

CAPE PALMAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – USA, INC.

24TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
CITY OF COLUMBIA, MARYLAND, USA

AUGUST 11 -14, 2023



2023 SOUVENIR JOURNAL

THEME:

“BRIDGING THE EDUCATION GAP BETWEEN CPHS STUDENT; NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND”



Dr. Augustine Senyon Tatus
President, CPHSAA-USA, INC.

First, let me give thanks and glory to the Grand Architect of the Universe, the Almighty God, for the opportunity He has bestowed upon us to gather here to deliberate on matters of high interest to our Association.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I warmly welcome you to the 24th Annual National Convention of CPHSAA-USA, INC. in the beautiful city of Columbia, Maryland. As we gather to graciously celebrate this unique occasion and deliberate on issues facing our beloved Alma Mater, may God bless and strengthen us all with great wisdom, love, and unity. May our deliberations be fruitful and rewarding for the benefit of the students, faculty, and the people of our beloved County of Maryland. Further, as we look forward to the future, we can enhance the legacy of our past presidents to deliver even more memories for our Alma Mater.

I would like to extend profound gratitude to Mrs. Susan Collins-Karto for hosting and warmly welcoming us to Columbia. I would further like to thank the people of Columbia for welcoming us into this beautiful and wonderful city. Special thanks to the Honorable Wala Blegay, Vice Chair of the Prince George County for welcoming us to her neighborhood. My gratitude to Mrs. Susan Karto and the 2023 Convention Planning Committee for planning, organizing, and successfully implementing this event.

To our guests, we are grateful for your attendance and participation at this 24th Annual National Convention. I sincerely hope that you will enjoy your affiliation with us and emerge from this gathering with a renewed sense of dedication and commitment to our Association, Alma Mater, and County.

May Almighty God bless all the household represented at this 24th Annual National Convention.

Calendar of Events

Friday, August 11, 2023

**Welcome Party – Meet & Greet
6:00 PM - 12:00 AM**

**13247 Copland Court
Silver Spring, MD 2004**

Welcome-----Mrs. Susan Collins Karto

Opening Prayer-----Mrs. Helena Collins Dennis

Introduction of the Executive Committee-----Mrs. Ophelia Yarsiah

Remarks-----Dr. A. Senyon Tatus

Get The Party Started-----Ms. Faith Lawrence

Saturday, August 12, 2023

**Business Meeting
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**9605 Old Annapolis Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042**

**Registration & Breakfast
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

Opening Prayer-----Mrs. Elizabeth Beyan

**Opening Session & Welcome-----Dr. A. Senyon Tatus
President**

**2022 Convention Minutes-----Mr. Homa Allison
Secretary**

**2022 Convention Reports-----Mrs. Ophelia Yarsiah
Vice President**

**Financial Secretary’s Report-----Mrs. Elfrieda Gueh
Financial Secretary**

**Treasurer’s Report -----Ms. Jannie Bright
Treasurer**

**President’s Report-----Dr. A. Senyon Tatus
President**

Adoption of 2023/2024 Projects

- 1. Science Lab Equipment**
- 2. Computers, Laptops**
- 3. Teachers' Lounge Upgrade**
- 4. Library Upgrade (Books)**
- 5. Professional Development**
- 6. Scholarships (Teachers & Students)**
- 7. Water System Project**
- 8. Silver Jubilee Calander**
- 9. Global Connection Conference**

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2024 Silver Jubilee Convention Venue Announcement

New Business

Closing Prayer & Benediction-----Mrs. Elizabeth Beyan

Saturday, August 12, 2023

Benefits & Dinner Ball Program

7:00 PM – 2:00 AM

Amherst House

7251 Eden Brook Drive

Columbia, MD 21046

Opening Prayer-----Mrs. Elizabeth Beyan

Welcome Remarks-----Mrs. Susan Karto

Chair - Convention Planning Committee

Lighting of Memorial Candle-----Mr. Homa Allison

General Secretary – CPHSAA-USA

Music-----DJ Momo Massaquoi

DINNER IS SERVED

Introduction of Guest Speaker-----Mrs. Ophelia Gibson Yarsiah

Vice President – CPHSAA-USA

Guest Speaker-----Hon. Wala Blegay

Vice Chair – Prince George County Legislative Branch, District 6, Largo, MD

Music-----DJ Momo Massaquoi

Honoring Presentation-----Mr. B. Tarley Nyema
Chair, Board of Directors – CPHSAA-USA

Remarks-----Ms. Nee Allison
President - NAMCAL

Remarks-----Open

Fundraising Activities-----Ms. Faith Lawrence
Chair - Fundraising Committee

Vote of Thanks-----Dr. A. Senyon Tatus
President - CPHSAA-USA, INC.

