

OLE FARMERS ASSOCIATION NORTH AMERICA INC.

Graduates of Farm School, JSA, COA and CASE



16th

ANNUAL REUNION

May 26 - 28, 2023

"Bridging the Gap" - OFANA/CASE- Sixteen Years of Altruism, 2007 - 2023

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2007 - 2023

16 years of Exemplary Altruism, to promote Academic Excellence in
Jamaica's Agricultural Science and Tertiary Educational Arena. Well Done!

Dwight Brady- Class of 1985 COA Pioneer Group

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Friday, May 26, 2023

6:00pm	Registration
7:00pm-11:00pm	Reception/Dinner
Welcome	Jurist Willis VP Florida
Introduction of Guest Presenter	Norma Jarrett/President OFANA
Presentation	Peter Gracey

Saturday, May 27, 2023

7:00am -9:00am	Breakfast
9:00am -12:00pm	General Session (AGM)
12:00pm- 1:00pm	Election of Officers
1:00pm – 7:00pm	BREAK
7:00pm – 1:00am	Gala Dinner & Dance
Keynote Speaker:	Mr. Oliver Mair, Consul General to Miami,Florida

Dancing to the sound of DJ Charlie Brown with Guest performer Sonny Wong

Sunday, May 28, 2023

9:00am- 11:00am	Service of Thanksgiving
11:00am – 2:00pm	Sunday Brunch.

Please wear wristbands for all OFANA events



Message From
Norma Jarrett
President



Ole Farmers Association North America Inc.

It is with deep pleasure that I welcome Consul General of Jamaica to Southern USA, Mr. Oliver Mair, Mr. Marlon Palmer VP of CASE, Canute & Michelle Sadler other distinguished guests, fellow Ole Farmers, Donors, Advertisers, Family and Friends of OFANA, to this our sixteenth Anniversary Celebration of our esteemed Alumni Organization.

The CASE Institution, the current successive College has sustained a rich heritage, as the premier tertiary agriculture institution in the Caribbean. This rich legacy has existed, since the inception of the Government Farm School, January 25th 1910. We applaud the foresight and commitment of our Founding Fathers, who recognized and responded to the need, to establish an esteemed agricultural institution that would provide well trained and talented graduates, to guide governments and farmers as well as shape policies in the agricultural sector of the Caribbean, and by extension, the world. Our graduates, local and in the diaspora, have continued to make significant contributions in all aspects of the food security systems.

Agriculture plays a pivotal role in Nation Building. A nourished population leads to greater productivity; improved health status, greater literacy, increased economic opportunities and decreased crime levels. It is on this premise along with our school pride and Island patriotism that our OFANA members have consistently supported the students, faculty and infrastructure at our Alma Mater. Our commitment is evident in the investment of US \$120,000.00 to build and equip our OFANA Plant Tissue Culture Lab on the CASE Campus; further investment of 151 Dell Laptops to facilitate distance learning during the COVID pandemic remains unmatched.

Of greater significance is the possibilities we have created for so many students; over 108 have benefited from the US \$120,000.00 we invested in scholarship bursaries since 2012. This investment has changed the lives of so many families and facilitated positive generational wealth.

Strong Alumni Organizations are the ambassadors of successful and influential colleges. It is the societal influence of the graduates, that often help to position these institutions as the premier and sought after place of learning. CASE is very fortunate to be supported by two strong Alumni groups, OFANA, and CASE Alumni Association under the leadership of President Mr. Pius Lacan.

OFANA continues to be the greatest brand ambassadors of CASE in the diaspora. I urge each Ole Farmer to commit to continued investment in our OFANA Organization. Altruism always trumps egocentricity; unity is strength, and the bond we Ole Farmers share cannot be broken. Let's continue to do His work.

Our sincere appreciation to the VP Jurist Willis and her dedicated AGM 2023 Planning Team for their hospitality during this weekend of celebration. Let us enjoy the Southern Hospitality in Orlando, the home of the Magic Kingdom!

I am honored to serve as your President and thank each of you for your contribution these past 16 Years, and your trust in my leadership and that of our Executive!

Blessings upon Blessings!



Jurist Willis
Vice President, Florida



Distinguished guests, generous sponsors, advertisers, friends, honored members and fellow alumni; on behalf of the Florida region of the Ole Farmers Association North America (OFANA), I am pleased to welcome you to the 2023 Annual General Meeting. OFANA is celebrating sixteen years of existence and I cannot imagine a better place to commemorate this event, than the beautiful city of Orlando, Florida.

On behalf of the Association, I extend a special welcome and thanks to our guest speaker, the Honorable Oliver Mair, Consulate General of Jamaica.

Thanks also to:

- Ole Farmer Joe Green for taking on the task of Master of Ceremony (MC),
- Ole Farmer Bishop John Baker for sharing the gospel at the Service of thanksgiving, and
- Mr. Charles Hill (DJ Charlie Brown), for providing entertainment and helping to promote the Gala event.

The theme is ***“Bridging the Gap....OFANA/CASE Sixteen Years of Altruism”*** I would like to thank the Florida planning team, members of the Executive, and all who volunteered their time and expertise to facilitate this event. The relentless hours and energy spent on planning, epitomize the very essence of the theme.

Many people have not realized the wealth of sympathy, kindness and generosity hidden in the soul of mankind. The effort of OFANA is to unlock that treasure. Despite the hardships brought on by the recent pandemic, last year the Florida region was able to raise over \$3000 towards the scholarship fund. OFANA has continued to make it possible for needy students attending CASE to get an education. We could not have done it without the support of Ole Farmers, friends and well-wishers globally. We have done our best to showcase an exhilarating flashback of the inception of OFANA, its history, events and achievements over the past sixteen years.

Let us enjoy this weekend and every moment we have because in life there are no rewinds, only flashbacks.

On behalf of the Florida team, we are pleased to present this magazine in celebration of sixteen years of Altruism, bridging the gap between OFANA and CASE. Have a memorable weekend, God bless, and be safe.

