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182 Jamaicans Honoured at King's House

One hundred and eighty-two Jamaicans were invested with national honours by Governor-General the Most Hon. Sir Patrick Allen at the National Honours and Awards Investiture Ceremony held at King's House on Heroes Day (Monday, October 17, 2016).

Members of the judiciary, public service, foreign service, the private sector and the media and entertainment fraternity were among those invested with national honours.

Heading the list of honorees was former parliamentarian Dr. Kenneth

Baugh who received the Order of Jamaica for his distinguished service to Parliament and the Public Service, as well as for his contribution to medicine. He was joined by Professor Denise Eldemire-Shearer, Professor Renn Holness and Ambassador Anthony Johnson, former High Commissioner to London who were also invested with the Order of Jamaica.

The audience showed their overwhelming appreciation when Sir Patrick Allen presented two civilians with badges of honour for Gallantry. They are Orlando Brown of Ackee Walk in St. Andrew and Antini Henderson, a student of Merl Grove High School. Brown demonstrated bravery when he risked his life to rescue a boy who was being washed away by flood waters in the Sandy Gully in October 2015, while Henderson rescued her mentally challenged sister in January of this year, as fire gutted their home.

Seven members of the security forces and one correctional officer received medals of honour for gallantry. Woman Constable Crystal Thomas was honoured posthumously for her role in preventing robbers from carrying out acts of criminality against passengers on a bus in July 2015. She died in the incident.

Awardees who received the Order of Distinction in the rank of Commander included the



Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen confers the Order of Distinction in the rank of Commander on Mr. Geoffrey Madden, LVO for his distinguished service to the legal profession at the National Honours and Awards Ceremony on the lawns of King's House. Mr. Madden is a former Governor-General's Secretary. (Left) Commissioner of Police, Dr. Carl Williams and (2nd right) Aide-de-Camp to The Governor-General, Cptn Fenekie Rowe.

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Editorial



Ms. Sonja Simms
Press Secretary
Editor-in-Chief

We are very happy to present you another edition of the very highly anticipated **King's House Times**. We take serious our responsibility to use the various communication channels available to inform you, our valuable stakeholder on the activities of the Office of The Governor-General (OGG).

We know you our readers missed the physical copy of last quarter's news and in our best effort not to exclude you we have produced this special edition.

This edition features the far reaching effect of the Governor-General in the community especially as he continues to impact education, youth and family. It also shares ways in which His Excellency's charge to the nation, to foster a '**duty of care**' is being manifested by his staff.

As always, it is our hope to stimulate your understanding and keep you abreast of the constitutional, legislative, ceremonial and social functions of the OGG in practical terms.

Also, please be reminded to visit our website and social media pages for these and other stories in full details.

Enjoy!

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Hon. Mr. Justice Lennox Campbell, Mr. Allan Roy "Mutabaruka" Hope, Clifton Gladstone Hughes, former Governor-General's Secretary, Mr. Geoffrey Madden, and noted protocol consultant F. Merrick Needham.

Among the recipients of the Order of Distinction Officer Class were Mr. Rexton Ralston Fernando "Shabba Ranks" Gordon, Mr. Lachman Ramchandani, Mrs. Diana McCaulay, Ms. Patricia Rodney Evering and Mr. Michael Gordon who was awarded for his outstanding service in the field of photojournalism.

Individuals were also honoured posthumously for distinguished national service. Among them are William Alexander "Bunny Rugs" Clark and Gregory Anthony Isaacs for Outstanding Contribution to the Jamaican Music Industry locally and internationally. Former Gleaner journalists Glenroy Sinclair and Gary Spaulding were posthumously honoured with the Order of Distinction Officer Class for their distinguished service in the field of Journalism.



Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen confers the Order of Distinction in the rank of Officer on Ms. Lola Patricia Rodney Evering for her distinguished contribution to the Jamaican Foreign Service at the National Honours and Awards Ceremony held on the lawns of King's House on October 17, 2016. Looking on is The Governor-General's Aide-de-Camp, Captain Fenekie Rowe.

OJ & OD Conferred on Known Artists in Special Ceremonies

Renowned Jamaican artist and art historian the Honourable Dr. David Boxer was presented with the Insignia of the Order of Jamaica (OJ) during a special investiture ceremony held at the artist's Devon Road home in Kingston on August 9, 2016, ahead of the National Honours and Awards Ceremony held in October.

Dr. Boxer who is ailing, served as Curator of the National Gallery for thirty-five years and lectured at the Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts for twenty years.

Subsequently, Mr. Cecil Cooper, another cultural icon who has had a career as an influential artist and art educator was conferred with the Order of Distinction (Commander Rank) by His Excellency The Governor-General in a private ceremony at King's House on September 5, 2016.

Mr. Cooper who was also ailing, later died on September 15, 2016.



The Honourable Steadman Fuller CD, JP, Deputy Governor-General and Custos of Kingston presents the canister with the proclamation to the Honourable Dr. David Wayne Boxer CD.



Governor-General the Most Honourable Sir Patrick Allen presents the insignia of the Order of Distinction (Commander Class) on renowned artist Mr. Cecil Cooper while his wife Mrs. Rose Bennet Cooper looks on.

Governor-General Honours National Heroes!



Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen lays a wreath at the shrine of the Rt. Excellent Norman Manley on July 4, 2015. This occasion commemorated the hero's 123rd birth anniversary.



Governor-General His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen lays a wreath at the shrine of National Hero, the Rt. Excellent Marcus Mosiah Garvey during a Floral Tribute commemorating the 129th anniversary of Garvey's birth at the National Heroes Park on August 17, 2016.



