

Cornwall College's Breakfast Programme launched

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Scores of needy students are now benefitting from the Cornwall College Breakfast Programme, which was officially launched at the Orange Street, Montego Bay-based institution on Wednesday.

The event, which was held in the school chapel, saw representatives of lead sponsoring organizations, the Cornwall College Alumni Association - Canadian Chapter, and Scarlett House Caterers, on hand to lead the launch of the initiative.

Acting Principal Vinnette Virgo expressed thanks to the Association and Scarlett House Caterers for partnering with the institution for the breakfast programme.

"The programme targets students whose parents can't afford to provide them with a nutritious breakfast, those who are always late and those whose attendance is poor," Mrs. Virgo informed.

Board Chairman Dr. Cecil Aird echoed Mrs. Virgo's sentiments. He indicated

that "Reports from the Principal are that already, attendance has improved because students now know there is a meal to help them to begin and get through their day."

CULINARY PROGRAMME

In the same breath, Dr. Aird revealed that the institution has begun to look at establishing a culinary programme.

"Well, the programme is in the embryonic stage; what we are looking at now is forging a partnership with Mt. Alvernia High which is across from us... they have a food lab. Since they have one, it would not make sense to place one here. Perhaps, what we would have is our students go there to use their food lab while the students at Mt. Alvernia come over for the other components of the course," Dr. Aird shared at the event.

Director of the Ministry of Education's Region Four, Dr. Michele Pinnock, said she was happy that Cornwall College had "finally seen the light where the establishment of this programme was concerned.



SUPPORTING CORNWALL COLLEGE: Front row (l-r): Acting Principal - Vinnette Virgo, Vice Principal - Lecia Allen, Head Boy - Tahir Thompson, Scarlett House Catering Director of Restaurant and Venue Operations - Maher Ahmed and Goddard Catering Group Sous Chef - Volae Williams. Back row (l-r) President of the Montego Bay Chapter of the Cornwall College Old Boys Association - Heroy Clarke, Goodart Catering Group Executive Chef - Daniel Schweizer, School Board Chairman - Dr. Cecil Aird, President of the Alumni Association - Charles Gordon, Director of the Ministry of Education's Region Four, Dr. Michele Pinnock and Scarlett House Catering Marketing Specialist - Alicia Gies.

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Like Dr. Aird, Dr. Pinnock believed that this programme will help prepare students for the world of work, especially in the hospitality industry.

Meanwhile, Dr. Pinnock lauded the sponsors of the Breakfast Programme for assisting in this process. "We at the Ministry of Education are especially pleased when the Private Sector takes an interest in education and we welcome

more initiatives like these," she further charged.

President of the Cornwall College Old Boys Association, Montego Bay Chapter, Heroy Clarke also hailed the sponsors for their foresight in establishing the programme, which he said would redound to the students' academic benefit.

The programme was initiated against the background that there are students who are not able to have a nutri-

tious meal to start their day and this affects students' performance.

Scarlett House Caterers is a leading catering and event management firm which provides exceptional service throughout Mississauga and Greater Toronto.

According to President of the Cornwall College Alumni Association, Charles Gordon, "Inadequate nutrition in some students is also

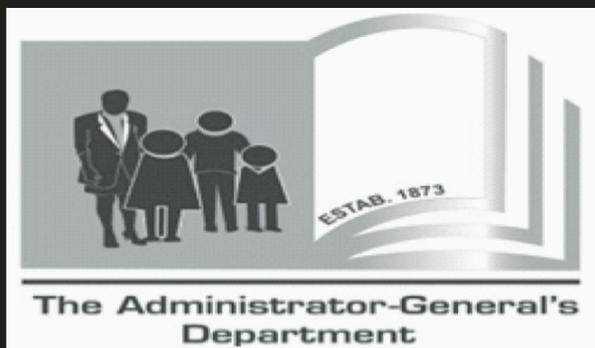
a challenge in Canada, but when I approached Scarlett House Caterers, there was no hesitation to get on board. For that we are truly grateful."

He went on to say "There are some students who benefit from the Programme of Advancement through Health and Education (PATH) but this does not cover all who need this support and on every school day. We wanted to ensure that every child with the need, has a proper meal to start the day."

For Scarlett House's part whose representatives travelled from Canada to be at the launch, they were very excited to experience the College at large and to see the Breakfast Programme up and running.

Paul Andersen, Director of Operations said, "We are thrilled at the announcement of a future Scarlett House Culinary Program as everyone here is very passionate about it!"

The programme is run through the Guidance and Counselling Department which selects the beneficiaries and coordinate the programme. Local partners Goddard Catering provides nutritionally sound, hot and tasty meals with a variable menu.



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