Celebrating New Beginnings

The Timothy S. Greaves Hall: USC’s new men’s residence hall.
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Editor’s Note
I have always been delighted at the prospect of a new day, a new project, a new year, a fresh start. New beginnings create the opportunity for successful outcomes. New beginnings break the monotony that brings stagnation to our lives, provide opportunity for change, and new beginnings are a “part and parcel” of life.

In this edition of Veritas, we celebrate new beginnings. This December 2013 issue of Veritas introduces an all-new design that readers will enjoy. We are offering improved coverage of USC and Alumni Events, plus, readers can now access it online (www.usc.edu/tt/alumni-and-friends/alumni-publications.html). Look out for more as Veritas evolves, and feel free to let us know what you’d like to see in the magazine. This issue also features the Timothy S. Greaves Hall - USC’s new men’s residence hall, and USC’s newest extension site.

As we look forward to 2014, let us embrace this New Year and all the new and exciting changes it promises. Enjoy!

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Alumni and Friends,

Greetings from the luscious green Maracas Valley where so many of you called home sometime in the past. As I write, the rain is showering down fertilising the soil and causing our greenery to flourish. My wife and I are so pleased to be back in this idyllic environment and to be playing a role in advancing the USC’s mission.

But while we serve here, I want to underscore how much we value the support of all our alumni and friends wherever you are. I am truly touched by the love and passion for USC I see demonstrated by some of our alumni like Claire Hosten, Shirley Baptiste, Lorna Delancy, Lester Langford and Nichole Archer - to name a few. I can call the names of many more who have given and done so much for USC. Nevertheless, our hope is that there would be a significant increase in the number of loyal alumni. We would love to see more support from younger alumni and from alumni across the Caribbean region and even right here in Trinidad and Tobago.

On behalf of the University, I say thanks to all on the National Executives in North America and Trinidad, the Chapter Presidents and your committee members, the regular attendees at our alumni meetings and events, and all our friends, some who may have never been to the Maracas Valley themselves but have imbibed the spirit of USC.

I want to especially thank all those who have contributed to the residence hall furnishings project. The University community was filled with deep gratitude at the hall opening when Mrs. Shirley Baptiste announced the gift of $75,000 US for the dorm from the North American Alumni. More was to come as Mrs. Thelda Greaves contributed $50,000 US in honor of her husband and the new Timothy S. Greaves Hall. The University cherishes the memory of our stalwart alumnus, Tim Greaves, for his love for his school, for his dedicated services as an alumni leader and for his personal life story that is so inspirational. Our life’s journey is like a relay race. When we reach a point in life, we pass the baton and encourage the other person to keep on running. Among the almost 3700 students now at USC, there are many who will certainly appreciate the encouragement from beloved alumni as they seek to run where alumni have gone. The encouragement may take many forms - scholarship support, internship opportunities, summer mentorship, research guidance and support, and so forth.

Whatever you can do to help your Alma Mater would be greatly appreciated. Elsewhere in this issue of Veritas you will read about opportunities to demonstrate your support. I thank you in advance for what your Lord would impress you to do.

May God’s richest blessings continue to be with you and yours for the holiday season and in 2014!
Dear Alumni & Friends,

Season Greetings to you and your loved ones from the University of the Southern Caribbean! What a pleasure it was to see so many of you on campus during our recently held Alumni Reunion Weekend. I have been inundated with congratulatory calls and emails from alumni who visited and even from those who viewed the weekend via live streaming. The weekend was indeed a success and I want to register my personal thanks to all those who accepted the invitation to be with us, all who viewed online, all who gave financially in support of the various fundraising ventures, and all who participated in the planning and execution of the multiplicity of events for Alumni Weekend 2013. Thank you!

I also want to say “Thank you” to all our donors who have given so faithfully for this year. 2013 has registered an increase in alumni giving and support. We have also registered an increase in gifts received from Faculty and Staff, SDA Institutions and Churches, Corporate, Government and other donors. Every time you give a gift, you tell us what is important to you. Some of you supported research, which assisted in bringing knowledge and ideas for advancement; some supported student scholarships, which gave our students access to educational opportunities; some supported new facilities, which provide students with the infrastructure they need to enhance learning; and some of you supported program advancement which increased our capacity. To whichever area you gave, please know that your philanthropic support has helped USC achieve the vision of providing a SDA Christian education that continues to change lives.

