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Introduction

His Excellency Brigadier David Arthur Granger, President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

Honourable Minister of Education Ms Nicolette Henry.

Chief Education Officer Mr Marcel Hutson, other officials of the Ministry of Education.

Mr Chris Fernandes Chairman Board of Governors St Stanislaus College.

Mr. Zulphicar Hussain Chairman Parent Teachers Association St. Stanislaus College.

Mr Kashir Khan President St Stanislaus College Local Alumni Association.

Mr Vibert Hart Administrative Officer St Stanislaus College.

Mrs Fazia Baksh Deputy Principal, St Stanislaus College.

Mr Cleon Bovell Immediate Past Head Prefect.

Special invitees, Members of Staff, Graduands, Students and our most worthy Madam Chair for today's ceremony, Mrs Elona Williams-Frank.

A pleasant Good Day to you all and Welcome to this auspicious occasion.

St. Stanislaus College Annual Graduation and Prize Giving Ceremony

Madam Chair,

I have the honour in presenting to this gathering of stakeholders, the Principal's Report for the academic year, September 2016 to July 2017. This report seeks to enlighten us on our **Achievements**. It also highlights **Challenges** and cites some projections for the future.

The report has been divided into six key areas namely;

1. Student Enrolment
2. Staffing
3. Curriculum and External Examinations
4. Co and Extra Curricular Activities
5. Community Alliance and
6. Projections

Student Enrolment

The academic year began September 2016 with a total student population of Five Hundred and Thirty-Six (536) students.

There were Two Hundred and Sixty-Eight (268) males and the same amount of females. The average number of students per class was thirty (30).

Admissions of students to the college for the period under review were done on the basis of placement of students by the Ministry of Education.

- (a) Eighty-Four (84) students from the National Grade Six Assessment Examination comprising of Forty Four (44) males and Forty (40) females were admitted to Grade Seven.
- (b) From the CXC-CSEC, 2016 results, Sixty students; Thirty-Nine (39) males and Twenty One (21) females were admitted to Grade Twelve to pursue advanced studies at CAPE.

Staffing

The school year commenced with Forty One (41) permanent teachers, but it was also crucial to continue to recruit part-time teachers to assist in the implementation of the curriculum.

The permanent teachers included:

One Graduate Principal
One Graduate Deputy Principal
Three Graduate Senior Mistresses
Ten Graduate Heads of Departments
Two Graduate Senior Assistant Mistresses
Two Senior Assistant Mistresses
Two Graduate Assistant Mistresses
Five Trained Graduates
Five Assistant Mistresses
Five Untrained Graduates
Three Temporary Qualified Masters
One Temporary Unqualified Master and
Two Temporary Assistant Master/Mistress (Retired/Re-hired)

The part-time staff consisted of

- (a) **Mr Dinband Khushial**, who taught Additional Mathematics and Pure Mathematics to our Fourth and Sixth Forms Students respectfully.
- (b) **Ms Juliet Pearson**, who taught French to our Fourth and Fifth Formers.
- (c) And in January 2017 they were joined by **Mrs Arlene Rodrigues-Duff**, who retired as a Graduate Head of our Business Department.

Heartfelt appreciation is extended to the three Senior Educators for the work done with our students during the period.

Appointments/Resignations

In January 2017 – **Ms Melessa Chichester**, a Graduate in Biology from the University of Guyana joined the teaching staff, bringing a wealth of knowledge to the Science department.

Madam Chair,

During the academic year under review, we lost four (4) staff members, one on promotion and three (3) resigned.

Ms Donnette Daniels, a Graduate Head of our Home Economics Department was successfully promoted as a Graduate Deputy Headteacher to the North Georgetown Secondary School in May 2017.

The following resignation were received;

- (a) Ms Devina DePutron, Assistant Mistress with effect from September 2016.
- (b) Mrs Deokie Mohan, Graduate Senior Mistress with effect from January 2017 and,
- (c) Mrs Shunella Anthony-Barker, Graduate Senior Assistant Mistress effective May 2016.

The entire staff wishes to Thank these ladies for their services rendered to the college and do wish them well in their future endeavours.

The **Ancillary Staff** is a special group of staff members who are always of vital importance to us – **Teachers and Students**, continue to give valuable service to the college.

The list of ancillary staff reads thus;

- (a) Two Typist Clerks
- (b) An Accounts Clerk
- (c) One Librarian
- (d) An Information Technology Technician
- (e) Three Science Laboratory Assistants
- (f) Three Sweeper/Cleaners
- (g) A Caretaker and
- (h) A Grounds man located at the St. Stanislaus College Ground, Carifesta Avenue.

