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OVER THE EGO.

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AN ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL RESPECT, FRATERNITY AND
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OBLIGATION TO DIRECT A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THEIR
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OTHER AREAS OF ADVANCING MANKIND AS A SPECIES.

WELCOME

MESSAGE

Greetings, Freshers. It is my pleasure to welcome you to the University of the West Indies and, by extension, Taylor Hall. As you will soon come to learn, Taylor Hall is more than just a name. It is more than just a "Hall of Residence". Taylor Hall is a legacy, and the legacy continues with you.

I implore all Fresh People to look at their time on Hall as a grand opportunity to shine. As youngsters, we may not have much in terms of financial capital, but what we do have is time, and the freedom to do with it what we please. Use this time wisely. Get involved and develop additional skill sets beyond your academic pursuits.

This is a new age. You will find that a degree is simply not enough these days. Ask yourself, "What sets me apart? What do I have to bring to the table?".

Once again, make the most of your time here on the great Tayloria! You will be surprised at how quickly time flies! And of course, amidst all the studying and Hall Activities don't ever forget to have fun, make great friends and enjoy life! You only live once.

Jhana-Lea "AT&T" Barnes
Publications Committee Chairperson

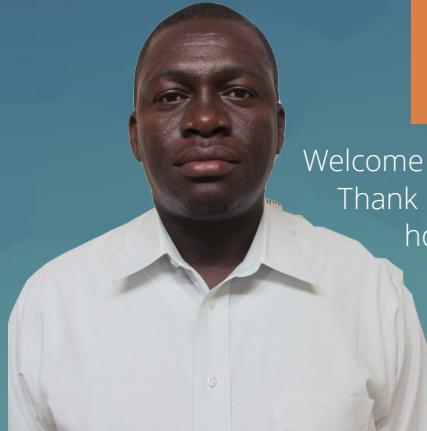


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SSDM'S

MESSAGE



Welcome to the University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona Campus.

Thank you for choosing Taylor Hall as your "home away from home", for the next academic year. I know that this is a time of transition for you and that there is sometimes apprehension and uncertainty. Let me assure you that we strive to provide the ideal environment for your learning and development.

It is important to note that the hall is far more than a place to live. It is a space where targeted, planned programmes

and activities are designed to impact your out-of-classroom learning. Over the next few weeks, you will be introduced to the First Year Experience Programme (FYE). It is widely known that students in their first year at colleges and universities who are exposed to FYE Programmes show greater success rates and adjust more quickly and smoothly to college and university life. It is my hope that you will participate fully in this programme.

I wish to also highlight the fact that you must pay keen attention to your academic work and ensure that you get the best grades possible. Never forget that this is the main reason you are enrolled at the University. If you wish to retain your place in the University and by extension, Taylor Hall, you must establish and maintain good academic standards. Failure is not an option. Be prepared to work hard and to excel.

The management team within the Hall consists of the SSDM and a team of Resident Advisors. You should make sure to get to know these resource persons in order to have access to their experience as you make the transition into Hall Life. The Hall committee and Student Leaders are also helpful in ensuring many learning opportunities will arise. Make sure that you benefit from each one. By choosing to reside in Taylor Hall, you have joined a rich tradition of excellence in academia, sports, culture, politics and so many other areas of life. This is now your time to make your mark and to shine.

Mr. Athol A. Hamilton, JP.
Student Services and Development Manager

RESIDENT ADVISOR'S MESSAGE



Make no mistake. Your being here is no accident. There was no random choice by Fate in the mechanisms that got you to this point. You earned it. Among the 2.7 million people in Jamaica - 500,000 youths of university age – there are roughly 15,000 Jamaican students at the University of the West Indies, Mona. While the statistics vary across the Caribbean region, whether you are Trinidadian, St. Lucian, from another island or even African, there is one irrefutable truth: you are among the top 1% - the smartest and most creative minds this region has to offer. You were chosen.

Welcome to the University of the West Indies. Welcome to Taylor Hall.

Great challenges and tremendous opportunities await you. Be sure to get a head-start in your academic pursuits. The amount of work covered in just one week is equivalent to a month's worth of work in your high-school career. There are also many scholarships available, should you decide to earn one. However, academic education is no longer a guarantee of a successful future. You must therefore carve out your own future using your skills, talent and creativity. Get involved in co-curricular activities and don't be afraid to start something new. Be inquisitive. Network with lecturers, seniors and classmates. Utilise the assistance offered by the Hall Manager, Resident Advisors and other UWI personnel. Hit the ground running! The next few years of your life can be a thrilling adventure if you so decide. What happens next is in your hands.

Your Hall Manager, Resident Advisors and Hall Committee look forward to working with you this year, and so my final message to you is this: Your country – your family have invested heavily in you because they believe that you will greatly alter the course of this world. Remember their sacrifices. Honour their dreams. And should you decide to join this fraternity, remember this: as a Taylorite, greatness is your birthright.

Mr. Travis Atkinson
Resident Advisor, Block B

MEET THE SSDM AND STAFF



MR. ATHOL HAMILTON
SSDM



MS. DORETTE BLAKE-CAMPBELL
SENIOR ADMIN SECRETARY

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RESIDENT ADVISOR, BLOCK A



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RESIDENT ADVISOR, BLOCK B



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RESIDENT ADVISOR, BLOCK C



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RESIDENT ADVISOR, BLOCK D



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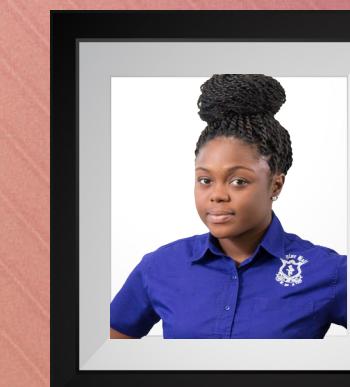
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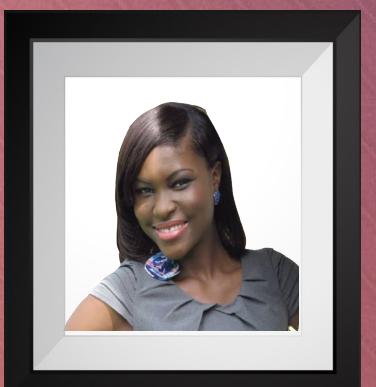
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RESIDENT ADVISOR, BLOCK G

HALL CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



The sleepless nights, coupled with various assignments, it was worth it after all.

It has all come down to this, the moment you've been waiting for. Some gave up and threw in the towel, But you didn't! This is it!

Congratulations on your matriculation to the University of the West Indies, and by extension, Taylor Hall. You are now a part of an elite set of students privileged to become a Taylorite. Throughout this period, you will undergo a transition process, which will prepare you for the ultimate University experience. During this orientation period, facilitators, both student and administrative, will be at your disposal. Therefore, if you have any difficulties or queries, state your concerns.

However, I assure you that your journey has just begun. The journey of success comes from individuals who are optimistic in their decision making. That will be coupled with seeing things in a broader scope.

DID YOU KNOW?

Hon. Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, Sen. Floyd Morris, the late, Hon. Rex Nettleford, Janella Pursius, Hon. Kamla Prasad Bissessar and are five of many great individuals that have resided within these great walls of Tayloria?

You will receive the opportunity to interface with these individuals and others who have made tremendous impact in society. Indeed, success and greatness spreads like a virus within the walls of Tayloria. "So thou they say dat wi live ina di ghetto, Taylor Hall is a virago home."

Let it be known, being a Taylorite is not just a privilege, it's a way of life. Once you're TAYLOR-MADE, you're made 'cut to fit'. I urge you to relish this opportunity to get involved in various activities in the university, not limited to sports. Get involved in philanthropic activities, and most importantly, the First Year Experience (F.Y.E.). However, don't just get involved, be the best.

Finally, I'll leave you with two things; firstly, take care in of how you choose your FRIENDS during the initial stages of your tenure. Secondly, it's important to NETWORK. You will receive the opportunity to meet resounding individuals in modern society. SEIZE THAT OPPORTUNITY!
Ladies and gentlemen, on this day, YOUR LEGACY BEGINS!

