

**CAPE PALMAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – USA, INC.**

**23RD ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION  
BOROUGH OF EAST LANSDOWNE, PENNSYLVANIA, USA**

**AUGUST 12 -14, 2022**



## **2022 SOUVENIR JOURNAL**

**THEME:**

**“REFLECTING ON THE PAST, FOCUSING ON THE FUTURE”**



**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 gave us to gather in person for the first time in three years, since we last assembled in New Brighton, Minnesota.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I warmly welcome you to the 23rd Annual National Convention of CPHSAA-USA, INC. in the beautiful city of the Borough of East Lansdowne, Pennsylvania. 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. Ruth Nyema George for hosting and warmly welcoming us into her home. I would further like to thank the Faith Emmanuel Lutheran Church and the Rev. Dr. Moses and Mother Helena Dennis for the opportunity provided to us to use their Sanctuary. Special thanks to the Honorable Majovie Bland, Mayor of the Borough of East Lansdowne for welcoming us to this beautiful city. My gratitude to Mrs. Ophelia Gibson Yarsiah and the 2022 Convention Planning Committee for planning, organizing, and successfully implementing this event.

To our guests, we are grateful for your attendance and participation at this 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Convention.

**Calendar of Events**

**Friday, August 12, 2022  
6:00 PM - 12:00 AM**

**Welcome Party – Meet & Greet**

**Mrs. Ruth Nyema George’s Residence  
8 Fawn Law  
Newtown Square, Pennsylvania 19073**

**Welcome-----Mrs. Ruth Nyema George**  
**Opening Prayer-----Mrs. Helena Collins Dennis**  
**Introduction of the Executive Committee-----Ms. Barbara Freeman**  
**Remarks-----Dr. A. Senyon Tatus**  
**Get The Party Started-----Mrs. Ophelia Gibson Yarsiah**

**Saturday, August 13, 2022**

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

**Faith Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
65 Penn Blvd  
East Lansdowne, Pennsylvania 19050**

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

**Opening Prayer-----Fr. James N. Wilson**  
**Opening Session & Welcome-----Dr. A. Senyon Tatus**  
**President**  
**2019 Convention Minutes-----Mr. Homa Allison**  
**Secretary**  
**2019 Convention Report-----Read only**  
**Treasurer’s Report -----Ms. Jannie Bright**  
**Treasurer**  
**Financial Secretary’s Report-----Mrs. Anna Barlee**  
**Financial Secretary**

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

**Adoption of 2022/2023 Projects**

- 1. Science Lab Equipment**
- 2. Computers, Laptops**
- 3. Teachers' Lounge Upgrade**
- 4. Library Upgrade (Books)**
- 5. Professional Development**
- 6. Scholarships (Teachers & Students)**
- 7. Affiliate Membership in NAMCAL**
- 8. Stipend for the Principal**
- 9. Social Media (Instagram, Twitter, Facebook)**

**LUNCH**

**Elections Of Officers-----Mr. T. Bolton Nyema  
Chair – Elections Committee**

- 1. President**
- 2. Vice President**
- 3. Secretary**
- 4. Treasurer**
- 5. Financial Secretary**
- 6. Chaplain**
- 7. Parliamentarian**

**2023 Convention Venue Announcement**

**New Business**

**Closing Prayer & Benediction-----Fr. James N. Wilson**

**Saturday, August 13, 2022  
7:00 PM – 12:00 AM**

**CPHSAA-USA Convention 2022  
Benefits & Dinner Ball Program**

**Faith Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
65 Penn Blvd  
E. Lansdowne, Pennsylvania 19050**

**Opening Prayer-----Rev. Dr. James N. Wilson**

**Welcome Remarks-----Mr. Benedick Doe  
Member - Convention Planning Committee**

Lighting of Memorial Candle-----Mr. Homa Allison  
General Secretary – CPHSAA-USA

Music-----DJ Stephen Allen Woods

**DINNER IS SERVED**

Introduction of Guest Speaker-----Mrs. Ophelia Gibson Yarsiah  
Chair - Convention Planning Committee.