**Message from Ambassador Audrey Marks for the
Ole Farmers Association North America Inc's, (OFANA)
Annual General Meeting Souvenir Magazine**



On behalf of the Government of Jamaica, I extend commendations to the OLE Farmers' Association North America, Inc. (OFANA) for your outstanding accomplishments since inception in 2007. OFANA's dedication to fostering the progress of Tertiary Agricultural Education in Jamaica and their support for the Government's efforts towards food security is truly remarkable.

As we know, Jamaica's agricultural sector has been a key contributor to our nation's economy and remains a critical industry today. We are greatly heartened by OFANA's focus on education as a means of building and developing this vital sector.

Investing in education is not merely about imparting knowledge and skills, but it is also about empowering individuals and creating a legacy that will continue to benefit society and drive positive change for years to come.

OFANA's commitment to providing scholarships to the College of Agriculture, Science, and Education (CASE), which has totaled over US\$ 120,000 to date, as well as your contributions towards enhancing the institution's infrastructure, have undoubtedly created a lasting impact. These initiatives surely will improve Jamaica's agricultural sector and the livelihoods of our people.

We extend our gratitude to President Norma Jarrett and the OFANA executive team for their tireless efforts in skillfully steering this organization. Your actions serve as an example of the invaluable contributions made by the Jamaican Diaspora towards our country's progress.

Embassy of Jamaica
April 2023



**CONSULATE GENERAL OF JAMAICA, MIAMI
MESSAGE**

**Ole' Farmers' Association of North America. Inc., (OFANA)
Annual Fundraising Dinner – Saturday, 27th May 2023**



On behalf of the Consulate General of Jamaica, it is my delight to express congratulations to the Executive Board and members of the Ole' Farmers' Association of North America, Inc., (OFANA) as you celebrate another year of accomplishments in your mission of service to Jamaica.

Since its inception in 2007, OFANA has fervently continued its steadfast commitment extending support specifically for tertiary agricultural education to benefit students in Jamaica. Many of them have so far, benefited from the Scholarship Programme which to date, represented a significant number totaling 108 students at the College of Agriculture, Science and Education (CASE). This effort is well appreciated for the many students who have developed their agricultural skills, which will aid in the development of Jamaica's agricultural.

Development of this area is critical to the nation's economy, providing employment in rural townships, building capacity for local businesses, as well as positioning us to compete in overseas markets. As we are recovering from the effects of the global pandemic, your contribution of needed specialized equipment and practical competency-based training will certainly advance the well-being of the students. Equally important is your continued efforts to forge partnerships and collaboration with like-minded organizations in the Diaspora to support the progress of the agricultural sector, especially as it relates to the Government's Agricultural policy for modernization of the operations, and also on food security.

As we continue the year-long celebration of Jamaica's 60th Anniversary of Independence, I encourage you to stay focused and energized as your efforts augur well for the advancement in agriculture especially at this time, resulting in its positive impact on Jamaica's economic development.

I must congratulate the President and the Executive Committee of this vibrant organization, and to all members present here tonight from across the Diaspora community, let me commend you for the range of developmental projects taken to enhance the country's agricultural sector. To you, the patrons joining in celebration at this event, let us join in support to the members of OFANA for their passion and dedication to our homeland, Jamaica, land we love.

Best wishes for a blessed evening and an enjoyable and successful event. *One Love!*

R. Oliver Mair
Consul General
Southern USA



Office of the Minister of Education and Youth
The Honourable Fayval Williams, MP

Message from the Honourable Fayval Williams for the Ole Farmers Association North America, Inc. Annual General Meeting Souvenir Magazine Programme



I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations, on behalf of the Ministry of Education and Youth (MOEY), to the Ole Farmers Association North America Inc (OFANA), for the 16 years of outstanding contribution to education in Jamaica. Your organization has been a driving force in highlighting economic opportunities, promoting access to tertiary education in agriculture and empowering individuals to reach their full potential.

OFANA's commitment to supporting education in Jamaica has been remarkable, and your efforts have undoubtedly made a significant impact on the lives of countless individuals. The membership of

OFANA's tireless efforts to raise funds for scholarships, infrastructural improvements at the College of Agriculture Science and Education, and the provision of resources such as books, 151 Dell computers, and other educational tools have been truly remarkable. Through your work, you have not only improved the quality of education in Jamaica but have also inspired and motivated individuals to pursue their educational goals.

The Ole Farmers Association North America's dedication to the students of agriculture in Jamaica is a shining example of how a committed group of individuals can come together to make a meaningful impact on their community. Your efforts demonstrate the power of collective action and the difference it can make in the lives of individuals and communities.

Once again, congratulations to the Ole Farmers Association North America on this outstanding achievement of 16 years of philanthropic activities. Your dedication to Jamaica is truly inspiring and serves as a model for others to follow. I wish continued success in all future endeavours and look forward to seeing the impact of the organization's efforts in the years to come.



Hylton Gordon

Vice President Northeast Region



On behalf of OFANA Northeast Region, I convey greetings to fellow Ole Farmers, friends and supporters. The Annual General Meeting serves as testament to our continued efforts to reaffirm our commitment to uphold our practices of goodwill and altruism toward students who are in pursuit of an agricultural education at the College of Agriculture Science and Education (CASE). Our altruistic endeavors inclusive of but not limited to funding scholarships, provision of educational materials and installing cutting edge infrastructure (Plant Tissue Culture Lab) was only made possible from your support through the foregoing years, we humbly beg for your continued support in the years to come. We must extol the efforts of the founding mother Ms. Norma Jarret (President) and fathers Mr. Wendell Codner (PRO) and the late Errol Webley whose collective inspiration led to the installation of this noble organization in 2007 with a charitable charter as a 501C3 organization. The organization, appropriately named Ole Farmers Association North America, Inc (OFANA), automatically provides membership to individuals who by virtue of their graduation from The Gov't Farm School and one of its successor colleges, dubbed "Ole Farmer". The Gov't Farm School opened its doors in 1910 to deserving scholars who met the rigorous admission criteria to pursue agricultural studies. Since its inception, the institution has built its foundation on excellence and integrity; this became a tradition among the successor colleges to give Ole Farmers a coveted sense of pride. In addition, graduates from this esteemed group of colleges display an insatiable quest for knowledge; hence, this makes Ole Farmers the most diversely educated group as a graduate of any tertiary institution in Jamaica. Ole Farmers have served in professional capacities in disciplines such as agronomy and soil sciences, food and culinary sciences, medical sciences (veterinary and human) and social and political sciences; to date countless Ole Farmers have served as parliamentarians in Jamaica.

