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### **FOREWORD**

The Queen's Royal College ethos, traditions, and values have served to mould and develop the minds and intellects, not only of the individuals themselves but also that of other communities and even nations. These have also fostered a common spirit that binds generations of Royalians in an indefinable and unrivalled fellowship.

The Queen's Royal College Hall of Honour recognises the outstanding strides made by the 'Sons of this Royal School' — both to our nation and far beyond our shores.

In this, our seventh Hall of Honour Induction, we proudly install another seventeen (17) deserving Old Boys who have distinguished themselves in their respective fields of endeavour.

Our College's 166 years of glorious history is deeply rooted in the fabric of our twin-island republic. The Association's 91 years of dedicated service to our alma mater ensures that these rich traditions and ethos continue to inspire the young men who now traverse the same hallowed hallways as our Inductees.

The Queen's Royal College Old Boys' Association warmly welcomes these distinguished Inductees into the Hall of Honour, and to the unveiling of the "Wall of Honour," where their names will now reside — standing as a proud reminder to the wider QRC community that the College is Thine!

Certant omnes sed non omnibus palma!

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### Hall of Honour Inductees

### ALLAN JOSEPH ALEXANDER, S.C. (1928-2016)

July 31, 1928, in Point Fortin to Grenadian immigrants, Givan and Nellie Alexander, Allan's early life was rooted in beginnings. modest His parents operated a small bakery and parlour, instilling in him the values of hard work and community service. He received his primary education at Point Fortin AC School and later at Queen's Royal College (QRC). Before pursuing law,

Alexander held various positions, including secondary school teacher,

Ward Officer in the Princes' Town District, and refinery operator at Texaco Oil Refinery in Pointe-à-Pierre.

With his wife Cynthia, Allan had four children, three daughters, twins Jacqueline and Jennifer, and June and a son, David, who would follow his father's footsteps into law. Allan would subsequently father another daughter Ayanna. in 1957, he embarked on legal studies in England, joining Gray's Inn and was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1959. He returned to Trinidad later that year and was admitted to practise in January 1960.

Allan Alexander's legal career was marked by significant cases that shaped the region's jurisprudence. In Trinidad Bakeries Ltd v. The National Union of Foods, he successfully argued that the Industrial Court lacked the authority to order worker reinstatement, leading to legislative amendments in the Industrial Stabilisation Act (ISA). In The

Attorney General v. Panday and the Vanguard Publishing Company Ltd., he defended against contempt charges, asserting the High Court's lack of jurisdiction over the Industrial Court's matters. His representation in Collymore and Abraham v. The Attorney General challenged the constitutionality of the ISA, contributing to its eventual repeal and replacement by the Industrial Relations Act in 1972. During the 1970 Black Power movement, Alexander represented George Weekes in a habeas corpus application, resulting in Weekes' release and affirming the judiciary's role in safeguarding individual rights. He also defended Lieutenant Rex Lasalle in the 1970 mutiny case, where the Court of Appeal overturned convictions due to procedural errors. In Thornhill v. The Attorney General, his advocacy led the Privy Council to uphold the right to legal counsel, reinforcing constitutional protections. Allan was admitted to the Inner Bar in July 1980, continuing to serve clients with distinction until his retirement in 2003. Beyond the courtroom, he served as an Independent Senator, contributing to the national discourse with integrity and insight. His commitment to justice, especially for the marginalised, earned him widespread respect. As Law Association President Reginald Armour S.C. noted, Alexander was "first and always a patriot," whose work enriched the rule of law in Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean.

Allan Joseph Alexander passed away peacefully on October 1, 2016, at the age of 88. His legacy endures in the legal precedents he set and the lives he touched through his unwavering commitment to justice. The Queen's Royal College Old Boys' Association proudly honours Hall of Honour Inductee the late Allan Joseph Alexander S.C., whose life exemplified the highest ideals of service and integrity.

### **DUNE ALI**

Dune Ali's journey from a young boy in Point Fortin to a stalwart of Trinidad and Tobago's cultural and educational landscape is a testament to his unwavering dedication and passion. Born in 1945, Ali's early academic promise was evident when he secured an Exhibition from St. Crispin E.C. School in 1957, leading him to choose Queen's Royal College (QRC) as his alma mater. An encounter during his school days, where a stranger reminded him of the dignity associated with wearing the QRC tie, left an indelible mark, instilling in him a lifelong commitment to uphold the school's esteemed values.