Grand March Led By Mr. Fred Jerome Wilson

DANCE -----DANCE ----- DANCE

Sunday, August 13, 2023

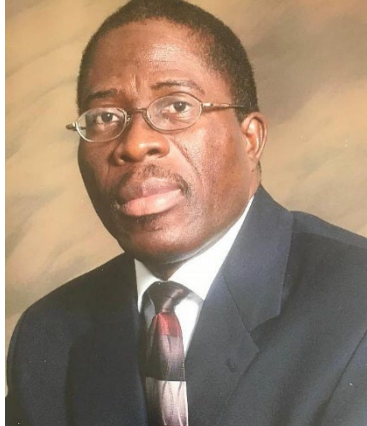





**Worship Service
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Sunday, August 13, 2023

**Farewell Lunch/Sit & Chat
1:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

**Mrs. Susan Collins-Karko Residence
5415 Thunder Hill Road
Columbia, MD 21045**

Meet Our 2023 Honorees

		
<p>Ms. Sophia Williams</p>	<p>Ben Tarway</p>	<p>Ms. Claudette Aryeetey</p>
		
<p>Mrs. Patricia Farley</p>	<p>Mr. Caesar Gardiner</p>	<p>Mrs. Ruth George</p>
		
<p>Mrs. Sarai Savage</p>	<p>Mr. Fred Jerome Wilson</p>	<p>Mrs. Harriette Tubman</p>



Ms. Bunchie Bright



CPHSAA-USA, INC.



Ms. Gertrude Freeman

Thank you for your Meritorious Service and Dedication to the Programs and Initiatives of Cape Palmas High School Alumni Association



2022 Convention Delegates



PALMAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOC





CAPE PALMAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION





BRIEF HISTORY OF CAPE PALMAS HIGH SCHOOL (CPHS)

Cape Palmas High School (CPHS), originally called Cape Palmas Seminary, is the oldest high school in the Southeastern region of Liberia, was established in February 1927 as a result of Rev. Dr. William. C. Cummings' vision to educate the children of Harper, Cape Palmas and its environs. Located in Maryland County, Liberia, it was initially called The High School. The school started with three teachers, namely Prof. E. A. S. Brooks, Ed. Briggford Cummings and The Rt. Rev. Dr. William C. Cummings. The school was transferred to the Grebo Church in Krutown, Harper City, where CPHS was operated until it was transferred to the Cavalla River Company (CRC) building due to high enrollment. CPHS was once again transferred to the Rock School Parish building where the Episcopal Church had its school. Although the space available to the school was small and inconvenient, it did not deter the dedicated teachers and the leadership from educating the sons and daughters of Maryland County; the work had started and could not be stopped. For a third time, the school was transferred to the Cape Palmas Seminary building using the afternoon hours for its work. By this time the number of teachers had increased to include Professors Edward Briggford Cummings, Prof. E. A.S. Brooks, Messrs. Nathan Barnes Sr., H. Nyema Prowd, Mansfield Yancy, and Mrs. Martha A. R. Tubman-Pratt, and Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Gibson.

In 1932, a committee was set up by the Department of Education with Counselor William V. S. Tubman, Sr. as Chairman to come up with a name for the school. Several names were proposed, including, Maryland County High School, Epiphany High School, Gbenalu High School, Cape Palmas High School. After careful study by the Committee, **Cape Palmas High School (CPHS)** was selected and the original name, Cape Palmas Seminary, was dissolved.