Countless times, many USC graduates have told me, what their education meant – success in their chosen field, spiritual & moral development, and lifelong friendships. Recently, I met Dr. Stacey Jackman, class of 2004, and the Junior Pediatric Doctor at the Sangre Grande General Hospital. Dr. Jackman confessed that choosing to attend USC was the best decision she ever made: it changed her life. This is what investing in USC does- it opens a door to success for our students while ensuring that Trinidad and Tobago, the region and even our international work forces have qualified, hardworking employees, who are poised to become leaders in their field. Through your philanthropy, you make this happen — thank you.

During the coming year, we are aiming to increase our Scholarships and Bursaries for Students. Almost 50% of our students require financial assistance to complete their studies; yet, many are turned away because funding is limited. Gifts to The Alumni Founder's Day Endowment Fund will assist financially struggling students cope with the costs of their education. Additionally, we currently have over thirty Named Trust Funds, which provide support for student scholarships; the aim is to increase the holdings in each portfolio and establish new ones. Another area we will be reviewing is our Campus Capital Campaign Drive amongst our faculty and staff members. Approximately 8% of our faculty, staff and retirees, give generously through the Campus Capital Campaign; our aim is to increase the number of participants on this program and extend it to our Board Members. In addition to these areas, there are several other areas for gift giving such as Research, New Academic Programs, Equipment, and New Facilities. Gifts of any size, in any of these areas, will help to ensure that students receive the very best academic and student life experience. Thank you for what you have done in the past and for continuing your engagement with us into the future.

As I close and reflect on the past year, I must pause to give God thanks for all His benefits, not only to USC as an institution, but also for what He has done in the individual lives of our alumni. Congratulations to all those who have attained academic accomplishments, gotten married, given birth, acquired grand-children, and have increased in property and goods. May God’s favour continue to shine upon you! I have come to recognise,
however, that life gives both pleasure and pain and there were those who encountered painful moments during this year. Many have lost loved ones, many have been stricken with illnesses, setbacks, losses, and frustrating circumstances; but God has been an ever present help. He has sustained, He has comforted, and He has given us courage to go forward. As we approach 2014, let us go forward with confidence and in the knowledge that the God of the past, and the God of the present, is already in the future, working on our behalf.

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Division of Advancement and Alumni Relations

DIVISIONAL REPORT

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Sharing Our Accomplishments
November 2012-November 2013

Dear Alumni and Friends of USC,

Again I bring you greetings from the Division of Advancement and Alumni Relations. 2013 has been an exciting year for the University of the Southern Caribbean (USC). In January of this year, we shared with you, as part of our strategic planning framework, our decision to pursue an agenda that seeks to foster a shared visionary experience, deepen our relationship with, and leverage our powerful strategically placed alumni network to bring increased value to the University. We also promised, that through this inclusive systems thinking approach, all current and projected initiatives being undertaken by the University would be shared with you, our alumni community, through various media. Today I am pleased to share with you some of our accomplishments and plans regarding the provision of meaningful benefits to, and improvement of communication within our alumni community; and campus and business development initiatives intended to encourage structural giving/donations/sponsorships.

The division, through the Alumni Office, continuously engaged alumni with each other and the University community through the development of relevant and streamlined programs. Programs included:
• Participation with the Ministry of National Diversity and Social Integration in the planning &
  execution of Three Diversity Conferences.
• Participation in the planning & execution of the 2013 Alumni Reunion Weekend over the period
  October 18-20. A detailed report follows.

Again the division, through the Alumni Office, encouraged financial efficiency and effectiveness in order to
support significant growth of alumni engagement and the improvement of the alumni-giving rate. I am happy
to report this period’s total voluntary contributions represent a major increase in voluntary support for the
University. The main categories of donors were alumni, other individuals, USC Faculty & Staff, SDA
Churches & Conferences, and Alumni Association & Chapters. Initiatives over the period included:

1. **Rebuilding from the Ashes/Auditorium Project.**

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<td>Philosophy of service class</td>
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<td>Six (6) months Interest</td>
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<td>Corporate and Other Donations</td>
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2. **Founders Day Endowment Fund Annual Campaign, August 2013:**
This annual campaign is a Caribbean wide thrust where all SDA churches around the Caribbean Union are encouraged to give an offering towards the Endowment Fund, which supports student scholarships. Funds raised during our 2013 campaign are as follows:

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<td>South Caribbean Conference</td>
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<td>Tobago Mission</td>
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<td>Suriname Mission</td>
<td>US$44,797.00</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>US$44,797.00</td>
<td>US$13,780.49</td>
<td>US$715.52</td>
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3. **Gifts in Kind**
North America Alumni Association
- Projectors for various Schools

Huntsville Alabama Chapter (Through the School of Business initiative)
- Smart Board for School of Business

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<td>North America Alumni Association</td>
<td>$18,720.00 TTD</td>
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<td>Huntsville Alabama Chapter</td>
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4. **Graduating Class project:**
To honor top students for academic excellence.

