

Messages

Continue to grow in education

ON BEHALF of the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), I take great pleasure in extending congratulations to the Kingston Technical High School on this 130-year anniversary celebration.

The PTA executive congratulates the board, principal, and the hard-working staff for the tremendous effort and strides they have made. We commend the students, parents, and other stakeholders for their interest and support. We encourage the school to maintain the excellent work they have been doing in ensuring Kingston Technical High School remains a model for holistic development and training of young Jamaicans.

Heartfelt congratulations, and may you grow from strength to strength in the cause of education.

CLIVE WILSON
PTA President



Be inspired to continue

ON BEHALF of the KTHS Past Students Association of Jamaica, I extend our heartiest congratulations on the 130th anniversary of this noble institution.

The theme, '130 Years of Excellence: Honouring our Past, Inspiring our Future Generations', aptly captures the essence of God's favour throughout the years, bonded by our enduring motto, 'Training and Character'.

One hundred and thirty years in the life of an institution represents a tremendous achievement. For Kingston Technical High School to grow, adapt, and remain a relevant contributor to education and nation building is further reason to celebrate.

And so, as we mark this milestone, it is important that we not only reflect on where we are coming from but also envision where we are going. May this celebration inspire continued excellence, resilience, and pride for generations to come.

Congratulations!

CHARMAINE LOFTERS
KTHS Past Students Association of Jamaica Limited



To the bright future ahead!

WE ARE thrilled to celebrate 130 incredible years of excellence! From our modest beginnings as the Caribbean's first English-speaking technical school in 1896, our institution has grown into a beacon of distinction. Our alumni have made an indelible mark on our nation, pushing boundaries in infrastructure, sports, literature, science, and finance. As we commemorate this remarkable milestone, we are reminded of the power of our guiding principle, 'Training and Character', and the importance of nurturing talent that fuels growth. Here's to the bright future ahead!

ELLEN DOUGLAS (CLASS OF 1981)
President, KTHS New York Alumni Association Chapter



We honour the legacy and reaffirm our support

AS WE celebrate 130 years of excellence in education and training, the Toronto chapter of KTHS Alumni Association extends heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to the board, administrators, teachers past and present, students, and alumni worldwide. KTHS has shaped brilliant minds, strong character, and disciplined leadership, producing stalwarts who serve with distinction at all levels of society both locally and globally.



We honour the legacy, celebrate the impact, and reaffirm our unwavering support for the school.

May KTHS remain a beacon of learning, integrity, and innovation for many more years.
Happy 130th anniversary, KTHS.

ROBERTA WALTERS
Toronto Chapter of KTHS Alumni Association

Heartfelt congratulations and continued partnership

AS A proud graduate of Kingston Technical High School (KTHS), I am truly honoured to have been part of this great institution for 30 of its 130 years. Every time I connect with a fellow KTHS alum, whether they came before or after me, there is an instant sense of pride because we know the legacy of 'Training and Character' is not just history. It is still alive and delivering results. For over a century, KTHS has set the standard for technical



and vocational education in Jamaica, developing a generation of leaders characterised by skill, integrity, resilience, and real-world readiness. On behalf of the KTHS Florida Past Students' Association of Florida, I extend my heartfelt congratulations, continued partnership, and unwavering support as we build on this legacy and carry it forward.