CPHS was turned over to the Government of the Republic of Liberia under the leadership of Dr. G. W. Gibson who was then Secretary of Education and Rev. Dr. W. C. Cummings was made President Emeritus. After Dr. Cummings retired, the administration of the school was turned over to his son, Mr. Edward Briggford Cummings. The officers and members of Cape Palmas High School Alumni Association in the Americas (CPHSAA) take this time to salute these brilliant men and women for their vision, hard work, dedication, passion, and farsightedness in establishing the school and imparting knowledge and discipline to the men and women who attend the school. With little or nothing they sacrificed their time and talent to teaching.

Those who made this school possible were:

Rev. Dr. W. C. Cummings, founder*
Prof. E. B. B. Cummings*
Mr. H. Nyema Prowd*
Ms. Martha A. R. Tubman- Pratt*
Ms. Elizabeth Gibson*

Prof. E. A. S. Brooks*
Hon. Nathan Barnes, Sr.*
Mr. Mansfield Yancy, *

The next generation of teachers who made their marks on the lives of the students were:

Hon. Ernest J. Yancy*
Mrs. Janet Williams-Cooper*
Mrs. Sarah Thomas*
Mr. Gahie Hodge*
Mr. Ben. T. Collins*

Rev. Dr. J. Bolton Williams*
Mrs. Irene Prowd*
Mr. Wellington Neufville*
Mr. Theodore Gardiner*
Mrs. Annie Nicol*

Joseph Sebastin Bush*
Rev. J. Benedict Mason*
Mr. Alston Nah*
Mr. John Dennis*
Mrs. Ethel Harmon-Doe*
Mrs. Lucretia Mason*
Mr. Christian Baker*
Mrs. Hannah Bush*
Mr. John Nagbe*
Mr. Samuel Farr
Mr. and Mrs. Satijas
Prof. Michael J. Oromah
Mrs. Lita Anderson
Mr. James Hamilton
Mr. James Woloff
Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Joseph

Mr. Francis Hne Wilson*
Prof. Rao
Mr. Francis Nyepan*
Mr. Clarence Cooper*
Mr. Gabriel G. Bedell*
Mrs. Fannie Gibson-Weeks*
Mr. Abraham Dennis (Principal)
Mrs. Sarah Sawyer
Prof. Augustine T. Jappah
Mr. Turner
Rev. Holt
The Korans
Mrs. Hills
Mrs. Melita Cooper-Cummings
Mr. Joseph Harris
Rev. Amos K. Nyema

In 1999, Mrs. Hannah Bush (Teacher Hannah) also had the vision to mobilize CPHS students living in the United States of America to form CPHSAA. A meeting was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Jenkins Cooper and this idea was met with much enthusiasm. The first Convention was held in September 1999, with Mr. Jenkins Cooper selected as the Interim President, in which capacity he served for one year. In 2000, Mr. Eli Tubman was elected and became the first President of CPHSAA.

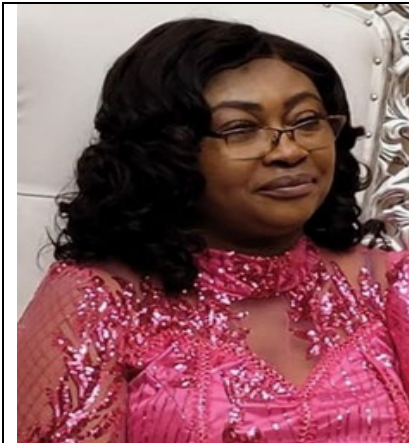
The students of Cape Palmas High School in the United States say **THANK YOU**, Teacher Hannah Bush (the beloved English/Literature teacher) for your vision and farsightedness in establishing this Association named and styled as “**CAPE PALMAS HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION –USA (CPHSAA).**”



**2023 Convention Guest Speaker
Honorable Wala Blegay
Vice Chair Prince George Legislative Branch**

District 6. Largo, Maryland

2023 CONVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE



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*Mrs. Ophelia Yarsiah
Vice President & Advisor*



*Dr. A. Senyon Tatus
President & Ex-Officio*

**Our Thanks & Appreciation To
The 24th Annual National Convention Planning Committee
Job Well Done!!!!
*PAST PRESIDENTS OF CPHSAA-USA, INC.***



Mr. Eli Tubman



Mr. Jenkins E. Cooper



Dr. Nazarene Brewer Tubman



Mrs. Allenett Yancy-Porcher



Mr. William N. Landford



Dr. T. Edwin Freeman



Rev. Henry Molley Muhlenburg

CURRENT OFFICERS OF CPHSAA-USA, INC.



