



# C.O.B.A. NEWS

## Homecoming— September 4, 5 & 6

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Sep 5 Hellshire  
Sep 5 Dinnet  
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#### September 4th

COBA hosts an Afterwork Jam at Club India on Lady Musgrave Avenue in New Kingston. Pitched as light en-

tertainment, music will be played by a popular disco. For their \$1,000, patrons will have their choice of curried goat or chicken. Drinks will be on sale.

#### September 5th,

COBA hosts a Calabar Fish Fry and Family Day at Hellshire. The event is scheduled to start at 8:00am and is intended to allow members of the

Calabar family, parents, teachers, old boys to bring their families to meet and eat together.

In the evening, the Annual Reunion Dinner will be held in the Chapel. The theme, "The Calabar Story— Bridging the Generations". The guest speaker is UWI Professor Errol Miller. An added feature this year is the establishment of the Hall of Fame.

Ten old boys will be inducted this year, five of them, posthumously. Entertainment will be provided by old boys from a number of different eras. **Sunday** morning, the Boulevard Baptist Church host the Calabar Old Boys Association in a special service commemorating their time at the school and its impact on their lives. All in all a weekend of Calabar activity is planned. The aim is to meet and greet 2000 old boys over the two and a half days.

## Summer Programme scheduled to start August 17

The programme for the summer involves the restoration of the Chapel, the renovation of the first form block, the renovation of the lighting and electrical fittings on the various blocks and the cleaning, renovation and upgrading of the

bathrooms. The school has instituted a programme in which it is inviting the incoming fifth form to participate in the painting of the fifth form block. This is done as part of the school's ongoing programme of engaging the boys

and encouraging them to take pride in their surroundings.

The chapel renovation involves the fixing and reinstallation of the fans, the replacement of the blown bulbs, the replacement of the

louvers that are broken or missing and the repairing of the doors.

Block renovation involves the fixing and replacement of windows and windows blocks, the installation of doors and the general restoration of the environment to a state that facilitates learning

## New York Chapter Summer Picnic

The Calabar Family Cook-Out (aka Summer Picnic) is to be held from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday August 8 at the Valley Stream State Park (at exit 15 off the Southern State Parkway

in Long Island). 100 people are expected to attend. The funding for food, refreshments and equipment for the picnic will be by voluntary donation of money and supplies. The picnic

will be promoted by email, Facebook, and phone calls. A few out-of-state Old Boys are expected to attend the event. It is expected that the Calabar Family Cook-Out will become an annual

event. It provides an opportunity to meet family members and for Calabar Old Boys who do not normally attend the general meetings or the other functions of the Association.

***We can sit and do nothing, wait for something to happen and then complain at the results of our own folly. Or we can try something. The worst that can happen is that we fail and that itself is something. For the worst kind of failure occurs when we do not try.***



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## **Richard Henriquez— Contributing to Community**

Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, conferred on Calabar High School Graduate Dr. Richard Henriquez on Wednesday, June 3, 2009.

First educated at Calabar High School in Jamaica, he studied architecture at the University of Manitoba, where he graduated in 1964. He subsequently earned a Master of Arts in Architecture and Urban Design at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He began practicing in Canada in 1966. Three

years later, he founded Henriquez Partners Architects in Vancouver, and since then, he has designed some of our most innovative and striking buildings.

Canada's 2005 RAIC Awards of Excellence the Gold Medal was awarded to Richard Henriquez, FRAIC in recognition of his significant contribution to Canadian architecture.

<http://www.cdnarchitect.com/issues/ISarticle.asp?aid=1000195458>

## **Christopher Brown on the move!**

Cigarette distributor Carreras Limited has hired Christopher Brown as its next corporate and regulatory affairs manager.

Brown will be chiefly responsible for coordinating the company's internal and external communication, and management of regulatory issues, while ensuring that the com-

pany's corporate brand and reputation are not diluted.

He graduated from Calabar in 1991. A natural leader, he captained the school's cricket teams at every level and was at one time called to the Northern Telecom squad. In sixth form he joined the debating team. He holds a master of

philosophy degree and a post-graduate diploma in international relations from the Institute of International Relations in Trinidad and Tobago, as well as a bachelor of science degree in management and economics from the University of the West Indies, Mona.

***“mens sana in corpore sano”  
(a healthy mind in a healthy body)***

**Preparation for the school's centenary in 2012 has begun. All chapters are ask to submit their Centenary Projects by September 5, 2009**

## **Calabar Centennial Project (CCRP) Committee**

The objective of the Calabar Centennial Rehabilitation Project (CCRP) Committee is to raise funds to improve and maintain the infrastructure on the Calabar campus, with an emphasis on projects that can be implemented in time for the Centennial Celebration in 2012 within its anticipated fundraising capacity. To reduce the gap between funding and project expenses, the Committee will be using the Habitat for Humanity business model to involve the Calabar community in a volunteerism effort where possible in the implementation of a project.