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<td>Central Florida Alumni Chapter donated</td>
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5. **USC Alumni Association Alumni Weekend Fund Raiser**

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<td>Mrs. Lois Edgecombs: Sponsorship</td>
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<td>South Caribbean Conference: Sponsorship</td>
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<td>Caribbean Union Conference: Sponsorship</td>
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6. **Alumni memorabilia sale**

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<td>Memorabilia</td>
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7. **Needy Student Donation**

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<td>Mrs. Thelda Greaves</td>
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8. **George Simmons Lecture Series**
   Dr. George & Esther Simmons
   $55,848.00

9. **North America Alumni Association For Scholarship Funds**
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<td>Pastor Harold &amp; Mrs. Shirley Baptiste</td>
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<td>Myrna Ottley Scholarship Endowment</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>US$185,212.50</strong></td>
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10. **Faculty And Staff Contribution To The Capital Campaign**
    This initiative began in 2008 and the balance as of June 2013 is **TTD $274,580.00**. This represents an increase of **TTD $51,993.00** for this period.

11. **The Rita Batson Research Fund**
    Alumni Research funding has also increased during this period. The Rita Batson Research fund balance as of June 2013 is **TTD $83,583**. This represents an increase of **TTD $38,383.00** for the period and includes disbursements of **TTD $17,200.00** for research funding.

**Campus Development**
Campus Development is another major priority and aims to assist in campus infrastructural development through the pursuit of funding from various sources. Accomplishments include:

1. **The reconstitution of the La Realista Property Development and Management Co. Ltd.**
   The land development has evolved organically into the articulation of:
   ♠ A Development Perspective for the estate
   ♠ Land Use and Layout Designs
   ♠ Environmental Impact Assessment for the EMA, and
   ♠ Revitalization on the overall process.

   As a strategy to fast track this developmental process, a team comprising Mr. Ivan Laughlin, our contracted Human Settlement Consultant, USC’s President, and the VP, for Advancement met with the Minister of Planning & Sustainable Development to discuss same. The Minister advised the following:

   ♠ Submit Application (with relevant supporting documents) to the Town and Country Planning Division and Complex Development Committee for processing.
Committed himself to working with USC to achieve Outline Approval by December 2013 and Final Approval on or before the end of the first quarter in 2013.

The University must have final approval before Phase 1 construction can commence.

It is recommended that persons desirous of obtaining land or property in the estate must be ready to make down payment following final approval in first quarter 2014. Properties are expected to range from between TT$ 1 mil to 2 mil dollars.

As such, all other developmental initiatives (outside of the Education Zone) on the estate have been put on hold until appropriate approvals are obtained.

2. Timothy S. Greaves Residence Hall

On October 20, 2013, the Men’s Residence Hall was declared opened. The new residence hall was named the Timothy S. Greaves Residence Hall in honour of the late Dr. Timothy Greaves, and through the generosity of his wife, Mrs. Thelda Greaves, who gave $50,000.00USD towards its furnishing. Other organisations and individuals also gave generously towards the furnishing including the North America Alumni Association who gave a combined check $75,000.00USD on behalf of the North America Alumni Chapters & individuals. See below for complete report.

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The date for occupancy of the Hall is January 2014.
Fundraising efforts for furnishing is ongoing. $5,000.00USD will allow a donor to name a room in this new facility. All gifts valued $1,000.00 – 4,999.00 will also be recognised.

3. **The University Spiritual Centre/Church**
   - It is recommended that the Centre be located on the site of the current Men’s Dorm, when vacated.
   - Work has commenced on engineering designs, and a drive for funding has commenced.

4. **Acquisition of property in South for construction of South Campus.**
   - Land has been identified in the Toruba Estate, and a subsequent response to Commissioner of State Lands is currently being pursued through the Office of the Minister of Tertiary Education.