MARLANDO CHRISTIE
Florida President

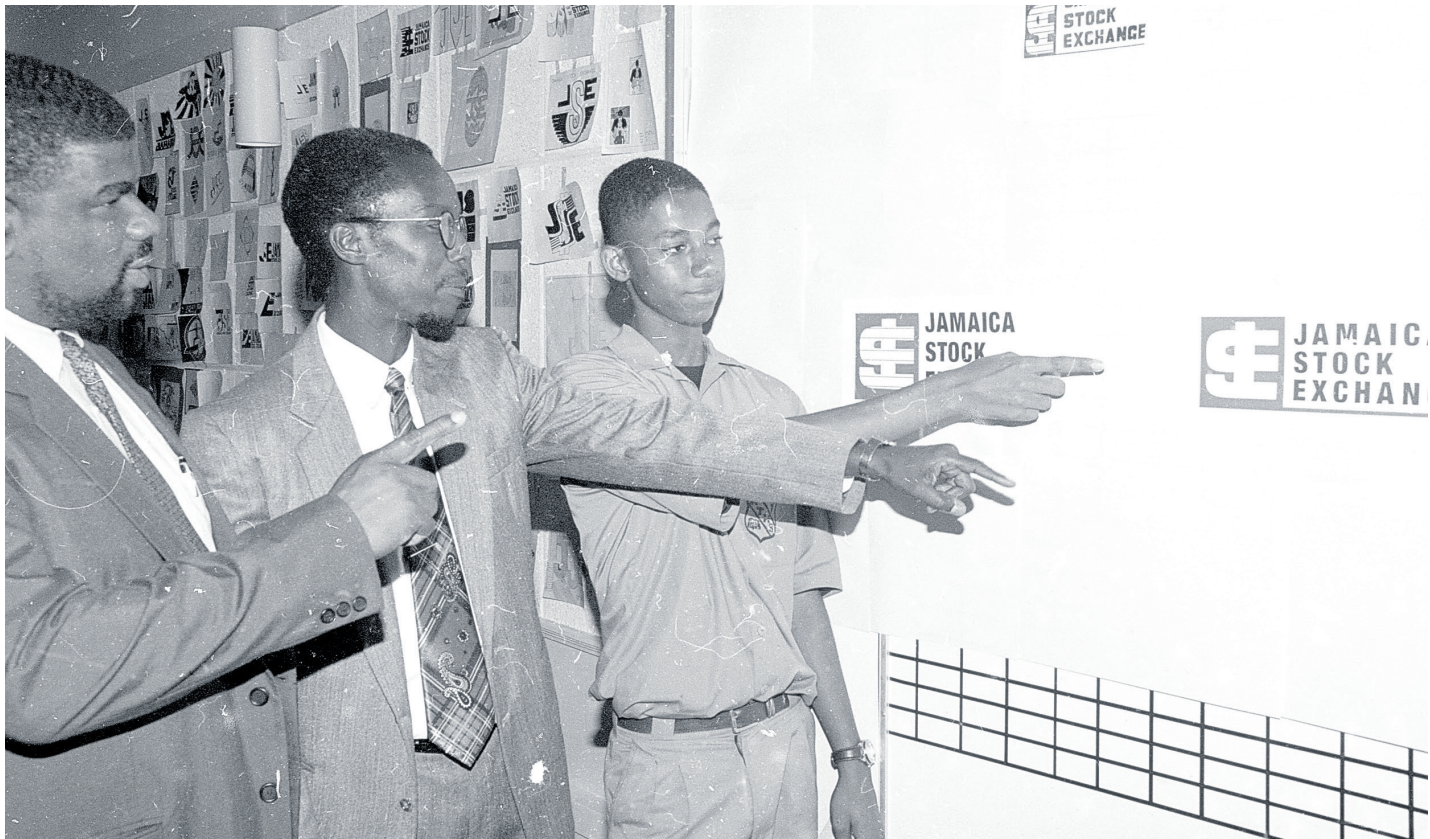
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originality, and technical excellence. The school's visual arts traditions, under the tutelage of Ian Morris, a distinguished past student (Class of 1982), have long emphasised the marriage of creativity and function, an approach that prepares students not just to create art but to communicate ideas, values, and identity through design.

Among the notable contributors to this artistic tradition are students such as Tracy Ann Lewis and Heidi Gibbs, whose award-winning posters and design pieces further cemented KTHS's reputation as a breeding ground for visual excellence. Their work, along with those of their peers, demonstrated an acute understanding of composition, symbolism, and audience, hallmarks of professional design. Collectively, these achievements reinforced the school's standing as an institution where artistic talent is taken seriously, carefully mentored, and confidently expressed.

KTHS's emphasis on the arts has always complemented its technical mission. In a school renowned for engineering, industrial arts, and the applied sciences, creative disciplines have thrived alongside workshops and laboratories. This balanced approach recognises that national development requires not only skilled



Oneil Lewis (right) points to his logo, which is now used by the Jamaica Stock Exchange. Looking on are the then JSE general manager Mr. Wain Iton (centre) and the assistant general manager in charge of operations and trading, Mr. Errol Greene (The Gleaner, June 24, 1997).



technicians and engineers, but also designers, artists, and creative thinkers who can shape how Jamaica presents itself to the world.

One of the most celebrated examples of this creative legacy emerged when 16-year-old KTHS student Oneil Lewis captured national attention by winning the Jamaica Stock Exchange Logo Competition in 1997. Competing against more than 300 entries from across the island, Lewis' design was selected as the new official logo of the JSE,

an institution at the heart of Jamaica's financial sector. The winning logo, praised by then JSE General Manager Wain Iton for its quality and professional execution, has since become a familiar and enduring symbol within the Jamaican stock market and the wider business community.

The fact that a secondary school student could create a design of such national significance speaks volumes about the quality of training and artistic discipline nurtured at Kingston Technical. Lewis was awarded a cash prize, but perhaps more importantly, his work secured a permanent place in Jamaica's corporate history. Every appearance of the JSE logo, on trading floors, official documents, media platforms, and international exchanges, stands as a quiet but powerful testament to KTHS's ability to develop talent that competes at the highest level.

As Kingston Technical celebrates 130 years of excellence, its artistic legacy deserves equal prominence alongside its technical achievements. From classrooms to competitions, from student sketches to national symbols, KTHS has proven that creativity and craftsmanship are inseparable. In producing artistic minds like Oneil Lewis, Tracy Ann Lewis, Heidi Gibbs, and many others, the school has helped design not just logos and posters, but enduring pieces of Jamaica's cultural and institutional identity.

By Arthur Pinnock