Governor-General's Messages

Independence 2016

My fellow Jamaicans, at home and abroad, I greet you warmly as we mark the **fifty fourth anniversary of our Independence**. This is a day of celebration and reflection as we look back, but also as we look ahead and commit ourselves to the further advancement of our beloved nation.

This year we are at the half way point, between the start of the millennium and the target year of 2030, for achieving our major development goals. I therefore use this occasion to encourage you, to draw inspiration from what we have achieved and move in the directions which will accelerate our progress. We need to accept and believe that there are more positives in our history and our present profile as a people, than the negatives on which we so often focus.

We have provided the international community with:

- creative geniuses like 'Bob' Marley;
- extraordinary athletes, like McKenley, Quarrie, Fraser-Pryce and Bolt, among others
- academicians, entrepreneurs, professionals in virtually every field, including engineering, medicine, law and agricultural research, to name a few.

We also enjoy one of the most respected electoral systems in the world, which demonstrates our capacity for national cooperation, collaboration and cohesion.

The time has come, indeed it is now, that we must channel our extraordinary talents and skills, which are at every level of our society, into the drive for social and economic development; with equity, justice and an increased sense of security. To this end, let us remember that unity of purpose and a sense of togetherness can be achieved only when as individuals, we plan, think, speak and act with a sense of responsibility and genuine concern for others. We must deliberately foster this unity of purpose and togetherness in our:

- family, within our community and in the society

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Heritage Week 2016

Delivered at the Jamaica Cultural Development Commission (JCDC) National Heritage Week Thanksgiving Church Service

I greet you very warmly and commend the JCDC for spearheading this service to mark the beginning of **Heritage Week 2016**.

We gather here this morning to worship God - thank Him for the self-sacrificing love and labour of our Heroes, with the hope that the legacy of courage can be embraced by our generation and passed on to those following.

This year's theme "**Our Heritage...Our Legacy...Our Strength**" draws together the past and the future and centers both on the present.

You and I know, my brothers and sisters that, we have a rich heritage, created out of oppression, struggle, resilience and triumph over overwhelming odds.

The Maroon wars with Nanny emerging as one of its fearless, peerless leaders; the sacrificial leadership of Samuel Sharpe, Paul Bogle and George William Gordon cleared a path of hope for Jamaica. That path led Marcus Mosiah Garvey, Alexander Bustamante and Norman Washington Manley to inspire and develop the foundational structures of government, with policies which have brought us into a confident fifty-four-year-old independent nation.

Today we continue to use the inspiration and the opportunities created by our Heroes, as well as the traditions of our parents, to serve as the template to open new horizons of social progress, of economic growth and individual excellence.

The future is a canvas awaiting the picture that this generation and Jamaicans yet unborn are to paint.

My fellow Jamaicans, we have the responsibility today to seize the moment and use our gains in ways which will make our actions count.

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- at large;
- institutions, on the roads, in places of business;
- shared spaces; as we protect our children, observe the rules, respect others, show sensitivity and cordiality;
- and, even when we disagree, we are to be guided by what is best for all, rather than for self alone.

It is in *this* spirit, which made possible many of the achievements of our forebears, that we must be empowered to overcome our challenges and succeed! One of our twentieth century poets, H D Carberry wrote about our strengths as a people and our potential for greatness:

*"The mould is not yet made, perhaps,
That can unite and make the people one
But more important than the mould
Is the temper of the steel,
The spirit of the people.
And when that steel is smelted
And when that steel is tempered
And when that steel is cast
O what a people will that people be!"*

We, as a people have been tested, and we, will be tested even more. But the spirit of our people cannot be broken if we come together, if we unite and put the good of the nation first, above selfish ambition.

Lady Allen joins me in wishing *you* a day and a season of enjoyment, of positive energy, and above all, of renewed commitment to make Jamaica the place it was meant to be.

May the blessings of the Almighty be with us today and always.

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We must use every opportunity to build our lives, and the life of our nation, on foundations which are secure; values which are sound and sustainable; relationships which demonstrate sensitivity and respect, and actions which reflect an inescapable **'duty of care.'**

As I greet you this morning, and look forward to a worship service of inspiration, I remind you of the increasingly accepted proposition that we **"must use our best gifts and talents to fix what is so wrong with our country."**

In the context of this morning's worship service, it is quite proper to contemplate the love and service of the undisputed, undefeated Hero who walked this earth – Jesus Christ; whose life and service is the model for all who served humanity and all who wish to offer themselves in this regard.

May God hear us today and answer our prayers on behalf of ourselves, our family and nation as we strive for peace, love and unity, and moving forward, together.

God bless you and God bless Jamaica, **Land We Love.**



Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen delivers his address at the annual National Heritage Week Thanksgiving Church Service at the Andrew's Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church on October 8, 2016.

News

UTech Student Receives Their Excellencies 40th Anniversary Scholarship

Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen and Lady Allen have awarded Simone Dwyer, a second year student at the University of Technology (UTech), Jamaica, the **Sir Patrick and Lady Allen 40th Anniversary Scholarship** valued at over \$1.38 million.

This will allow Simone to complete her Bachelor's Degree in Medical Technology. Two other UTech students, Raymond Stewart and Lacy-Ann Green, were named first and second runners-up and received bursaries of \$459,000 and \$175,000 respectively.

The scholarship fund was launched in July 2015 at a musical recital held in celebration of Their Excellencies' 40th Wedding Anniversary, and to which guests, family, friends and well-wishers were asked to contribute instead of offering gifts.

Speaking at the Scholarship Award Ceremony held at King's House, the Governor-General said, "We are happy to serve and uplift others as we do through the **I Believe Initiative** to empower young people."

Although he and Lady Allen would have preferred to celebrate their fortieth wedding anniversary away from public view, he said they both welcomed the idea to give back to society through the scholarship fund.