Post his academic pursuits, Dune Ali ventured into the business realm, establishing himself as a successful entrepreneur. He founded Import Associates Ltd, Discount City — once Trinidad and Tobago's largest chain of toy stores — and the renowned Rib House, a premier fast-food and catering enterprise. His businesses not only thrived commercially but also became instrumental in supporting QRC through various initiatives. From organizing Rib House BBQ fundraisers to playing a pivotal role in the inaugural "Chefs Royal" event in 1998, Ali's contributions significantly bolstered the school's resources and community engagement.

In 1995, Ali's association with the QRC Old Boys' Association deepened. Under the leadership of Messrs. Hugh Walke and Frank Abdulah, he began catering for the annual Old Boys' Dinner, a tradition he has maintained with dedication. His culinary expertise also graced QRC's first Carnival Fete, "Outta de Blue," and continues to be a highlight at "Fete Royal," where Rib House's offerings are eagerly anticipated. Beyond QRC, Dune's influence permeated Trinidad and Tobago's cultural fabric. He was a pioneer in Night Mas, producing one of the first bands, Discount City Sports and Cultural Club, from 1987 to 2000. His passion for Carnival led him to co-found the Trinidad and Tobago Carnival Bands Association (TTCBA), aiming to bring transparency and innovation to the Mas' fraternity. In 2009, he collaborated with Earl Crosby to launch "Just Friends," an all-inclusive Carnival band celebrated for its vibrant presentations and exceptional hospitality.

culinary prowess notably recognised during the 2012 Carnival, where his fare for "Just Friends" received acclaim. His commitment to culture and community also have not gone unnoticed. In 2015, the Invaders Steel Orchestra honoured him as a Distinguished Associate and Contributor.

Three years later, the Woodbrook/St. James Community Association

recognised his dedication to cultural

development in Trinidad and Tobago. Dune's legacy is further enriched by his family's continued association with QRC, through both his sons, Kern and Dwayne, attending the institution. He also serves on the boards of the St. Crispin's Past Pupils Association and the Invaders Steel Orchestra, reflecting his enduring commitment to community service.

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The Queen's Royal College Old Boys' Association proudly acknowledges Hall of Honour Inductee Dune Ali for his unswerving dedication, entrepreneurial spirit, and cultural contributions. His life's work reflects the values of service and pride that define QRC and continues to shape the legacy of its community.

### GUY KINGSLEY EDWARD BECKLES, B. A.

Guy Kingsley Edward Beckles stands as a singular figure in the realm of Caribbean

art, celebrated for his pioneering contributions to kinetic art — a genre that harmoniously blends motion and visual artistry. Born and raised in Trinidad, Beckles' journey into the arts was profoundly influenced by his formative years at Queen's Royal College (QRC), where he studied from

1965 to 1973. It was here that he not only received a robust academic

foundation, but also cultivated a deep appreciation for discipline and excellence – values that would permeate his artistic endeavours.

In 1973, Beckles achieved the distinction of being the first QRC student to secure a "soccer" scholarship to Dartmouth College in the United States, where he pursued a Bachelor of Arts degree in Visual Studies, graduating in 1977. During his time there, he formed a lasting friendship with renowned designer Peter Minshall, which would later influence his artistic collaborations.

Upon returning to Trinidad, Beckles dedicated over two decades to teaching art at the secondary school level, notably at Mucurapo Senior Comprehensive (now East Mucurapo Secondary). His commitment to education was paralleled by his burgeoning career as an artist. In 1997, he held his first solo kinetic art exhibition at Pat Bishop's gallery at the Hotel Normandie in St. Ann's. This marked the beginning of a series of

exhibitions that would showcase his unique art form across Trinidad and Tobago, the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom.

Guy Beckles' kinetic art is characterized by motorized rolling canvases that create striking visual experiences. His works often reflect societal dynamics, exploring such themes as cultural identity, political structures, and social constructs. He describes his art as an exploration of "the duality of life, the yin and yang, the ebb and flow," aiming to evoke curiosity and introspection in his audience. In November 2023, Beckles presented "Symphonic Synchrony" at the Central Bank Museum in Port of Spain. This exhibition featured collaborations with twenty-three prominent local artists, including Peter Minshall, Carlisle Harris, and Jackie Hinkson. The exhibition was a testament to Beckles' vision of creating art that is both visually stimulating and thoughtprovoking. He expressed a fervent desire to establish a kinetic art gallery and museum in the Caribbean, aiming to preserve and promote this unique art form for future generations. Beckles' contributions to art and education have left an indelible mark on Trinidad and Tobago's cultural landscape. His innovative approach to kinetic art and his dedication to nurturing young artists underscore his commitment to cultural enrichment and artistic excellence.