OFANA embraces the premise "one good turn deserves another" hence giving back to the fledgling students of our alma mater fulfils our belief that it is equally good to give, as it is to receive. Ole Farmers sat in the same chairs and are recipients of the unparalleled knowledge, handed down to us through the functions of the Government Farm School and its successor colleges (JSA, COA and CASE). Now is the time for us to give back, I can proudly admit that we met the challenge head-on and have done and still, is doing a good job of it. We are a premier alumni organization from Jamaica, with a robust record of accomplishment, yet we are always in pursuit of new ways to improve upon this achievement. Currently, we are exploring ideas on how we can broaden our footprint to extend charities to students of Jamaican heritage who resides in the USA and Canada to encompass the North American diaspora of our heritage. I urge my fellow Ole Farmers to continue to build this organization on the foundation of excellence passed down to us, continue to uphold the practices of goodwill and altruism; as we continue to make a positive change in the lives of deserving students at CASE and in the lives of Jamaicans back a "Yaad" and across the world.

Message from the Vice President, Georgia Region



Dona Bredwood



On behalf of the Georgia Region, I want to congratulate Ms. Jurist Willis, Vice President of OFANA's Florida Region and her team for hosting our "Sweet Sixteen" Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Ole Farmers Association North America, Inc. (OFANA) in Orlando, Florida. Along with the Executive Board, her army of volunteers were instrumental in the planning and execution of this auspicious event.

In our sixteen years of existence, we have accomplished so much that is publicly known:

- Raised US\$120,000 from Ole Farmers, Friends and Families that built the OFANA Plant Tissue Lab at the College of Agriculture Science and Education (CASE).
- Disbursed US \$120,000 in scholarships to CASE students
- Disbursed 151 laptops to CASE students during the Covid-19 pandemic

But our greatest achievement I think, is the development of a strong fellowship and camaraderie among Ole Farmers of all ages and across all years. This can be mostly attributed to the leadership of our esteemed president, Ms. Norma Jarrett. Under her leadership since 2016, we, along with the CASE Alumni Association (our sister organization in Jamaica led by President Pius Lacan) have become a beacon of hope for students in need at CASE. To effect our cause(s) we have built a community of supporters that spans the breadth of North America. From an organizational standpoint, we are collaborating with some of the most prestigious diaspora groups in North America and acquired membership in two of the strongest alumni unions- The Union of Jamaican Alumni Associations (UJAA) and the Alliance of Jamaican Alumni Association (AJAA).

Looking towards the next sixteen years, I am hoping for us to continue our work at CASE while developing a stronger presence at all levels of Agricultural Education in Jamaica and beyond. I want to encourage all Ole Farmers to join us on our mission, because together, we can achieve more. In the words of Mahatma Gandhi - **"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."**

One Love!



Audrey Spence
VP Canada



The Toronto Canada Region of the Ole Farmers Association of North America takes great pleasure in congratulating OFANA as we all celebrate its coming of age on the sixteenth anniversary of its founding. Furthermore, we want to say thanks to the Florida Team led by Vice President Jurist Willis, the OFANA Executive and especially to our out-going President Extraordinaire Norma Jarrett for planning and now executing the events of this AGM.

As the youngest region we here in Canada are very thankful for the supports provided during our two virtual Walk and Talk where we collaborated with the Alliance of Jamaican Alumni Association to raise funds in support of CASE. Through these events over the last two years, we were able to raise over \$7000 with the funds helping to provide scholarships and equipment to students at our alma mater. For some of these students the scholarship will help to restore their faith in the altruism of strangers and for all the awardees it has and will provide the security that will and have sustained them through their time in college and for the next phase of their journeys.

I would also like to take the time to say a huge "Thank You" for the support that has been extended to us here in Canada by the membership, people in the Greater Toronto area, Canada, North America, the Caribbean and England as we embarked on this mission to help the students of CASE. You all caught the vision and turned out for in-person and virtual events including the virtual AGM that was hosted by our Region in 2022.

As our outgoing President Norma Jarrett bows out and move away from the stage, the membership here in Canada would like to salute her for the six years of dedicated service and strategic insight that has brought the organization to a position of visibility where we are known globally! Without Norma's support, strategic vision and commitment to nurturing, growing and going way beyond the call of duty our Region would not have existed the way it does today. We want to wish you all the best and hope that you will be there to provide continued support and be the "wind beneath the new President's wings! We congratulate you Norma as you have succeeded in lifting the visibility, the stature, met and exceeded OFANA's most lofty philanthropic goals and have made the organization one of the premier past student associations supporting the students at its alma mater.

Our Canadian Region is playing and will continue to play its part and am looking to you our members, leaders and community partners for your continued support in this extremely important mission.

Thanks again for your support.



Derrick Deslandes
President
C.A.S.E.



Deepening Relationships with Our Alumni Associations

OFANA/CASE Celebrating 16 years.

Greetings, Ole Farmers! Thank you for the opportunity to join in the celebration of another OFANA anniversary. In some circles the number 16 is symbolic of attaining independence and seeking wisdom. It is also believed to be “strongly associated with love and its manifestations”.

This year, as OFANA turns 16, we at CASE are honoured to have shared in this journey alongside a cadre of committed men and women who proudly list the College of Agriculture, Science and Education as their alma mater. So, today, we celebrate not just the work of OFANA, but we also salute the people who make it all happen.