He noted that although only one scholarship was envisioned, the economic and social reality of Jamaican students wanting to pursue tertiary education was a compelling reason for the award of bursaries to the first and second runners-up.

In her response on behalf of fellow recipients, Simone Dwyer expressed gratitude for the vote of confidence by Their Excellencies and the selection panel which was headed by Peter Goldson, Secretary of the Jamaica and Commonwealth Caribbean Rhodes Scholarship Committees. "Thanks to you, my colleagues and I are one step closer to completing our studies. Our educational pursuit would have been difficult without your assistance," she stated.

Professor Colin Gyles, Acting President of UTech, said that the institution would ensure that the recipients do not disappoint in terms of the training they will receive.



Their Excellencies Sir Patrick Allen and Lady Allen present Ms. Simone Dwyer, winner of the Sir Patrick & Lady Allen 40th Anniversary Scholarship with an award certificate during a ceremony at King's House on August 12, 2016.



Their Excellencies Sir Patrick Allen (2nd left) and Lady Allen (3rd left) with Professor Colin Gyles, Acting President of the University of Technology, Jamaica (right), Ms. Simone Dwyer, scholarship winner (2nd right), Mr. Raymond Stewart, first runner-up bursary recipient (3rd right) and Lacy-Ann Green, second runner-up bursary recipient (left) during a presentation ceremony at King's House on August 12, 2016.

News

Sir Patrick Allen and Lady Allen Join The Queen for her Official 90th Birthday Celebration

Their Excellencies the Most Honourable Sir Patrick Allen Governor- General and the Most Hon. Lady Allen joined Members of the Royal Family, Heads of State and Governors- General from the Commonwealth and other Realm territories for The Queen's official 90th birthday celebrations in London, England, on the weekend of June 9-12, 2016.

The celebratory activities commenced with Her Majesty meeting her Governors-General to be followed by a National Service of Thanksgiving at St. Paul's Cathedral and a luncheon where members of the Royal Family, specially invited guests, Governors-General and their spouses were present.



Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen (seated left), with The Queen (seated centre), members of the Royal Family and other Governors- General, on the occasion of The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations held in London, England from June 9 - 12, 2016.



Governor-General His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen greets Her Majesty while Lady Allen (right) looks on.

Another key activity of Her Majesty's celebration was the hosting of a public tea party to raise funds to support the over 600 charities of which she is Patron. This inaugural event attracted over 10,000 guests, demonstrating their love, respect and adoration of the British Monarchy.

Culminating the festivities was the Trooping of the Colour on June 12, an event which added much splendor to the celebrations.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II celebrated her actual birthday on April 21, 2016 and customarily celebrates an official birthday in June when the English weather is expected to be fair. This tradition dates back over 250 years in British History.

News

Governor-General Receives Trinidad and Tobago's Prime Minister On Courtesy Call

Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen cordially received Trinidad and Tobago's Prime Minister, Dr. Keith Rowley on a courtesy call at King's House on Monday July 18, 2016.



Governor-General His Excellency the Most Hon. Sir Patrick Allen engages Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago, Dr. the Hon. Keith Rowley during a courtesy call at King's House on July 18, 2016. Looking on are: (L-R) Mrs. Sharon Rowley, wife of the Prime Minister of Trinidad & Tobago, Her Excellency the Most Hon. Lady Allen, wife of The Governor-General of Jamaica and Ambassador the Hon. Burchell Whiteman, Special Advisor to The Governor-General.

The in-camera visit which lasted about 30 minutes ended with the Prime Minister signing the official guest book in which he expressed his wish for peace and prosperity for the people of Jamaica.

"My love and very best wishes to all the people of Jamaica, for peace, prosperity and brotherly love, from all the people of Trinidad and Tobago," Dr. Rowley wrote.

The Trinidad and Tobago's Prime Minister's meeting with Jamaica's Governor-General was his first order of business on his official four day visit to Jamaica.

Governor-General Expresses Condolence to the People of Trinidad & Tobago

Governor-General, His Excellency the Most Honourable Sir Patrick Allen signs the condolence book in memory of the late former Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, Mr. Patrick Manning, at the Trinidad and Tobago High Commission on Windsor Avenue in Kingston on July 8, 2016.

Looking on is His Excellency Fitzgerald Jeffrey, the newly appointed Trinidad and Tobago's High Commissioner to Jamaica.

Mr. Patrick Manning died on July 2, 2016, after undergoing a period of illness.



The Judicial Bench

Governor-General Installs First Chief Judge of the Parish Courts

Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen has installed Her Honour Miss Judith Pusey as the country's first Chief Judge of the parishes, with responsibility for the administrative supervision of work in Courts across all parishes. Justice Pusey was among seven female judges who were appointed to serve in higher positions in the Courts System during a ceremony held at King's House on Tuesday (September 13, 2016).

Her new position was created under the **"Judicature (Parish Courts) Act"** of February 2016, as an amendment to and renaming of the previous **"Judicature (Resident Magistrate) Act"** and, according to The Governor-General, represents a further evolution of Jamaica's jurisprudence.

"Jamaica has a judicial system that, in its evolution since Independence has provided a rich and highly respected jurisprudence of which we all are very proud. This significant development in the Judiciary indicates that we are growing and entering a dynamic epochal period," he stated.



Governor-General His Excellency the Most Hon. Sir Patrick Allen (right) presents Her Honour Miss Judith Pusey with the Instrument of Appointment during her Swearing-In Ceremony as the first Chief Judge of the Parish Courts.



Governor-General His Excellency the Most Hon. Sir Patrick Allen looks on as the Hon. Miss Justice Carol Edwards takes her Oath of Office as Judge in the Court of Appeal.