The College's Curriculum

Honourable Chair,

St. Stanislaus College continued to offer a broad based curriculum to the students through Eleven Departments, namely:

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| (1) Agricultural Science | (8) Mathematics |
| (2) Allied Arts | (9) Modern Languages |
| (3) Business Education | (10) Science and |
| (4) English | (11) Social Studies |
| (5) Home Economics | |
| (6) Industrial Technology | |
| (7) Information Technology | |

The subjects taught to the students of Grades Seven and Eight were all compulsory.

In **Grade Nine**, students were introduced to additional subject areas namely, Business Studies, History, Geography and the separate Sciences; Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

In June 2017 **Ninety** (90) students wrote the National Grade Nine Assessment Examination in the four core subjects. These being:

- (a) English Language
- (b) Mathematics
- (c) Science and
- (d) Social Studies

An analysis of this assessment results revealed that Ninety Nine Percent (**99%**) of the students achieved the pass rate **above 50%**. There was a total of **Forty-Seven students** who gained **above 70%**.

Our Top Performers were

- (a) **Davina Jetoo** with an overall **82.3%**, followed closely by
- (b) **Ceyline Sullivan** with **81.3%**
- (c) **Lakshmi Narine** **80.8%** and
- (d) **Raeda Persaud** **80.1%**

The College Administration and Staff extend **Congratulations** to these students and do wish that they continue to heed the advice of Les Brown, **“Shoot for the moon! Even if you miss... You’ll land among the stars”**.

In **Grade Ten**, students were allocated to one of the four streams at the college, depending on their ability, aptitude and career interest.

The total number of students who opted for the streams were as follow:

1. Arts Stream – Fifteen (15) students
2. Business Stream – Thirty-One (31) students
3. Science Stream – Thirty-Seven (37) students, while
4. Technical Stream had Seventeen (17) students.

In each stream, students pursued a maximum of Ten subjects. Some of the their subjects were compulsory and these included English Language, English Literature and Mathematics, while a few others were optional.

In **Grade Eleven**, all students wrote the Caribbean Examinations Council/Caribbean Education Certificate Examinations (CXC-CSEC). A maximum of fourteen (14) subjects were written.

For **Grade Twelve**, students who gained at least Five (5) CSEC subjects including English A and Mathematics, with Grades I to III were offered the CXC-CAPE Unit One Programme in various subject areas leading to their career path.

External Examinations Results, 2017

Esteemed Chair and Audience,

The academic performance of our students at the CXC-CSEC 2017 was deemed very successful.

A brief analysis of the results revealed:

Students wrote Twenty six (26) subjects at this examination. The overall percent passes gained according to the Caribbean Examination Council for Grades One (1) to Three was Ninety Two (92%).

Out of the Ninety Three (93) Grade Eleven students who wrote the CSEC examination Ninety Five percent (95%) of them matriculated, that is passed both English A and Mathematics.

There were Three Hundred and Twenty (320) Grade Ones, Three Hundred and Ten (310) Grade Twos and One Hundred and Ninety-Two (192) Grade Threes.

St. Stanislaus College, CXC-CSEC 2017 results read as follow:

Subjects	Percentage passes Grades 1-3
(1) Additional Mathematics	57%
(2) Agricultural Science	100%
(3) Biology	89%
(4) Caribbean History	87%
(5) Chemistry	69%
(6) Economics	91%
(7) Electrical and Electronic Technology	100%
(8) Electronic Document Preparation and Management	100%
(9) English A	99%
(10) English B	84%
(11) Food, Nutritional and Health Technical	100%
(12) French	43%
(13) Geography	100%
(14) Family, Resource Management Technical	100%
(15) Human and Social Biology	100%
(16) Information Technology	100%
(17) Integrated Science	100%
(18) Mathematics	96%
(19) Office Administration	100%
(20) Physical Education and Sports	100%
(21) Physics	83%
(22) Principles of Accounts	96%
(23) Principles of Business	100%
(24) Social Studies	98%
(25) Spanish	81%
(26) Technical Drawing and	100%
(27) Portuguese, written for the first time	67%

Our Most Outstanding Overall CXC-CSEC 2017 performer is **Ishwardat Boodramlall**, a Science Student who gained Thirteen Subjects, - Twelve (12) Grade Ones and One Grade Two.