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**Mrs. Elizabeth Beyan
Chaplain
Liberia National Anthem**



**Ms. Pamela Thomas
Parliamentarian**

All Hail Liberia hail, All hail
All hail Liberia hail, All hail
This glorious land of liberty, Shall long be ours
Though new her name, Green be her fame
And mighty be her powers
Though new her name, Green be her fame
And mighty be her powers
And mighty be her powers, And mighty be her powers

In joy and gladness, With our hearts united
We'll shout the freedom of a race benighted
Long live Liberia, happy land
A home of glorious liberty, By God's command
A home of glorious liberty, By God's command (2X)

All hail Liberia hail, All hail
All hail Liberia hail, All hail
In union strong, success is sure, we cannot fail
With God above, our rights to prove
We will o'er all prevail
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We will o'er all prevail
We will o'er all prevail, We will o'er all prevail.

With heart and hand, our country's cause defending
We'll meet the foe, with valor unpretending
Long live Liberia, happy land

A home of glorious liberty, By God's command (2X)

Cape Palmas High School Ode

CPHS, rise up to the sky
Spread o'er this far Western world
Thy bright radiance divine
O'er our joyous country reign
Thus we carol to the sky
Grateful rapture they be thine
May thy fame for ever dwell
Through eternal ages endure
CPHS, Alma Mater true
Let thy toiling hands of care
Consecrate our every deed
Lead us in the path of right
Give thy sons and daughters true

Such strong minds and ready hands
Be it work a studious zeal
Through eternal ages endure
Rahrah, Rahrah, rah-rah-rah
Who are, Who are, Who are we
We are, We are, We are they
(Boys whistle)
(Girls hum)
CPHS, CPHS, RAH

COMMITTEE CHAIRS



Mr. B. Tarley Nyema
Board of Directors



Dr. T. Edwin Freeman
Project Planning



Ms. Faith Lawrence
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2023 Convention Flyer



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Dr. A. Senyon Tatus
President, CHSAA-USA, INC.

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cphsaa-usa.org

Hotel Information

- Hampton Inn & Suites
410-3813001
- Hilton Garden Inn
410-615-2914
- Springhill Suites
410-290-7896



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Chair, Convention Planning
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CONVENTION THEME: "Bridging The Education Gap Between CPHS Students; No Child Left Behind".



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Vice Chair
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Branch, District 6
Largo, Maryland

DJ:

Momo Massaquoi

Tickets:

- Patrons: \$75.00
- Singles: \$25.00
- Members: \$150.00
(Membership Package includes T-shirt)

Other Activities:

- A HUGE Silent Auction
- Men Vs Women Rally
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Tickets Information:

- Ms. J. E. Bright
240-888-0961
- Ms. Faith Lawrence
301-455-2501
- Mrs. Bledii Tuttle
301-980-7615

Acknowledgements

We Extend Our Thanks & Appreciation To
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*Honorable Wala Blegay
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We Are Grateful For The Presence Of
*Ms. Nee Allison
President of NAMCAL*

Our Sincere Gratitude To The
Friends of CPHSAA-USA and all those who helped to make this program a success.

Decorations
Convention Planning Committee

DJ
Mr. Momo Massaquoi

Grand Match Led By:
Mr. Fred Jerome Wilson

Master of Ceremony
Mr. J. Youty Tarway





Dr. A. Senyon Tatus
President – CPHSAA-USA



Mrs. Susan Collins Karto
Chair – Convention Planning Committee

As long as we have
memories, *yesterday*
remains. As long as we
have hope, *tomorrow*
waits. As long as we have
love, *today is beautiful*.
As long as you have **God**,
anything and
everything is
possible.

Amen.



Thank You, Thank You & Thank You.