In commending the judges who were appointed, Sir Patrick Allen said he was confident that they would "build on the legacy of fair and balanced judgement and reaffirm the integrity of our Judicial System." He further urged them to use their chambers to speak for those who cannot speak, especially children who are being abused and victimised.

All seven newly appointed judges were commended for their commitment to principle and duty by the Honourable Mr. Justice Dennis Morrison, President of the Court of Appeal and Chief Justice the Honourable Mrs. Justice Zaila McCalla, who urged them to be astute with their decision-making and deliberations.

In addition to Justice Pusey, the other judges who were sworn-in are the Hon. Miss Justice Paulette Williams and the Hon. Miss Justice Carol Edwards who will serve in the Court of Appeal. They were joined by Her Honour Miss Carolyn Tie, Her Honour Stephanie Jackson Haisley and Her Honour Sonya Wint-Blair who were appointed Puisne Judges in the Supreme Court, along with Miss Pamela Mason who will serve as Master-in-Chambers.



Diary Entry Highlights



Top: His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen delivered a 'heart to heart' talk to students of Bog Walk High School who were visiting King's House for achieving academic excellence on July 7, 2016.

Bottom: After an eloquently delivered vote of thanks, His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen hugged this student, while Mr. Patrick Powell, the Principal, cheers on.



Governor-General His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen (centre) congratulates the awardees of the Jamaica Institute of Management (2009) prestigious 2015 Manager of the Year Awards during the presentation ceremony on June 2, 2016 at King's House. The awardees are Mr. Grantley Stephenson, Chief Executive Officer of Kingston Wharves Limited (right) and Mrs. Scarlett Gillings (left), former Managing Director of Jamaica Social Investment Fund.



His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen interacts with guests at the Public Launch for the New Employment Opportunities for YUTE (NEO) Programme on June 3, 2016.



A Ministry of Agriculture representative presents the Hon. Steadman Fuller, Deputy Governor-General and Custos of Kingston, with a package of onions from the Ministry's successful Onion Project at the 64th annual Denbigh Agricultural, Industrial and Food Show in Clarendon on Sunday, July 31, 2016. Mr. Norman Grant, Jamaica Agriculture Society (JAS) President (centre) and Ms. Verna Dwyer (right), Deputy Governor-General's Secretary (Corporate) look on.



Diary Entry Highlights



Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen (centre) receives Dr. Astrid Bonfield (5th right), CBE, Chief Executive of The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust, award winning young leaders, runners-up and partners in The Queen's Young Leaders Programme on June 1, 2016.



Ambassador the Hon. Burchell Whiteman, Special Advisor to The Governor-General addresses honour students from Winston Jones High School on June 7, 2016 at King's House before they proceeded on a tour of the historic property.



Sir Patrick Allen (centre) with participants in the GraceKennedy Jamaican Birthright Programme and executives of GK Foundation during a courtesy call at King's House on July 7, 2016. From left are: Karis Edwards, Natasha Allen, Caroline Mahfood, Executive Director GraceKennedy Foundation, Crystal-Gayle Johnson, Project Officer GraceKennedy Foundation, Casey Daley and Kimberley Stephenson.



As the Mico University College celebrates its 180th anniversary, the Honourable Steadman Fuller, Deputy Governor-General and Custos Rotolorum for the parish of Kingston received the 1971-1973 batch of graduates, of which he is part, in a courtesy call at King's House on August 9, 2016.



Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen, after launching the 2016 Poppy Appeal, pins a poppy on Lt. Col. Victor Beek of the Jamaica Combined Cadet Force. Lt. Col. V. Beek served in the Battle of Britain before returning to the Jamaica Defence Force Air Wing as a pilot.



Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen with students and teachers of Seward Primary School following the proclamation ceremony declaring November as Science and Technology Month at King's House on October 25, 2016.

Movements in the Offices of the Custodes

Governor-General Installs St. Andrew Custos to Serve with Excellence

"I am placing in your hands, Custos Dunwell, all the Justices of the Peace for St. Andrew. Take care of them and they will take care of you," was Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen's words of advice to the Honourable Dr. Patricia Marshall Dunwell as he handed her the Magistrates' Roll at her Installation as the new Custos Rotulorum for the parish on August 18, 2016.

In the ceremony held at the Annual Gardens at Hope Gardens, His Excellency said that Custos Dunwell's investiture is taking place at a time when Jamaica is united in the hope fueled by the ethos of the successes of individual participant at the Olympics, and it is in that spirit of excellence that he publicly presents her to the people of the parish of St. Andrew as their Custos.

"We have high expectations of you and confidence in your ability to give exemplary leadership as circumscribed by the office" The Governor-General stated.

Custos Dunwell who has served as a medical doctor and plastic surgeon for many years, and has been volunteering and assisting several persons across communities within

her parish, in response; vowed to work closer with Justices of the Peace to make the parish the most peaceful, happy and cohesive.

Lieutenant Commander John McFarlane acted in the office of Custos Rotulorum for the Parish of St. Andrew for 6 months, after the resignation of the Honourable Donna Parchment Brown, who is now the Political Ombudsman.

Governor-General and Staff Support Custos Rochester at Funeral

Governor-General, the Most Honourable Sir Patrick Allen, Custodes and King's House Staff were a demonstration of support for St. Elizabeth's Custos, the Hon. Beryl Rochester, at the funeral service for her husband, the late Hon. Derrick Rochester, on May 1, 2016.



His Excellency The Governor-General presents the Magistrates' Roll to the Hon. Dr. Patricia Marshall Dunwell at her Installation Ceremony as Custos of St. Andrew at Hope Gardens on August 18, 2016.