Over the past 16 years, many manifestations of love have emanated from your invaluable contributions to making a difference in the lives of our students. Some would have had to defer their dream of completing their education at CASE, had you not stepped in. Through numerous initiatives: The plant tissue culture laboratory, the laptop and desktop computers, the scholarships, and bursaries, among others, OFANA’s impact has been felt all the way to the doctoral level.

The College is appreciative of all your assistance and anticipates further conversation about how we can continue to work synergistically with, our outstanding alumni who have passed through the JSA/COA/CASE corridors as we persistently seek to witness the drive the growth and development of our institution, your alma mater.

We are blessed to have strong alumni associations with a reservoir of knowledge and experience that can help to shape our students into productive citizens, and to hone their skills in their chosen field of study. You also have vast networking capabilities that can introduce them to valuable connections. Many of you are already engaged in mentoring in an ad hoc way, and for this the college is ever grateful. I am imploring you to continue these efforts, unstructured as they are, it means a lot to our students. We believe that a formal process of mentoring could be explored between CASE and OFANA that will help to deepen that esprit de corps among current CASE students and recent graduates.

The College is aware that many of you are making tremendous strides; we want to identify with your success and applaud you publicly. Please let us know where you are and what you are doing, so we can have a mutual understanding of our respective spheres and make it known, whenever possible using our local media houses. We promise to reciprocate by keeping you informed about what we are doing, as well.

So, in this your 16th year we are looking towards a promising future, crossing many more rivers, more successes to chalk up and more lives to impact, as together we prepare the next generation of CASE alumni to take their place in the world.

MESSAGE FROM: PIUS LACAN
PRESIDENT, CASE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LTD.



It is with a deep sense of pride and gratitude that I greet members of the Ole Farmers Association North America Inc. (OFANA) as you stage your Annual General Meeting and Dinner Dance on Saturday, May 27, and Sunday May 28, 2023. My sincere appreciation and gratefulness for the tremendous support given by OFANA to the College of Agriculture, Science and Education (CASE), the Caribbean's premier multi-disciplinary tertiary level educational institution; and the out pouring love and support to the local Alumni Association.

The many achievements over the years in realizing 108 Scholarships to CASE students, with a cumulative value of US\$119,900.00 - Jamaican \$18,122,500.00, the disbursement of US\$120,000.00 – \$15M Jamaican to the College to build and equip a Plant Tissue Culture Lab at CASE and the donation of 151 laptops, are major contributions testimonial of the tremendous support afforded to your Alma Mater. These accomplishments signify the quality of the leadership of the OFANA team, led by an inspiring individual, President Norma Jarrett who continues to foster avenues to provide service above self, through hard work, dedication, tenacity, pride, love, sincerity, and commitment. Our team is confident that during your deliberations at the Annual General Meeting, several initiatives will be recommended for sustained support and development of CASE, and that your dinner dance will live up to the expectations of previous fund raising activities.

I use this opportunity to publicly thank President Norma Jarrett for her continued love and support afforded to the CASE Alumni Association Limited over the years. We salute the OFANA team for their stewardship over the years, and look forward to continued collaboration with the soon newly elected executive. I pray that God's richest blessings will continue to inspire and provide the strength and will required in facilitating the brand recognition and promotion of the College of Agriculture, Science and Education.



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April 28, 2023

Mrs. Norma Jarrett
President
Ole Farmers Association North America, Inc.
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Dear Mrs. Jarrett:

I hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of the CASE Student Guild Body (2022-2023), I want to express our sincerest gratitude to the OFANA Alumni for their unwavering support and commitment to our academic success.

We are particularly grateful for the recent Founder's Day weekend and scholarship award of January 29, 2023. These scholarships have made a significant impact on the lives of many students. We are pleased to inform you that a number of students benefited from the scholarships, which was over US \$27,000.00.

We acknowledge that the funds provided were obtained through hard work and sacrifices. OFANA's tradition of giving back to CASE students dates back to 2012, and we are proud to be part of this legacy. To date, OFANA has awarded over 108 scholarships at CASE; totalling US \$120,000.00.

In addition to the scholarships, we are grateful for the 151 laptops and other donations that have helped many students access technology and other resources to aid their academic success. We are particularly excited about the recent completion of the OFANA Plant Tissue Culture Lab at CASE, which will support the Jamaican government's food security agricultural agenda and provide students with real competency-based training.

The impact of your generosity cannot be overstated. You have alleviated the financial burdens of many students, inspired academic achievement, and served as role models to many. Some students may not be familiar with the organization, but we as a student council body are trying

our very best to make each and every student knowledgeable about the organization. We appreciate your mission and your continued support of our academic pursuits.

On behalf of the student body, I want to thank you for being our big brothers and sisters whom we can rely on. We hope for your continued support as you remain the saving grace of many students.

Sincerely,
Student Guild 2022-2023.



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The Jamaica School of Agriculture, The Government Farm School and its successor colleges, COA and CASE, are blessed that there is a strong group of past students who are committed to giving back to them. I am honored to bring greetings to The Ole Farmers Association, North America Inc. (OFANA) as you celebrate your 16th Anniversary. You represent some of the best and brightest of our island home and you have remained committed to your institutions. Your many accomplishments are a testament to your desire to make a positive impact.

OFANA remains a beacon of hope for many students in Jamaica. I am sure that the desire to give back, and to make life a little easier for those who follow in your footsteps, is a driving factor for the members of the organization. Despite COVID19, you continued to persevere and to maintain a firm belief in the ideals of your schools. Kudos to everyone who contributed and continue to contribute to the cause!

The Union of Jamaican Alumni Associations USA Inc, (UJAA), has been giving back to education since 1990. We believe that without education no one can be truly free. We believe that it is critical to show concern for others. Our unwavering commitment to giving back will drive both of us to new heights. Never waver in your commitment to do well. Strive to make your alma mater proud as you find creative ways to help others.

Your membership in UJAA is a testament to shared values and an untiring commitment to giving back. Since your first scholarship disbursement in 2012 you have given back over US \$120,000.00. This represents nearly JA \$17 million! As you celebrate another year, I urge you to keep giving back to others. It is not always about money but more about finding creative ways to help. Keep up the good work!

