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of The College Canado-Haitien & Frères du Sacré-Coeur Alumni Association, Inc.
CCH-FSCAA, Inc.

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From the president's desk

Let's celebrate our 10th anniversary!

Dear friends,

We have now reached the 10-year mark, from the time we decided to commit ourselves to this project. Father Time, in full cooperation with the program, has not attenuated our enthusiasm. Consequently, we congratulate ourselves, in all humility, for having remained united as we continue to work assiduously for the enhancement of this noble cause.

Despite all that we have been able to accomplish, with your support of course, we are far from being complacent. The task is quite challenging requiring time, inspiration and devotion. Regardless, we stay the course moving forward. This is why, more than ever, we need your support and participation.

As for our 10th anniversary, we are urging you to join us not only to celebrate during our 9th Annual Fund-Raising Gala to be held on May 25, 2013 but also to share with us your ideas and suggestions. The latter two are invaluable in our success journey. On Friday May 24, we will host a homecoming evening at the Hilton Hotel from 7:00 to 11:00 pm. The day after, May 25, at the same location, will take place our aforementioned traditional Gala for year 2013. On that occasion, we will have the distinct pleasure to honor luminaries who are both friends and alumni of the Brothers of Sacred Heart school network. We are referring to Mr. Dany Laferriere, famous writer, Mrs. Regine Saurel Bernadel, pharmacist also a current member of the CCH-FSCAA's executive committee and posthumously the late Dr. Daniel Mathurin, eminent Research Scientist who passed away as a result of a

Chers amis,

Cela fait maintenant 10 ans depuis que nous nous sommes engagés dans ce projet. Le temps écoulé n'a pas diminué notre enthousiasme. Nous nous félicitons avec humilité d'être restés unis, travaillant assidûment pour cette noble cause.

Malgré tout ce que nous avons accompli, grâce à votre support, nous sommes loin d'être satisfaits. La tâche est difficile; elle demande du temps, de l'inspiration et du dévouement. Nous continuerons à travailler dans la même direction. Cependant nous avons, plus que jamais, besoin de votre support et participation.

Pour notre dixième anniversaire, nous vous exhortons à nous rejoindre, pas seulement pour célébrer durant notre 9ième gala, le 25 Mai 2013, mais pour nous apporter vos idées et partager vos opinions avec nous, pour nous aider à aller de l'avant. Le Vendredi 24 Mai, nous aurons une Soirée de Retrouvailles à l'hôtel Hilton de 7:00 à 11:00 PM, et le Samedi 25 Mai, nous aurons notre gala traditionnel. A cette occasion, nous honorerons certains camarades et anciens des Frères du Sacré Coeur : le célèbre écrivain Dany Laferrière, Régine Saurel Bernadel, pharmacienne et membre du comité exécutif de la CCH-FSCAA, et à titre posthume le Dr Daniel Mathurin, éminent chercheur, récemment décédé dans un tragique accident de voiture en République Dominicaine. Sa veuve et compagne de recherches, la distinguée Ginette Pérodin Mathurin recevra l'honneur en son nom.

La soirée sera animée par le Skah Shah # 1. Ce sera quelque chose de grandiose, et nous faisons des arrangements pour accueillir 700 personnes et plus. Nous comptons sur votre collaboration.

Dans les années à venir, nous comptons aider beaucoup plus d'étudiants et étendre notre aide à beaucoup plus d'écoles. Nous aspirons à faire de notre organisation la pierre angulaire dans l'amélioration de l'éducation en Haïti. C'est un objectif très ambitieux, et peut-être idéaliste. Mais avec votre aide, nous le réaliserons.

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PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY

By Mario Deller

Most people have a natural tendency to focus on major milestones, such as silver (25th anniversary), golden (50th) or centennial. But even the smallest anniversaries offer unique opportunities to celebrate. Such an occasion is an ideal time to bring people together, solidify bonds and reflect on the association's past, present and future.

The Collège Canado-Haïtien & Frères du Sacré-Coeur Alumni Association, Inc. (CCH-FSCAA) is proud to celebrate its 10th anniversary this year. We say "proud", because longevity is quite often associated with integrity. Our track record of providing service to the students and schools of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in Haiti demonstrates that we have gained the trust of our members, friends and supporters. This is why we have made it a year-long celebration.

We started with the General Assembly, held on October 13, 2012 in Queens. Those in attendance were more than delighted with the masterful presentation of our keynote speaker, Professor Eddy Mesidor. On May 24 and 25, we are planning a double night of celebration. First, on Friday, May 24, from 7:00 to 11:00 P.M., at the Hilton Hotel, we are having a Reunion Night

(Soirée de Retrouvailles), with refreshment and entertainment. This will be followed on Saturday, May 25, by our traditional Dinner Dance, animated by Skah Shah # 1, still at the Hilton. A donation of \$125.00 per person will cover both nights, even if you want to attend only one of them. We will also be selling T-shirts emblazoned with the association's logo and with a 10-year celebration theme.

To close the year-long celebration, a mass will be celebrated at the Sacred Heart Church, located at 115-58, 222nd street in Cambria Heights, Queens, at 1:00 PM, on Sunday June 30, 2013, the last day of our current fiscal year. More than ever, we need some blessings to keep the CCH-FSCAA strong and keep us going in our noble endeavor.

