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Dear Members of Our Alumni Community:

Schools, colleges, universities, and vocational centers in South Florida have started the 2020-2021 academic year, and we take this opportunity to wish the members of our alumni community that are connected to education institutions in South Florida, a safe, healthy, and successful year. We wish the same for our schools, colleges, and universities in Jamaica when they reopen later this year.

We ask that you remember our alumni families in your devotion. In one particular family, both the wife and husband contracted the COVID virus and were hospitalized. The wife is out of the hospital, but the husband is still in the hospital on a ventilator.

Some wonderful things have come out of this pandemic. Our community came together more than any other time to support each other. We are now more willing to share what we have been blessed with, and we are happy to be volunteering our time and effort with individuals in our alumni community that are willing to go the extra mile to help others in need. We are truly a closer, more caring community. The virtual parties have been great, and Dreamy Riley's new project "*IrietimesTV.com*" is certainly providing great entertainment. Thanks Dreamy, for supporting the Coalition's Walkathon over the years, and we wish you the best.

As we embark on this new school year, let us try to be mindful of the myriad of emotions and real concerns that are still facing individuals in our community. As we face new challenges, let us embrace them knowing that for every challenge there is a solution. Never underestimate the power of a kind word or deed. From Howard Zinn, "Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world". Our small deeds are making a huge difference in many lives.

Also,

**Don't forget to smile, or laugh,  
or to live in the present;  
no matter where life takes you  
make every memory pleasant.**

Sandra & Rupert

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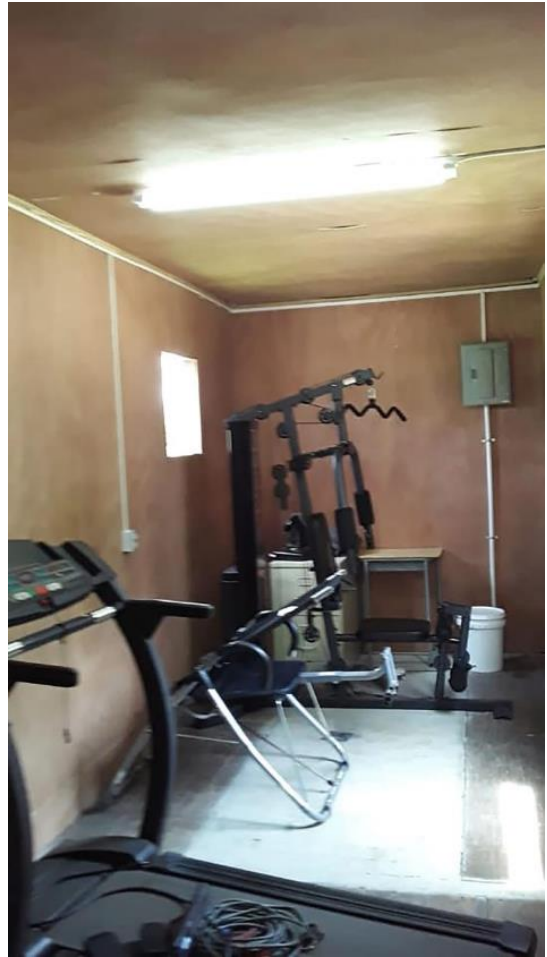
**THE SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER OF MOUNT ALVERNIA HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI  
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**WAY TO GO MOUNT ALVERNIA PAST STUDENTS!!!**

Faculty members, students, parents, and well-wishers gathered on March 5, 2020, for the official opening of the School Gym. The gym, which was constructed by converting a 40-foot shipping container, took two and a half years to complete and is a gift from the Mt. Alvernia High South Florida Alumnae Chapter. The members held various fund-raising events and after receiving a donation of the container, sought help from generous donors both locally and internationally to make the space comfortable and functional.

The vision for the gym was that of the athletic coach, Andrew Henry and the school's principal Mr. Stacy Henry, both of whom could see the need to develop immense athletic talent at the school. "We are so excited to have the gym completed, although we have been using it for at least a year and a half now," said Coach Henry. The project was completed in stages, starting with cutting windows and a door, after which equipment was brought in to make it functional while additional funds were being sought.

In making her remarks, South Florida Chapter president Judith Falloon-Reid said, "It has been two and a half years of fund-raising, planning and changing plans as things change, to get to this moment. We are grateful to every donor."



The facility which cost approximately US\$11,000 to complete, is fully equipped with weight training equipment, treadmill, stationary bicycle and other strengthening machinery.

*Past Student Janet Lewin poses for a picture on the exercise bike*

## CORNWALL COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH FLORIDA MAKES SCHOLARSHIP COMMITMENT

*The Gleaner*

Monday, August 31, 2020



The Cornwall College Alumni Association (CCAA) of South Florida is urging students of Cornwall College to submit applications to receive one of 12 scholarships available, each valued at US\$1,000.