Donovan Wilson

President

Union of Jamaican Alumni Associations USA Inc



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Canada

Message from The Alliance of Jamaican Alumni Associations (AJAA) (Toronto)

Congratulations on your “Sweet Sixteen” Reunion

The Alliance of Jamaican Alumni Associations is very proud to have Ole Farmers Association North America Inc. as part of our alumni family. As a one of the newer members of the Association, you have already shown that you are capable of helping to propel the AJAA to great heights. Your ongoing support of the Alliance and its programs coupled with your dedication to purpose, have not gone unnoticed.

Your mission to preserve the spirit, values and guiding principles of your alma mater is truly commendable. This along with your dedication to “giving back” is truly a recipe for success which also gives a bright future for the students in Jamaica.

On behalf of the members of The AJAA, have a wonderful “Sweet Sixteen” and keep up the good work.



**Alene Chen
President**



Leo Gilling
Diaspora Strategist & Engagement Advocate
Chairman
JDTAN



Farming is the oldest industry of all. It's an industry and the bread basket of all cultures; if you don't grow it, you distribute or consume the “fruits” of farming. The Jamaica School of Agriculture (JSA), its successor schools and colleges teach and train the principles and practices of agriculture that have continued the source of strength for our country Jamaica, farming.

With that backbone of strength, Ole Farmers Association North America (OFANA) continues its work year to year to identify and provide needed resources for the College of Agriculture, Science, and Education (CASE). Since 2012, the organization has provided more than US\$300,000 in scholarships and equipment to advance students' experience and prepare them for nation-building.

The organization's members are past students of JSA and successor schools who have done well in the Diaspora and have shown their gratitude for the knowledge and experience they received from attending school in Jamaica by collaborating in various events such as the year's 3-day event to help advance the knowledge and understanding of current and future students. The grit and passion they have extended will go a long way in creating a better future for our country. That's what Diaspora is made of.

On behalf of the many individuals in JDTAN, I extend my good wishes to OFANA, its members, and executive leadership at their 2023 Annual General Meeting & Dinner as they continue to inspire and advance necessary resources at CASE. JDTAN looks forward to continued relationships and collaborations.

OFANA THANKS

Members, Friends
& Supporters

- US \$120,000 scholarships
- US \$120,000- OFANA Plant Tissue Culture Lab
- 151 Brand new Dell laptops

**16 Years of
Altruism !**



Reunion Atlanta



OFANA Timeline 2007-2023



2007-2008

- 2007- Inaugural Planning meeting in Eisenhower Park NY
- 2007-First Outreach program to rural Jamaica- E. Webley. N. Jarrett
- 2008-Second AGM held in Atlanta and election of officers - Hosted by Dr. S. Bailey

2009-2010

- 2009-Bylaws/mission statement established- W. Codner, N. Jarrett, Dr. N. Dawkins, E. Morgan & P. Warburton
- 2009-Incorporated in Georgia- L. Salmon
- 2009- Reunion in Florida -T. Lewis VP , Host. A. Codner
- 2009-Inaugural NE Scholarship Fundraiser -N. Jarrett VP
- 2010-Announcement of Scholarship Fund- W. Codner
- 2010-Federal Tax Exempt status- B. Banton, Dr. Dawkins , L. Salmon
- 2010- 2nd NE Scholarship Fundraiser- N. Jarrett VP
- 2010-Centennial Anniversary in Jamaica- Willis, Taylor, Leighton

2011-2012

- 2011-Granted Federal Income Tax Exempt Status
- 2011-OFANA website launched- B. Banton, W. Codner, N. Jarrett, L. Latty & N. Thompson
- 2011- OFANA Grapevine launched- WarB editor, W. Codner, President
- 2011-Dr. A. Wood honored- W. Codner President
- 2011 Reunion Stamford, CT- N. Jarrett VP, W. Codner, President
- 2011-OFANA Scholarship Application criteria established- Dr. N. Dawkins, Scholarship Chair
- 2012 First 3 scholarships awarded- Founders Day- W. Condor, President
- 2012- Revision of Bylaws and establishment of SOPs
- 2012- Reunion in Texas- Jennifer Thompson VP
- 2012- Dudley Johnson honored at NE fundraiser- N. Jarrett VP

2013-2014

- 2013- 3 scholarships awarded to CASE students
- 2013-Established the OFANA strategic plan- W. Codner, President
- 2013 John Sayers honored NE Fundraiser- N. Jarrett VP
- 2013 Reunion in Atlanta- B. Banton VP
- 2014- Dudley "Johnny Cock" Johnson Memorial Scholarship awarded- Wendell Codner President , N. Johnson present
- 2014 -Barbara Smith honored for outstanding contribution to Education at the AGM in Florida- WarbVP
- 2014-Louise McKenzie honored at NE Fundraiser -N. Jarrett VP

2015-2016

- 2015- 8 scholarships awarded to CASE students - Wendell Codner, President
- 2015- Joined the Union of Jamaica Alumni Associations USA, Inc. (UJAA)-N. Jarrett VP
- 2015 -OFANA welcomes new CASE President Dr. D. Deslandes (requested US\$ 111,000 to fund a plant tissue culture lab)
- 2015 Reunion NE Region- N. Jarrett VP
- 2015 Gaston Grant and Joselyn "Bob Six" Grant honored at AGM, CT- N. Jarrett VP
- 2015 -Ambassador Derrick Heaven honored at NE fundraiser- N. Jarrett VP , W. Codner President, TJ Johnson
- 2016-8 scholarships awarded to CASE students. Cumulative value of US\$25,000- W. Codner President
- 2016-Formed alliance with Jamaica Diaspora Agriculture Taskforce -N. Jarrett VP, TJ Johnson, W. Codner
- 2016-AGM in Texas -Norma Jarrett elected president-Brown VP - Launched fundraiser to fund plant tissue culture lab
- 2016- Florida Dinner Dance- Doreen Danvers VP

