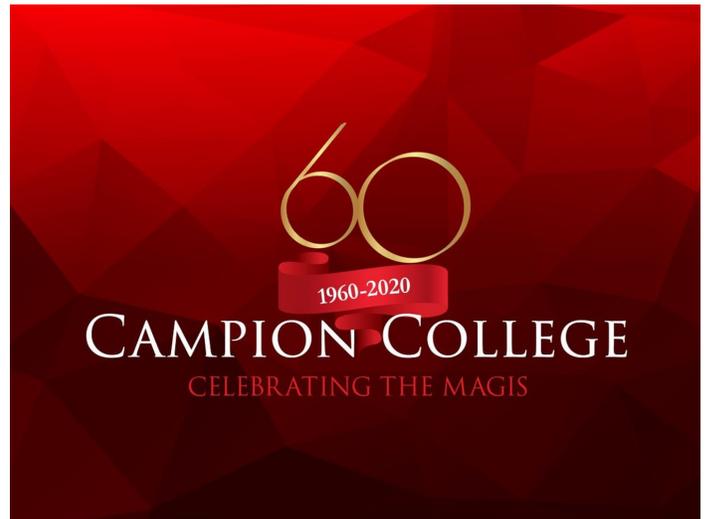


Campionites, past & present, are called to engage in an act of Love & Mercy—as a class, a club, a year group, a team or an individual!

Register your activity with Ms Stewart and document your event!

Campion Spiritware

AVAILABLE SOON



Coming events:

T.B.A.

TRIVIA

Fascinating Trivia!

UWI Mona has 7 Faculties and thus 7 Deans.
2 are not Jamaicans.

Of the 5 that are, all are Campion graduates!

Akshai Mansingh '80 (Sport),

Michael Taylor '87 (Science and Technology);

Shazeeda Ali '89 (Law),

Adrian Lawrence '91 (Engineering)

David Tennant '93 (Social Sciences)

Campion College vs Holmwood Technical: TVJ SCQ 2020 - February 18 2020



Congrats to our Schools Challenge Quiz Team who advanced to the quarter final round of the competition.

As with so many other suspended activities, we wait to see whether or not the season will be completed.