The Queen's Royal College Old Boys' Association proudly recognises Hall of Honour Inductee Guy Kingsley Edward Beckles for his groundbreaking work in kinetic art and his dedication to the arts and education.

### COLVIN MORRIS CHEN, B. ARCH., FTTIA, BOATT REG. ARCH.

Colvin Morris Chen stands as a paragon of architectural excellence in Trinidad and Tobago. Born on August 4, 1941, in Port of Spain, his academic journey was enhanced at Queen's Royal College (QRC), where he studied from 1952 to 1959. As a student at QRC, Chen not only achieved academic distinction at O'Level and A'Level examinations in Biology, Botany, and Chemistry, but he also actively participated in the 1st QRC Scouts, laying the foundation for a lifelong commitment to service and leadership. Pursuing his passion for design, Chen enrolled at the University of British Columbia in Canada, earning a Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1968. His early professional years included a stint as an Assistant Architect-Engineer at Terris & Wright in Vancouver. In 1969, he returned to Trinidad, joining Gillespie & Steel Associates as a Project Architect. By 1972, he became a partner, and in 1994, he transitioned to Director of Gillespie & Steel Limited, which later evolved into Gillespie and Partners Limited.

Chen retired from active practice in December 2020, concluding a distinguished 51-year career. Throughout his professional journey, Chen was instrumental in the design and management of a diverse array of projects, encompassing commercial, residential, institutional, educational, and healthcare facilities. His expertise in technical specifications and his meticulous attention to detail earned him widespread acclaim. Notably, in 1983, he received the Trinidad and Tobago Institute of Architects (TTIA) Building of the Year Award for the Yetming Residence in Blue Range, Diego Martin. His architectural influence extended beyond Trinidad and Tobago, with projects executed across the Eastern Caribbean, including Montserrat, Antigua, Nevis, Dominica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Bequia, Barbados, Grenada, and Guyana.

Beyond his architectural endeavours, Chen demonstrated a profound commitment to the arts and community service. From 1981 to 1991, he served as Vice-Chairman of the Queen's Hall Board of Management and later chaired the Patrons of Queen's Hall from 1986 to 1996. His dedication to the scouting movement was recognised in July 2002

when he was inducted into the Honour Patrol of the 1st QRC Scouts. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to architecture, Chen was elected a Fellow of the TTIA in June 2014. Further cementing his legacy, in October 2019, he was awarded the President's Gold Medal by the TTIA, honouring his exceptional service and achievements in the field. He continues to serve as a member of the Board of Architecture of Trinidad and Tobago, upholding the standards and

integrity of the profession.

The Queen's Royal College Old Boys' Association takes immense pride in honouring Hall of Honour Inductee Colvin Morris Chen – a visionary architect and dedicated community leader whose career shaped the built environment of Trinidad and the Eastern Caribbean.

### DR. LEON "SMOOTH" EDWARDS, HON. D.F.A. (UTT)

Dr. Leon "Smooth" Edwards is celebrated both locally and internationally as a virtuoso

steelband arranger, dedicated educator, ambassador of and steelpan. Born in 1952 on Cleaver Lane, off St. Joseph Road, East Port of Spain, Edwards' early years were deeply influenced by his musical surroundings, igniting a lifelong passion for Trinidad and Tobago's national instrument.

Edwards attended Queen's Royal

College (QRC) from 1964 to 1969, demonstrating academic capability particularly in mathematics, his favourite subject. Despite academic demands, his passion for the steelpan flourished secretly as he would sneak away on evenings to the panyard, often unknown to his mother. In 1968, at the age of 16, he officially joined the Trinidad All Stars Steel Orchestra, quickly ascending through various roles — from roadside to stage side player, eventually becoming the band's lead arranger in 1976. His talent and innovative arrangements catapulted Trinidad All Stars to unprecedented success, earning their first Panorama victory under his guidance with 'Woman on the Bass' in 1980. This landmark win initiated a series of historic achievements, making him the arranger with the most Panorama victories — ten championships in all — over a remarkable career spanning decades, with top-three placements an impressive twenty-six times. His 1985 arrangement of 'Curry Tabanca' was notably groundbreaking as the first Panorama piece to incorporate

In 1989, Edwards relocated to the United States, contributing significantly to the steelpan culture there. He served as Musical Director at the Cultural Academy for Excellence in Maryland, lectured on the global significance of the steelpan, and founded several youth steelbands, thus fostering international appreciation of the instrument. Returning to Trinidad in 2002, Edwards continued his winning legacy with Trinidad All Stars, claiming additional Panaroma victories in 2002, 2007, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2017, and most recently, an unprecedented tenth title in 2024, forty-four years after his first - a feat not accomplished by any other arranger in the history of the competition.