5. **Business Development/Consultancy Projects**
   - Consultancy services to Design and Implement a Promotional Assessment Process for the T&TPS, Ministry of National Security.

Consultancy approved by letter dated May 17, 2013 from Central Tenders Board and Agreement signed on Friday October 02, 2013 for TT$ 3.95 million.

6. **Developing Cane Producers Association of T&T Proposal and providing transition support to the Penal to Hindustan Urban Economic zone Project.**
   - By letter dated May 14, 2013 USC, through the Advancement Division was invited to assist in detailing proposal for EU funding (up to EURO$ 54 million) and provide, following approval of this project, the following services:
     - Needs Assessment of Farmers and provision of a profile of the current industry
     - Research and training /Entrepreneur development
     - Implementation of some of the initiatives
     - Joint management of the project
     - Use of lands belonging to USC to develop Model Agri Production Unit
     - Review of Survey Instrument and Data Collection
     - The production and marketing of a range of value-added products
     - Other areas that may emerge as the conversation progresses.

   It should be noted that this project is not just about accessing grant funding, but fostering Advancement initiatives and Community Development, a major pillar of our strategic agenda. The Division continues to work with the Hindustan Project Secretariat until final approval is realised.

7. **Expression of Interest - Conduct Capacity Building Training Proposals for Non Governmental Organisations in Tobago.**

   - Awaiting release of funds for this sixteen-month project, which looks very promising.

8. **Development of Memoranda of Understanding/Contract of Employment to have external Consultants pursue projects on behalf of USC at stipulated costs.**
This is a great opportunity for Consultants to partner with USC to pursue projects at a cost. Interested persons may contact the office of the undersigned for further information. Instruments have recently been finalised by USC’s Legal Agent.

Special thanks to all our donors for your generosity and sacrificial giving to all our various programs and initiatives. On behalf of the University of the Southern Caribbean, the President, Dr. Clinton Valley and our faculty, staff and student body, I acknowledge these valued contributions which are recorded in the history of USC and which will always be cherished. We thank you for your continued support as we work together in reshaping the ethos of our beloved alma mater.

Best wishes,

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USC Hosts Successful Reunion Weekend 2013

More than 600 USC alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends participated in this year's Alumni Reunion Weekend, one of the most successful in the University's history. Usually held during the month of March, USC Alumni Reunion Weekend 2013 was shifted to the month of October to accommodate a better flow for USC events. The record high attendance at this year’s event testified that the shift was a positive one. Over the Alumni Weekend, Dr. Vernon Andrews, the President of the USC Alumni Association, along with his team members worked tirelessly to provide a welcoming and exciting schedule of events which honored the precious memories held by alumni of their alma mater. The theme for the weekend was Re-living the Past; Affirming the Present; Anticipating the Future. The honored years were 1943, 1953, 1963, 1973, 1983, 1993, 2003, and 2013.
Welcome Supper, October 18

The International and Regional Alumni were treated to an intimate welcome supper by the President of the University, Dr. Clinton Valley, at the newly refurbished President’s home, located at Sunset Drive on Main Campus. Among the guests were Mrs. Shirley Baptiste, Mrs. Nichole Archer, Mrs. Thelda Greaves, Ms. Norma Greaves, Dr. and Mrs. Don Greaves, Pastor and Mrs. Cleophus Quashie, Dr. Roy Adams and Dr. Curtis Fox. Executive members of the USC Alumni Association along with the Vice President for Advancement & Alumni Relations were also in attendance.

Friday Evening Vesper, October 18

Dr. Curtis Fox, Class of ’83, Director of the family life education programs in the Graduate school of Loma Linda University, and the recently elected President of the USC North America Alumni Association, presented an inspiring sermon from the age old biblical story recorded in Luke 7:36-44. Themed “Selective Memory Syndrome”, Dr. Fox, in his sermon, gave new perspectives on the main characters of this story and cautioned the congregation not to be like Simon, who according to Dr Fox, displayed signs of selective memory syndrome. He challenged the congregation to be like Mary who remembered all that the Lord had done for her. He then encouraged alumni present to remember the good of USC and to respond in gratitude towards their alma mater. Other highlights of the vesper program included congregational singing of the sacred hymns of yesteryear, and special items of music, presented by the USC Choir and by Mr Timothy Sealy.
Church Service, October 19

