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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

We would like to thank all the members and supporters of the Manchester High School Alumni Toronto Chapter for your continued support as we continue to strive to promote fellowship, inspire commitment, build our network and cultivate investment. We hope to achieve these by actively encouraging involvement with the alumni and thereby keeping the name of our school relevant.

RECRUITMENT

Our recruitment goal was to have as many of our 2021 graduates as possible connected to a local chapter. We are pleased to report that 75 new graduates have expressed interest in one of 5 of our local chapters.

Atlanta - 1
Florida - 2
Jamaica - 59
New York - 8
Toronto - 5

A welcome and thank you email was sent to the 5 graduates who signed up for Toronto. The names of the other graduates were forwarded to the relevant contact persons in the various locations. A Zoom Meet and Greet is currently being planned to formally welcome the new graduates.

SCHOLARSHIP

The success of the annual Supreme Home of Champions Gala this year has allowed us to increase our funding and the number of recipients for the 2021-2022 scholarship award. The fund will be awarded to two (2) students. each receiving \$1,000. The goal of this fund is to assist students with living expenses as they make the sometimes very difficult transition to life in Canada.

Applications will be available shortly through our Global Alumni website, AJAA, High Commission of Canada and the MHS Guidance office. The selection process will be done by the committee and the awards and disbursements will be made in January 2022.

LUNCH PROGRAM

We have committed to provide at least 1000 lunches for the vulnerable and most at risk students enrolled at Manchester High School throughout the 2021-2022 school year. A memorandum of understanding was signed with the school and the first tranche of monies was wired to the school. Our intent is to increase this number to 2000 lunches. Due to the fact that students are currently online, the lunch program is currently on hold.

GALA AWARDS

The **MHS ALUMNI HOME OF CHAMPIONS Award**

recognizes MHS alumni who are an inspiration to fellow alumni, current students and the community both home and abroad. Recipients of this award have demonstrated significant contributions to their field of endeavour and to their community.

Nominees must demonstrate:

- contributions that have had a transformative impact in their community
- outstanding achievements in their field
- service to Manchester High School

Nominations open

October 31, 2021

Nominations will close

December 31, 2021

Announcement

January 2022

MENTORSHIP

MHS Toronto Alumni Mentorship program has been rebranded to the "Newcomer Mentorship program. Within the last few months we have taken a more specific approach to our program to create more impact and remove nuance. The Newcomer Mentorship program provides support and orientation to International Students transitioning from Manchester High School in Jamaica to university or other post secondary institution in Canada.

Strategic mentoring matches will allow newcomer mentees to learn about navigating the Canadian culture, career development and leveraging the Canadian experience to the best of their ability.

Our mentorship program will be delivered on the Mentorlux mobile application .

Who can be a mentor/ Requirements:

- a) MHS Alumni professionals
- b) Other selected mentors
- c) Police record/ equivalent

Mentor commitments:

Mentors commit to at least 6 meetings/ checkins over a 3 month period

Meetings can be in person or virtual

We are still developing the software for the app however In recent weeks, we had to focus on re-evaluating the apps security, ownership, privacy and data management capabilities. Our software will be launched by January 2022. If you would like to get involved as a mentor or learn more please contact Crystal at wittercrystal@yahoo.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3rd Global Alumni Summit

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Membership Fees

Our yearly membership fee is \$20. Please remember to send your fee by etransfer to manchesterhighto@gmail.com and type the words "membership fee" in the message box.

A big Thank You to everyone who have already paid!