In academia, Edwards has profoundly impacted steelpan education at the University of Trinidad and Tobago, where he joined as Programme Leader and Instructor in 2010. He developed and taught the Certificate in Pan and Music Literacy and coordinated the Pan Tuning programme. His significant contributions led to his appointment as Professor in Practice in 2023, reflecting his stature in the academic and artistic community. His distinguished career earned him numerous accolades, notably the Sunshine Awards Hall of Fame induction and the conferral of the degree of Doctor of Fine Arts (Honoris Causa) from the University of Trinidad and Tobago in 2024, further solidifying his legacy as an icon of Trinidad and Tobago culture.

The Queen's Royal College Old Boys' Association celebrates Hall of Honour Inductee Dr. Leon "Smooth" Edwards – a pioneering steelpan arranger and educator whose unmatched Panorama legacy and global advocacy elevated Trinidad and Tobago's national instrument to international acclaim.

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### PERCY EGBERT FARRELL, MRICS (1930-2022)

Percy Farrell was a man whose extraordinary breadth of contributions across the spheres of land development, community engagement, and national service have left an enduring impact. A son of Queen's Royal College (QRC), Percy was a student from 1943 to 1948, where he quickly distinguished himself in athletics, boxing, scouting, and leadership. He set school and national records in the 880 yards, one-mile run, and high jump, becoming the first schoolboy to clear six feet. He captained both QRC's second XI cricket and football teams and was the undefeated boxing champion of the school. His passion for service extended beyond the field. Percy served in the Cadet Corps and rose to become Troop Leader of the 32nd Trinidad Sea Scouts, leading them to win the prestigious North Trinidad Chancellor Flag competition. A life member of the Queen's Royal College Old Boys' Association, Farrell served three terms as its President, always exuding the Royalian legacy.

Percy Egbert was the son of the late Percy Wilbert and Ethel Farrell and husband of Bleuette. He was the father of Nadia, Gavin, Piers, Chantal and Elise.

Following his studentship at QRC, Farrell joined the Civil Service, working in several departments before earning one of only ten national scholarships to study Land Surveying under the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. He became a licensed surveyor, served in public practice, and in 1966 was appointed Manager of Aranjuez Estates Ltd., a post he held for thirty years. His land development involvement included pivotal contributions to Victoria Gardens, Goodwood Park, and Santa Margarita, to name but a few. In his retirement, Farrell assumed the role of Property Manager and later Consultant for the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Trinidad and Tobago, where he led efforts to transform the Couva Shopping Complex into a revenue-generating asset. He chaired Trinity Cathedral's Restoration and Organ Committees and held board positions at Trincity College Ltd., Valpark Shopping Plaza, and the Trinidad Building and Loan Association. His civic involvement was equally immense. He served as President of

the Land Surveyors' Association,
Honorary Life Member and past
President of the
Horticultural Society,
and a founder of cricket
leagues in Aranjuez and
the Minor Leagues.

Among his other accolades, Farrell was a skilled musician, achieving Grade six in classical guitar, and who also pursued photography, dog breeding, goat farming, and apiculture. He assisted in training the nation's first lifeguards and even saved five lives in

his day. A dedicated Freemason for nearly six decades, Farrell held senior offices across multiple Masonic lodges, co-founded Lodge Royalian, and helped establish the Trinidad and Tobago Masonic Charitable Organisation.

The Queen's Royal College Old Boys' Association proudly salutes Hall of Honour Inductee the late Percy Egbert Farrell – a multifaceted leader whose life was defined by a rare blend of humility and generosity.

### DR. RONALD EDWARD HENRY, CMTT, MBBS, FACP, FACC, FESC, FSCAI

Dr. Ronald Edward Henry is pioneer in Caribbean cardiology whose clinical innovation and leadership significantly have advanced the standard of cardiovascular medicine across the region. Born in 1954, Dr. Henry's academic excellence was evident early on during his time at Queen's Royal College, where he earned distinction in every subject at the Advanced Level and placed third nationally in the sciences in 1973. These early achievements set

the stage for the brilliant medical career that followed.

Dr. Henry earned his medical degree with Honours in Anatomy and Physiology from the University of the West Indies, Mona. He completed postgraduate training in Internal Medicine at the State University of New York and further specialized in Cardiology at Howard University's D.C. General Hospital. He went on to become board certified in both Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Henry's legacy is firmly rooted in clinical milestones. He established Trinidad and Tobago's first Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory in 1992 and performed the country's first coronary angiogram. He played a crucial role in developing Trinidad's first open-heart surgery team and introduced numerous innovative procedures to the region, including renal angioplasty, biventricular pacemaker implantation, and aortic endostent grafts.