Founding Members

Norma Jarrett, Wendell Codner & Errol Webley (deceased)

2017-2018

- 2017- 5 scholarships awarded to CASE students; cumulative value- US\$33,500-N. Jarrett, President
- 2017-107th Founders Day celebration at CASE
- 2017- Membership outreach in Texas- J. Thompson, W. Codner, Dr. T.J. Johnson, Dr. S. Bailey, & L. Brown
- 2017- Fundraising Drive to fund OFANA Plant Tissue Culture Lab- N. Jarrett President, Dr. TJ Johnson & all VPs, PRO
- 2017- Participated in UJAA Mega Raffle fundraiser to fund Plant Tissue Lab- N. Jarrett, Dr. T.J. Johnson, J. Petgrave and all region VPs.
- 2017- Ground Breaking for OFANA Plant Tissue Culture Lab
- 2017- AGM, Atlanta -Honorary "Ole Farmer" status conferred on Hon. E. Bartlett & Dr. D. Deslandes- N. Jarrett & Dr. S. Bailey
- 2017- Florida Fundraiser- D. Danvers VP
- 2017 - NE Fundraiser- L. Samuels honored- Heath VP, Jarrett Pres.
- 2017- OFANA Canada Launched- A. Spence VP & Team, N. Jarrett attended
- 2018- Participated in UJAA Raffle to fund tissue culture lab- N. Jarret, S. Heath, Dr. T. J. Johnson, J. Petgrave, D. Armstrong, C. Howell, S. Galloway, S. Baxter and all region VPs
- 2018- 12 scholarships awarded - Dr. N. Dawkins Chair, N. Jarrett
- 2018- D. Bredwood replaces Dr. S. Bailey on OFANA Executive
- OFANA Pledge Drive continues to fund plant tissue culture lab
- 2018- 12th AGM in Orlando Florida- D. Danvers VP. Baxter family honored
- 2018- Florida Fall Ball- D. Danvers VP
- 2018- Diaspora Leadership Summit, Morrow GA -N. Jarrett & W.Codner
- 2018- NE Fundraiser- S.Heath VP, TJ Johnson & S.Baxter honored

2019-2020

- 2019- Disbursed 16 Scholarships at 109 Founder's Day at CASE US \$53,400.00 (Jamaican \$6,527,000.00).
- 2019 - Final installment of US\$20,000 given to Dr. Deslandes to build and equip the OFANA Plant Tissue Culture Lab- N. Jarrett Pres.
- 2019- CASE admin. pledged to open the lab in 2020
- February 2019- Canada Region's Inaugural Brunch- A. Spence VP
- March 2019 UJAA / OFANA Mega Raffle - J. Petgrave, N. Jarrett
- 2019 -13th AGM was held in Stamford CT.-J . Petgrave VP. JAS president- Keynote speaker
- 2019 - OFANA website redesigned- Team Leader Wendell Codner.
- 2019-Georgia Region's inaugural Fundraiser - D. Bredwood VP
- 2019- Sonia Baxter honored at NE Fundraiser- J. Morgan VP
- 2019- Florida Fall Ball- D. Danvers VP
- 2019- Annual UJAA Thanksgiving Church Service -Jarret, Petgrave
- 2020-UJAA/ OFANA Mega Raffle - N. Jarrett, S. Baxter
- 2020- Celebrated the 110th Founders Day - N. Jarrett, R. Williams
- 2020- Zoom Fundraiser for 2nd Phase of CASE laptop project and appreciation of the OFANA/ Bogle/ Scott (50)laptop Initiative

2021-2022

- 2021 - Awarded additional 101 laptops scholarships to CASE students (total of 151)- OFANA donors - N. Jarrett President
- 2021- Grapevine Re-design- D. Bredwood VP, N. Jarrett
- 2021- Awarded US \$7,500 in scholarships to CASE students
- 2021- Inaugural Walk & Talk Fundraiser Toronto - AJAA - A. Spence VP
- 2021- OFANA receives an award from CASE for our contribution to CASE Agricultural Education- N. Jarrett President
- 2021 - Inaugural Giving Tuesday Fundraiser, GA- D. Bredwood VP
- 2021- Inaugural Virtual AGM- Hosted by D. Bredwood, VP Georgia
- 2021- NE Virtual Extravaganza(Ft. Strykers Posse) - N. Jarrett President, D. Bredwood VP, H. Gordon VP
- 2021- Virtual Boxing Day celebration - S. Baxter, O. Spence
- 2022- Awarded US \$32,500 in scholarships to CASE students
- 2022- Florida Bun Project- J. Willis VP
- 2022- Website Redesign- N. Jarrett, D. Bredwood
- 2022- Second Walk & Talk Fundraiser Toronto - AJAA - A. Spence VP
- 2022-Second Giving Tuesday Fundraiser - D. Bredwood VP, N. Jarrett
- 2022- NE Fundraiser Dinner- H. Gordon VP , N. Jarret President, D. Bredwood VP. GA