Those Subjects were:	Grades
1. Additional Mathematics	1Distinction
2. Agricultural Science (DA)	1Distinction
3. Biology	1
4. Chemistry	1Distinction
5. English A	2
6. English B	1
7. Human and Social Biology	1
8. Information Technology	1Distinction
9. Physics	1Distinction
10.Principles of Accounts	1Distinction
11.Social Studies	1
12.Spanish	1Distinction

Excellent Performance Ishwardat! You are our shining star and we are all so proud of you. We do look forward to see more blessings come your way in the near future.

A round of applause for Ishwardat Boodramlall!

Honorable Chair,

There were also several other students with outstanding recorded performances at the CXC- CSEC 2017.

These were:

1	Poonam Persaud	12 Subjects- Ten Grade Ones – Seven of which were Distinctions and Two Grade Twos
2	Angelique Thomas	14 Subjects- Nine Grade Ones- Four of which were Distinctions and Five Grade Twos
3	Tinnisha Lewis	13 Subjects- Nine Grade Ones - Seven of which were Distinctions and Four Grade Twos
4	Travis Dataram	12 Subjects- Eight Grade Ones - Four of which were Distinctions and Four Grade Twos
5	Dankumar Persaud	11 Subjects- Eight Grade Ones - Six of which were Distinctions and Three Grade Twos
6	Rasheed Farley	10 Subjects- Eight Grade Ones - Six of which were Distinctions and Two Grade Twos
7	Manifa Grant	10 Subjects- Eight Grade Ones - Four of which were Distinctions and Two Grade Twos

and

8	Aasim Baksh	9 Subjects- Eight Grade Ones -Six of which were with Distinctions and One Grade Two
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Esteem Chair and Audience,

I'm pleased to inform you that Mr Aasim Baksh has been selected as the Most Outstanding Candidate – Best Short Story in the May/June 2017 Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) examinations.

In recognition of his achievement, CXC will present Mr Baksh and others from the region, at an award ceremony to be held in St. Kitts and Nevis on Thursday, 14th December 2017 at the St. Kitts Marriot Resort.

Special Congratulations are extended to you Aasim and do continue to strive for higher achievements.

To the Class of 2017. You have worked very hard and you ought to feel proud of your achievements.

Kindly let us give an applaud.

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE) Results

There were Thirty-Two (32) Units offered in Eighteen subject areas. The overall recognized percent passes according to the Caribbean Examination Council for Grades I to V was 93%.

St. Stanislaus College CXC – CAPE 2017 Results read as follows

	Subjects	Percent Passes - Grades I to V
1	Accounts Unit 1	86%
2	Accounts Unit 2	100 %
3	Biology Unit 1	93%
4	Biology Unit 2	100%
5	Caribbean Studies	100 %
6	Chemistry Unit 1	77%
7	Chemistry Unit 2	100 %
8	Communication Studies	100 %
9	Computer Science Unit 1	100 %
10	Computer Science Unit 2	50%
11	Digital Media Unit 1	100 %
12	Digital Media Unit 2	100 %
13	Economics Unit 1	100%
14	Economics Unit 2	100%
15	Entrepreneurship Unit 1	100%
16	Entrepreneurship Unit 2	100%

Our Top CAPE Performer for 2017 is;

Cleon Roy Trevon Bovell, who gained Six (6) Unit Twos, with Grade Ones Four with Distinctions. These were:

Biology Unit 2	1
Caribbean Studies	1
Chemistry Unit 2	1 Distinction
Integrated Mathematics	1 Distinction

Physics Unit 2	1 Distinction
Pure Mathematics Unit 2	1 Distinction

There were also:

Renea Ashley Douglas gained Five (5) Units – Three Grade Ones – One Distinction and Two Grade Twos

Biology Unit 2	I
Chemistry Unit 2	II
Communication Studies	II
Environmental Science	I
Integrated Mathematics	I Distinction

Sandya Praimraj gained Five (5) Units – Three Grade Ones – Two of which were Distinctions and Two Grade Twos

Biology Unit 2	II
Chemistry Unit 2	I
Communication Studies	II
Integrated Mathematics	I Distinction
Pure Mathematics	I Distinction

and

Rashma Surjnarime who gained Five (5) Units - Three Grade Ones – One Distinction and Two Grade Twos.

Biology Unit 1	I Distinction
Chemistry Unit 1	II
Communication Studies	I
Environmental Science Unit 1	II
Pure Mathematics Unit 1	I

Well done!

Students! A special round of applause for your Teachers and Parents who helped to make your success possible.

Co and Extra Curricular Activities

Madam Chair,

Any educational institution which seeks to focus only on the academics would be failing in its mandate to produce balanced well-rounded individuals. The maxim “a healthy mind in a healthy body” still obtains.