You are all invited to join us at each one of these events and to offer your best wishes for our continued success.

See you soon. And until then, may God bless you and your family.

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tragic automobile accident in the Dominican Republic. His widow and research companion, the distinguished Ginette Perodin Mathurin will receive the honors on his behalf.

This will be a spectacular affair featuring the musical band Skah Shah #1 as the main attraction. Expecting a crowd of 700+ participants we, therefore, count on your collaboration.

In the coming years, we plan on helping several more students and on extending that help to many other schools in the country. All in all, we aspire to make our organization the cornerstone of amelioration in Haitian Education. This objective is very ambitious and perhaps idealistic. Nonetheless, with your help, it is undoubtedly very much attainable.

Herold Duroseau M.D.
President
CCH-FSCAA, New York

OUR PATH THROUGH OUR NEXT DECADE

By Gerald Jean

*Ten years long,
Ten years strong.
We are moving on.*

Ten years ago, from a simple get together (retrouvailles) amongst old friends and schoolmates, emerged an organization with a powerful mission to give back to the youth of our homeland, Haiti. Thus, the Collège Canado-Haitien & Frères du Sacré-Coeur Alumni Association (CCH-FSCAA) was formed and legalized as a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) association with full transparency and accountability to everyone. The mission was and still is to provide less fortunate Haitian students with the priceless gift of an education.

The beauty of this endeavor was not inspired as a result of a natural disaster or from a man-made catastrophe. It took root out of our loyalty to our alma mater and our mutual respect for one another. This initiative helped also to enhance our social skills, shape our minds and consciousness while deepening our love for Haiti which clearly defines who we are today.

Therefore, as we reflect back on ten years of

dedication, we measure time by the hundreds of the less fortunate Haitian students we were able to help continue and finish their studies, of course, with the cooperation of the leadership of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart school network in Haiti. John F. Kennedy once said in a speech: "To those whom much is given, much is expected." Education is the gift that keeps on giving. None of that would have been possible without your help, the support of alumni, friends and those who have embraced such a noble cause. Everyone deserves an opportunity to receive not only an education but also to a completed one. Now, what is to come in the next ten years? In the next ten years, our goals are the following:

·First, to raise \$1,000,000 towards the reconstruction effort by November 2013.

·Second, to increase the amount received for scholarships and grants by 50% thus helping more students, especially those in the provinces.

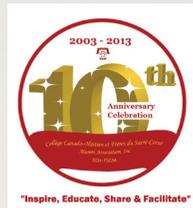
·Third, to provide bonuses and recognitions to those teachers that endeavor themselves to maintain an environment that encourages excellence.

·Fourth, to implement the program sponsored by our Boston, MA chapter. The aim of this program is to inspire our recipients to give back, to be morally obligated to facilitate the next generation in the same manner or better.

With the continuous support of you, the alumni and friends, we can help in the development of the children, our future leaders of Haiti.

As we are celebrating the tenth anniversary of CCH-FSCAA, it is gratifying to know that the future of the children is promising, and it is all because of you. We humbly thank you for your generous support.





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Celebrating its 10th Anniversary

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**CASUAL
ATTIRE**

**LIMITED
SEATS**

• **Friday May 24, 2013**
Soirée de Retrouvailles (Reunion Night)
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Entertainment

• **Saturday May 25, 2013**

CCH-FSCAA exhibit:
9:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Dinner Dance
10:00 pm - 3:00 am

With **Skah-Shah**

With **Loubert, Zouzoul, Ti Craan, Ti Frè, Kòkò**
Special guests: Danielle Thermidor & Chardavoine



**FORMAL
ATTIRE**

Honorees:

Dany Laferrrière, Alumnus & Writer

Dr Daniel Mathurin, Posthumous honoree, Alumnus & Scientist

Regine Saurel Bernadel, Alumna, Pharmacist & Philanthropist

DONATION FOR THE 2 DAYS:

\$125 PER PERSON

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*To stay at the Hotel at a discount rate,
please, call Hilton Hotel at 631-845-1000 code CFS before April 24, 2013.*

Make your reservation before April 30, 2013 for these unforgettable nights while supporting a worthy cause. On behalf of all the kids who will benefit from your generosity, we say thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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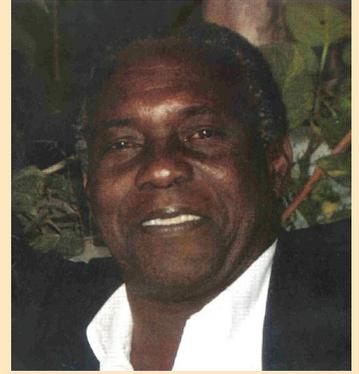
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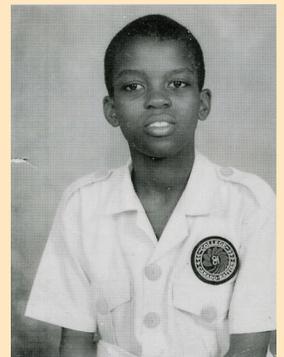


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DR. DANIEL MATHURIN

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