His steering roles have included being President of the Caribbean Cardiac Society, Governor of the Caribbean Chapter of the American College of Cardiology, and Medical Chief of Staff at St. Clair Medical Centre. He currently serves as Medical Director at both the Advanced Cardiovascular Institute (ACI) and its surgical division ACI Surgical Therapies, as well as Chair of Cardiovascular Associates Limited. Dr. Henry has also contributed to academia, serving as a lecturer at the American International School of Medicine. His commitment to public health extends beyond clinical practice, as he co-founded the Heartbeat International Program in Trinidad and Tobago, providing pacemakers to indigent patients. His awards include the Chaconia Medal (Silver), the Caribbean Cardiac Society's Distinguished Service Award, and accolades from various national health authorities. He is a Fellow of multiple international cardiovascular societies and continues to function in a mentoring capacity for cardiology trainees in the Caribbean.

The Queen's Royal College Old Boys' Association is extremely proud to laud Hall of Honour Inductee Dr. Ronald Edward Henry, whose trailblazing devotion to medicine and tireless dedication to the people of Trinidad and Tobago exemplify the highest echelons of Royalian excellence. His career stands as a beacon of what can be achieved with vision, discipline, and a steadfast dedication to improving lives.

### DR. EDDIE KOURY, B.Sc., M.Sc., PhD. (1967 - 2005)

Dr. Eddie Koury was a brilliant chemical engineer, entrepreneur, and mentor whose life embodied the highest ideals of academic excellence, innovation, and community service. A proud alumnus of Queen's Royal College (QRC), where he attended from 1977 to 1984, Eddie Koury distinguished himself as class valedictorian, having earned a prestigious National Scholarship for his outstanding performance in the General Cambridge Certificate Advanced Level Examinations. After a brief one-year sojourn as a laboratory assistant at Arima Senior Comprehensive School, Dr. Koury pursued higher education at Queens' College, Cambridge University, earning both his bachelor's and master's degrees in chemical engineering. His academic journey continued at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where he read for and was awarded the Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering in 1996. His doctoral research on "Drag Reduction by Polymer Solutions in Riblet Pipes" gained noteworthy international recognition along with presentations across the United States and Europe.

Upon returning to Trinidad and Tobago, Dr. Koury initially worked in the oil industry with BP Amoco and had a foray in academia as a part-time lecturer in the Engineering Department at the University of the West Indies. Demonstrating a commitment to community development, Dr. Koury volunteered as a tutor at a local high school in Mayaro. In 2002, he founded ISKO Enterprises Ltd., where he developed and manufactured a line of household cleaning agents, successfully exporting to other Caribbean countries. His entrepreneurial spirit was matched by his dedication to mentorship, serving as a recruiter for MIT and guiding aspiring students towards opportunities in higher education.

Eddie married Anya Laquis in July 1999 and had two children, James in 2001 and Annie in 2004.

Dr. Koury's life was untimely oppressed out of this world in 2005. Despite his loss, his life's work endures through the Dr. Eddie Koury Memorial Award, established by his family in 2005. This annual

award honours the most improved Chemistry student between the 4th and 5th form levels at QRC, with recipients attending the National Youth Science Camp in West Virginia, USA. To date, nineteen students have been facilitated by this initiative, reflecting Dr. Koury's abiding influence on youth and education.

The Queen's Royal College
Old Boys' Association is
exceedingly gratified to recognise
Hall of Honour Inductee the late Dr.

Eddie Koury, whose remarkable strides in academia, industry, and mentorship embody the Royalian spirit of excellence and service. His transcending influence persists to rouse current and future generations of QRC alumni to pursue their aspirations with integrity, innovation, and a commitment to community upliftment.



