

Messages

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IT IS with immense pride and gratitude that we celebrate the 130th anniversary of Kingston Technical High School, a historic institution established as the first technical high school in the English-speaking Caribbean. Since its founding, our school has remained steadfast in its mission to provide technical education that equips students with the skills, knowledge, and discipline to become outstanding members of society.

We are deeply grateful for the vision and leadership of those who laid the solid foundation upon which we continue to build. Their foresight has ensured continuity, productivity,

and a legacy of excellence that has stood the test of time.

On this milestone occasion, we extend heartfelt thanks to our past and present teachers, whose dedication has enabled generations of students to master concepts and achieve success. We also salute our past and current students, who have carried – and continue to carry – the torch of excellence, ensuring that Kingston Technical High School remains a beacon of achievement and innovation.

As we look to the future, we reaffirm our commitment to the path of excellence. We pledge to rebuild our efforts with renewed vigour and to uphold

accountability as a measure of success. Together, we will continue to honour our past while inspiring future generations to reach even greater heights.

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KARLA BOSWELL-LEWIS, PHD
Acting Principal

FUTURE

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Today, under the theme ‘130 Years of Excellence Honouring Our Past, Inspiring Our Future’, we reflect on our rich history, celebrate our monumental achievements, and cast our vision towards an even brighter tomorrow.

OUR STORIED BEGINNINGS AND ENDURING FOUNDATIONS

Kingston Technical High School traces its roots to 1896, when it opened its doors amid the industrial stirrings of colonial Jamaica.

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By the early 20th century, it had expanded to include electrical engineering, printing

and drafting, earning recognition from the British Board of Education. KTHS provided some of these subjects in its very popular evening school.

MILESTONES OF ACHIEVEMENT

In its over 130 years, Kingston Technical High School has graduated over 50,000 alumni, with a consistent pass rate in the Royal Society of Arts, General Certificate of Education, City and Guilds Examinations, and more recently, the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) and the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE).

Our alumni network, the KTHS Past Students’ Association, has funded scholarships, ensuring that financial barriers never dim the spark of talent.

In sports, our Walker Cup football teams have clinched

titles, and our track and field athletes have produced Olympians, including 1952 Helsinki Gold Medallist George Rhoden, who won the 400 metres in and Olympic Record and anchored the 4 x 400 Relay team that won the event in world-record time. Our Cricket teams have won many titles in the Sunlight competition and produced a president of the Jamaica Cricket Association (JCA), Lindel Wright. KTHS also produced a Jamaica Football Federation (JFF) president, Locksley Comrie, who was at the helm from 1975 to 1977 and a Jamaica Athletics Administrative Association (JAAA) president, Patrick (Pat) Anderson OD, who was at the helm from 2000 to 2004.

Academically, we have boasted perfect scores in technical subjects, with 2024 seeing 98% of our CSEC Technical Drawing,

HONOURING OUR PAST TRAILBLAZING ALUMNI WHO EXCELLED FOR JAMAICA

No anniversary tribute would be complete without saluting the luminaries who embody KT spirit.

Modern icons Roderick Rainford (Class of 1957) is remembered for gaining the Rhodes Scholarship.

Thousands more in fields from academics, business, construction, engineering, and home economics have proven that KT doesn’t just educate – it ignites excellence. Inspiring our students with a vision to become tomorrow’s innovators. KT is looking ahead and committed to preparing students for Jamaica’s digital and green economies.

To our current students: Embrace the tools we have honed over 130 years.

To our alumni: Continue to fuel our fire with stories of yesteryear — reconnect via our 130th Gala in December 2026.

To supporters: Join us in scripting the next chapter.

In honouring our past, we inspire our future.

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Warm regards,

FRANCIS REID, JP
Chairman

The Lay Magistrates' Association of Jamaica - Kingston Chapter

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Kingston Technical High School

On this remarkable achievement of reaching 130 years.

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