His Excellency consoles the Hon. Beryl Rochester, Custos of St. Elizabeth at the funeral service for her late husband, the Hon. Derrick Rochester, on May 1, 2016.

Feature:**“Operationalising the Duty of Care”
Visit with Former Westmoreland Custos**

Consistent with the Governor-General’s overarching 2016 theme of our “Duty of Care” to each other, Mrs. Dionne Tracey-Daniel, Governor-General’s Secretary instituted an initiative to visit with the former Custodes (Custodes Emeritus) across the parishes as they transition into retirement.

Mrs. Daniel and her team from King’s House commenced the visits in June with their first stop being at Sinclair’s Bargain Centre in Savana-la-mar, Westmorland to visit with and express appreciation to the Hon. Dossel Owen Sinclair, CD, who served as the Custos Rotulorum for Westmoreland from 2001 to 2012.

On Arrival

Mr. Sinclair, now an octogenarian, was still very busy in office directing his merchandise business when the team arrived. With a remarkable sense of recall and warmth he alighted from his chair to extend welcome with ecstatic shouts of halleluiah. “Halleluiah, halleluiah, Mrs. Daniel, you are here, you made it in good time...” Mr. Sinclair exclaimed almost in disbelief.



Mrs Dionne Tracey Daniel, Governor- General’s Secretary presents a gift to former Custos of Westmoreland, the Hon. Dossel Owen Sinclair, CD.

He told the team that he fell, found that he had a clot on his brain and was admitted in the hospital in January. He said that Lady Allen had visited him in hospital and that he now has difficulty walking without the use of a cane. In characteristic humor he added that, “As Dudley Thompson says I am in the departure lounge.” As he eased in conversation he was eager to know the whereabouts of all the persons with whom he worked closely at King’s House, particularly Mrs. Nairne, Mr. F. Merrick Needham, Protocol Consultant and Mr. Hugh Morris. He also wanted to know who is the current Aide-de-Camp and all the new Custodes across the parishes. “...who is the Custos for St. Catherine; Revd. Jeffrey McKenzie? Another pastor. We have about five pastors now,” he quipped.

Memories of Service

“I’ve been to functions here (in Westmoreland) and when they announce me the applause is deafening,” Mr. Sinclair recall of his time in the Office of Custos. When asked if he missed serving he stated that, “I don’t miss the job as Custos but I miss the fraternity.” “One thing is that the request for funds to support benevolent causes is not as bad (excessive) as when I was a Custos. Now-a-days they don’t bother. They think you got a lot of money as Custos,” Mr. Sinclair added.

Of his time in office he also mentioned keeping a keen eye on the Justices of the Peace (JP). He listed creating the first directory of his parish JPs and an Identification System for them as his legacy to the office.

“I’m not surprised. It has to be a reason for Mrs. Daniel to come here,” Mr. Sinclair commented as Mrs. Daniel made presentation of gifts she had carried from His Excellency The Governor-General.

Being one of the first set of Custodes to be upgraded from the rank of the Order of Distinction Officer Class (OD) to Order of Distinction Commander Class (CD) he requested that the Governor-General’s Secretary have a reunion of the past Custodes.

As the team got ready to depart the half day visit Mr. Sinclair exclaimed, “this is precious. Precious moments. I like what is happening.”



(L-R) Governor-General’s Secretary, Mrs. Dionne Tracey Daniel, with former Custos of Westmoreland, the Hon. Dossel Owen Sinclair, CD, Press Secretary, Ms. Sonja Simms, and Executive Secretary, Mrs. Charmaine Campbell.

Feature:**Reflections with Retired Custos Gilbert Allen**

As Mrs. Dionne Tracey Daniel, Governor-General's Secretary and other members of her team from King's House continues the home visits to express their 'duty of care' and appreciation to the Custodes who served, their next stop was Manchester, in June. This visit was with the Honourable Gilbert Allen, the Custos who served the parish of Manchester from 1994-2011.

The team arrived mid-morning at the home Dr. Allen shares with his wife Georgia, his sister Eulalee, cat Pretty and household staff in the cool parish. After a presentation of gifts to Dr. Allen, and several minutes spent admiring his many gardens, he and his wife welcomed the team inside for snack and his rich reflections.

Memorable Moments

Governor-General's Secretary, Mrs. Dionne Tracey Daniel (centre), Retired Custos of Manchester, the Hon. Gilbert Allen (left) and his wife, Mrs. Georgia Allen, admire the gift from the Office of The Governor-General & Staff.

"Every moment was memorable. There was never a dull moment. There was sometimes up to five engagements," Dr. Allen answered to his most memorable moments in the office of Custos of Manchester.

He also shared that the day he was inaugurated was very special because he and his wife had never been to a Custos Inauguration before. "We had no idea what to expect when we walked into the Mandeville Park. On the day there was this whole host of people; military, dignitary, police and there was great excitement with spontaneous outburst of greetings and "we love yous". Poor Mrs. Allen was overwhelmed," Dr. Allen revealed.

The first native Manchesterian to become Custos Rotulorum for the parish, Dr. Allen reflected that, "I didn't seek it. I did not know who recommended me. So the question was why

me?"

Sufficiently grounded in strong social values which espouses hard work, Dr. Allen quickly settled in his role and has served under the leadership of three Governors-General. He shared that when his last boss, a colleague prior, Dr. Patrick Allen was to be the Governor-General in 2009, he was so pleased and 'pass on all the congratulatory messages' which were being directed to him.

A medical doctor by profession, Dr. Allen is well-known for his charitable work across the parish and attributes it to lessons learnt from his very humble rural upbringing among his father who was a tailor, mother a housewife, brother and two sisters among whom the limited resources had to share.