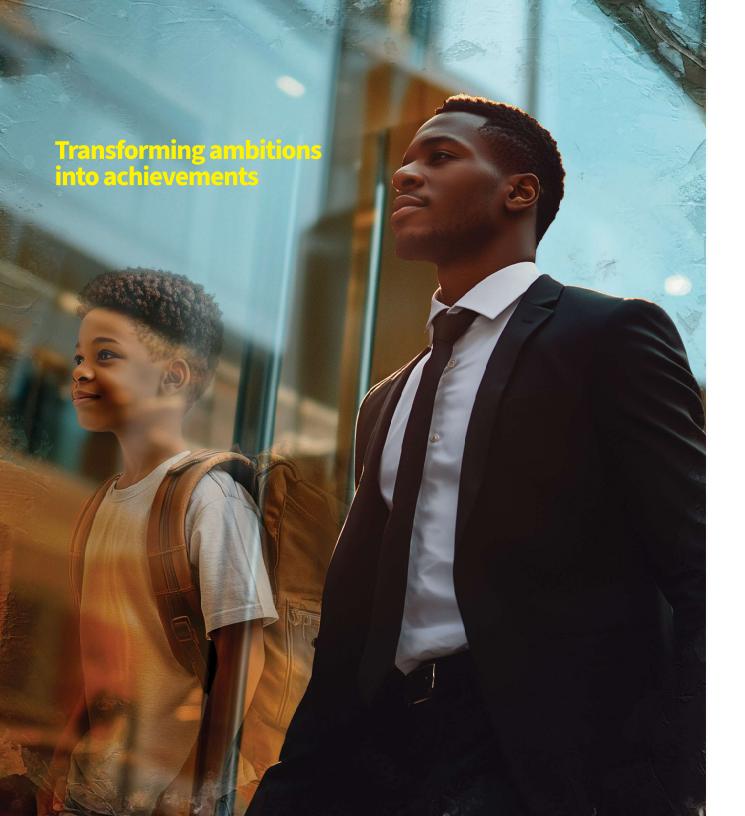
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### CONRAD ALBERT "CONNIE" LAU, B.S., M.E., M.A.E., AFAIAA (1921-1964)

Conrad Albert "Connie" Lau was a visionary engineer whose pioneering work in

aeronautics helped shape modern aviation and influenced early U.S. space exploration. Born on February 8, 1921, in Port of Spain, Trinidad, Lau grew up on Scott Bushe Street and spent his secondary school life at Queen's Royal College (QRC). His academic promise was evident early, and after his fourth year at QRC, he earned a place at the

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

(MIT), one of the world's foremost engineering institutions.

At MIT, Lau distinguished himself academically, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1942, followed by a Master of Science in Aeronautical Engineering in 1943. He was named to the Dean's List and inducted into the National Honorary Engineering Fraternity, fastening his place among the most promising engineers of his generation. Lau devoted his entire professional career to Chance Vought Aircraft, a division of United Aircraft Corporation (later Ling-Temco-Vought). There, he made extraordinary contributions to U.S. defence programmes. He worked on the development of the F4U Corsair, a World War II fighter aircraft noted for its exceptional performance in the Pacific theatre, achieving an 11:1 kill ratio. Lau's leadership continued into the postwar era as he headed development of the F7U Cutlass and the F8U Crusader series. One of his most notable achievements was the re-engineering of the F8U into the A-7 Corsair

II for the U.S. Navy. His innovative design won the contract over fierce competition and resulted in one of the most successful light attack aircraft in U.S. naval history. Lau also served as Chief Project Engineer for the XF8U-3 Crusader III and contributed to Project MALLAR, a precursor to the Apollo lunar landing programme.

His professional stature was recognised through his appointment as an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and as an advisory member of NASA's Committee on Aerodynamics and Aircraft Design. Lau was not only an accomplished engineer but a respected thought leader in aeronautics, influencing both aircraft design and the future of aerospace research. Tragically, Conrad Lau passed away from cancer on April 18, 1964, at the young age of 43. He left to mourn his wife Nancy and their three children, Conrad, Sallie and Michael. Though his life was relatively brief, his effect on aviation and engineering prevails, with many of his innovations remaining benchmarks in aerospace history.

The Queen's Royal College Old Boys' Association is privileged to welcome Hall of Honour Inductee the late Conrad Albert Lau to the Hall of Honour for his life of distinction, shaping modern aviation and space exploration.

### AINSLEY ALBERT MARK, HBM (GOLD), BCOM, CPA ONTARIO (1944-2014)

Ainsley Albert Mark was a distinguished alumnus of Queen's Royal College (QRC), attending from 1953 -1961. Mark's journey from the classrooms of QRC to national prominence embodies the Royalian ethos of excellence and dedication.

Ainsley obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Commerce and Finance from the University of Toronto, Canada, eventually becoming a Chartered Accountant of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario, Canada and founded his firm A.A. Mark and Company, which evolved over time into the current PKF. Over a career spanning thirty-two years, his commitment to professional integrity and preceptorship cultivated a generation of accountants who continue to uphold the standards he set.