Sabbath School
The Sabbath Service was unique this year as alumni were asked to wear their graduation sash from the year they graduated. This created a very colourful congregation and allowed alumni to stand out. Ps. Irwin Scott, Class of ’73, and the superintendent for Sabbath School took the alumni on a nostalgic journey, reminding them of the good old CUC/USC days; he even managed to recite a poem or two as everyone expected him to do. The mission feature was done by Cheryl Raphael-Clarke, class of ’83. Lesson study was capably handled by Br. Charles Bourgeois, class of ’63 and Ps Gandalal Samlalsingh, class of ‘93. Other participants were Ronald Hunte, Class of ‘93 who led in a rousing song service, Odell Juexanville and Laurissa Beckles, both from the class of 2013. Special music was presented by USC Instrumental Ensemble and a Male Quartet.

Divine Service
The featured speaker for the worship service was Dr. Roy Adams, class of ’73, who is a published author of seven books. Dr. Adams once served as the associate editor for the Adventist Review & Adventist World magazines, as well as pastored several churches within the Caribbean and Canada. His message titled “At the Cross Roads” left the congregation desiring to hold on to the old path ways of Christianity while looking forward to the blessed return of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Greetings and welcome were brought by Dr. Clinton Valley, President of the University; Dr. Kern Tobias, President of Caribbean Union and Chairman of USC Board of Directors; Dr. Curtis Fox, President of the North America Alumni Association; and Dr. Vernon Andrews, President of the USC Alumni Association. The USC Alumni Mass Choir provided special items of music. One of the high points of this service was the entrance & recognition of two members of the class of 1943, Dr. Wilma Gooding & Mr. Lessey Delaney. They both received standing ovations and gifts from the
University President. Other participants of the program were Ps. David Balfour, class of ‘93, Joel Hazelwood, class of ‘93, and Jesrine Rogers, class of 2012.

Alumni Reunion Luncheon
Over 500 alumni, faculty, staff, and students gathered together in the Social Sciences auditorium to enjoy food and fellowship following the Divine Service.

Evening Vesper
The Associated Student Body was responsible for the evening vesper and engaged four alumni, Mr. Glen Chee-A-Kwai, Ms. Claudia Workman, Ps. Cleophas Quashie and Jenesia Wilson in a delightful, amusing and educational interview of their journey through this institution. The audience laughed out loud to hear Ms. Workman, class of ‘59 recount the story of the time “a man broke into the female dormitory”.

Saturday Night out on the Town
Once again our international and regional alumni were given a special treat, a “lime round de Savannah”, where they had their fill of coconut water, pholorie
Opening of the New Men’s Residence Hall, October 20

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the New Men’s Residence Hall drew over 350 specially invited guests, stakeholders, alumni, students, faculty and staff. Nearly ten years ago, a University Technical Committee was formed to oversee the submission of proposals for the construction of male and female residence halls. On Sunday 20, 2013 in a special dedicatory service, the University administration announced the completion of the new men’s residence hall and named the building the *Timothy S. Greaves Hall*.

The naming of the New Residence Hall was made possible through the generosity of Mrs. Thelda Greaves in honor of her late husband, Dr. Timothy Greaves, an alumnus of the University. Dr. Greaves was an inspirational role model to the USC community and beyond. Despite severe physical disabilities, he achieved significant career accomplishments. His scholarship, professional competence and character were of the highest caliber. Dr. Greaves was a man of enormous courage, unfailing good humour despite his physical limitations, and a staunch financial contributor to USC through the California Alumni Chapter. Mrs. Greaves donated $50,000 USD to assist with furnishings for the Timothy S. Greaves Hall.

The Timothy S. Greaves Hall features the following:
- 192 standard double-occupancy rooms distributed over two blocks/halls (96 per hall)
- 8 double-occupancy rooms fitted for the differently-abled (4 per hall)
- 2 Administrative Office areas (1 per hall)
- Dean’s apartments (1 per Hall)
- 2 Assistant Dean’s apartments (1 per hall)
- Ancillary areas
- Common areas including laundry facilities, kitchenettes, prayer rooms, student lounges and medical rooms

and other local delicacies.
• Associated infrastructure including a water tank storage farm, electrical kiosk, sewage treatment plant, retaining walls, roads, drainage and car parks.