KARL "BULK" MCGRATH
HALL CHARMAN 2015/2016

DEPUTY HALL CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



I am delighted that you have decided to join the University of the West Indies community and by extension Taylor Hall. You are now part of an engaged academic community of learners and professionals who are here to help you excel both academically and professionally. Take advantage of all we offer; attend events, meet new people, ask lots of questions, explore new neighborhoods, open your head, heart, and eyes to new experiences and become the person you want to be. Taylor Hall is truly a special place and as our Hall motto state,

"Hall of Halls" we always strive to rise to the occasion to defend this stance that we are indeed the best of the best; as we excel in academics, sports and leadership. The policy of Taylor Hall was built to make your dreams of success become realistic as we not only accommodate you but we always have a healthy social environment where we assist each other academically and with other domestic affairs. Congratulations on your acceptance to University of the West Indies and more so to Taylor Hall.

I do anticipate a great year with you joining the hall family and I wish you all the best in your tenure here at the University of the West Indies as you reside on the "Hall of halls", Taylor Hall. Welcome and good luck!

ORAINNE "WILD-LYPHE" CHAMBERS
DEPUTY HALL CHAIRMAN 2015/2016

A TRUE TAYLORITE

Being a Taylorite means significantly more than successfully completing your orientation and induction process. It's about capturing a spirit that encourages you to step out of your comfort zone. Not so long ago, I made my grand entrance within the walls of Tayloria. For me, becoming a Taylorite is not just a privilege, it's a blessing. I grew to love Taylor Hall as the years go by and I've had the utmost privilege of meeting with various individuals who have made a significant impact on the development on countries across the Caribbean.

There's one thing about being a Taylorite that other halls have yet to comprehend; in the face of adversity, we stare fear in the eye until fear fears us. This means that when halls encounter us in various competitions, and they defeat us once, they cherish those small moments, because it doesn't occur much. Let it be known, we dominate in all spheres of life, be it Medicine, Law, Business, Politics, Leadership, Sports and Education. It is known on Taylor Hall that I'm not the man you'd really associate with playing sports, nor am I good at the performing arts, but I'm always involved in assisting sportsmen and women as well as individuals in the performing arts. This is because Taylor Hall has embedded in me a sense of loyalty to my brothers and sisters and their well-being.

You'll share special moments on Taylor Hall with various individuals across the island, and the Caribbean at large. It's such a coincidence that each individual that live within the walls of Tayloria are normally gifted in more than one area. However, many of them don't realize that until after their orientation process. After that realization, that's when the dominance begins. This hall, as small as it looks, have produced the best student leaders, athletes, artistes and media personalities, and I could go on if time had permitted me to. Added to that, we've produced the most first class honourees, the best fetes and the best choir for many years.

I've always been asked the question, "What does it take to become a Taylorite?" Firstly, accept that you are among a privilege set of individuals. However, it doesn't stop here. After this, you must be willing to embrace what we refer to as, the "Pelican Pride". It is at this moment, you'll be required to know and adopt the hall's history and culture. Finally, you must be willing to contribute to the rich legacy of Taylor Hall in years to come. Before doing so, you must possess/ learn to possess what we refer to as the "winning instinct". All of this will not come overnight, but take the first step, and you'll be surprised to see how far you go. Never be in doubt of our ability to dominate. It's not bestowed upon you to carry the mantle carved by your predecessors. I urge to make use of your opportunity. Whenever in doubt, always remember, "The Blue and White is always right!"
All the best on your journey.



KARL "BULK" MCGRATH
TAYLORITE OF THE YEAR

THE FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

Hey Freshers! It is indeed a pleasure to welcome you to the magnificent land of Tayloria. As this is a new journey, some of you will continue to build your character but for many of you, you would have just began finding yourself and that's O.K. It is however important that through all the adjustments and developments to come at this critical stage in your lives you remind yourself of the main reason why you are here, daily if you have to. One programme that will assist you in doing so is the First Year Experience (F.Y.E.)

This programme will help you as first year students to develop qualities such as leadership as well as aid your progression into responsible young adults. This program in addition, will also help with creating a balance between studies and extra co-curricular activities. By doing this it shows that UWI isn't all about 'beating the books' but is also about building a family away from home. By the end of your programme you would have realized the faces that were once strange to you are now the faces you have attached affectionate nicknames to, and what was once a polite HI! through the corridors would have grown into bonds that will stand the test of time.

The FYE programme is also geared towards imparting a philanthropic attitude amongst us youngsters. This is accomplished in numerous ways, the group which I was a part of for example, did not only spend time having fun but we had fundraisers that assisted us in our annual charity donation.

Finally, limitations only exist if you let them, therefore, believe in yourself and make Tayloria your home away from home, the one that I and many others have grown to love. Have a blast freshers! Your First Year Experience awaits ☺

HAMISH "EUSTACE" HAYDEN

ORIENTATION RATIONALE

Being a Taylorite is not an act. It is a habit; a way of life.

Ready, set, go. You have just been shoved onto the busiest, deadliest free way in Jamaica and you are expected to keep pace with all the other road users that will crush and devour you if you can't or find yourself unable to keep up and adopt to the freeway of education at the University of the West Indies.

This may seem like too much to fathom in a limited period of time but the Taylor Hall's orientation programme will be designed and geared toward preparing you for the rigors of balancing your academic responsibility with hall life, your personal life and your overall holistic development.

With the assistance of Taylor Hall's orientation, you will not have to worry as:

1. Ensure that freshers understand the true meaning and ferocity that comes with being a envied, yet hated Taylorite,
2. Your seniors will assist you in creating your GPS (Guide to Personal Success)that will guide you to success,
3. Build solid personalities within freshers that assist you to hold under the hostility that you will certainly attempt to break you and throw you off this treacherous terrain and
4. Assist freshers with building teamwork and with self actualization as each member take claim to their spot on the freeway of education at the UWI.

So with open arms we welcome you to Taylor Hall. Be open minded and be prepared to dominate in academics and all sporting activities. Ensure that you take away something valuable that will help you in following in the tracks of Taylorites before you. You our dear freshers are stepping into a rich history that will show that Taylor Hall surpasses the best and is second to none.

RULES FOR FRESHERS

GENERAL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

The rights and privileges of a fresher will be outlined to you by the orientation committee once you have accepted an invitation to participate in the hall's orientation program.

COURTING:

For the general success of the orientation programme; fresher's and seniors must maintain an emotional distance. No fresher is to engage in any intimate relationship with any senior or amongst themselves during the orientation programme. Those who do not abide by this rule will be excluded from the programme (whether senior or fresher). The fresher has the right to resist any attempt of courtship from the seniors.

LEAVING THE CAMPUS:

If you need to leave the campus, you must apply in writing to the student services and development manager, through your block representative and hall chairman. The university rules state that fresher's are the responsibility of the orientation committee. Therefore, the committee must be informed of the fresher's whereabouts. The student services and development manager will use their discretion to grant permission for the fresher's to leave the campus. Therefore, for permission to be granted there must be sufficient proof of necessity to leave the campus, please bear in mind that there are a number of objectives which need to be achieved during the orientation period; which involves completing a number of tasks in a limited period of time. Thus, all time lost must be recovered in order for you to be an inducted Taylorite.

DRESS CODE:

All attire worn by the fresher's should be conservative. Therefore the following SHOULD NOT be worn:

- Expensive Designer shoes or Clothing
- Slippers or any footwear that exposes the heels or toes
- Light and/or revealing clothes
- Setters / Curlers in hair
- Hats
- Jewelry (except wedding rings)

FOR EVENTS:

For all Taylor Hall events, all fresher's must be dressed in their Taylor Hall fresher's shirts and basic long denim jeans, unless advised otherwise. Around the campus, all fresher's who are making off-campus trips during the orientation period must wear their Taylor Hall fresher's shirt.

ACCOMMODATION:

Students on hall must follow the general rules concerning matters of security, personal hygiene and sanitation, to foster and maintain a general harmonious relationship amongst all Taylorites. These will be thought during the orientation period.

HISTORY OF TAYLORIA



For more than half a century, 62 years in fact, the empire known as Taylor Hall has been an incubator of success – a legend for the times. Here, the principles of camaraderie, chivalry, fraternity and unyielding determination have been passed on from generation to generation – a legacy beyond half a century, and a legacy that will see yet another. October 5, 1952 was where it all began...

The tale is told that Taylor Hall was first occupied by 101 students, including 8 freshmen who moved from the old building of Gibraltar Hall on Gibraltar Camp Road to Blocks A and B, formally called Hall 111. These two blocks, the only two on Taylor Hall at the time, were soon joined by Block C in 1953, the same year the hall was officially opened.

In this year, The Empire was granted the honour of being named after Sir Thomas Weston Johns Taylor, the first principal of the University College of the West Indies. The late Sir Sydney Martin would be named as the first warden of this great empire. By 1954, Block D had been constructed and fully occupied.

