

The Nation Celebrates the Ordination of a New Bishop



On May 5th, Bishop Christopher Glancy was ordained as the Auxiliary Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese. The ceremony was well attended and was held at the St. John's College gymnasium in Belize City. In the Roman Catholic Church, an auxiliary bishop is ordained "Bishop" and assigned to a diocese when the diocesan bishop, who has been entrusted with the care of the local church, is unable to fully perform his duties. Bishop Dorick Wright, was ordained as Bishop of Belize in 2002 and has been enduring some challenging health issues. Bishop Wright continues to fulfill his daily duties as the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church in Belize with the help of Bishop Glancy.

Bishop Glancy was born on April 10th, 1960 in Moline, Ill., and has worked in Belize since 1998. He earned a Bachelor's degree in sociology from Loyola University in Chicago and entered the Clerics of St. Viator. He took his vows in early July of 1983 and received a Master's of Divinity degree with a specialization in the theology missions, at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Being a teacher at Colegio San Viator in Bogota, Colombia, he is fluent in the Spanish language. Glancy was ordained as a priest in April 1993 and first worked as a parochial vicar at maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. He also served various vocation ministries before coming to Belize in 1988 where he served as parochial vicar for 4 years and then 9 years as pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Corozal District, Belize.

Belize Catholic Secondary Schools on the move



On 20 April 2012, a number of High School teachers and administrators from among the Catholic Secondary Schools took part in the Catholic Secondary Schools Biennial Conference sponsored by Belize Catholic Association of Principals of Secondary Schools (BCAPSS) under the theme: Energize Your Service. The convention's Guest Speaker, Fr. Ian Taylor, addressed the congregation, and the students were filled with life as he lit up the Fordyce Chapel with the crowd cheering in song and prayer to the Almighty Father.



Less than a month later, Fr. Ian Taylor revisited the campus and celebrated a Charismatic Mass with the boys. The Choir for the Mass consisted of a group of Pallotti students with their High School Principal, Sr. Clara. Taking a different direction from the usual traditional school masses, the boys were thrilled with the upbeat and spirit they saw in each other.



Fr. Provincial Visits the College

The Provincial of the Missouri Province, the Very Reverend Douglas Marcouiller, S.J., visited the College during the month of April and joined in an exchange with College President, Jorge L. Espot. Father Provincial used the occasion to visit with administrators and expressed his personal satisfaction in the leadership of the school as well as the College's administrative direction.

Signa L. Yorke Memorial Lecture

In sync with Ms. Signa Yorke who herself had remained a devotee to education, the public lecture that has been named in her honor has likewise endured for more than two decades. For its 22nd year, the Signa L. Yorke Memorial Lecture brought many Junior College students together from all areas of concentration for a presentation entitled "The Relevance of The Mayan Calender in 2012." The Mayas are known for their rich history and of course the traditions and rituals that have remained alive in our multicultural nation. The presentation was delivered by Mr. Cesar Ross from the University of Belize. Mr. Ross briefed on the 2012 phenomenon that has brought to the forefront a range of beliefs that various drastic change events will occur on 21st December of this year. Undoubtedly, students rose to the occasion as Belize, through the collaboration of the Institute of Social and Cultural Research, had recently launched a series of activities and events for this year's Celebration of the Mayan Calendar. Special thanks goes out to members of the Language Arts Department and its Chair, Ms. Florita Smith.



SJC working in Collaboration with its Sister Institution through the dramatization of Beka Lamb



The author and publisher of some of the most recognized literary pieces produced by Belizeans with firm roots, Mrs. Zee Edgell, Mother of Randall Edgell, HS '92, gave the permission for high school students to use her book for a play hosted by St. Catherine Academy. With tremendous skills, the St. John's College Art Center assisted in preparing several crops and paintings for the play. High School faculty member, Mr. Tremmett Perriot, also had participated in the drama as Beka Lamb's father. Regarded as Belize's best-known author in literary circles, Mrs. Edgell published Beka Lamb almost twenty years ago and more recently, in 2007, wrote about slavery in Belizean society in the early 1800's, a novel titled Time and the River. Her last visit here at SJC is still a treasurable memory for the students who offered their highest praise on her behalf during a presentation on her various works. Although unable to attend the drama herself, her daughter represented her well and was hosted with participants of the play on Open Your Eyes Morning Show with Marleni Cuellar.