Ainsley returned to academia during the period 1971 – 1982, serving as lecturer and pivotal figure in the design, development, and implementation of the M.Sc. Accounting Programme offered by the Department of Management Studies at the University of the West Indies (UWI), St. Augustine. His leadership roles included Head of the Department of Management and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences. Mark would again return to UWI as a Senior Lecturer from 1987 to 1992.

In the realm of public service, Mark served as Vice-President of the Senate during the Fourth Republican Parliament (1992–1995). His tenure in the Senate was marked by a commitment to transparency and accountability.

As a proud alumnus of QRC, Mark was devoted to his alma mater. Serving two terms as Chairman of the QRC School Board and also of the QRC Foundation, he promoted initiatives that addressed funding gaps and encouraged student and staff development. His efforts facilitated participation in international events such as the Penn Relays and led to the acquisition of a school bus.

Ainsley was married to his wife Claire, with whom he had three sons: Kamau, an accounting professional; Sekou, a career banker; and Nje, a medical doctor.

Mark's impression culture on and community was profound. He managed the World Wide Steel Orchestra and spearheaded the annual Pan Royale/ Steelpan & Jazz Festival from 2001 to 2014. This initiative not only celebrated the nation's rich musical heritage but also

provided a platform for emerging artists to showcase their talents. His endeavours in this arena underscored his belief in the power of culture to unite and bring communities together. His community involvement extended to his work with the New Beginning Movement, where he advocated socio-economic reforms and governance rooted in local and regional assemblies. Mark also had a passion for horse racing and breeding and celebrated successes with his champion horse, Crown Point. In recognition of his extensive service to the nation, Mark was awarded the Hummingbird Medal (Gold). This honour reflects the breadth and depth of his contributions across multiple sectors of society.

The Queen's Royal College Old Boys' Association is profoundly honoured to pay tribute to Hall of Honour Inductee the late Ainsley Mark, whose exemplary life of service, scholarship, and cultural advocacy stands as a testament to the values instilled at the College.

### JUSTICE ROLSTON FITZHERBERT NELSON, C.M. (GOLD), B.A. (HONS.), LLM.

Justice Rolston Fitzherbert Nelson's academic journey was oriented

at Queen's Royal College (QRC), where he outdid himself first as a House Scholar and later a National Scholar.

He further matriculated at the University of Oxford, earning degrees in honours Languages Modern and Jurisprudence, later being awarded a Master of Laws from the University of London. In 1970, he was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn, securing the

commencement of a legal career that would compass several decades and have considerable and meaningful influence upon numerous elements of Caribbean jurisprudence.

Justice Nelson's early professional years were defined both by practice and pedagogy. He was occupied as a tutor at the Norman Manley Law School in Jamaica and was admitted to practise at the Jamaican Bar in 1973. By 1975, he returned to Trinidad and Tobago, embarking on private practice and giving assistance to legal education as an Associate Tutor at the Hugh Wooding Law School from 1978. His judicial career was instituted with his appointment as Justice of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Trinidad and Tobago in 1999. In 2005, he ascended to the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) as a Judge, later serving as Senior Judge and Acting President on multiple occasions. His tenure at the CCJ was denoted by jurisprudential contributions that have shaped Caribbean legal discourse.

Beyond the bench, Justice Nelson's involvements have extended to legal scholarship and institutional governance. He has authored numerous articles and case notes in esteemed legal journals, including the British Tax Review and the Jamaica Law Journal. From 1987 to 1999, he served as editor of The Lawyer, the journal of the Law Association of Trinidad and Tobago and was an elected member of its council since its inception. As someone given to leadership, his functions have included chairmanships at the Trinidad & Tobago Unit Trust Corporation and the Workers' Bank (1989) Limited, as well as a directorship at Republic Bank Limited.

In 2019, Justice Nelson was appointed as the first regional Visitor of The University of the West Indies (UWI), a role previously held by the British monarch. This position entrusted him with the responsibility of adjudicating grievances within the university, accentuating his resolved engagement with justice and education. Justice Nelson's dedication to QRC has remained constant throughout his life. A former president of the QRC Old Boys' Association, he has played a pivotal role in fostering alumni involvement and upholding the College's esteemed legacy.

Justice Nelson is married to Gloria and has two sons, David and Michael, both of whom are also accomplished and proud alumni of QRC.

The Queen's Royal College Old Boys' Association takes abounding delight in honouring Hall of Honour Inductee Justice Rolston Fitzherbert Nelson. His remarkable career and unwavering dedication to justice and education embody the highest standards of Royalian virtue.