"Meeting Her Royal Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II at King's House, deputizing for the Governor-General for a short time in 2010 and being guest of Their Excellencies (Sir. Patrick Allen and Lady Allen) with the grandchildren at King's House are other treasured moments Dr. Allen shared of his time in office.



(R-L) Governor-General's Secretary, Mrs. Dionne Tracey Daniel (right), with Custos Emeritus for Manchester, the Hon. Gilbert Allen (centre), his wife, Mrs. Georgia Allen (2nd right), Press Secretary, Ms. Sonja Simms (2nd left), and Executive Secretary, Mrs. Charmaine Campbell. King's House team member, Mr. Alton Smith, is on the other side of the camera.

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Diplomatic Roll Call



Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen (centre) receives a gift from Mr. Vijavat Isarabhakdi, Ambassador-designate of the Kingdom of Thailand, following his presentation of Credentials on June 21, 2016. Mr. Isarabhakdi's wife looks on.



Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen (right) engages Mr. Vladimir Nilalaevich Vinokurov, Ambassador-designate of the Russian Federation following his presentation of Credentials on May 27, 2016.



Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen (left) receives Letters of Credence from Mr. Roberto Garcia Marguez, Ambassador-designate of the Republic of Colombia on June 24, 2016.



Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen looks on as Mr. Daniel Saban, Ambassador-designate of the State of Israel, signs the official guest book following his presentation of Credentials on June 21, 2016.



Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen (left) welcomes Mr. Fitzgerald Jeffrey, High Commissioner-designate of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on July 5, 2016.



Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen (right) accepts a gift from Mr. Kankanamge Sarath Chandra Disanayake, Ambassador-designate of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, following his presentation of Credentials on July 11, 2016.



Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen (left) receives Letters of Credence from Mr. Zurab Eristavi, Ambassador-designate of Georgia, on September 29, 2016.



Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen (left) receives Letters of Credence from Mr. Atef Mohamed Sayed El-Ahi, Ambassador-designate of the Arab Republic of Egypt on June 21, 2016.

Diplomatic Roll Call



Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen (right) expresses best wishes to Ms. Trudy Deans, Consul-General designate to New York, on September 29, 2016.



Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen (right) engages, Ms. Audrey Marks, Jamaica's Ambassador-designate to the United States of America, on September 8, 2016.



Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen (left) receives Letters of Credence from Ms. Malgorzata Wasilewska, Head of Delegation of the European Union to Jamaica, on September 29, 2016.



Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen looks on as Mr. Petros Panayotopoulos, Ambassador-designate of the Hellenic Republic of Greece, signs the official guest book following his presentation of Credentials on September 29, 2016.



Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen (right) receives a gift from Mr. Sevala Naik Mude, High Commissioner-designate of the Republic of India, and his wife.



Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen (right) shares a light moment with Mr. Abdoul Kader Toure, Ambassador-designate of the Republic of Mali, on September 29, 2016.

Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen (right) receives a gift from Mr. Alfred Palembang, Ambassador-designate of the Republic of Indonesia, following his presentation of credentials on September 8, 2016.





The Governor - General in the Community

Jamaican-German Automotive School (JAGAS)

Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen officially opened the newly retrofitted autotronics laboratory at the HEART Trust/NTA's Jamaican-German Automotive School (JAGAS) on Maxfield Avenue on August 30, 2016. In his address he encouraged the students of the institution to develop an appetite for inquiry and success.

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Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen unveils the plaque with the inscription marking the significance of the occasion while (from left to right) the Hon. Floyd Green, Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information, Mr. Michael Dumke, Charge d' Affaires, Embassy of Germany and the Hon. Patricia Ann Marshall Dunwell, Custos of St. Andrew look on.



Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen (2nd left) engages instructors and students inside an automotive laboratory at JAGAS while Hon. Floyd Green, Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information (4th right), Mr. Michael Dumke, Charge d' Affaires, Embassy of Germany (partially hidden) and Miss Maxine Wilson, Chairman of the Heart Trust/NTA Board (1st left) look on.

Reflections with Retired Custos Gilbert Allen

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Dr. Allen's Legacy

The Georgia and Gilbert Allen Education Fund which affords over 250 students from across the parish of Manchester to attend primary, secondary and tertiary educational institutions is listed among the many initiatives consistent with educational advancement, community development, health and well-being that Dr. Allen has instituted in office, which now forms part of the legacy.

"Through this office, I discovered an attribute I never knew I had. I had never considered myself a speaker. I did everything to avoid speaking. I think that my inaugural speech was my first public speech. When I delivered it, Sir Howard (Governor-General at the time) said that it should be read all over the country and in every school."

"Since that speech though, he has had requests to speak in as far as California," Mrs. Allen chimed-in.

"After that wherever I spoke, persons kept asking for copies of the speech. One lady asked if we have considered publishing them. I have kept all those speeches in the 17 years," Dr. Allen recalls.

One of Dr. Allen's greatest desires is for lands he acquired from part for the establishment of a Justice Centre to include a Parish Court, Police Station and military facility, the expansion of a school and the establishment of a community center be revisited by his successors.



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The Governor - General in the Community

Their Excellencies continue affirming businesses and organisations exemplifying commitment to building Brand Jamaica.

Jamaica Manufacturers' Association (JMA)

In his annual corporate visit, Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen visited the JMA on May 12, 2016 where he lauded them for becoming the first business support organisation to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Creditinfo Jamaica. The MOU will enable JMA members to better manage their credit facilities.



Their Excellencies Sir Patrick Allen (left) and Lady Allen (right) with Mr. Metry Seaga, President of the Jamaica Manufacturers' Association.



Sir Patrick Allen (left) is shown one of the locally made products on display by Mr. Metry Seaga, President of the Jamaica Manufacturers' Association during a tour of the organisation.