Guest Speaker-----Hon. Majovie Bland  
Mayor - Borough of East Lansdowne, Pennsylvania

Music-----DJ Stephen Allen Woods

Installation of Officers-----Ms. Nee Allison  
President - NAMCAL

Remarks-----Open

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

Honoring Presentation-----Mr. Abrom Cooper  
Chair - Ad Hoc Committee

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

**Grand March Led By Dr. Blidi Stemn**

**DANCE -----DANCE ----- DANCE**

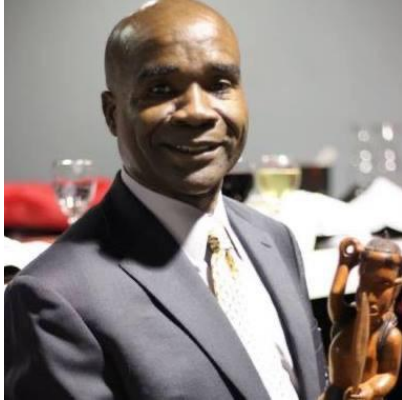
**Sunday, August 14, 2022  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Worship Service  
Faith Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
65 Penn Blvd  
East Lansdowne, Pennsylvania 19050**

**Sunday, August 14, 2022  
1:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

**Farewell Lunch/Sit & Chat  
Mrs. Ruth Nyema George’s Residence  
8 Fawn Law  
Newtown Square, Pennsylvania 19073**

*Meet Our 2022 Honorees*



**Dr. Bliidi Stemn**



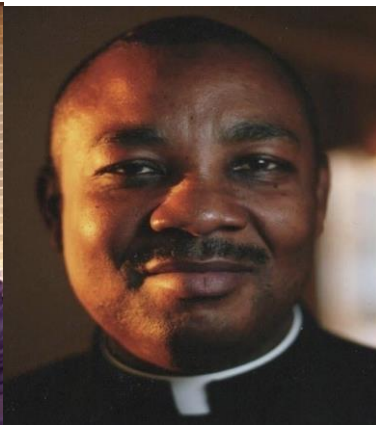
**Mr. Homa Allison**



**Ms. Faith Lawrence**



**Mrs. Ophelia Gibson Yarsiah**



**Rev. Dr. James Wilson**



**Mrs. Barbara Freeman**



**Mrs. Anna Barlee**



**Mr. David Erskine**



**Ms. Annie Sleweon**



Mrs. Susan Collins Karto

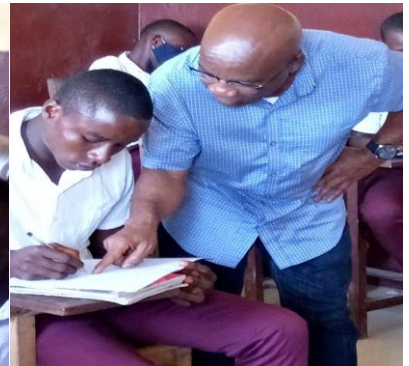
***Thank you for your Meritorious Service and Dedication to the Programs and Initiatives of Cape Palmas High School Alumni Association***



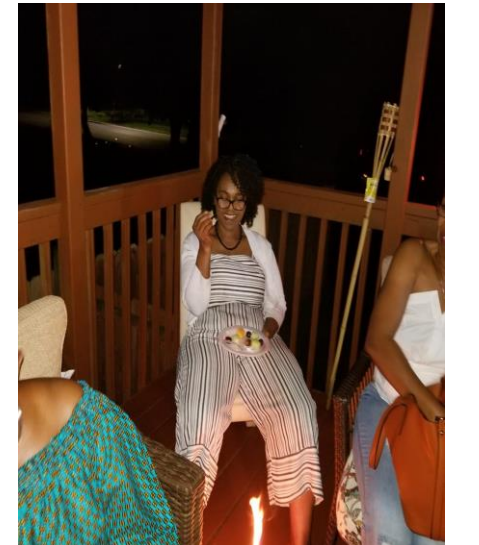
***2019 Convention Delegates***



***CPHSAA-USA, INC.  
Projects & Initiatives***









## **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\*

Rev. Dr. J. Bolton Williams\*

Mrs. Janet Williams-Cooper\*  
Mrs. Sarah Thomas\*  
Mr. Gahie Hodge\*  
Mr. Ben. T. Collins\*  
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