From their chapel, the vanguards from Gibraltar had brought the bell – a continuous source of contention between the Empire of Tayloria and Chancellor Hall. In rivalry, Taylor Hall lost the bell, but this was soon replaced by another emblem – the cast iron ball. Taylor Hall since then has made the transition from the cast iron ball to the Peilican – still the insignia of The Empire to date.

Blocks E, F and G, affectionately called 'New Block' were added to the Taylor Hall fraternity in 1962. Initially occupied by male residents, The Empire was graced with feminine elegance as 'New Block' became Excellencia, Falconia and Galaxia in 1965 as females, for the first time, lived on Taylor Hall. Erected were also the television room and the sub warden's flat in 1963.

Throughout its lifetime, the empire known as Taylor Hall has been privileged to have a number of outstanding wardens, most recently of which are Mr. Peter O'Sullivan who demitted office in 2010, and now the reins are held by Mr. Athol Hamilton. Taylor Hall has also distinguished itself from other halls of residence. We have consistently produced the most first-calls honourees.

In sports, we are the envy of all other places of abode, notwithstanding the fact that the first Olympian from the UWI, Hansel Parchment, is a son of this empire. We've gained the reputation of hosting the most memorable fetes on campus whilst at the same time, gaining the respect of the wider community through our mentorship programme for young students in the surrounding communities. Taylor Hall's culture and solid achievements are the legacy of the hard work of our predecessors and now rest on the shoulders of current residents, undoubtedly destined for greatness.

YEAR IN SPORTS REVIEW

The game of sports is half as mental as it is physical. You can train all you want, practice all you can, but you still won't come out with the win if you and your teammates are not mentally prepared.

This past year certainly had some memorable moments in the history of Taylor Hall sports. Our hearts were set on glorious victory and to conquer all was our main mission and goal. The year began with the much anticipated annual Fresher's sports competition. The Taylor Hall Freshers had been briefed about the competition from the time of their arrival, leading up to the first sport. They participated in four (female) sporting disciplines for which the various teams were both mentally and physically prepared. This new group of Freshers were very talented and were ready to conquer the championship battles ahead. For those who were not as athletically inclined, they bestowed their support by attending the different competitions where they sang and chanted cheers, some of which were spontaneously created on-spot; filling the air with the aura of rich untainted BLUE BLOOD.

After competing in netball, football, ring road and volleyball. The Taylor Hall females were crowned champions of the Fresher competition, having placed 1st, 1st , 2nd and 3rd respectively with a total of 31 points, a 9 point lead ahead of the ever-trying , never winning Mary Seacole living quarters who placed second with 22 points and as for the other living quarters on campus...well, the rest is history.. As overall competitors combining both male and female results we finished second, as overall champions in our own right of course.

A true Taylorite is never deterred by defeat, never backs down from a challenge. A true Taylorite is the epitome of strength, perseverance, determination, confidence and positive spirit and commadaire.

And so as true Taylorites we persevered. Subsequent to the Freshers sports competition we headed into the real deal; Intramural Sports. The annual intramural sporting competition comprises of twelve (12) sporting disciplines namely: female football, female basketball, lawn tennis, table tennis, badminton, netball, cross country, ring road, female hockey, netball, female volleyball and sports day. The first competition was lawn tennis and after a dormant winning streak within this sport for the past several years, we were deservedly crowned champions of female tennis 2014, a beautiful beginning for all that was to come if you asked me. We went on to win female cross country, female ring road, sports day and female football. We placed second in badminton and volleyball, third in basketball and netball and fourth in table tennis and hockey. Ending the competition with a total of 90 points which would make us the Female Intramural Champions ahead of Mary Seacole and Towers who scored 81 points and 75 points respectively

A major highlight of the intramural competition would perhaps have to be the female cross country event where the minimum amount of competitors is 6, we had the dead six while the minimum amount other halls entered was twice this amount. Truth is we probably had triple this amount until the morning of the event, however despite these grave set-backs we won the event.

If I told you the year went smoothly and I had no challenges, it would have to be recorded as the biggest lie yet!

Despite all the challenges, the biggest one being the lack of supporters at the intramural

competitions as the academic year progressed (a problem which in order to maintain our bragging rights and defend our hall of halls title, each and every resident and off- campus Taylorite will have to work on by coming out at as many events and extending their support to our athletes). Speaking of off-campus Taylorites. Our varying successes could not and would not have been possible or achievable without each and every one of them, who together contributed in a very very major way.

In regards to all the challenges faced I did not faint nor let, I persevered and thought of new ways and impromptu measures to fix each problem and made the necessary adjustments where necessary. Many battles were fought to ensure that we were fairly awarded and that the least amount of bias was present in all discussions pertaining to us as a Hall.

We closed the doors on the intramural sporting calendar as female champions for yet another year. A proud moment that will once again go down in the history books.

As much as I would like to stop talking and I'm sure you would too. I could never conclude this year in review without the mention of our annual inter-block competition, more commonly known as " Block of Blocks". Having had to plan and oversee the activities of this and all the other competitions was quite a task and required nuff nuff prayer and fasting (okay maybe not fasting) but it required a lot. Because at the end of the day I could not neglect the bigger priorities I had which included being a third year political science student, a student worker and a scholarship athlete for the University for the past three years.

The concept of the block of block competitions was designed to help the sports representatives and the sports coordinators/ Resident advisors Mrs. Shadelle Lawrence and Mr. Jermaine Hall (who helped significantly to co-ordinate the male and female sporting programmes) to select the best athletes by scouting them from the sports complied in this competition, to participate at the higher level for the hall (the intramural level). Not many other halls have a programme developed quite like this one and so I would like to think that our Block of Block competitions are one of a kind; believe me they are. There are 10 competitions in the female block of blocks make-up: netball, female spine cricket, female volleyball, sports day, female basketball, female badminton, female football, female table tennis, the G.P.A competition and debate. Unfortunately this year we did not include the debate competition.

The Champion female block was block G (Galaxia) who finished first in : ring road, cross country, volleyball, sports day and female football. Followed by Block E (Excellencia) who finished first in spine cricket, badminton and table tennis, while Block F (Falconia) finished third and won the G.P.A competition. (Please double-check these placements to ensure they are correct, thank you).

For this year's Block of Block competition we aimed to make it a little different in every way possible . And a major highlight would have to be our sports day, where the event was perhaps the first of its kind, filled with sponsored events, (100m, 200m and 4x1 and 4x4 relays) give-aways, prizes and surprises. Our sponsors included; Taylor Hall Commissary, Campus Cuts and Wynlee (all Taylor hall affiliates) Through the help of these businesses it was organized to have cash prizes as big as 10,000 which I believed was increased to 15, 000 on the day. The event was a blast and more importantly a major success,

Special thanks must be extended to our S.S.D.M who saw our vision, believed in our dreams and supported us all the way to ensure that this and all other sporting competitions were made possible.

It was a fantastic year and if I could do it all over again I would NEVER. Lol but I will certainly continue to extend my support not just as an athlete but as a resident of this Great Hall.

-Looking Forward to an even greater 2015/16 sporting year. See you There!!

Vanessa "Curtain" Crooks

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Some opportunities come once in a life time, and while these opportunities may sporadically surface in our favour there is no such guarantee that they will last for a life time. So seize each opportunity, capture the moment, make it yours and cement yourself in Taylor Hall folklore. Aim to be a part of the prestige elite, the few freshmen that have, each year transcended beyond what is always on the surface, the norm.

When I made my ingress in Taylor Hall, I only thought about the university at large and how it was the hub for individual development and achievement. Undoubtedly it was the truth, however, I knew that in order to travel a thousand miles I had to start somewhere before the journey could be completed. Invariably, I knew that Taylor Hall would be the starting point of my journey, my vision, to develop and achieve.

As the freshman of the year, I must pay homage to Taylor for setting the stage, not just for me to be a cast but to be the star of the show.

Now, it is time for the next audition.

Do you have the inclination, do you have the fortitude, and are you ready to be the next freshman of the year?

I was ready. I took my opportunity. Now it is your turn.



TERENCE "IMHOTEP" MOODIE

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

I am Candiece "Pencil" Knight, and I was honoured as Taylor Hall's Freshette of the year 2014-2015. I will not bore you with an entire novel about my experience, as I know you have a lot to read. My experience at Taylor Hall this far has generally been a good one. I have accomplished a lot, and I have also made my fair share of mistakes. . I have made many friends and perhaps even enemies, but such is life. I have also learnt valuable lessons, which continue to aid in my personal development.