JUNIOR COLLEGE MARKETING EXPOSITION

Promoting the programs of the school creates a good opening for administrators and faculty to share with others the message and theme that quality matters in the services of St. John's College. This time, it was sharing the message among students at the Junior College and High School. Hosted by the School of Business in the Junior College, the displays were mounted in the Student Center, where they revealed the innovativeness of the 2nd Years enrolled in Marketing and their success in collaborating with peers in the execution of very practical course plans. Their displays extended across product lines of tropical smoothies to pastries to handcrafts to foods.



SJC High School Student is selected for USA Ambassador's Program



Scholars at St. John's College are molded in the Jesuit tradition of education. They serve as true ambassadors of their institution and in extension their country Belize. The great news reaching the Landivar Campus is that our Third Former, Santiago Mora, has been selected to serve as a student ambassador for Belize in the Ambassador's Program coordinated by the Youth for the Future in collaboration with the U.S. Embassy. Santiago will be travelling to the United States in August to participate in a number of activities. He will have the opportunity of working along with students from throughout the Caribbean. Upon the completion of the program, Santiago Mora will return to Belize where he will work along with the Office of Student Services to plan and execute a program which will promote leadership skills amongst the students of S.J.C. and other institutions. St. John's College salutes Santiago Mora for his appointment and wishes him the best in his endeavors.

Over \$1 MILLION of Jesuit Scholarships for SJC Junior College Graduates in Engineering, Nursing, Biology, Economics, Foreign Affairs, Psychology and Aerospace Engineering Jesuit Scholarships



(L-R) Krsitin Marin, Samantha Coleman, Melissa Guerra, Dean M. Peralta, Dorien Villafranco, President J. Espat, Rebecca Perera, Amanda Ramirez, Jasmini Bowen, Jaylen Craig, and Leia Auil (not shown)



Faculty Committee Members, Yvette Holland, Dean, Kathleen Azueta, President, Kristy Chan, Jesuit Superior Fr. Jose A Vega (Not shown)

“SJC acknowledges with much gratitude the kindness of US Jesuit Colleges in making available opportunities with ample potential for ordaining choicest hope in the lives of our students and in the furtherance of our country’s development.”

- Mr. Jorge Espat, SJC President

Over 300 students have successfully pursued higher learning at Jesuit Colleges and Universities:

1985: Martin Aldana, Alan Auil, Doyle Foreman, Enrique Guerra, '86: Jorge Espat, Melquisedec Flores, Bessie Tam, Kent Herrera, David Leacock, Glenda Lovell, Francis Marshalleck, Maria Ortiz, Bernaldino Pech, Reuben Perdomo, Allan Sharp, Rory Solis, Nigel Sosa, Ana Torres, '87: Rene Blanco, Jose Castellanos, John Cooper, Philip Espat, Emmanuel Green, Janina Hasbun, Pedro Leal, Andrew Marshalleck, Regina Nisbet, Evrard Robinson, Pauline Rodriguez, Daniel Saldano, Sidney Taegar, Dale Trujeque, Rosendo Urbina, '88: Russel Azueta, Gonzalo Castillo, Adele Catzim, Luis Constantino, Herald Flowers, Joanne Griffith, Shipra Hakre, Ismael Hoare, Omar Hulse, Edward Logan, Crios Munnings, Gregorio Nah, Roy Polonio, Javier Reyes, Osmany Salas, Rolando Thompson, Diane Woods, '89: Licia Alamilla, Gregory Arana, Robert Buckland, Camille Cervantes, Laura Flores, Howard Gentle, Deanna Gomez, Amir Gonzalez, Monica Haylock, Gilford Humphreys, Camilla Moreno, Ian Nal, Chandra Nisbet, Rubicelli Perera, Gilberto Perez, Javier Ramirez, '90: Servulo Baeza, Addy Bradley, Tracey Bradley, Cuthbert Burrell, Joel Cervantes, Ingrid Clarke, Christopher Coye, Dwight Gillett, Manuel Guerra, Armando Hoare, Yvette Holland, Yasmin Keith, Joel Madera, Florencio Marin, Jr., Julie Marshalleck, Dalia Mitchell, Tracey Nicholas, Luis Puga, Errol Robateau, Raquel Rogers, Stuart Simmons, Jr., Suzette Zayden, '91: Judith Alpuche, Alejandro Bautista, Stephen Ellis, George Engleton, David Esquivel, Denise Fuller, Andrea Garbutt, Baltazar Gomez, Marcello Gonzalez, Emma Grinage, Angelica Guemez, Jason Guild, Efrain Moguel, Orlando Sosa, '92: Sofia Carlos, Leroy Chimilio, Janine Coye, Ramon Cuellar, Sarah Hobbs, Cordel Hyde, Stuart Leslie, Jonnie Lopez, Manuela Lue, Johnito Majarrez, Roque Matus, Ervin Perez, Rhoda Turner, Valerie Valerio, Carolyn Williams, Valerie Woods, Analee Zelaya, '93: Ellis Arzu, Duane Belisle, Angela Flowers, Natalie Gibson, Andrea Gill, Kevin Harris, Herbert Haylock, Elma Kay, Ingrid Lizarraga, Zenaida Moya, Glenford Perez, Michael Peyrefitte, Natalie Rosado, '94: Nasim Ahmadiyah, Dorian Arnold, Reynaldo Budnah, Andrea Chan, Brigitte Gegg, Ycenia Juan, Reynaldo Magana, Orlando Medina, Nolan Michael, Nicole Peterson, Ansel Robateau, Nicole Usher, Renira Vello, Karen Ysaguirre, '95: Kayla Arana, Deon Burgess, Raymond Charley, Nalini Contreras, Erica Coye, Sharla Daniels, Cherisse Maestre, Ricardo Nah, Rhea Rogers, Gisele Sabido, Dawn Sampson, Franco Tzul, Edmir Wade, '96: Hedyeh Barazandehkar, Carissa Cawich, Lisette Coye, Miriam Gillett, Charles Godfrey, Roberto Guerra, Karen Link, Christy Maestre, Raul Martinez, Tessa Matus, Nicholas Ruiz, Michelle Straughan, Olga Urbina, Lynn Usher, Andrew Wollacott, '97: Apolonio Aguilar, Starla Bradley, Ivis Chan, Janelle Chanona, Alisa Franklin, Eldo Lopez, Danny Reimer, '98: Darrell Bradley, Jason Garay, Vonetta Hyde, Jason Jenkins, Ruben Martinez, Christina Trumbach, '99: Tanya Usher, Raquel Alonzo, Zahia Espat, Emil Cherrington, Farren Briggs, Jasmine Kuylen, 2000: Andrew Usher, Andre Castillo, Teresita Lord, Kristina Guerra, Kendra Santos, Maria Jorgenson, Giselle Habet, Gloria Garcia, Monica Coc, '01: Ronald Heustis, Marta Castillo, Alyssa Noble, Gilmer Cawich, Tina Cuellar, Sidney Rosado, Tricia Gideon, '02: Kimberly Houghton, Khalilah Enriquez, Josue Carballo, Daniel Grant, Jonathan Usher, Maria Castillo, Decoy Flores, Kenny Lo, Andre Vega, Virginia Burns, Rosami Sabido, Liselle Mahler, Kyle Hung, '03: Kevin Forrester, Karensa Franklin, Gail Wallen, Jane Usher, Anton Espat, Kyla Heusner, Gian Cho, Ingrid Alvarado, Anuar Rodriguez, Jacqueline Usher, Lydia Guerra, Leon Leslie, '04: Laryssa Alvarado, Carlo Benavidez, Kristy Chan, Marleni Cuellar, Tanya Evans, Sheena Garnett, Jolene Kidd, Bradson Longsworth, Briana Lopez, Ann Pascual, Tasha Young, '05: Krista Barrow, Angelique Codd, Rushawn Engleton, Shahida Flores, Rensi Franklin, Courtney Gillett, Ryan Mendez, Sophia Paz, Melanie Perera, Jolie Pollard, Dominic Usher, Giselle Waight, '06: Kathleen Azueta, Tifara Brown, Luwani Cayteno, Deon Cunningham, Nazira Espat, Elmer Gonzalez, Danae Grant, Rochelle Haylock, Xiomara Lanza, Kayla Pennil, Carmichael Polonio, '07: Giancarlo Alpuche, Bea Armstrong, Deitrick Butler, Lowell Navarro, '08: Kalima Enriquez, Nancy Gomez, Nellisha Gonzales, '09: Minnette Johnson, Ricardo Gongora, Adelaide Sabido, '10: Kyrstie Bevans, Jaime Burgos, Aisha Leiva, Yuri Kameka, '11: Tajah Adderly, Ninon Martinez, Lisha Sosa, Tammy Tate, Kara Williams

Celebrating the Month of Mary



In a tradition that has spanned decades, many parishes in the Archdiocese have celebrated the crowning of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary during Masses during the weekend of May 5th and 6th. Traditionally, May has been a month in which to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. Oftentimes, children lead a procession to the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary and present flowers as one child lays a crown on her head. SJC High School has adopted this tradition and last month, the living rosary was held in the Chapel where a rose was placed at the feet of Mary at the beginning of every decade. The entire High School division came together in prayer for the peace and protection of our Country.