Mrs. Irene Prowd\*  
Mr. Wellington Neufville\*  
Mr. Theodore Gardiner\*  
Mrs. Annie Nicol\*  
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).”**



**Ms. Annie Sleweon  
Principal – CPHS**

**2022 CONVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE**



**Mrs. Ophelia Gibson Yarsiah**



**Mrs. Ruth Nyema George**



**Mrs. Helena Collins Dennis**



**Mrs. Elfrieda Golegio Gueh**



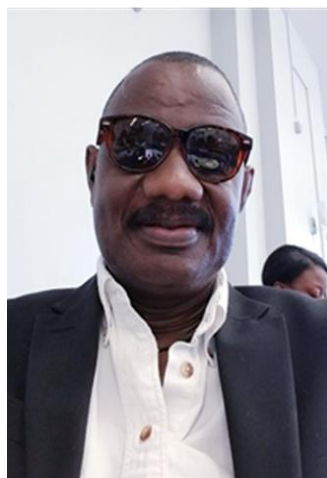
**Mr. Samuel Gardiner**



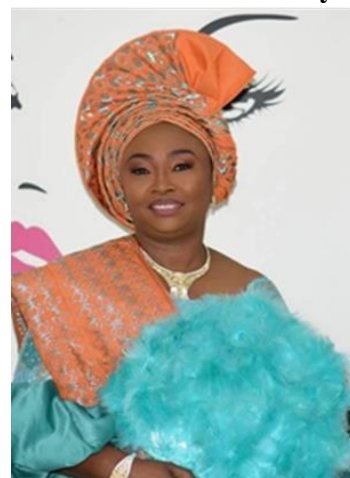
**Mrs. Rocardia Johns Taylor**



**Ms. Gertrude Freeman**



**Mr. Benedict Doe**



**Mrs. Susan Collims Karto**



**Ms. Pamela Thomas**



**Mr. Musa Sounaro**



**Mrs. Patricia Wallace Farley**



**Mr. David Hanson**



**Ms. Faith Lawrence**



**Dr. A. Senyon Tatus**

**Our Thanks & Appreciation To  
The 23rd 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.***



**Dr. A. Senyon Tatus  
President**



**Ms. Barbara Freeman  
Vice President**



**Mr. Homa Allison  
General Secretary**



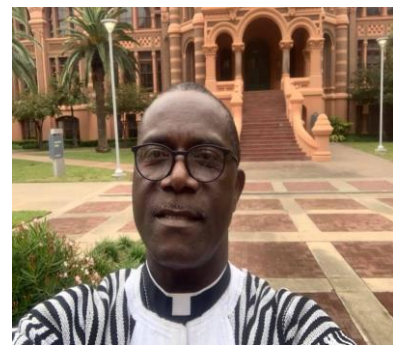
**Ms. Jannie Bright  
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**Mrs. Anna Barlee  
Financial Secretary**



**Ms. Pody Williams  
Chaplain**



**Fr. Edward Thompson  
Parliamentarian**



## **Liberia National Anthem**

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  
With God above, our rights to prove  
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**



**Dr. T. Edwin Freeman**  
**Acting Chair – Board of Directors**



**Ms. Faith Lawrence**  
**Chair – Fundraising Committee**



**Mr. Abrom Pascal Cooper**  
**Chair – Ad Hoc Committee**

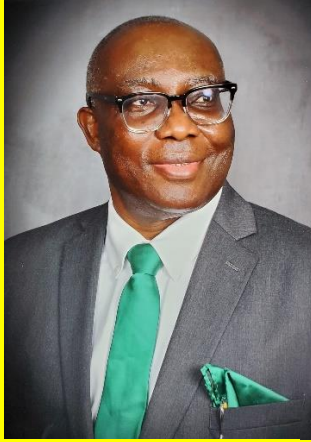


**Ms. Gertrude G. Freeman**  
**Chair – Special Projects**





**CAPE PALMAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – USA, INC.**  
**PRESENTS ITS**  
**23RD ANNUAL BENEFITS & DINNER BALL**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 @ 7:00 PM**