If you were to ask any senior what exactly Pencil did to deserve Freshette of the year, I'm sure they will not be able to immediately point out one single thing. The reason for this is because I participated in almost everything. The fact that I wasn't the best netballer didn't deter me from playing netball, neither football, nor ring road relays (or any sports for that matter). In fact, I had never debated in my life before coming to Taylor Hall, but hey, it was there, it was free, so I learned something new. Now I am the president of the hall's Debating society (which you are welcome to join by the way).

Now, I understand that we all have limits. Singing and dancing are out of bounds for me. Not that I did not attempt it, but no audience should ever be subject to such cruelty. You won't be able to do it all, and be careful to not take on too many activities. Understand that you won't always lead, but you must make your presence felt wherever you go, and for good reasons too. If you are inclined to lead, however, never hesitate to do so. Listen to your critics, not to hate them, but to improve your leadership qualities.

My advice to you is not limited to being at Taylor Hall, but also applies to being at UWI. Take a look at all the other students pursuing the same major as you are. Added to the people from years gone by, plus those in years to come, that is a lot of competition for limited jobs. Outside of academics, you must achieve, and build your character. Join a club or two, play a sport, and volunteer. Most importantly, be respectful to everyone you come in contact with. Reserve your unfriendly opinions, and surround yourself with positive people.

It may sound cliché, and everyone will repeat this during orientation, but UWI is really your place to shine. Try something new. I do not believe in failures. I believe in lessons to be learnt only when we try.

CANDIECE "PENCIL" KNIGHT
FRESHETTE OF THE YEAR



SPORTSWOMEN OF THE YEAR

Be not afraid of greatness, some are born great, some achieve greatness, and others have greatness thrust upon them a famous quote by William Shakespeare which is simply saying everyone has the potential to be great, a fortunate few may be born with countless skills and talents in the different spheres of life however there are others who work hard and continuous to improve and expound on what was merely an interest which develop into something exceptional never the less they are still considered great . With Proper practice and persistency you can propel a future of excellence. It is clear that you have the potential to be great because you are of the privileged few who were chosen to become prospective Taylorites which is an honor you should hold in high esteem.

We were just like you last August an Imperfect Taylorite (IT) but never have we blended in with our fellow freshers, instead we always stood out, and this was not only because of our ability to play multiple sports but also a result of our dedication, commitment, cooperation and the hard work we invested in our trainings and the actual competitions.

We are gifted with the talent of sports, but you might be blessed with another gift, accept your gifts and embrace them because you are destined to be great. However do not rely solely on your talent because "talent is cheaper than table salt, what separates a talented individual from a successful one is a lot of hard work" (Stephen King). Enjoy your first year and we look forward on welcoming you to the Taylor Hall family.

Kacy-Ann "Paila" Thomas and Daydra "Fridge" Willis



SPORTSMEN OF THE YEAR

With such honor I wear the tag as Taylor hall's Sportsman of the year 2014-15. I am humbled by this award which gives tribute to my contribution in sporting activities for this noble institution, the great Tayloria. Upon matriculating to The University of the West Indies I was undoubtedly an outstanding participant in various sporting disciplines such as football, cricket and track & field. However, such accolade was not sufficient in preparing me for life as a sportsman on campus. The rigors of a demanding schedule of events throughout the year, along with the passion, contest and expectation that came with wearing a Taylor hall jersey was insurmountable. The blue and white jersey of the "hall of halls" is one worn by winners at most and competitors at the very least! Taylor hall afforded me the opportunity to exert my competitive nature whilst showcasing my skills in both traditional and nontraditional sporting disciplines. Such experience molded me into a much defined sports man who competed in cricket, football, cross country and even hockey (a first time); in pursuit of the male hall of hall title. Although the title eluded us this year, I must commend the efforts of everyone who took part in the campaign.

As a new chapter is about to be written in Taylor hall's sporting folklore, I implore both incoming and returning male taylorites to pursue this year's title with much discipline, decency and determination. The stage is now set for you to emerge as Taylor hall's new sportsman of the year. This award is truly prestigious and being a recipient of such I am most esteemed. Only your best is good enough! The crown awaits...

Taylor hall's Sportsman of the year (2014-2015)
Odane "Scrappy" Duncan

Daraine "Jack" Morgan- 2014/2015 Sports Man of the Year

It is an honour to be presented with the award for Sportsman of the Year 2014/2015 for the Hall of Halls, Taylor Hall. As a first year student, I had no knowledge about this award and I did not know what was required of me in order to receive this award. However, I made myself available whenever I was called upon, which I later found out that one aspect of being a true Taylorite is DEPENDABILITY.

Special thanks must be given to the outgoing Sports representatives, Mr. Romaine 'flash' Foster, Ms. Vanessa 'curtain' Crooks and the Taylorites who showed their support and faith in me. I came here as a fresher just like you, with thoughts of what University and Hall life will be like. However, though the environment was new, it felt so much like home and this you will get to see and feel later on.

Upon entering Taylor Hall, I was known mainly for Football, my position being a goal keeper but I discovered new talents by participating in and being competitive in other sports such as Basketball, Badminton, Volleyball, Spine Cricket, Cross Country and Ring Road.

When we observe others and what they have achieved, we don't usually think of what it took for them to get where they are. Ultimately, in failing to do this we also fail to learn what it would take for us to attain the same level of achievement and success but if we take the time out to truly think about this we will find that success is only a small step away.

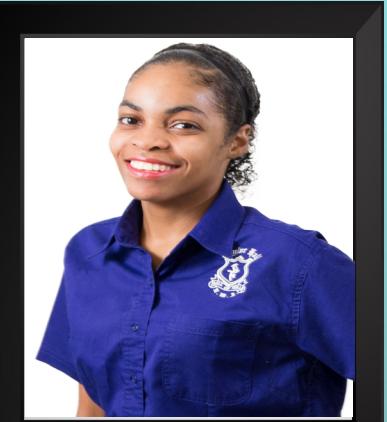
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Karl "BULK" McGrath
Hall Chairman



Oraine "WILD-LYPHE" Chambers
Deputy Hall Chairman



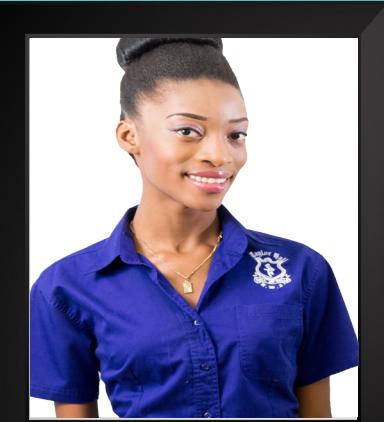
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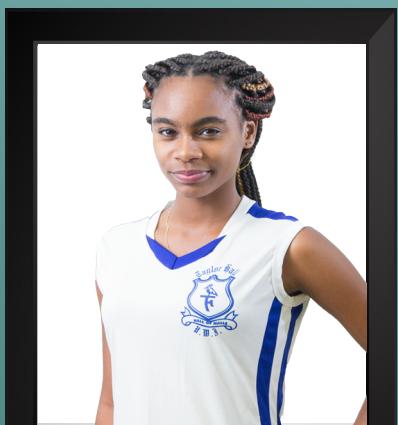
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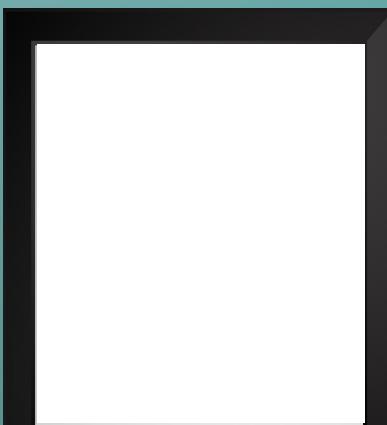
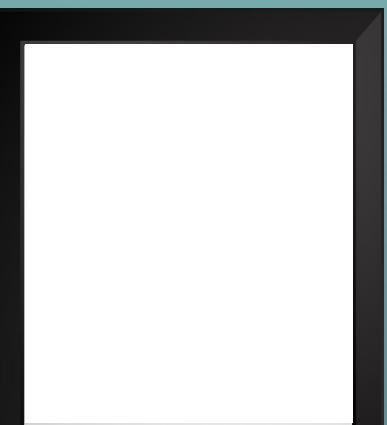
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Female Sports Rep.