With this in view, we here at St. Stanislaus College pursue a vigorous sports programme which exposes students to a variety of sports disciplines such as Basketball, Cricket, Hockey, Football and Table Tennis.

The highlight was our competitive **Annual Inter-House Championships** which were held in October 2016. The results showed;

Energetic, Fire Red Etheridge House led by House Master Bonni Adonis emerged as the champions mustering **909 points**.

Second place was taken by **Boastful Butler House** which was led by House Mistress Vaunda Wayne – Francis gaining **895 points**.

The **Great Gentlemen Galton House** settled for the third position with **833 points**.

While the **Warriors Weld House** led by the longest-serving House Master Colin Moses retired accepting the fourth place with **828 points**.

Our Champion Athletes were shared among the four Houses with:

- a) David Vickarie – Junior Champion Boy (Butler House)
- b) Malachi Richards – Senior Champion Boy (Weld House)
- c) Shanique Clarke – Junior Champion Girl (Galton House)
- d) Angel Hope - Senior Champion Girl (Etheridge House)

Congratulations are extended to all House Captains, House Masters, Mistresses and students who ensured that this activity was spectacular and remained a memorable event.

Special thanks to our Games Master Robert Fernandes, who spent enormous time out of his normal work schedule to make sure that Sporting activities at Saints are done according to Olympic standards.

In October 2016, St. Stanislaus College participated in the Seventh Inter Schools Quiz Completion to commemorate Caribbean Statistics Day under the theme “Improving the lives of people – Advancing the Action Plan for Statistics in CARICOM”. Our smart team comprising Grade Ten Students;

- a) Ishwardat Boodramlall (being the most outstanding student for the quiz)
- b) Angelique Thomas
- c) Dankumar Persaud and
- d) Jada Kellawan

Defeated The Bishop’s High School, St. Roses High and St. Joseph High School, respectively and emerged as the winner of the competition. It is also interesting to note, that this year October 2017 another set of smart students did gain a consecutive win in the Eight Annual Competition of its kind.

Well Done Students! Keep Saints Flag flying high.

In February 2017, the college held its Inter House Dramatic Poetry Competition. The results revealed that in the Junior Category; **Chelsey Inniss from Butler House gained 1st Place** while **Chelsea Persaud from Weld House gained the 2nd position.**

For the Senior Category; it was **Latifa Bowman from Butler House in the 1st position** while **Nekaybaw Emptage from Weld House took the 2nd Position.**

For the J.O.F. Haynes Memorial Debating Competition in March 2017 our team comprised of;

- a) Tyriq Scott
- b) Jessica Callendar
- c) Marlisa Osborne and
- d) Phylicia James, who replaced the second speaker in Round One. This Team won the first four rounds against Central High School, Brickdam Secondary School,

Cummings Lodge Secondary School and St. Mary's High School respectively. However, they recorded a defeat in the final round against St. Joseph High School.

For the academic year under review 2016-2017, the Department of Education presented St. Stanislaus College with a plaque for the Highest Attendance and Punctuality made by students.

In the August Vocation 2017, our Grade Eleven Arts students **Tyriq Scott** and **Nia Williams** participated in the sitting of the Third Annual Youth Parliament. **Tyriq Scott** was awarded the title '**Best Debator**'.

For The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition, The Royal Commonwealth Society, has awarded a certificate to **Rachel Cecil** a Grade Nine student with her essay, entitled '**Why should we fight for Peace?**'

Madam Chair,

There were numerous other co and extracurricular activities that our students participated in during the academic year under review. Some of these included:

1. The Ministry of Education School Rally that was held at Durban Park.
2. The Rights of the Child Commission Anniversary Workshop.
3. The Edun's Livestock Farm at Garden of Eden accommodating our Grade Eleven students to complete their Agricultural Science School Based Assessment Project practical skills.
4. The tour of the Official Residence of the Prime Minister.
5. Participation in the Department of Education Mashramani Dance Competition.
6. The Ministry of Education, Work Study Attachment Programme.
7. The Health Fair sponsored by Mayor and City Council of Georgetown.
8. The National Frequency Management Unit – Girls in ICT Mentorship Luncheon held at the Umana Yana.
9. The Symposium of the Ministry of Public Health held at the National Library in April 2017. and

10. The Career Exhibition and Health Fair sponsored by the Youth, Culture and Sports Ministry.
11. Attendance at the Ministry of the Presidency National Endowment and Technology donation of One Million Dollars towards the further development of the College's Science and Technology program.