The scholarships are being offered on a renewable basis with a funding commitment of US\$1,000 per student for each of the next five years, provided that the recipient is enrolled and continues to satisfy the programme's criteria.

The total five-year commitment is US\$60,000 (J\$9m).

The alumni association has been assisting the Montego Bay-based high school, providing school supplies, scholarships, mentorship and modernising various facilities on the school's campus.

### Support Continues

Despite COVID-19 hampering fundraising efforts, the association said that it continues to support academic excellence, awarding US\$12,000 (J\$1.8m) in scholarships for the challenging school year ahead.

"Considering the tragic effects of this pandemic, our children need our support more now than before. I urge Cornwall College students to apply for the scholarships we have available, and I want to encourage all alumni associations to reach out and do what you can to protect and provide for our young people that are being seriously affected at this time," President Phillip Wallace said.

Given the extension of time for reopening of schools, the deadline for application submissions has again been extended to Saturday, September 12, 2020.

To be eligible, students must:

- ✚ Demonstrate a financial need
- ✚ Have an 80 per cent average per transcript
- ✚ Have a Grade Point Average greater or equal to 3.2
- ✚ Be enrolled at Cornwall College for at least a year prior to the award of the scholarship
- ✚ Must not be a current recipient of another scholarship
- ✚ Present three recommendation letters and a letter from a parent expressing financial need.

Those interested can visit [www.ccalumni-florida.com/scholarships](http://www.ccalumni-florida.com/scholarships) to apply or email [scholarships@ccalumni-florida.com](mailto:scholarships@ccalumni-florida.com) for more information.

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The schedule of programs includes BarriVision originals such as

- ✚ *My LiKKle Food Spot* featuring South Florida personality Eddy Edwards
- ✚ *Where in JA is Dry Lan’ Touris?*
- ✚ *Shelf Life and Gospel Rhythms*

All of the above had successful runs on local stations in Jamaica, Canada and the USA. “We are also in preproduction of a few programs exclusively for irietimesTV.com,” says Michael Brown, Barri-Vision Films CEO. “We’re making the best of the digital world we find ourselves in and using technology to our advantage. Producers who wish to air their programs on our station can contact us via our website.”

Among the bespoke programs is

- ✚ *Culture Corner* with media personality Sophia Nicholson
- ✚ *Grooving with Crosslinks*, produced by Jamaica Youth for Christ in their Crosslinks recording studio, featuring young Gospel Artistes.

In addition, several independent producers have already agreed to air programs that reflect a cross section of the Caribbean such as popular entertainment program

- ✚ *5 Sur 5*
- ✚ *The Caribbean Edge*

“The goal is to bring the Caribbean to the world via an online medium that is free and easy to access,” says irietimesTV.com President and Technical Director, Dreamy Riley. “We decided to make it free to the public rather than go the route of monthly subscriptions because we wanted to make it a station that anyone could watch, from anywhere at any time. Our website is up and running with information on what’s to come so we invite people to check it out.”

The station is already being tested and will be ready to roll out within the next few weeks.

For more information visit

[www.irietimestv.com](http://www.irietimestv.com)

**WOLMER'S - CAMPION  
VIRTUAL PARTY & RAFFLE**

**ON-LINE RAFFLE LINK**

<https://go.rallyup.com/agequodagis>

- 1ST - IPHONE 10
- 2ND - CHOME NOTEBOOK
- 3RD - US\$100 GIFT CARD.

**PARTY TIME**

**THE DRAWING WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2020 AT THE VIRTUAL N'DULGE PARTY**

AGE QUOD AGIS S.S.A.  
PRESENTS A TING CALLED

# N'DULGE

FEATURING 2 BIG SOUNDS

**SAT. SEPT 26 2020**  
8PM-UNTIL  
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

## WOLMERS VS CAMPION

THROWBACK JUGGLING CLASH EDITION

two ways to watch:

1. [youtu.be/Q2ZsDq5b5QQ](https://youtu.be/Q2ZsDq5b5QQ)
2. zoom: 718 5635 2467  
password: agequod

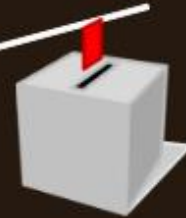
**TUNE IN FOR THE FUNDRAISING RAFFLE**

HOSTED BY **DJ TIMMY HMV**

**MIXMEISTER CHINA** ambassadors



# UWI ALUMNI - FLORIDA RAFFLE



**\$5**

per raffle ticket

RCA 55"  
4K  
TELEVISION

**\$5**

per raffle ticket

**Closing Date**

**October 3, 2020**

**Drawing**

**October 10, 2020**

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ON LINE AT [WWW.UWIAAFL.ORG](http://WWW.UWIAAFL.ORG)  
BY PHONE: 954-732-3821; 954-242-25629

PROCEEDS TO FUND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS  
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