**Dr. A. Senyon Tatus**  
**President, CPHSAA-USA, INC.**



**Hon. Majovie Bland**  
**Mayor, Borough of East Lansdowne, Pennsylvania**

**Hotel Information**

- Fairfield by Marriott**  
215-365-2254
- Spring Hill Suites by Marriott**  
855-516-1090
- Aloft Philadelphia Airport**  
844-951-3505
- Double Tree by Hilton**  
855-680-3239

**2022 Convention Activities & Venues**

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 Faith Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
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**Sunday, August 14: Worship Service**  
 Faith Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
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**Sunday, August 14: Farewell**  
 Residence of Mrs. Ruth Nyema George  
 8 Fawn Law, Newtown Square, PA 19073

**DJ:**  
**Mr. Stephen A. Woods**

**Tickets:**  
**Patrons: \$50.00**  
**Singles: \$20.00**  
**Members: \$150.00**  
**(Membership Package includes T-shirt)**



**Mrs. Ophelia Gibson- Yarsiah**  
**Chair, Convention Planning Committee**  
**(843) 469-6808**



**Mrs. Ruth Nyema-George**  
**2022 Convention Host**  
**(215) 220-5904**



**Mrs. Helena Collins-Dennis**  
**2022 Convention Co-Host**  
**(267) 506-2444**

**Activities:**  
**A HUGE Silent Auction**  
**Men Vs Women Rally**  
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**Check Out Our Website @**  
**cphsaa-usa.org**

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**CPHS Rise Up To The Sky!**

**We Love To See You.**

**Come Support A Worthy Cause.**

**CPHSAA-USA. INC.**

**Acknowledgements**

**We Extend Our Thanks & Appreciation To  
The 23rd Annual Convention Planning Committee**

*Mrs. Ophelia Gibson-Yarsiah - Chair*  
*Mrs. Ruth Nyema-George – Co-chair & Host*  
*Mrs. Helena Collins-Dennis – Co-Host*  
*Mrs. Elfreida Golegio-Gueh*  
*Mrs. Susan Collins-Karto*  
*Mrs. Patricia Wallace-Farley*  
*Ms. Pamela Thomas*  
*Ms. Faith Lawrence*  
*Mr. Benedict Doe*  
*Mr. Samuel Gardiner*  
*Mr. Musa Sounaro*  
*Mr. David Hanson*  
*Dr. A. Senyon Tatus – President & Ex-Officio*

**Special Thanks To Our Guest Speaker**

*Honorable Majovie Bland*  
*Mayor, Borough of East Lansdowne, Pennsylvania*

**We Are Grateful To Our Installation Officer**

*Ms. Nee Allison*  
*President of NAMCAL*

**Our Sincere Gratitude To The Faith Emmanuel Lutheran Church & Rev. Dr. Moses & Mother  
Helena Dennis; The Borough of East Lansdowne, Pennsylvania & Mrs. Ruth Nyema George  
For successfully hosting the 23rd Annual National Convention**

**&**

***Friends of CPHSAA-USA and all those who helped to make this program a success.***

**Decorations**

***Convention Planning Committee***

**DJ**

*Mr. Stephen Allen Woods*

**Grand Match Led By:**

*Dr. Blidi Stemm*

**Master of Ceremony**

*Dr. Edwin Freeman*





**Dr. A. Senyon Tatus**  
President – CPHSAA-USA



**Mrs. Ophelia Gibson Yarsiah**  
Chair – Convention Planning Committee



*Thank You, Thank You & Thank You.*

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