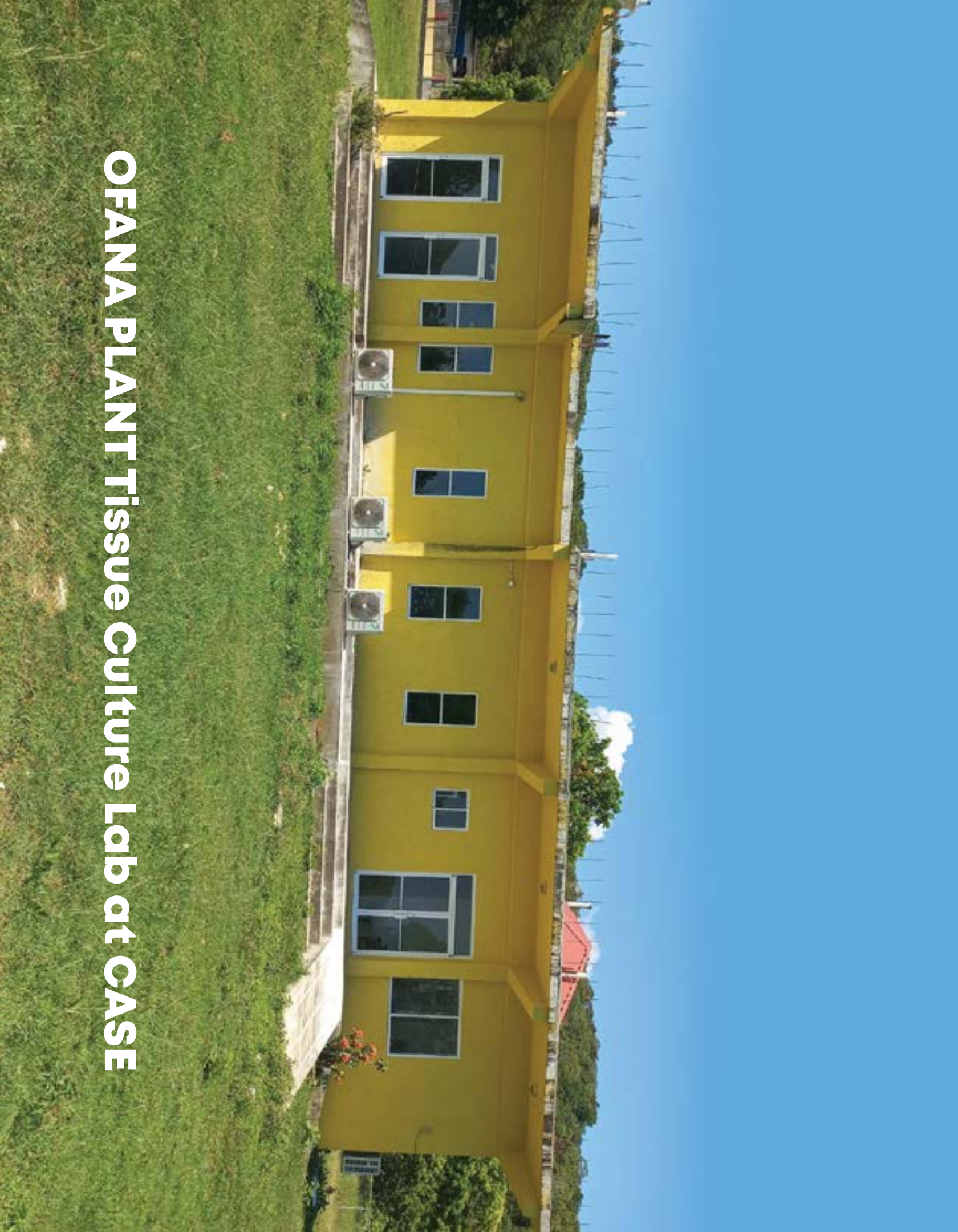
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- 2023- Awarded US \$27,500 in scholarships to CASE students- GRAND TOTAL US\$120,000 in scholarships to date

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SERGEANT FIRST CLASS RHODNEY A. CHARLTON

Sergeant First Class Rhodney A. Charlton enlisted in the Army in July 2000 and attended Basic Training and AIT at Fort Jackson, SC. He graduated as a 63B – Light Wheeled Mechanic in January 2001 where he was assigned to C Co. 123rd Aviation Regiment, Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

SFC Charlton next assignment was April 2004 with HHC, 4-64 Armor, Ft. Stewart GA., where he completed 2 deployments to Iraq in 2005 and 2007 for Operation Iraqi Freedom 03 and Operation Iraqi Freedom 07-09.



Upon returning from Iraq in 2008, SFC Charlton's unit was designated E Company 703rd BSB and provided logistic support for 3-15IN BN. SFC Charlton then deployed with 703rd BSB in support of 3-15IN to Iraq for his 3rd deployment Operation Iraqi Freedom 10 and Operation New Dawn.

SFC Charlton was then transferred to Ft. Drum NY in November 2011 and was assigned to G Company 10th BSB. He deployed again with 10th BSB in 2013 to Afghanistan providing logistic support to 2-22IN BN Operation Enduring Freedom 13.

SFC Charlton was then transferred to Fort Lee, Virginia where he was assigned as an AIT Instructor from December 2015 to March 2018 where he earned his Army Instructor's Badge. During his tenure at Fort Lee, he was selected to be a cadre member of the Ordnance Crucible.

SFC Charlton's next assignment was with 643rd ESC Support Company, Camp Humphrey's Korea. There he performed as the Maintenance Control Sergeant from April 2018 -June 2020. SFC Charlton returned to Fort Drum, New York in September 2020 where he was once again assigned to 10th BSB. SFC Charlton's final assignment was with HHBN, working as the Maintenance NCO for the 10th Mountain Division G4.

SFC Charlton's decorations and awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (6 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), the Army Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), the Valorous Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation, Combat Action Badge, and Basic Army Instructors Badge.

He is supported by his mother Maureen and her Husband Michael, daughter Rhianna and family friends.

Pamela Stewart-McCarthy (Class of '78)

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Congratulations to my niece DR. KERRY-ANN WILLIAMS on all her achievements!



Biography

Dr. Kerry-Ann Williams is a board-certified Child, Adolescent, and Adult Psychiatrist practicing in Boston, MA and specializes in working with youth and families that have survived psychological trauma. She is the Chief Medical Officer and Medical Director of Justice Resource Institute, an agency providing mental health services through community-based and congregate care programs.

Dr. Williams is the host of a podcast called "Black Mental Health Matters with Dr. Kerry-Ann". This can be heard on Apple, Spotify, Google Play and other popular podcasting platforms.

She was an honoree in the 2020 Boston Business Journal 40 under 40 as well as one of the 2021 Get Konnected! Most

Impactful Black Women in Boston. In 2023, Dr. Williams was honored with a Diaspora award for services to the Caribbean Diaspora in the Boston area.

Article from Dr. Williams

Mental Health Matters for Youth

Adolescence and young adulthood are a joint time of significance for psychological development. What happens during this time sets the stage for adulthood. What do our youth need to be successful?