High School Student Council 2012-2013

In today's learning institutions, developing leadership skills among students plays a vital role. St. John's College is in so many ways the platform for preparing scholars who aspire to be leaders in the various aspects of representation: in the business world, the political arena, the educational system and the workforce. In the High School, one of the most important events is the election of the Student Council. On May 11th, four slates of vibrant aspiring leaders contested the election. The seven members elected to serve in the Student Council are as follows: Myckal Finnegan as the President; Gavin Wong as First Vice-President; Mishek Musa as Second Vice-President; Eric Chang as Treasurer; Justyn Craig as Secretary; Einar Marin as Director of Sports; and Keanu Chaplin as Director of Education. A special ceremony was held at the Fordyce Memorial Chapel on Friday, May 18th to swear in the elected members. The members took their oath in the presence of the student body promising to take their respective posts seriously and perform their duties as best as possible.



CLASS PRESIDENTS

Being a class president at St. John's College is a privilege and honor. Students get the opportunity to serve in different capacities and assist with the execution of important events. They also assist in maintaining order in and outside the classroom and enhance communication between the Student Council and their respective homerooms. They represent the institution with dignity, commitment and determination. The picture showcases Class President Siian Rancharan having the opportunity of working along with Assistant Headmaster for Student Services during this year's 2012 Commencement Exercises. Class President Siian Rancharan also received the 2nd-Form Student of the Year Award during the ceremony.



Student Visitors hail from Rockhurst High School



On Friday, May 24th, 2012, a delegation from Rockhurst High School in Kansas City, U.S.A. visited the Landivar Campus. The delegation consisted of the Head of the Pastoral Division, the School Nurse and a teacher along with twenty-one students. The delegation was welcomed and greeted by the Student Council. They were given a tour of the campus which they enjoyed. The students also got an opportunity to share and exchange ideas and important information on the running of their respective Jesuit institutions. The exchange culminated with a social event by both high schools.

JC Business students rubbing shoulders with Executives



The Business Mixer, an endeavour of the Junior College Business Department, brought together all 2nd-year Business students and business professionals to facilitate networking and to integrate all facets of employment preparation and entrepreneurial readiness. Several businesses participated in the program on April 27th at the SJC Landivar Campus, including **Infotel International Ltd., Grand Belizean Estates, Belize Natural Energy, Scotia Bank Ltd., Central Bank of Belize Ltd., Castillo Sanchez and Burrell LLP**, among others. The Junior College Dean, Mrs. Mirtha Peralta, and Associate Dean, Ms. Consuelo Godfrey, and members of the Business Faculty participated in the program with the students and extended the gratitude of the Junior College to all guest speakers.

House of Shotokan Karate

It is the mark of Jesuit education to develop well-rounded scholars who will thrive and excel in sports and in turn have healthy minds. St. John's College works in collaboration with the House of Shotokan Karate to train students to enhance their karate techniques. The Karate Club attends the dojo every Friday to practice the techniques. The House of Shotokan Karate is acknowledged for working with St. John's College in its mission to promote the holistic development of students.



4-Yr. Sports Scholarship



Devin Daly is off to play Basketball in the USA. As noted during the honor ceremony: Our facilities, faculty and coaching give our students a competitive advantage to succeed and to excel. On this Belizean campus of learning, we produce intellectuals who understand the importance of athletics. We believe that our athletic fields and courts are among the finest teaching tools.

JC Students wins CANTO Essay Competition

A living example of the power of prayers and second in line is determination. Amenzee Amu, a seventeen year old student at St. John's College Junior College, can attest to it. She emerged as the winner of the coveted prize for the CANTO Essay Competition on "Women and Girls in ICTs." Amenzee recounts that this was her time and thus entered the competition before winning the grand prize. She liked the theme this year and dedicated herself to in-depth research and also ensured that she prayed a lot.



Amenzee thanked God profoundly when she was informed of her winning. "This is a blessing" she stated with tears in her voice. Her prayers were answered and her determination paid off. Amenzee will attend the Annual Conference and Trade Exhibition in Miami from the 22-25 of July, 2012. In addition, she will get a Netbook computer plus US \$1000 and hotel accommodations for two to CANTO's 28th Annual Conference. Amenzee will have the privilege of joining the rest of CANTO's membership at the event. St. John's College is proud of Amenzee's accomplishment and wishes her the best as she represents Belize.