Kemoy "DUGGU" Bowen
Assistant Treasurer



BLOCK A

STALLION REPUBLIC

In an era that lacks ingenuity, originality and innovativeness, it is vital to the survival of our society that there exists a selected few who are willing to make sacrifices, a selected few who are willing to commit themselves towards a greater good; and a fortiori, a selected few who are "Born Leaders". We can proudly say that Stallion Republic has contributed extensively to the very foundation on which the hall of halls was built and have assisted in the maintenance of the fabric of society through the provision of critical and multifaceted leaders.

Stallion Republic (formerly known as Bogle Hall) through its culture of dominance and leadership has produced men who have made remarkable contributions to the development of the country and the Caribbean region as a whole. Horton Dolphin, Wayne "Crime-stop" Robinson, Philbert "Pump" Johnson, Michael "Tepe" McIntosh, Dr. Ronald "Vampire" Robinson are only a meager few from the inexhaustible list from which I can make reference. Needless to say, each person alluded to has accomplished unprecedented feats during their tenure as a university student and at present.

More recently, Stallions such as Everton "Beez" Thomas, Dashan "Chicken Hawk" Hendricks, Ricardo "Elements" Anderson, Kevon "Slim Scary" Rhiney, Peter-John "Atlas" Ainsworth, Jermaine "Shugaz" Harvey and Nyan "Excess" Whittingham, Janek "Betta" Forbes Courtney "Lock-up" Maxwell have attempted to raise the bar and continue the traditions of the block in excelling in whatever we set our minds to. Stallion Republic has from its inception contributed significantly to the tradition of Tayloria and in doing so, Stallions are constantly at the Pinnacle of Student Leadership on hall,

as undisputedly; we boast the most Hall Chairmen and Deputy Hall Chairmen, and the fact that the hall chairman's office is situated on the block is testament to this.

The computer lab on hall is another working example of the magnitude of leadership we boast, as this venture was not only pioneered by Stallions; but it is single handedly managed today by a Stallion (Jermaine "Shugaz" Harvey).

The mantra that "Stalli rule di world and di world is not enough" is constantly reaffirmed as we dominate every aspect of hall and university life. Take for instance James "Fido Dido" McDonald, a sportsman that has not only participated but has dominated three different sporting disciplines. This while maintaining a GPA of 3.7 and the fact that we possess numerous first class honorees, along with the fact that we host one of the biggest event on campus every year ("Soca Sip"), it goes to show therefore that we are multifocal, and very much functional in every aspect whether it be sports, academia, event planning and leadership.

In keeping with our motto "Born Leaders" we will continue to groom young minds into defiant, critical and brave leaders who are able to adapt and function in any given situation.



**Oshane "FIST-PUMP" Fairweather
BLOCK A REPRESENTATIVE**

BLOCK B BUTCHERS

The mighty Butchers block, since the start of Taylor Hall has grown to be one of the most powerful and influential blocks on Taylor Hall and by extension the University of the West Indies. The block was first called Culturia, reflecting our cultural awareness, creativity and taste for fine arts. The great Culturia underwent a transformation in 1983, thus the rename of Taylor Hall's block b into the mighty butchers block. This was done by Dr. Derrick McDowell when he was block representative.

Butchers soon became a force to be reckoned with dominating in sports, academics, as well as social and recreational areas of life. The block was well known for power, strength, vibes and dominance for producing the epitome of maleness. Since its inception, Butchers has been considered largely as the benchmark by which all other male blocks have been compared. Butchers have developed a tradition of being the cradle for 'first class honour' students, whilst maintaining a tradition of hosting the best fetes, gospel concerts, fashion show and cultural shows. Butchers has gained the block of block title on numerous occasions.

Butchers is known as the trendsetters, academics being the ultimate goal, the block as a tradition of 'beating' the books together to ensure that success is achieved. Unique to butchers is its own lingo, words such as 'sistren', 'iample', 'whissie whissie', "energy" "dust" and our strategic use of oxymorons such as "big like a twig", "calm like a storm" are cunningly used as our secret weapons which often leave people's minds bamboozled and in a state of unrest. However these seemingly imprudent catchy phrases and words illuminate the very essence of the might of the Butchers block and denote our most defining and rudimentary characteristic, that is our natural inclination of being peculiar. As direct result, the Butchers fraternity is blessed with the overwhelming task of setting the trend.

The Mighty Butchers have produced exemplary leaders in their respective professions. In the house of Parliament Butchers boast several politicians including Senator Floyd "Ray Charles" Morris; Members of Parliament Horace Chang, Arnaldo "Spliff" Brown and Damian "Crazy Jim" Crawford just to name a few. The first visually impaired student to graduate from the UWI Dr Hixwell "Fada Christmas" Douglas, we can proudly say is a Butcher-man. In the academic arena; Heads of Department here at UWI including Dr. Denzil Williams(Mona School of Business and Management) Professor Dale Webber (Life Sciences and Former Taylor Hall Warden)and Dr. Kadamadewe K'knife (Lecturer).

The Block is also known for producing a plethora of student leaders inclusive of guild council members, Executives of UWI Club and Societies , as well as the Taylor Hall Committee. This year Butchers boast three positions on the Hall Committee Oraine "Wildlyphe Chambers" (Deputy Hall Chairman) Ronn "Remix" Campbell (Treasurer) and Travis "Kofi" Morris (Domestic Representative). There is also Kristofferson "Minion" Nunes who is the founder and current President of the Entrepreneurs Builders Club.

Over the years, the composition and some characteristics of the block have undoubtedly changed. However, one thing that remains, is a culture that is characterized by vibes, excellence and notoriously branded as being controversial (within reason) that holds strong to its unwavering beliefs and values. It is a fraternity that moves mountains. "For the Butchers I'll bare the pain." "Growing Unified to Success, Together Achieves More"



Chadwick "RAZOR" Ledgister
BLOCK B REPRESENTATIVE

BLOCK C ROOSTERS

The empire known as Taylor Hall birthed Block C Vacua in 1953 (later renamed Block C Roosters), and there forward, the great Cocks of Tayloria chronicled a legacy of innovation and excellence.

The Fraternity of Roosters stands indomitable each year, abhorring complacency and transcending the confines of the university – “Once a Rooster, Always a Rooster”. And while you may ask “who is a Rooster?” examine our legacy of excellence and you’ll discover the answer. We grant you no lecture on history old that fades only into memory, but rather, our mark on history is still present.

Excellence in Sports:

Our fraternity has demonstrated remarkable excellence in the sporting arena especially over the past five (5) years whereby several “Roosters”; as we are individually known, have excelled in their respective areas in sports. These include Hansle ‘Blob’ Parchment who is currently the Olympic Games bronze medallist over 110 m hurdles, becoming the first Jamaican to medal in that event.

Our Roosters Track Club (RTC) has managed to dominate the campus through athletics cupping the Taylor Hall sports day title on a yearly basis while leading Taylor Hall to victory in the male UWI sports day championships annually. Another Rooster who has made his mark on the sporting arena is Veralton ‘Vee’ Nembhard who is currently one of the youngest professional referees in Jamaica. The fraternity was also runners up in last year’s UWI Mona Champions League competition and are certainly a contender in this year’s competition. Another upcoming member of the Fraternity in sports is Jowayne Hibbert (Current National 800m champion).

Excellence in Philanthropy

Among what we consider our 7 responsibilities as a fraternity, we have an unflinching responsibility to community and the nation. For example, the Fraternity of Roosters makes an annual contribution to the Salvation Army school for the Blind. Also worthy of mention is the Valley Foundation which is one of the largest philanthropic organizations on campus and continues to grow each year. It is operated by two Roosters; Odayne and Andre Haughton and contributes

immensely to the University and surrounding communities. Omar ‘Melanin’ Ryan- Rooster and Taylor Hall Chairman (2007) must also be recognized for implementing the Taylor Hall Mentorship Programme, and one of our previous Hall Chairmen, Travis Atkinson, established the Taylor Hall Scholarship for Student Development, valued at \$150,000. Roosters excel in Philanthropy.