The College Administration extends sincere appreciation to the President, The Prime Minister and all other organizations that hosted these special events.

Community Alliance

Madam Chair,

The college is considered a microcosm of the community in which it serves. These community linkages are important for the Educational, Moral, Social and Spiritual development of the students' population.

Linked to the college in the year under review were:

1. The St. Stanislaus College Scouts Group. This group continues to flourish as it offers an avenue for students to engage in healthy activities which seek to develop their initiative, leadership ability and sense of responsibility.
2. The St Stanislaus College Local Alumni Association as well as the Overseas Alumni Associations of Toronto, Barbados and Antigua.

In a continued effort to upkeep and maintain the academic excellence of their Alma Mater and boost the teaching compliment at the college, the Toronto and Guyana Chapters of the Old Students Associations had each awarded two scholarships, to the University of Guyana, to four former students. The recipients of these scholarships are:

- (a) **Arrianna Mahase** (Valedictorian of the class of 2015)
- (b) **Jemuel Parasram** (Valedictorian of the class of 2016)
- (c) **Rosemarie Shiwbaran** and
- (d) **Semaka Felix**

Special Thanks are extended to the Toronto Alumni Association for their continuous outstanding commitment and unwavering support in funding the prizes for our Annual Graduation and Prize Giving Ceremony.

Also linked to the College was

3. The Department of Education – Georgetown and in partnership with E-Governance in October 2016, distributed laptops to our teaching staff.

In March 2017 in order to Improve curriculum delivery in our classrooms and facilitate richer interaction and engagement through teachers and students presentations, the college received the following items;

- One Multimedia Projector
- One Laptop Computer
- One Projector Screen and
- One USB DVD Drive

While in July 2017- Our Computer Laboratories were enhanced with twelve Desk Top-Mini-Computer Systems. Thanks so much for these learning devices.

Also, we thank the officers for their support and guidance throughout the year that have contributed to our success.

4. The St. Stanislaus College Parent Teachers Association.

Special thanks to the then Chairman Mr Joseph Eastman and his energetic executive team who were always cooperative in assisting to meet the various challenges of the college. Our deep appreciation to all our parents who assisted and supported us in so many different ways. Your children benefitted tremendously from your efforts.

5. The St. Stanislaus Board of Governors.

Much credit must be given to the College Board which was constituted in 2005. The chairman Mr Chris Fernandes, Executive Members and members of the Toronto Alumni Association have continuously given their time, talent and treasure unselfishly so as to ensure that St. Stanislaus College is administered and managed effectively. It was with their help and support that our senior students are now comfortably seated. This special support

was also evident in August 2017 when the Board of Governors in collaboration with the Ministry of Education hosted a Pueblo Science Workshop for the second time.

Most recently, the College Board awarded one Scholarship to Cleon Bovell to commence studies in Biology at the University of Guyana.

Last but certainly not least, special thanks and much appreciation is extended to all teachers of the College both full time and part time and ancillary staff, for, without your cooperation and willingness, the business of the College would not have been conducted smoothly.

Projections

St Stanislaus College Administration hopes in the near future to accomplish the following projects;

1. Refurbishing of classrooms, in order to create child-friendly environment for all of our students.
2. Refurbishing air conditioning units and installation of similar units in the Science Laboratories and
3. Construction of a car park to facilitate vehicles owned by staff members.

Conclusion

Most Esteemed Chair and Distinguished Guests,

The year under review September 2016 to July 2017 brought some amount of success to the college, especially in the academic field. Students performed creditably in many areas. The level of sports improved and standards were maintained. As a result, we are now optimistic that St. Stanislaus College is on the way returning to its former glory.

To the Students of St. Stanislaus College

You are reminded that it is indeed a honour to attend St. Stanislaus College – to share in the rich legacy left by its founders. Therefore, you are encouraged to continue to aim high in order that you achieve your set goals. For as the great Abraham Lincoln said, **“The best way to predict your future is to create it”**.

To the Graduands and Recipients of Prizes

Once again, **Congratulations, on your accomplishments.** We are all extremely proud of you. You can't imagine the sense of relief that we are experiencing now. However, we implore you to always remember the special words of Malcolm X. **“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepared for it today”.**

Keep learning, keep trying, Keep growing.

Thanks to God for having kept us during the year. Finally, may he continue to guide and direct all the stakeholders of St. Stanislaus College so that students would benefit tremendously from the quality of education we offer them.

Thanks for sharing this report with you.

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