First, remember that this is a time when youth are developing their core worldview. They need to be exposed to a diversity of perspectives and opinions so that they can discover their own unique set of beliefs. At the same time, they also need to learn their core family and cultural values which can serve as a tether when their world feels stressful or confusing.

Second, this is a time of trial and error. This creates some tension because adults want to protect and save, but youth prefer to learn by experience. Adults must grow in their capacity to make space for a youth's imperfect choices and must serve as a place for support and continued teaching.

Lastly, this is a time when youth start to dream about their future. This is important because youth have various strengths and weaknesses and they are very sensitive to both words of discouragement and encouragement. You never know what a young person will become. Choose to be the voice of encouragement and optimism in their life.

Adolescence and young adulthood are a joint time of significant personal growth, and a supportive adult can make all the difference. Any investment that you can make in the life of a young person is a worthwhile one.

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A colorful advertisement for Caribbean Teeze Restaurant. The background is split diagonally from the top-left to the bottom-right, with yellow on the upper-left and green on the lower-right. On the left side, there is a stylized illustration of a palm tree with coconuts. Below the palm tree, the word "CARIBBEAN" is written in large, blocky, yellow letters with a green outline. Below that, the word "Teeze" is written in a large, green, cursive script. At the bottom of this graphic, the words "RESTAURANT & BOUNCES" are written in a smaller, yellow, sans-serif font. On the right side, the text "Caribbean Teeze Restaurant" is written in a large, bold, black font with a white outline. Below this, the text "Best Tasting Jamaican Food in town!" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. Below that, the phone number "(561) 429-3698" is written in a large, bold, black font with a white outline. Below the phone number, the address "6295 Lake Worth Rd Greenacres, FL 33463" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the advertisement, there is a row of four small images showing different Jamaican dishes: a plate of fried dumplings, a bowl of rice and peas, a plate of jerk chicken, and a plate of rice and peas. Below these images, there is a small, square, black and white photograph of a menu or a map.

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The Florida team acknowledges the support of Anthony Bogle and Wendell Codner for their contribution to the success of our Region.

Anthony has supported our fund-raising projects by offering sound advice and underwriting some of the cost associated with the successful execution of these projects over the last two years.

Wendell has always supported the Florida region. In fact, we consider him a member of our Region. He has supported the Region financially and has always provided sage advice.

His most recent contribution of \$1,000.00 was very instrumental in the success of the production of the 2023 AGM magazine.

Anthony and Wendell represent the true meaning of ALTRUISM

On behalf of the Florida Region, thanks for your contribution.

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*Vannetta Leslie-James &
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**As I aspire, may I also inspire!
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The Class of '73 – '76 Congratulates OFANA on it's 16th Anniversary



The '73- '76 batch of students that entered the Jamaica School of Agriculture on August 1, 1973, will celebrate its Golden Anniversary on July 28 - 30, 2023 in Kingston, Jamaica.



We salute OFANA on its 'Sweet Sixteen Anniversary'. We encourage the organization to continue doing its good work as it prepares the next generation of leaders in agriculture and agricultural-related sciences at CASE



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<u>Revenue and Gains:</u>		
Membership Dues	\$	3,577.59
Fundraiser: GA Region Fundraiser; 2022	\$	2,428.35
Fundraiser: NE Dinner Dance; 2022	\$	34,888.87
Fundraiser: Florida 19:10 Fund	\$	271.00
Fundraiser: Toronto Canada AJAA Walk & Talk 2022	\$	2,300.41
Fundraiser: NE Extravaganza; 2021	\$	940.00
Florida Region Bun Project 2022	\$	5,328.65
Scholarship Donations	\$	14,980.15
Misc Revenue	\$	0.30
Total Revenue	\$	64,715.32
<u>Expenses:</u>		
UJAA Scholarship	\$	250.00
UJAA Membership Dues	\$	200.00
Fundraiser: NE Dinner Dance; 2022	\$	21,994.87
Florida Region Bun Project 2022	\$	2,307.00
Federal tax Prep & Filing for 2021	\$	250.00
Fundraiser: NE Extravaganza; 2021	\$	200.00
Scholarship Disbursement	\$	32,645.00
Postage & Delivery	\$	17.27
OFANA Mail Box Rental	\$	44.70
Web Site Maintenance	\$	190.27
Web Site Design	\$	1,530.00
Printing (Scholarship Application)	\$	215.61
Office Supplies Scholarship Document Mailing	\$	445.95
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Zoom Meeting Charge	\$	212.60
Misc Expense - Connecticut Registration Fee	\$	70.05
Total Expenses	\$	60,858.92
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$	3,856.40
Net Assets - Beginning Fin. Year		\$69,382.19
Net Assets - Ending 2022		\$73,238.59



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On behalf of the Florida Region I am obliged to say a big thanks for your support.

To the advertisers in our sweet sixteen AGM Magazine, aside from making this magazine possible, your contributions have opened many windows of opportunity for the young men and women attending the College of Agriculture Science and Education (CASE). The proceeds have helped to add funding to the annual OFANA scholarship program. Special thanks to Ole Farmer Wendell Codner for your generous gift to the magazine fund.

To the supporters of The Florida Easter Bun Project we are grateful for your continued support. This year we raised over \$3000 to add to the scholarship fund. Special thanks to Ole Farmer Anthony Bogle, whose generosity have tremendously helped with the Bun project.

To the Florida Team; for the time and resources you spent on soliciting Ads, and promoting the bun project through cold calls; delivery and postage; your efforts have not gone unnoticed. Special thanks to Renford Williams for sourcing the venue for the AGM and for the time he spent making phone calls; bargaining with the Rosen and visiting the site. Maureen McCarthy and Brenda Leighton, thanks for your time, effort and enthusiasm.

To the members of the Magazine Committee and the OFANA Executive, thanks for the time invested in the planning of the 2023 AGM. Special thanks to Dona Bredwood, Wendell Codner, and Peterson Warburton for lending their expertise in the production of promotional material and to Renford for liaising with the printers.

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