Excellence in Leadership

The Fraternity of Roosters, over the last decade, has produced eight Hall Chairmen, including our current chairman, Mr. Karl McGrath. Even outside of student leadership, Roosters boast the influence of Roosters such as the former Vice Chancellor for the UWI, Rex Nettleford; current SSDM of the Western Jamaica Campus, Mr. Peter O’Sullivan; and Mr. Everton Anderson, CEO of Cornwall Regional Hospital. It is said that the strength of our character is not limited to physical exploits but our abilities to mold the characters of others. This, we consider, as our mandate as a Fraternity. Excellence in Entrepreneurship, Innovation and the Arts

Our fraternity as always managed to demonstrate excellence in the arts and as such it is by no chance that Derek Walcott, 1992 Noble Literature prize winner was from our Fraternity. We consider ourselves as the hub for innovation on campus and as such, each year we endeavour to contribute positively to the University or Jamaican society though innovation. Two such realisations are Project Rev, the first auto show ever held on campus (second largest auto show in the Island) and The Taylor Hall Aquaponics Project – a new form of agriculture helping farmers to maintain production during drought seasons. Furthermore, one of the campuses fastest growing marketing firms; Breakdabox was co-founded by two Roosters, Sandre Malcom and Duane McIntosh. This, friends, is a mere snapshot of the Fraternity of Roosters. We continue to grow and move forward with the unbridled pride of a Cock, grasping the destinies we ourselves shape, remembering at all times that our legacy continues – “Excellence in Everything”.



**Hezekiah “RUBBO” Hall
BLOCK C REPRESENTATIVE**

BLOCK D

ATTICA

There is a rock in the plains of Mona sent down from the sky, in a place just like no other, ATTICA is its name. In the year 1954 the block or the "structure" as the great Atticans dubbed it, became the fourth block to be occupied by male residents who would later create the propelling force that the home of the "Att" would garner in the preceding years.

At first it was affectionately called "Tess Holm", this name persisted until the late 1960's when it was changed to Attica, this name which derived from the upstate New York prison riots when there were violent protest against the living conditions. This riot was caused by the dominant members of the cell block D, being that Tess Holm was block D on Taylor Hall, it was considered to be a suitable name.

Attica soon took after the members of the cell block as we soon became the dominant force on Taylor hall. Some of the ways in which we dominated includes: the grand opening of the Taylor walk, on occasions reeking with alcohol fumes, the drafting of the charter of Tess Holm, and the plethora of the hall chairman produced in the 1970's.

These achievements could not have been done without the contribution of some influential persons. This list includes Mr. Richard Byles- C.E.O. Sagicor, 2004-2005 pelican awardee of the year Dr. Willard Pinnock- Head of the undergraduate studies in the faculty of science and Technology.

The Hon. Delroy chuck. Ralph Gonsalves- Prime minister of St. Vincent, Professor Stephen Vaciannie- Jamaica's ambassador to the United States of America, the current SSDM- Mr. Athol Hamilton and the list is endless.

After years of dominance the block failed to win the block of blocks title in recent times and only fell an inch short to end up second last year. For the Attica that is a huge downfall due to our high standards and as such the main goals for this year is to win the block of blocks title making it 12 from the last 16, also to regain our title as the UWI Champions league most prolific team which we have copped four consecutive year, and most importantly to improve the block's GPA.

As we know entities rise and entities fall, these are the goals that I, along with my committee, has set for this academic year. We will continue on this great path of excellence, "OH ATTICA THE GREAT WE'LL ALWAYS BE HERE, AND I SAY BLESSED LOVE."



Alwayne "CIROC" Pinnock
BLOCK D REPRESENTATIVE

BLOCK E

EXCELLENCE

The ladies of Excellencia are the backbone of New Block, bringing nothing but a legacy of brilliant female minds and talents in Academia, Sports, Religion and Philanthropy. It was from that era that our sisters such as ad Dr. Paula Dawson, Kimberly Washington, Daytona Campbell, Lori-Ann Haye, Kesi Asher, Kristel Washington, Alicia Wright and Annicia Gayle - Geddes to name a few were spawned.

We are always ready and we never back down from a challenge because as sisters we always come together to motivate and help each other. Our strong sisterhood helps us to build our fighting spirit that enables us to rise to the occasion. Whether the challenges be physical or mental, win or lose, our bond as sisters is our strength. As some of our annual celebrations are Sister-Sister Dinner, Block Week and Pixie Gift Exchange. It is through this spirit that block E won Shout Out three years in a row. We also understand what it means to succeed and have disappointments at times even though we give our best and work hard to achieve greatness. We always try to live by our motto "Seek excellence in all ye pursue" whatever the activity or circumstance. We also share a strong and unbreakable bond with our block brothers; The Stallion Republic. We support each other in all endeavours as we train, party and study together. As brothers and sisters we attend annual A&E Dinner and lyming sessions. The strong bond that we share helps to build the great empire of blocks A&E.

As Excellencians one of our trade mark activities is our Block Charity started by Janella Pursuis and Cavel Francis – Rhiney. This became a very important part of the ladies of Block E as they would organize a charity drive to raise funds to aid their cause. For the 2014/2015 academic year, the ladies chose the Wortley Girls' Home in Constant Spring as our charity. The home was visited, and the ladies gave words of encouragement, and treats to the girls. The Black Rose Republic ladies understand the importance of giving and will always continue the tradition.

Excellencians are strong, intelligent and determined women who are making their names known, as forces to be reckoned with on and off campus. Our sister and Resident Advisor Krystal 'Condom' Tomlinson has made us proud. She is a local celebrity in her own right she is the host of local program "Nyammings". She was the social sciences Representative for 2010/2011, represented

the university in Debating Competition in Turkey, a contestant in the Miss UWI pageant. Krystal was the first runner up in Miss Jamaica Global and in the academic year 2011/2012 she was the guild vice president. In the year of 2013 she was crowned Miss Jamaica Festival Queen. We are proud of her, for all her achievements as she truly sought excellence in all her pursuits. Our sister Sasha-Gaye 'Daughta' Wright has made significant strides being past pure and applied Faculty Representative in the year 2011/2012, a first class graduate of the University of the West Indies, Holder of a Masters Degree, and also Resident Advisor for Block E, for the academic years 2013/2014 and 2014/2015.

In the academic year of 2014/2015 Excellencia was blessed with a set of hard working and dedicated freshettes that worked with their seniors to raise the standards of being an Excellencian to even higher mark. The ladies worked and played hard as their block week was a great success. Their determination and dedication also lead the girls to victory in Spine Cricket, Badminton, and Table Tennis during the academic year 2014/2015, placing second in Taylor Hall's Block Of Blocks competition. The ladies shone in different areas as Daydra 'Fridge' Willis was awarded Sports Person of the year because of dedication towards all sporting activities. Solene 'Credit Card' Walker and Shanna-Gaye 'Angola' Wallace was awarded Excellencians of the year due to their zealous attitude as leaders and role models. Off campus Excellencians played a major role in our successes that year and it was JaniceRiley who was awarded Off Campus Excellencian of the year. Santena 'Di-Teka' Jumpp was given the Excellence award for the second year in a row because of her high achievements in her studies as she held a GPA of 3.86. The freshette of the year was awarded to Lorriane'Slippery' Cassanova because of her spirit of never giving up and leadership qualities as she worked in all areas on the block, hall and school.

Excellencia following our strong tradition of leadership on Hall, is proud to note that apart from the respective Block Reps, all females on the Committee are Excellencians. The Secretary: Kadian "JUTC" Silvera, The P.R.O: Candiece "PENCIL" Knight, The P.C.C: Jhana-Lea "AT&T" Barnes, and the female Sports Rep: Lorriane "SLIPPERY" Cassanova.

The women of Excellencia have all worked hard to create and maintain the traditions of the block. As we always embrace our motto 'Seek Excellence In All Ye Purse' because:

- We are Educated
- We are Energetic
- We are Excellencians
- We are the ladies of Tayloria!



**Santena "DI-TEKA" JUMPP
BLOCK E REPRESENTATIVE**

BLOCK F

FALCONIA

Since its inception, Falconia, the home Falcons, has been and still remains a powerful and influential society- a force to be reckoned with. Falconia, heart of Tayloria, has produced many great achievers and continues to foster outstanding leaders. Our falcons demonstrate a character of grace, versatility, prowess and determination. Falcons in flight are indeed a beautiful sight.

Our Block call was first shouted in 1981, followed by our Block song Block pledge and Mission Statement which were written by Tricia "Cheer" Cameron, Emily "Liat" Crooks and Stacia "Ghetto" Davidson respectively. With new inspiration, August 2003 saw a change in the Block's motto from "Soaring to the Skies" to "a Spirit that will NOT die". The Block's crest was later modified to facilitate the change and was engraved in our walls that said year. These are unique emblems that the ladies of Falconia have grown to cherish and respect.