Included in the service was the opportunity for guests present to make donations or pledges towards the furnishing of the Timothy S. Greaves Hall. Several donors came forward and presented checks and pledges. Among them was Mrs. Shirley Baptiste who presented a combined check of 75,000USD from many individual donors from the North America Alumni Association; Ps. & Mrs. Quashie presented a check of 5,000USD & pledged another 5,000USD; and Ms. Norma Greaves presented a check of 2000.00USD on behalf of the East Caribbean Conference. Several organisations, such as SDA Conferences of the Caribbean Union, the Caribbean Union, and Eastern Divers Group of Company made pledges of support along with individuals who were present. The value of pledges and gifts received in that service totalled 888,840.00TTD. The University also recognised the pledge of $97 million made by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago towards this project and thanked the Government for the $74 million already received.

In honour of the generous gift given by the North America Alumni Association, the Administration has decided to name the North Wing of the Timothy S. Greaves Hall, The North America Alumni Association Wing. Each contributing alumni chapter will also be recognised. USC North American Alumni members and friends donating $5,000.00 US will be able to name a room in the North America Alumni Wing. In addition, all US contributors giving between $1,000 and $4,999 will be recognised.

Special thanks to all alumni and participating organisations who have given sacrificially towards the opening of this new facility. There are other naming opportunities still available for the Timothy S. Greaves Hall. Interested persons can liaise with the Office of Advancement & Alumni Relations.
USC Alumni Association Fund- Raising Retro Dinner, October 20

Sunday evening brought an end to the weekend celebration when alumni and friends met one last time for a retro-themed dinner held at the Bishop Ainstey High School auditorium in Trinicity. True to its name, the event featured retro outfits, hair-styles and music. The Masters of Ceremony were Mr. Paul Richards and Mr. Roland Sealy. Mr. Brian Jones spoke on the topic “Volunteerism, the ultimate exercise in democracy”. He said, “When we vote for a government we vote once, but when we volunteer, we vote every day for the type of community you would want to live in”. USC alumni were challenged to rededicate their time and talent towards volunteering for the USC community and for the wider community.

Several organisations and alumni assisted in the success of this event through sponsorship. One of the sponsors was Mrs. Lois Edgecombs, who created an essay writing competition, through which she sponsored eight students to the dinner. The Central Florida Alumni Chapter also sponsored eight students to the dinner. These students were chosen based on outstanding academic performance and school spirit.

Other sponsors to the event were BPTT, Caribbean Development Company, Caribbean Union Conference, Caribbean Health Foods, Calligrafix, Eastern Divers, First Citizen Bank, Glenford and Associates, Media Planners, Mega Insurance, South Caribbean Conference, Unilever Caribbean Ltd, 3m, USC Associated Student Body, Dr. Vernon Andrews, and Ms. Cynthia Ward.

This year’s celebration, planned and executed by the USC Alumni Association in collaboration with the Division of Advancement and Alumni Relations, was indeed significant and memorable. Alumni Reunion Weekend 2014 is carded for October 16-19 and the honoured years are ‘44, ‘54, ‘64, ‘74, ‘84, ‘94, ‘2004, and 2014.
Mr & Mrs Veldon Andrews

Mr. & Mrs. Rolston Nelson

Mr. Brian Jones

Essay Competition Winners, Ms. Keisha Alleyne & Kenny Turner

Mrs. Nichole Archer

The Harewood family
SCHOOL OF CONTINUING AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

The University celebrated another milestone on Tuesday, October 15, when it declared its South Centre officially open, during a brief ceremony held at the San-Fernando SDA Church.

The South Centre, located on #50 Independence Avenue, San-Fernando opened its doors in May 2013, offering the Pre-University Certificate programme to individuals over 21 years of age who do not meet University entry requirements. Successful completion of this programme grants entry into select Bachelor programmes at USC.

In September 2013, the South Centre extended its offerings to include General Education courses along with Nursing courses. The opening of the South Centre is part of the administration's strategy to expand and increase off campus sites under the purview of the School of Continuing and Professional Studies, affectionately known as CAPS. CAPS came into operation on May 2013 by decision of the Board of Trustees and falls under the deanship of Dr. Sylvan A. Lashley, a former president of CUC, who has returned to USC to provide guidance and leadership in this area. The School consists of four divisions, namely off-site Campuses, Continuing Education, the Leadership Centre, Summer School, and a proposed Graduate Studies division (as of January 2014).

