

CAPE PALMAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – USA, INC.

20TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

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AUGUST 9 - 11, 2019

**NEW BRIGHTON, MINNESOTA
USA**

THEME:

“REASSESSING THE PRESENT, ENVISIONING A BETTER FUTURE”



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

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the Cape Palmas High School Alumni Association-United States of America, Inc. (CPHSAA-USA, INC.), I warmly welcome you to the 20th Anniversary Convention of CPHSAA-USA in New Brighton, Minnesota.

May God bless and strengthen you with great wisdom as we deliberate on issues facing our school, the students and our Association. It is my ardent hope that we will celebrate this milestone occasion with love, peace and happiness, while focusing on initiatives that will accelerate the growth and development of our Association.

Thank you and welcome.

Calendar of Events

Welcome Party – Meet & Greet

**Ms. Bunchie Bright’s Residence
2951 121st Avenue NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55433**

**Friday, August 9, 2019
5:00 PM - 11:00 PM**

**Welcome-----Ms. Bunchie Bright
Host**

**Opening Prayer-----Ms. Pody Williams
Chaplain**

**Introduction of the Executive Committee-----Ms. Barbara Freeman
Vice President**

**Remarks-----Dr. A. Senyon Tatus
President**

**Get The Party Started-----Mr. Abrom Cooper
Sr. Advisor**

**Christ the King Lutheran Church
1900 7th Street NW
New Brighton, MN 55112**

Saturday August 10, 2019

**Registration
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM**

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

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

**Opening Prayer-----Ms. Pody Williams
Chaplain**

**2018 Convention Minutes-----Mr. Homa Allison
Secretary**

**Outreach Committee Report-----Fr. James N. Wilson, II
Committee Chair**

**Fundraising Committee Report-----Ms. Faith Lawrence
Committee Chair**

**Social & Planning Committee Report-----Mrs. Sophia Williams-Verdier
Committee Chair**

**Financial Secretary's Report-----Mrs. Anna Constance-Barlee
Financial Secretary**

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

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

Adoption of 2019/2020 Projects

1. ***Constitution & Bylaws**
2. **Reopening of CPHS Bank Account**
3. **Armchairs & Library Refurbishment Projects**
4. **Non-profit Tax-Exempt Status 501 (c)(3)**
5. **Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)**
6. **CPHSAA-USA Incorporated (CPHSAA-USA, INC.)**
7. ***Social Media (Website, Facebook)**
8. ***Science Lab Equipment**
9. ***Computers, Laptops, Copiers**
10. ***Hannah Bush Memorial Auditorium**
11. ***The John Nagbe Memorial Library**
12. ***Bishop Amos Nyema Memorial Teachers' Lounge**

LUNCH

Elections -----Dr. Blidi Stemm

1. **Board of Directors**
2. **Parliamentarian**

New Business

2020 Convention Venue Announcement

Closing Prayer & Benediction-----Fr. James N. Wilson, II

***Need Approval**

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**CPHSAA-USA Convention 2019
Ball and Fundraising Program**

**Christ the King Lutheran Church
1900 7th Street NW
New Brighton, MN 55112**

**Saturday, August 10, 2019
7:00 PM – 12:00 AM**

**Opening Prayer-----Fr. James N. Wilson, II
Chairman, Outreach & Membership Committee**

**Welcome Remarks-----Dr. T. Edwin Freeman
Chairman, Board of Directors**

Selection-----

DINNER IS SERVED

**Introduction of Guest Speaker-----Mr. Homa Allison
General Secretary, CPHSAA-USA, INC.**

**Guest Speaker-----Mr. Wynfred Russell
Member, Brooklyn Park City Council**

Selection-----

**Special Honors Presentation-----Mr. Abrom Cooper
Sr. Advisor to the President**

**Remark-----Mr. Issac Russell
President of NAMCAL**

**Fundraising Activity -----Ms. Faith Lawrence
Chairperson, Fundraising Committee**

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

Liberian National Anthem-----Audience

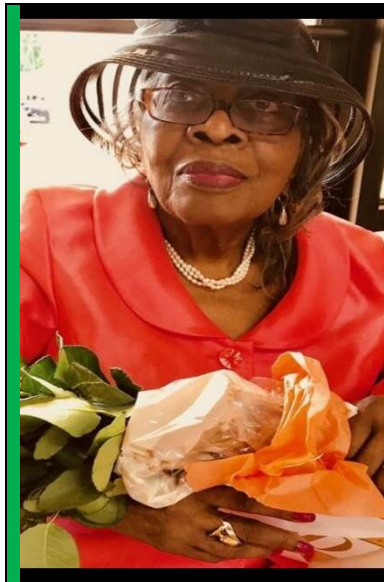
Grand March Led By Mr. Jenkins E. Cooper