Falcons have excelled both nationally and internationally in many different capacities, positively impacting the society we now live in. Paula Ann Porter-Jones, Emily Crooks, Tricia Cameron and Helen Coley-Nicholson, Lisa Hanna, Dr. Marsha Barnett, Allison Peart and Dr. Rose Hutchinson Davies are only just a few of the leaders that lived on the Great Falconia.

Charity is a noble gesture in our Sorority and as such we donate to two needy charities on a yearly basis. Extra-curricular activities such as sports and cultural activities also play a significant role in the life of a Falcon.

We continue to soar in academia and are proud to say that the top GPA Award for the Block with the highest combined GPA has been in our hands since the award was first introduced in 2011/2012. We are also pleased to say that the first president of the Taylor Hall's Honour Society is one of our very own, Krishena "Fabuloso" Quarrie- Block Representative 2014/2015.

My fellow Taylorites, Welcome! On behalf of the Sorority of Falconia it is with pleasure that I extend a warm welcome to you all. Welcome my sisters, brothers, cousins and adapted relatives. We look forward to a TAYLORIFIC year. Individually Unique, Together complete. Here's to the nights that will turn into mornings with friends who will turn into family.



Ashalee "TUTTY" Jones
BLOCK F REPRESENTATIVE

BLOCK G

GALAXIA

Galaxia is home of the most talented, well-rounded and modest ladies in the land of Tayloria! We are a class above the rest, that beam of light that cannot be contained, hence, we're represented by the symbolic STAR. We are, the Stars of Tayloria! In 1965 Galaxia found its home sitting on the top of New Block which was erected in 1962. It is no wonder why in everything we do, we always emerge on top.

For the academic year 2014/2015, Galaxia dominated, demolished and shone like we always do, which is by no surprise that once again we ended on top, becoming the winners of the coveted Block of Blocks title. We boast Sportswoman of the Year 2014/2015 Ms. Kacy-Ann "Pail-A" Thomas, who among other stars make up the University of the West Indies and Taylor Hall's football teams including Alahna Grant who is captain of all three teams, Samantha Watson, Ornella Grey, Shuraffadean Thomas, among others.

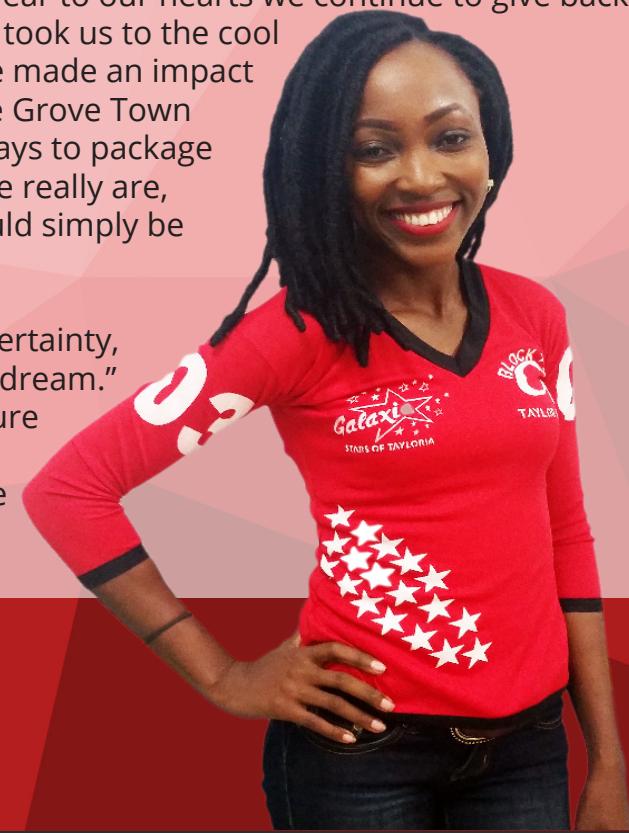
We also boast Female Sports Representative 2014/2015 Vanessa Crooks, a University of the West Indies track champion who is also among this year's team participating in the Penn Relays. Other sporting stars this year include Samantha Francis & Conique Moore who continue to represent the block, Hall and University in netball, Ms. Shanice Salmon & Lamise Hamilton who represents the block, Hall and University in Volleyball. Galaxians are named on every single sporting team for the Hall in the academic year 2014/2015.

We are the stars that shine not only in Sports but also in academia. As such, we boast our members of the Taylor Hall honour society and our many honour students in their different faculties within the university.

In addition to that, we laud our sisters who currently occupy executive positions in the different clubs and societies at the university level. We proudly boast Director of the Institute for Gender & Development Studies Mona, and Fellow to the Cambridge Commonwealth Society, Professor of Professor Verene Shepherd. Galaxia has produced persons of standards and high calibre including Manging Director of Wynlee Daneele Halliman, Smirnoff's Brand Manager Marsha Lumley, many doctors, lawyers, nurses, politicians, and entrepreneurs, among others who are now imprinting their marks in and around the world.

Over the past year, Galaxia hosted a number of events including our charity pageant Woman of Essence, our Musical Warfare DJ Competition, Bingo Night & Sport Mania. With charity being so dear to our hearts we continue to give back to our society. This year, our charity took us to the cool cool parish of Manchester where we made an impact on the lives of G-SAT students of the Grove Town Primary School. There are a lot of ways to package our achievements to sum up who we really are, but if I should put it in a song, it would simply be "Block G a di bes' yah man".

"For my part I know 'little' with any certainty, but the sight of the stars makes me dream." Vincent Van Gogh. One thing I am sure of however, is that "With Higher Intelligence, Achievement, Tolerance and Integrity, Nothing Can Stop Us."



**Shauna "INDEX" Gongasingh
BLOCK G REPRESENTATIVE**

TAYLOR HALL LEADERSHIP

Taylor hall functions through a system of leadership which facilitates the day to day operation of the hall, while offering students a democratic voice in how their affairs are conducted. These are the key personnel in that system of leadership.

STUDENT SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER:

This is the person responsible for the administration of each hall on campus. This involves the welfare of students, hall finances, student development and the final internal port of call for disciplinary matters.

RESIDENT ADVISORS

They have the responsibility of working with students as advisors and counselors. They also help to organize various co-curricular activities and each one has a special responsibility related to sports, safety and maintenance of the infrastructure.

THE HALL COMMITTEE:

HALL CHAIRMAN:

This individual sees to the efficient running of the hall and oversees the functioning of the hall committee. He represents the hall at the guild level and at several official functions at the university.

DEPUTY HALL CHAIRMAN:

He functions in the capacity of Hall Chairman in the absence of the Hall Chairman. He also assist with the running of the hall and is directly responsible for the upkeep of the hall's infrastructure and services.

TREASURER AND ASSISTANT TREASURER:

They manage the finances of the Hall Committee and are essential in the planning of the hall events.

SECRETARY:

She is responsible for correspondence from the Hall to the external community and is responsible for recording minutes at hall and committee meetings.

CULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT AFFAIRS CHAIRPERSON (C.E.A.C.):

He is responsible for organizing entertainment and activities of a cultural nature on hall.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER (P.R.O.):

She is responsible for advertising and documenting events on hall.

PUBLIC COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON (P.C.C.):

He is responsible for the publication of the Fresher's Guide, the Rising Star and for the preparation of any other publication as directed by the Hall Committee.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIRPERSON (E.A.C.):

He liaises with the external community, especially the alumni and is directly responsible for the hall's outreach and mentorship programme and the external display of the hall.

SPORTS REPRESENTATIVE (MALE & FEMALE):

They are both responsible for coordinating sporting events and training programme which include both inter-hall and inter-blocks competitions.

DOMESTIC REPRESENTATIVE (DOM. REP.):

He is responsible for the provision of refreshments at hall events. He coordinates food and beverage delivery for the two main fundraisers and also for all sporting events, he is also responsible for managing the halls cooking utensils.

BLOCK REPRESENTATIVES:

They are responsible for the running of the blocks, especially in the organization of block activities and representing the blocks at the hall level.

Together this group works with the wider Taylor Hall community to promote the hall, maintain its facilities and enables the hall to advance academically, culturally, socially and through sports.

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GET INVOLVED!

A primary concern of any individual settling into a new environment is finding one's niche. taylor hall provides and extraordinary opportunity for you to learn new skills and even discover talents that you never knew you had. here is a list of all clubs, associations and sporting activities you may want to try. do not hesitate, integreate! YOU MIGHT JUST SURPRISE YOURSELF!