Newport Fersan Limited

Sir Patrick Allen on tour of Newport Fersan Jamaica Limited, commended the management and staff for their commitment to Jamaica. He noted that the company's philosophy to help individuals achieve their potential and give back to society, is in sync with the **I Believe Initiative (IBI)**. The tour was on May 16, 2016.



Their Excellencies Sir Patrick Allen (2nd right) and Lady Allen (left) tour the Newport Fersan Jamaica Limited Factory. They are joined by L-R: Mr. Norman Grant, President of the Jamaica Agricultural Society, Mr. Dennis Valdez, Managing Director- Newport Fersan Jamaica Limited, the Hon. Steadman Fuller, Custos of Kingston and Mr. Domingo Viyella, President and Chief Executive Officer- Newport Fersan Jamaica Limited.



Governor- General His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen asks a Newport Fersan team member about the central unit which controls the processes involved in making a particular type of fertilizer.



The Governor - General in the Community

“Time to pull together” – GG

Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen and the Most Honourable Lady Allen on October 31, 2016 visited Jamaica College (JC) in a spirit of solidarity with that school and the wider education community as the nation grappled with the death of third form student Nicholas Francis. Nicholas was robbed and murdered on a bus for his cell-phone on October 26, 2016.



Their Excellencies Sir Patrick Allen and Lady Allen speak with David Rose, a sixth form student of Jamaica College, during their visit to the institution.

Governor-General's Surprise Teacher's Day Visit to Albert Town

Governor-General, His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen, made a pleasant surprise visit to the South Trelawny Edu-Skills Centre in Albert Town on Teacher's Day, where he was warmly received by an appreciative team of teachers and students.

His Excellency used the occasion to deliver special Teacher's Day Greetings and tokens to the staff and students, at the Centre which is one of his **I Believe Initiative (IBI)** Satellite Campuses.

In his address, The Governor-General encouraged the staff and students “to build on character as this is a trait that money cannot buy.”



His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen with students of the South Trelawny Edu-Skills Centre on May 4, 2016.

Quick Fact

Chapter VI Section 76 of the Constitution of Jamaica

The Prime Minister shall keep The Governor-General fully informed concerning the general conduct of the Government of Jamaica and shall furnish The Governor-General with such information as he may request with respect to any particular matter relating to the Government of Jamaica.





GGPE OVERVIEW

GGAA 25th Anniversary Church Service

Celebratory activities to mark the 25th anniversary of The Governor-General's Achievement Awards (GGAA) commenced on June 5, 2016 with a **Thanksgiving Service** at the Webster Memorial United Church.

Their Excellencies Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen and Lady Allen, Custodes, King's House Staff, GGAA recipients, sponsors and friends were all in attendance as they paused to recognise the work of the GGAA in recognizing excellence in our communities over the past 25 years.

The Thanksgiving Service was followed by a brunch at King's House where Their Excellencies hosted stakeholders whose committed efforts have sustained the GGAA over the years.



Their Excellencies and Custodes as part of the congregation at the GGAA 25th Anniversary Church Service



His Excellency reads a lesson at the GGAA 25th Anniversary Church Service



His Excellency addresses Custodes and sponsors of the GGAA. Mr. Oliver Clarke (2nd left) of the Gleaner Company, an initial sponsors of the programme, was present.

Governor-General's Achievement Award County Presentation Ceremonies

The 2016 Governor-General's Achievement County Awards commenced on June 23 in Cornwall County where 15 volunteers were recognised for their contribution to community development through volunteerism.

The second Ceremony was held in Middlesex on July 12, where another 13 nation builders were awarded for their dedication to self-improvement and community enhancement.

The GGAA Presentation Ceremonies culminated on August 25, at the Whispering Bamboo Cove Resort, St. Thomas where another 11 dedicated change agents from across Surrey County were acknowledged.



Their Excellencies, Custodes, GGPE National Co-ordinator, GGPE Project Officer and recipients at the Surrey County Award Ceremony.



Their Excellencies, Custodes, GGPE National Co-ordinator, GGPE Project Officer, Sponsors and recipients at the Cornwall County Award Ceremony.



Recipients at the Middlesex County Award Ceremony

GGPE OVERVIEW

2016 I Believe Initiative Youth Consultative Conferences (YCCs)

The I Believe Initiative Youth Consultative Conferences were held across the counties in the parishes of St. James, St. Ann and St. Andrew during the month of October under theme ***“Re- Imagining BOLD Set A New Standard”***.

Through various presentations, over 400 youth delegates were provided with the opportunity to make better choices and be empowered as they navigate the world.

The presenters included Lieutenant Diego McKnight, a Jamaican born US Navy Pilot, who beamed in on live video from Italy, Professor Trevor Munroe of National Integrity Action and Entrepreneurs from this year's National Continental Baking Company **Bold Ones** of Manufacturing Competition.



Cornwall County Conference

Students and teacher of Muschette High School stop for a photo moment with The Governor-General.



Middlesex County Conference

Students present their 'big entrepreneurial' ideas.



Surrey County Conference

Students of St. George's College flock Lady Allen for a selfie.

See full story @- <http://kingshouse.gov.jm>

Summer of Service (SOS) Competition 2016

Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen has awarded nine tertiary students who participated in the **I Believe Initiative's (IBI) Summer of Service Competition (SOS)** with scholarships and grants totaling \$9.8 million. The Scholarship Awards ceremony which is the fourth since the inception of the SOS in 2013, was held at King's House on Friday, September 2.