Exchanging Books, Exchanging Ideas

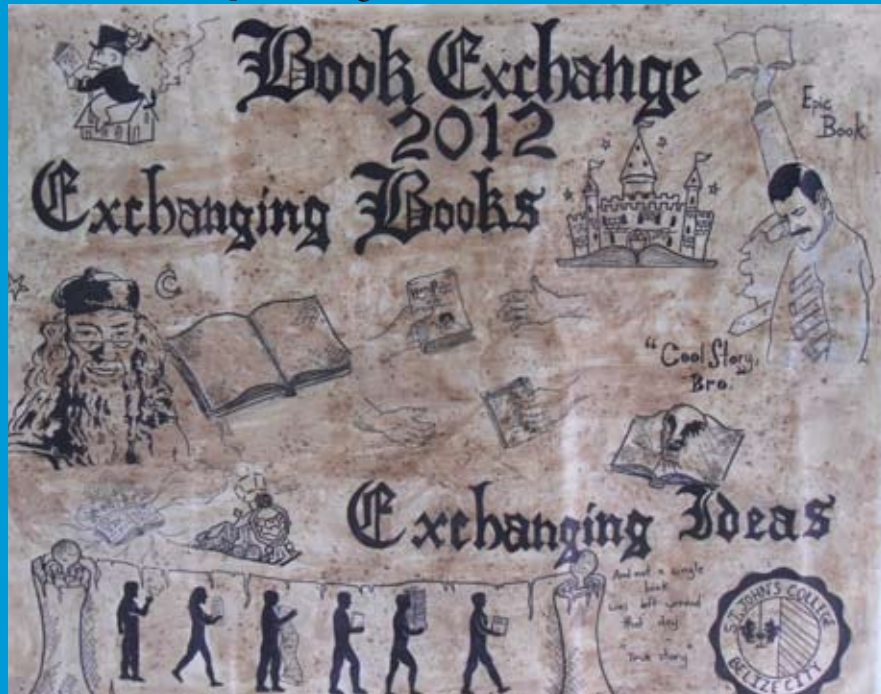


In early May, SJC High School students enthusiastically participated in the High School's first Book Festival/ Book Exchange. The Book Festival, spearheaded by Ms. Angie Moody with the assistance of Mr. Yasser Musa and other faculty members, was executed under the theme "Exchange Books, Exchange Ideas." The festival was held at the SJC Art Center, where the display included various forms of Belizean and International Literary works.

In addition to the collection of Belizean narratives and poetry were historical documents which included decades-old newspapers, far different from their modern forms. Also on display, were many short films in which SJC students either chose to create or depict a narrative or poem. Towards the end of the day, the high school students participated in one final event: the book exchange.

This much-anticipated event required students to bring 5 unused books. The collection of books slowly disappeared as the students contently found a book that suited their varied tastes. The Festival was undoubtedly a grand success as the satisfied students gained four additional books which undoubtedly flooded their minds with new ideas.

This event easily encouraged students to read more, to expose each other to new ideas, new perspectives, new mentalities and new environments while still preserving ancient cultures, traditions and lore.



QUALITY MATTERS

“Jesuit Education is remarkably about making a life rich in community, deep in faith, and strong in character. As you pursue exciting discoveries, the quality of responsibility you embrace, the determination of action you assume, and the spirit of gratitude you demonstrate will define you.”

- SJC President Jorge Espat

High School



HS Valedictorian Malcolm Griffith with Jorge Espat

Junior College



JC Student Government President Hector Guerra



Extension Student of the Year Miriam Laing

Building ties with Minnesota State University



Dr. Houlihan and Mr. Collin Estrada visited with the College President in early May of this year where opportunities have been sought and explored in the hope of building closer friendships with Minnesota State University. College President, Jorge L. Espat, welcomed the two individuals and preparations are ongoing to create options for students pursuing further studies.

JC Student off to Harvard for the Summer

As academics remains integral to intellectual development and social awareness, leadership also plays an important role in the pursuit of self-growth. First-Year Junior College Student, Madeleine Guerra, is currently at Harvard University where she is enrolled in this year's summer program. She is taking two classes, one in Public Speaking, the other in Writing in Social and Ethical Issues. This is not her first time at Harvard's summer program. Last year, she was there for two classes as well, both in African American Literature and Journalism. When asked about her first time experience, Guerra stated that it was a little frightening to leave her parents' side and take on a little bit more responsibility. She is very grateful for the experience and is thankful to St. John's College for giving her a little bit more experience in time management skills to excel in her current studies, in preparation for higher learning.