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

THE DRAMA CLUB

THE TAYLOR HALL CHORALE

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

THE DANCE SOCIETY

THE UCCF

THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

THE CHEERLEADING SQUAD.

SPORTS:

FOOTBALL

BADMINTON

SWIMMING

BASKETBALL

TRACK & FIELD

CRICKET

TABLE TENNIS

HOCKEY

VOLLEYBALL

LAWN TENNIS

NETBALL

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The year 2014-2015 was a well printed year indeed, the events on the Great Land of Tayloria made indelible prints in our minds and hearts. There were memorable moments that we will forever cherish and revere, never to forget. Taylor Hall was the catalyst that magnetize our common goals and allowed us to build life long bonds under the theme Blue print; Molding leaders and inspiring greatness.

The year commenced with the freshers participating in the Hall's orientation programme, Making true Taylorites and also assisting freshers in making the transition from High school to the rigors of university, equipping them with skills and assertiveness which are imperative for surviving the dysmays of university life. They also participated in the University's fresher's competition where they did well in most areas. In sports the females placed 1st, males were 4th with the Hall being 2nd overall. Go Taylor Hall.

Not a sport fanatic? Do not worry, Taylor Hall execute some of the most raved parties on campus, after orientation was the annual Outrage which was not as successful as expected. However, Final Fete which was held on May 15, 2015 was a blast. Feedback from students stated that the party was indeed a memorable one. Final Fete did way up still nah lie. FULL CHARGE!!! Other parties hosted by blocks on Taylor Hall included the Wet Fete, Adrenaline, and Soca Sip. THE VYBEZ BUCK UPA TAYLOR!

The Hall Celebrated Founders Week in the month of October where a sequence of activities were done. We kick- started the week with our Church Service followed by ; Taylor Hall in Concert, I Remember When... , Inaugural Taylor Hall Lecture, Off- Campus Social, Treasure Hunt and Karaoke, and Bond Fire. A number of events were also hosted by blocks throughout the year, some of which included Culture shows, Fashion shows, Pageants and a memorable night of cricket on the Spine.

Our annual Hall Dinner was held in the month of February at the Jamaica Pegasus. The event was graced by heals as high as six inches and suits with three pieces, everyone was elegantly dressed as they dined and wined with each other.

It was a pleasant night and cameras flashed, taking multiple photos of person with their impressive hairdos and tuxedos. Fab 5 provided entertainment; Taylorites were compelled to move to the flavored beats, with the sole of their feet caressing the dance floor. We were in dance utopia.

Fun is limitless in Taylor and the populace knows how to balance this with top class academic performances. With that said, I must congratulate Santeena Jump for having the highest GPA in Hall and Block F Falconia for being the Block with the Highest GPA.

After hard work and perseverance the competitive Block of Blocks male title was won by the Born Leaders in Taylor Hall; Block A, The Stallion Republic. The female title was copped by the Stars of Tayloria; Block G, Galaxia. As for the intra- mural competition Taylor Hall regained the HALL OF HALL'S title which most of is highlighted in the sports in review.

Excellence was acknowledged at our annual Hall Awards ceremony held in April. Freshman of the year went to Terence 'imhotep' Moodie while freshette of the year was Candiece 'Pencil' Knight. Taylorite of the year was captured by Karl 'Bulk' McGrath. The Sports Women of the year were Daydra 'Fridge' Willis and Kacy-Ann 'Pile a Shit' Thomas. Sports Men were Odane 'Scrappy' Duncan and Darren 'Jack' Morgan. The Worker of the year was Delroy Virgo.

The Taylor Hall Committee extends its gratitude to all the persons who contributed in making this year a tremendous one and sends a warm welcome to the newly contributing persons as we continue to strive in excellence on the Great Land Of Tayloria.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PLACES TO KNOW

ON CAMPUS

TAYLOR HALL COMMISSARY

WALKER'S CAFE CHERELLA CAMPUS CUTS
KFC PAGES CAFE BUCK'S CAFE
JUICI PATTIES BEE HIVE DOOKNU DELI
SOCIAL WELFARE CAFETERIA I-LIFE VEGAN FOODS
THE STUDENT'S UNION HI-LO, SPARKLES, THE SPOT, YAO

PAPINE

TASTEE PATTIES PAPINE HABERDASHERY
PAPINE MEAT SHOP PAPINE DELIGHT

BIGGA'S SUPERMARKET & WHOLESALE

LIGUANEA

EMPIRE SUPERMARKET DOMINOES PIZZA HUT
WENDY'S SUGAR AND SPICE BURGER KING
OPA! GREEK RESTAURANT
SOVEREIGN CENTER: PALACE CINIPLEX, ISLAND GRILL,
LITTLE TOKYO, PASTRY PASSIONS

OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST:

DEVON HOUSE
NEW KINGSTON- QUAD, CLUB PRIVILEGE, PULS8, CUDDY'Z, TRIPLE CENTURY, 689 BRIAN LUMLEY.
MARKETPLACE- FICTION FANTASY, TRACK AND RECORDS, EAST JAPANESE
CROSSROADS- CARIB CINEMA

TAYLOR HALL AMENITIES:

PERIERA O'SULLIVAN COMPUTER LAB

THIS IS A COMPUTER LAB THAT PROVIDES TAYLORITES WITH HIGH SPEED INTERNET ACCESS, SOFTWARE AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT. THE LAB ALSO PROVIDES PRINTING SERVICES AT A LOW COST.

TAYLOR HALL GYM

THIS AREA IS OPEN TO THE GENERAL STUDENT POPULATION AND FACILITATES USE OF THE EQUIPMENT.

THE LAUNDROMAT

WASHERS AND DRYERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY ALL TAYLORITES. USERS NEED TO PURCHASE TOKENS FROM THE TREASURER OR ASSISTANT TREASURER OR DESIGNATED INDIVIDUALS ON THE BLOCK OR INSIDE THE LAUNDROMAT.

THE STUDY ROOM.

THE STUDY ROOM IS A COMFORTABLE, AIR CONDITIONED AREA EQUIPPED WITH TABLES AND CHAIRS TO FACILITATE STUDYING.

JAG-HI-NITIONS

ASSEMBLY HALL

The other hall on campus. The first being Taylor Hall.

BEAT BOARD

A piece of rectangular board used primarily for graffiti during free time and over which one sometimes fall asleep during exam preparations.

BEAT SEASON

Time close to the end of the semester when there is a rapid consumption of junk food, coffee, Red Bull, Boom and Pepsi.

BIG YAAD

The meeting room where there is a constant accumulation of persons both residents and non-residents alike and is generally centered on food or cable TV.

CHANCELLORITE

A half starving, mangy, yellow, cowardly individual; also known to masquerade in black.

DISMALITE

A person who makes no contribution to university or hall life and life in general. (See seacolite)

DRINK UP

A gathering of Taylorites to rub walls, hang off the railings and consume alcohol to the sound of loud music.

GAZA STRIP

The area between Irvine gate and Papine gate.

LIVE IN

A long standing "guest" who assumes domestic and / or other duties on the block and hall. (See squatter)

LUMP

A person who has managed not to contribute to any hall / block activity.

LYME

Period of abstinence from school devoted to constructive discussion about nothing in particular.

NATURALS

Open fields beside Taylor Hall that is used for playing football and picking fruits in the day or under the cover of the night.

NEIGHBOR

The source of small change, dry goods, nocturnal noises and spontaneous lymes.

NEW BLOCK

The youngest set of blocks on Taylor Hall, which houses the females.

OFF-CAMPUS

The outside world.

PIPE

A hard object which, when turned on, produces water to quench thirst and desires.

PRESTON

Breeding grounds for all lumps, dismalites, rejects and outcasts of the University.

POUI TREE

Tree that blossoms around exam time. Nature's way of saying that you are about to see the fruits of your semesters labor.

REX

Home for all the incoming lumps and dismalites of the University.

SEACOLITE

One whose body and mind live in a place surrounded by high walls.

SLUMS

Lowest area on each block with the least activity and where all manner of debris is deposited.

SPINE

A place where fresher's gather in reverence to the seniors. The highway to new block.

SQUATTER

One who sleeps on the floor, on balconies or even in an easy chair to avoid living expenses.

TAYLOR HALL

The greatest thing to happen to UWI since 1948. It is characterized by a down to earth family oriented culture.

TAYLORITE

Inhabitant of the great nation of Tayloria.

TOWERS

Home for all the seasoned lumps, rejects, dismalites and outcasts of the other halls. Also the place where new university students go when other halls reject them.

MEMORIES

ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