Other off campus sites are located in Tobago, Barbados, St. Lucia, Guyana and Antigua with projected sites in St. Croix, St. Thomas and Grenada. At the beginning of 2013-2014 school year, these off campus sites have registered a 56% enrolment increase over the previous year, generated 4738 credit hours and grossed $3,695,640 TT. As part of its strategic plan CAPS continues to negotiate Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with various Caribbean governments and other institutions to strengthen academic offerings and increase enrolment. Presently a MOU with the government of Antigua/Barbuda is being negotiated and when completed will increase enrolment at the Antigua site by more than 100%.

The programmes offered on the various campuses are Elementary Education, Social Work, Psychology, and Behavioural Science. Students studying at the Tobago site are able to complete these programmes while all other off site campuses offer general education classes towards program completion on the main campus. Sites are projected to grow to 1300 students by 2017.
The 11th Annual George & Esther Simmons Public Lecture

The 11th Annual Public Lecture of the George and Esther Simmons Book Collection was held on Monday, October 28, 2013, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Port of Spain, under the patronage of His Excellency Gerard Latulippe, High Commissioner for Canada to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

George and Esther Simmons, alumni of the University of the Southern Caribbean, have built an enviable collection of books housed at the USC’s Forde Library. Over the years, the library has amassed over 6000 books courtesy the Simmons duo and that collection has now become the fourth largest at the library. For 11 years, the dynamic couple has hosted a public lecture series where intellectuals and scholars from around the globe deliver thought-provoking lectures on topics ranging from philosophy to health. Lectures have been brought by professors and doctors of distinguished universities such as Yale, Harvard and Princeton.

This year’s lecture was delivered by Professor John Hare, Professor of Philosophical Theology at Yale University, USA. In his lecture, he discussed three ways we can show that morality depends on religion. The reasoning for his three points was based off the philosophical teachings of philosopher Immanuel Kant. These three reasons he delved into were: Providence, Grace and Justification.
In dealing with *Providence*, he mentioned that morality and happiness are not incompatible and belief in God is the highest good.

In the case of *Grace*, he reasoned that there are two layers that form a sphere: the outer layer being historical and the inner layer being reason. Duty is subordinated to happiness.

The third reason identified and delved into was *Justification* where he sought the answer to why one should be morally accountable. To say simply we are obligated because we should be obedient to God is incomplete. God is love and is good and it is He that makes the demand for us to be moral. Ultimately, He deserves love and obedience. Good is prioritised over obligation because we are justified.

The presentation lead to a plethora of questions and a discussion which was very well handled by Mr. Thomas Isaac, the moderator of the event for the past 11 years.

Simmons, in addressing the attendees, announced that the 12th Lecture would be his last as he feels it is the final one he is mentally and physically able to plan. He was presented with a token of appreciation by Dr. Valley on behalf of the University. His wife, Esther Simmons, said that she will continue to do whatever she can for the University.

As the George and Esther Simmons Book collection continues to grow, Dr. Clinton Valley, President of USC, brought good news when he mentioned in his address that the University has identified a location for the George and Esther Simmons Book Collection which will be independent of the other collections in the Forde Library in the near future. This will grant the collection even more space for expansion so that students and others may continue to benefit greatly from the wealth of knowledge stored in the pages of these rare pieces of literature.
The Government of Saint Lucia is currently implementing a European Union funded project entitled “Project Support to the Saint Lucia Health Sector.” The objective is to improve the quality and quantity of services in the Saint Lucia health sector and increase the potential of the population of St. Lucia to live healthier and more productive lives.

The Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs, Planning & Social Security Department has awarded two students, Viviana Brice and Amalia Charles, a full scholarship to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work at a University of their choosing. The University of the Southern Caribbean was chosen by these two scholarship awardees. Both ladies work at The New Beginnings Transit Home, under the Division of Human Services, Ministry of Health.

When interviewed, Ms Brice said, “I first want to say thank you for this opportunity. I always knew I had a passion for working with people, especially children, hence my reason for pursuing my degree in Social Work. As for why I chose USC, I informally interviewed many individuals who have attended or are presently attending this school and the feedback was positive... I am completely satisfied with the level of instruction... I am proud to call myself a USCian.”