See full story @- <http://kingshouse.gov.jm>



Her Excellency Lady Allen presents a Certificate of Participation to Ms. Sherryl Clarke who was awarded a scholarship to pursue a BSc. in Tourism & Hospitality Management at the Excelsior Community College during the IBI's SOS Scholarship Presentation Ceremony.



Their Excellencies with Sponsors, SOS Award winners, the National Coordinator for the Governor-General's Programme for Excellence, Major (Ret'd) Effiom Whyte (standing left) and Project Officer, Ms. Tricia Grier (standing right).



His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen interacts with Abraham Simmonds, the top 2013 IBI's SOS Scholarship winner who is the first awardee to complete university. Abraham graduates from the University of the West Indies, Mona (UWI) in October 2016.

KING'S HOUSE TOURS



Their Excellencies continue to host a number of individuals from various organizations on tour of the historic King's House.
Here are some highlights.



Operation Restoration Christian School



The Church of the Holy Spirit Basic School



Emmanuel Christian Academy



Phoenix Academy Jamaica

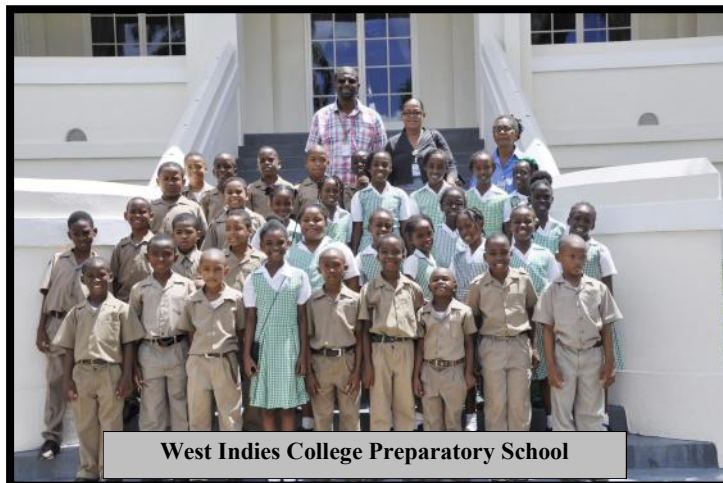


Salt Savannah Primary School

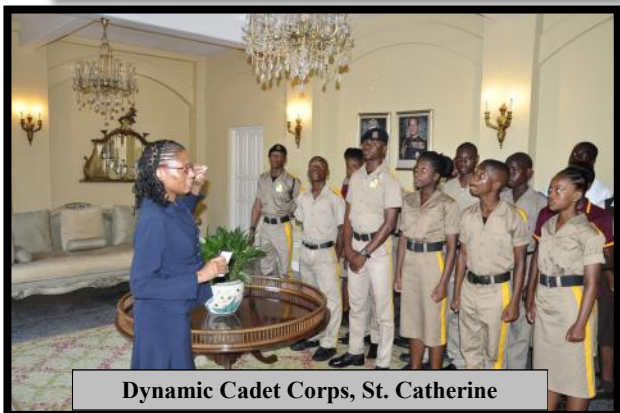
KING'S HOUSE TOURS



Participants in the Jamaica Defence Force Caribbean Junior Command and Staff Course received by Custos Fuller (right), who is Deputising for The Governor-General



West Indies College Preparatory School



Dynamic Cadet Corps, St. Catherine



Family & Friends of former Governor-General Prof. Sir Kenneth Hall



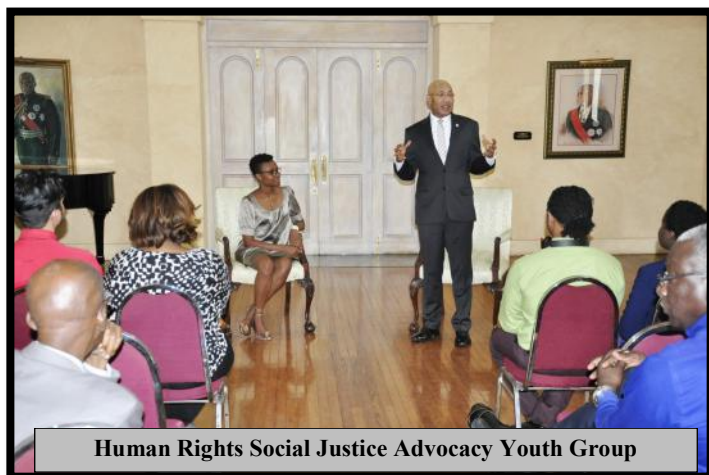
Retired Educator, Rev. Dr. Mary Nichols and Family

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Human Rights Social Justice Advocacy Youth Group



Educators of the Mico University College



Positive Organization & the Tivoli Gardens Social Intervention Project



William Knibb Memorial Baptist Church



Adventure Camp 2016

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Bamboo Primary and Junior High School



Palm Seventh-day Adventist's Outstanding Achievement Awardees



Professor Alicia Fleming, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis



TrenchTown Reading Centre Library



Rehoboth Apostolic Church's Vacation Bible School



King's House Candid



Upcoming...

- ◆ Nov 20 - Governor-General to host Office of the Children's Advocate 10th Anniversary Gala Celebration at King's House
- ◆ Nov 27- Governor-General to host Carnegie Foundation for Cancer Research Classical Fundraising Concert at King's House
- ◆ Nov 29- Governor-General to host I Believe Initiative Luncheon at the Spanish Court Hotel
- ◆ Dec 1- Tour of Bustamante Children's Hospital
- ◆ Dec 4- Her Excellency to host "Joy to the World" Christmas Concert at King's House
- ◆ Dec 8- Tour of Noel Holmes Hospital
- ◆ Dec 13- Jamaica Defence Force Carol Service
- ◆ Dec 16- King's House Staff Fun Day





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