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

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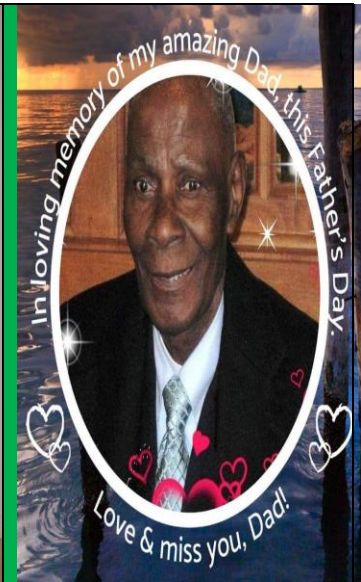
Meet Our 2019 Honorees



Teacher Hannah Bush



Bishop Amos Nyema



Mr. John Nagbe



Mrs. Catherine Woods



Cape Palmas High School (CPHS)



Mrs. Lita Anderson

CPHSAA-USA, Inc. Projects

Armchair & Library Refurbishment Projects



Projects Turnover Ceremony



Contributors to the Armchairs & Library Refurbishment Projects

Member's Name	Chairs Purchased
Charles Bright	50 chairs
Dr. A. Senyon Tatus	10 Chairs
Dr. T. Edwin Freeman	10 chairs
Rev. Fr. James Wilson	10 chairs
Isaac Anderson	10 chairs
Maude Robertson	10 chairs
Josephine Fair-Nah	10 chairs
Harriet Tubman	10 chairs
Barbara Freeman	7 chairs
Dr. Francis Tabla	7 chairs
Abrom Cooper	6 chairs
Faith Lawrence	6 chairs
Susan Collins	6 chairs
Claudette Aryeetey	6 chairs
William Landford	6 chairs
Henry Dennis	6 chairs
Caesar Gardiner	6 chairs
Sophia Williams-Verdier	5 chairs
Benjamin Tarway	5 chairs
Dr. Blidi Stemn	5 chairs
Eric Yancy	5 chairs
Ruth George	5 chairs
Bunchi Bright	5 chairs
Dr. Moses Geply	5 chairs
Jaydee Slobert	4 chairs
Homa Allison	3 chairs
Janie Bright	3 chairs
Sarah Scott	3 chairs
Janet Prowd	2 chairs

Science Laboratory Project Under Consideration





**Ms. Annie Sleweon
Principal – CPHS**

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*
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*

Rev. Dr. J. Bolton Williams*
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

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

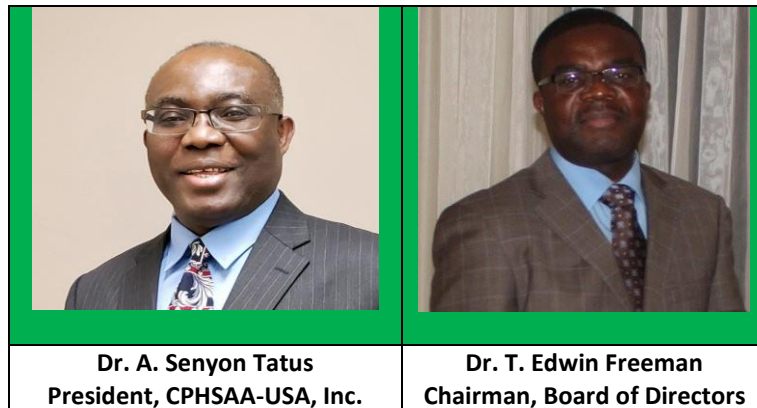
Prof. Augustine T. Jappah
 Mr. Turner
 Rev. Holt
 The Korans
 Mrs. Hills
 Mrs. Melita Cooper-Cummings
 Mr. Joseph Harris
 Rev. Amos K. Nyema

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).**”

PAST PRESIDENTS OF CPHSAA-USA

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 Kla-Molley Muhlenburg



CPHSAA-USA, INC. 2019

Current Officers



2019 Officers Roster

Executive Committee

Dr. A. Senyon Tatus
Ms. Barbara Freeman
Mr. Homa Allison
Ms. Jannie E. Bright
Mrs Anna Constance-Barlee
Ms. Pode Williams

President
Vice President
General Secretary
Treasurer
Financial Secretary
Chaplain

Committee Chairs

Dr. T. Edwin Freeman
Ms. Faith Lawrence
Mrs. Sophie Williams-Verdier
Dr. James Wilson
Dr. James Wilson

Constitution & Bylaws
Fundraising
Project Planning & Social
Membership & Outreach
Convention Planning

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

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 Guest Speaker

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2019 Convention Activities/Venues

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Acknowledgements

We Extend Our Thanks & Appreciation To:

The 20TH Anniversary Convention Planning Committee

Fr. James N. Wilson, II

Ms. Pody Williams

Ms. Bunchie Bright

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

Special Thanks To Our Guest Speaker

Honorable Wynfred Russell

Brooklyn Park City Council Member

Appreciation To Minnesota

For successfully hosting of the 20th Anniversary Convention

&

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

Decorations

Mrs. Eliza W. Wilson

DJ

Nyema Pennoh & Associates

Grand March Lead

Mr. Jenkins E. Cooper

Master of Ceremony

Dr. Blidi Stemn

Thank You, Thank You & Thank You.