Ms Charles also had exceptional words to give. She said, “I am very thankful for this opportunity... To be able to study at a University of my choice is something I am very grateful for. The University's beliefs and teachings, corresponds with the way I was raised. While at the University of the Southern Caribbean, I expect to explore my full potential [as I strive for a career] in the social work arena. This University was my first choice because of the Christian aspect; the location is very suitable for me and it coincides with the Adventist background which gives me [a] welcoming and home[ly] feeling.”
A Pause--Just To Say Thanks To Our Parents

Too often we reach the top of our ladder of success and we forget we made it because there were so many people who encouraged and prayed for us along the way. Today, we pause to say thank you to our parents, Cecil DaCosta Howell and Myril Howell, for giving us what they were unable to achieve themselves, a SDA Christian Education.

At the height of the Second World War (1942), our father, a carpenter, decided to leave his wife and children in Barbados, in search of better opportunities for his growing family. He had heard that carpenters were being hired to work on the American base in Chaguaramas, Trinidad. After a number of months on the base, he responded to an invitation to work on the construction of a dormitory on the campus of Caribbean Training College (now the University of the Southern Caribbean).

It was while he worked on this campus, he got the vision that his children should come to this college. His first child, a son, who was only seven at the time, would be the first. For twelve years, he kept that dream in his heart. When I completed secondary school, I was eighteen years old and was still in short pants. I had only one pair of shoes which were used for school and church. I knew I needed to go to work to help the family and myself, so I applied for a job with the government. My plans were quickly shelved when my father came home with an application form for CTC; I was told to fill it out and send it off.

A week later he came to me and asked if the application had been sent. I told him I did not have the five cents required for the stamp. That was soon rectified. My application was processed, and I was accepted into college.

That acceptance letter started a new buzz of excitement around the house. The first child was being sent to college. Dad had two pieces of cloth in a drawer for many months. He took them out, gave them to me and authorized me to get them made for my first suits ever. Mother took out a piece of cloth and got busy making two pairs of pajamas. Dad took me to town and bought me a pair of shoes for fifteen dollars. The evening before I left for college, I collected the two suits from the two different tailors. To my horror, when I tried them on, one pair of pants was too long, and the sleeve was put in with a twist, on the other.

I was booked on a cargo ship “Canadian Cruiser” which made provision for a few passengers. The on-deck passengers paid the lowest fares. I boarded the ship and prepared for the three days’ journey to Trinidad via Grenada and St. Vincent.
I landed at the Port of Spain harbor, late at night with fifteen dollars in my pocket. The bread and fish my mother packed was spoilt and had to be disposed of prematurely. The taxi driver who took me to Maracas charged me ten dollars and left me with only five to start college. I had no pillow, no blanket and no sheets, but I had a desire to succeed.

My father had told me he was sending me to college to “learn sense”. One of the things I learnt was to take care of the small leaks. He told me when he was on campus in 1942, he saw a sixty-gallon drum of oil with a small drip. He placed a bucket under the drip, and in the morning the bucket was full. I have never forgotten this stewardship lesson. I also learned that poverty is not our biggest handicap. Having a lazy attitude, without a vision for yourself or your family, is much worse than being poor.

Some years after my graduation from this illustrious college, my sister, Shirley Howell Iheanacho, followed me. We both went on to serve the Seventh-day Adventist Church for more than eighty combined years. Who we are today is to a very large extent due to our visionary parents, who saw possibilities where there were none.

Thank you to our Mom and Dad who dreamed of a better future for their children and thanks to our heavenly Father who blessed and sustained us through the journey.

By
Everette W. Howell
Graduate of the Class of 1956
Retired Pastor and Church Administrator
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Under the University's Master Development Plan (UMDP) there are several new buildings are needed. Giving to our New Facilities Endowment Fund helps us provide the infrastructure which would enhance student learning. Current Projects are: New Residence Halls, Student Auditorium, and a Spiritual Center.

ALUMNI REUNION GIVING PROGRAM
Reunions remind alumni how valuable their CUC/USC degrees were in launching their careers. At each benchmark reunion, we are asking our special honorary classes to participate in our brand new Reunion Giving Program. The Reunion Giving Program utilizes the combined resources of your classmates, and creates opportunities for students and faculty by ensuring a legacy of educational excellence. We are asking each class member of the honorary classes to give a gift of no less than $100.00 in your currency. when combined with your classmates, your gift would become a significant gift. This gift would then be presented over the Alumni Reunion Weekend.

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Equipment such as lab apparatus, projectors, smart boards and computers enhance student learning. We have developed a gift catalog which allows you to select a gift in kind to give to USC. Giving is easy as selecting a gift and contacting the Alumni Office. Follow link below to view our 2014 gift catalog.
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