Alumnus Desiderio Rosado, HS' 78, JC' 80 Donates \$20,000 to Alma Mater



St. John's College is always privileged and honored when alumni/ae hold their dear Alma Mater close to their hearts and so become predisposed to giving back. Desiderio, now serving as Senior Director IT at Qualcomm International, visited the College after recognizing the need for showing his support to his school, his past home for six years between 1974 through 1980. His contributions included several laser jet printers, LCD Monitors and 15 Desktop Computers. We are grateful and we proudly share a few images of his visit to the campus.



Desiderio chatting with his former High School Spanish teacher, Mr. William Aguilar and classmate, Jorge Espat

St. John's College recognizes outstanding student leadership, organization, participation and academics

Academic and extracurricular awards are given in order to encourage the achievement of academic excellence and to foster the development of initiative, self-reliance, and leadership in various phases of college life. The divisions have been working continuously with parents and students through various assemblies to ensure that the commitment and enthusiasm for their sons' and daughters' education remain alive and flourishing. On June 6th and 7th, the Fordyce Memorial Chapel served as the venue for the celebration of awards and recognition for this year's High School and Junior College graduates, respectively. Items for their evening agenda touched on graduation, seen as the most significant event in the College's calendar, academic excellence, participation in extra curricular activities as well as plans for students' summer programs.



In addition to working with the graduating class, divisions have been making the conscious effort of holding information-sharing sessions with parents of incoming students. The Junior College hosted its meeting on May 11th while the High School hosted theirs on June 19th. Parents gathered to listen and prepare for what will eventually materialize in the next two years for the Junior College students and the next four years for the High School students. About 400 students came together from various high schools in the country, providing confirmation of diversity in every sense of our reality, transferring such diversity of interest to a wide range of academic program options in the natural, and social sciences, mathematics and computer information systems, humanities and business, accounting and economics. For the High School, more than 300 parents were in attendance of which there are 175 confirmed students for the new academic year.



Opportunities that bring together parents and students are encouraged by the College and on those occasions a common solidarity in the service to each other binds us as one community of learning and support. Remarkably, the tradition among families of enrolling their off-springs generation after generation is very much evident. Of course, after their enrollment is secured, they are required to become more resourceful in preparation for lives of leadership and service.

Ignatian Ideal: SJC hosts Children's Art Summer Camp 2012

Community service is a particular undertaking that confirms to each student the awesome variation of circumstances in our world. Large numbers of students engage in all forms of service as an expression of their solidarity with the challenged in our community.



Campus Developments

At the end of this academic year and looking ahead into the next, improvements to the physical plant of the campus go on, with the implementation of several small capital projects. Ensuring the upkeep of facilities as well as the maintenance of the grounds moves the process along for continued campus development. Repainting the Junior College's buildings and the refurbishing of the Student Lounge as well as improving the entire drainage system fulfill important goals in the service by the Administration to students and service providers across the divisions.



In Grateful Remembrance



Edilberto Chen, d. 20 April 2012, Father of Junior College Alumni Rosenda Chen, Celia Chen, Alberto Chen, Felicia Chen, Pedro Chen.

Nicholasia Tillett, d. 16 May 2012, Mother of Denroy Tillett, HS' 92, JC' 94; grandmother of 3rd Form students, Tremaine Tillett and Chad Castillo and JC Student Britney Castillo.

Karen Castillo, d. 16 May 2012, Mother of High School student Chad Castillo and Junior College Student Britney Castillo.

Alicia Smith, d. 16 May 2012, Cousin of SJC Students Tremaine Tillett, Chad Castillo and Britney Castillo and niece of Denroy Tillet JC' 94.

Rudy Cruz, HS' 95, d. 1 June 2012, Uncle of Kevin Forman, HS' 12 and temporary technician at St. John's College.

Jabiru Stork at SJC



The Jabiru is the tallest flying bird found in South America and Central America, often standing around the same height as the flightless and much heavier American Rhea, and has the second largest wingspan, after the Andean Condor. The sexes are similar in appearance but the male is larger, which can be noticeable when the sexes are together. While it can give the impression of being an ungainly bird on the ground, the Jabiru is a powerful and graceful flier.