An initiative of the New York Chapter, the CCRP Committee plans to work in active collaboration with all and any Calabar groups dedicated to enhancing the infrastructure of the Calabar campus. The Committee has targeted the following centennial projects for completion in time for the Centennial Celebration in 2012:

**Music Room:** Expand the Music Room to provide storage of musical instruments and to create aspace for the Schoolboys to practice music.

**Sports Complex:** Construct a Sports Complex at the playing fields.

**Circular Road System:** Construct a one-way circular driveway to rationalize the flow of vehicular traffic on the campus and modify the entrance (and exit) to the campus to provide a more aesthetic appearance.

**General Repairs and Renovation of the Campus:** Support general repairs and renovation of the Calabar campus to provide an attractive environment for the centennial celebrations.

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## David “Wagga” Hunt Memorial Classic

The Inaugural David “Wagga” Hunt Memorial Classic (The “Wagga” Classic) will be held this **Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009** at the **UWI Mona Bowl**, with three games planned, commencing at 2:00 pm:



- Meadhaven Senior Team vs. KSAFA Invitational Team
- Pelicans FC vs. Jamaica Nats (USA), Masters Teams
- KC vs. Calabar, Manning Cup Teams

Proceeds from the event along with expected additional sponsorship contributions, will go towards the intended objective of establishing two (2) scholarships in David’s name. One will be tenable at Kingston College (KC) and the other at Calabar High School (C-Bar), commencing at the level of Grade Eight and proceeding through to Grade Thirteen.

Hunt, a KC Old Boy, had a passion for football and dedicated his life to the sport and was deeply committed to his players’ well-being both on and off the field. He was one of Jamaica’s foremost Track & Field analysts, the co-founder of Meadhaven Football Club, a former Jamaica National Under-17 coach, and a KC and Calabar Manning Cup coach, and led Calabar to both Manning and Oliver Shield titles before his untimely passing in October 2007 from a heart attack.

## Travis Smikle—On the podium again

Jamaica’s and Calabar’s Travis Smikle continues to have the summer of his young life with a bronze medal performance in the discus event at the recently concluded Panam Junior Games in Trinidad and Tobago.



This follows his superb effort at the World Youth Championships last month. His effort there improved on his personal records, won for Jamaica a bronze medal and wrote his name into the record books as the first Jamaican to win a medal at a World Championship in a throwing event. Young Smikle returns to Calabar in September. Ramone McKenzie was third in the 200m and Deuce Carter was fourth in the 110m hurdles respectively.

## Calabar Boys on the World Championship Team

- Maurice Wignall (110mH)
- Dwight Thomas (110mH)
- Maurice Smith (Dec)
- Josef Robinson (400mH)

Possible late calls due to the drug issue

- Sanjay Ayre (4x4)
- Ramone McKenzie (200m)

### Things To Do

Please send us a Calabar fact. We are compiling a book/list of Calabar facts for the first formers. This will be used in our mentorship programme in the new school year.

**Question:** What year was Calabar founded

**Answer:** 1912

**Question:** Which Country does the name Calabar come from?

**Answer:** Nigeria

**Question:** How many times has Calabar won the Manning Cup

**Answer:** Three

**Question:** How many boys from Calabar have won Rhodes Scholarships?

**Question:** Name one Calabar boy that has won the Rhodes Scholarship?

**Question:** Which Calabar Boys signature appeared on Jamaica money ?

**Question:** Which Calabar Boy became head master of Clarendon College?

**Question:** Which Calabar Boy became head master of Wolmers Boys’ School?



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## Calabar and COBA Needs

The school is in need of the following services as it gears up for the re-opening of school in September and the Centenary in 2012.

- Contractors
- Quantity Surveyors
- Electricians
- Masons
- Carpenters
- Painters
- Graphic artists
- Web Designers
- PHP Programmers
- Security Personnel
- Mathematics, English and Physics tutors

Please call or send an email to the number or email listed above

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## COBA Upcoming Events

- Aug 8 Calabar Summer Picnic - Valley Stream State Park, NY
- Aug 8 Al Philips Memorial Service @ St. Margaret's - 157 Old Hope Road - Kingston
- Aug 8 The Inaugural David "Wagga" Hunt Memorial Classic @UWI Mona Bowl - Kingston
- Aug 15 The Keane/Crosskill Football Tournament @ JC
- Aug 17 School Cleanup Programme begins
- Aug 22 The South Florida Leg of the David "Wagga" Hunt Memorial Classic
- Sep 4th After work Jam - Club India
- Sep 5th COBA Family Day - Hellshire Beach
- Sep 5th Annual Reunion Dinner in the Chapel
- Sep 6 COBA Service @ Boulevard Baptist Church
- Nov 8 Annual Brunch @ Delta Toronto Airport West Hotel - Toronto