### SHIRVAN ARDEN PRAGG (1962-1982)

Shirvan Arden Pragg was a beacon of leadership, athletic excellence, and school spirit whose brief but brilliant life left an indelible mark on Queen's Royal College (QRC) and Trinidad and Tobago cricket. Born on October 21, 1962, Shirvan entered QRC in 1974 and quickly became one of the school's most beloved figures. Described as a 'quintessential college cricketer,' he was widely regarded by peers, coaches, and mentors as light years ahead of his time, both as a tactician and a leader. From his first year, Shirvan's talent shone brightly. He captained QRC's cricket teams from the under-14 level through to the First XI, which he led from Form Four until his final year. He also played football for QRC at the championship level and was an all-round athlete, placing in the top five of the school's cross-country race. In 1980, he led QRC to the North Zone cricket title and, in 1982, to a shared National Intercollegiate ("Intercol") title with Carapichaima Secondary after a rain-affected final.

Shirvan's mastery of cricket strategy was legendary. His in-depth knowledge of the game and ability to inspire his teammates were hallmarks of his leadership. As a captain, he meticulously studied opponents and organized team meetings, engendering a culture of self-belief and discipline. His commitment to QRC cricket extended beyond match days — he founded an intra-mural cricket league that helped develop future talent within the college. National recognition followed naturally. After debuting for the Trinidad and Tobago youth team in 1979, Shirvan was named captain in 1981, leading the side to victory in the West Indies Youth Tournament. He went on to represent the West Indies Youth Team, serving as vice-captain on their 1982 tour of England. Despite illness limiting his appearances, Shirvan took eleven wickets in two matches, proving his mettle on the international stage.

Academically, Shirvan excelled as well, earning seven O'Level subject passes and completing A'Levels in the sciences. He embodied the well-rounded Royalian ethos, blending athletic excellence with academic discipline and strong moral character. His former principal, Mr.

Winston Douglas, described him as confident without arrogance, a natural leader respected by peers and teachers alike. Tragically, Shirvan's life ended prematurely in a vehicular accident in November 1982, shortly after what would have been his most promising Yet his year. legacy continues to resonate — among his teammates, in the halls of QRC, and across Trinidad and Tobago cricket. He remains a symbol of dedication, brilliance, and Royalian pride.

The Queen's Royal College Old Boys' Association salutes Hall of Honour Inductee the late Shirvan Arden Pragg – inspirational leader and gifted athlete who has left a lasting legacy at QRC and on Trinidad and Tobago cricket.

### ELLIS "CHOOL" SADAPHAL

Ellis Sadaphal's name is etched into the annals of Queen's Royal College (QRC)

sporting history as one of its most dynamic and accomplished dual-sport athletes.

Born on October 25, 1948, in San Juan Hill, Sadaphal's early promise was evident from his school days at Mt. Lambert R.C. School, where he captained both the football and cricket teams. This foundational accomplishment set

the stage for a storied athletic career

that would unfold at QRC and beyond.

Ellis married Marilyn Govia in 1974 with whom he had two children: his son, Stuart and his daughter, Michelle. Ellis was the third of six Sadaphals to grace the corridors of QRC. He was preceded by brothers, Sherman, Vernon and followed by Dave. His son Stuart and Sherman's, Mark, were the next generation in the Sadaphal Dynasty to attend QRC.

Sadaphal entered QRC in 1961 and immediately branded his name on the sports field. In his first year, he played for the 'C' Colts cricket team and advanced to 'A' Colts the following year. By 1963, he had secured a place on QRC's Intercollegiate ("Intercol") first XI cricket team playing against St. Mary's College — the first of five consecutive Intercol appearances. His cricket talent earned him a spot on the Trinidad and Tobago Schoolboys cricket team for the West Indies Under-19 series,

where he played alongside future West Indian stars such as Bernard Julien, Richard DeSouza, Inshan Ali, and Wayne Smart.

Sadaphal's football achievements were equally remarkable. Also beginning with the 'C' and 'A' Colts, Sadaphal made the QRC first XI team from 1964 to 1966. In 1966, he became the first and only QRC student to be selected for the senior national football team, playing against international powerhouses such as Coventry City (England) and Paysandu (Brazil).

In 1967, Sadaphal was named captain of the QRC cricket team. That same year, he was invited to national senior cricket trials but had to decline owing to his football commitments — a testament to the unique challenge of excelling simultaneously in two highly competitive sporting disciplines. Instead, he represented Trinidad and Tobago in the first CONCACAF football tournament held in Honduras.

His leadership also extended beyond QRC. From 1967 to 1972, he played for Maple, then the premier football club in Trinidad and Tobago, captaining the team in his final year. He also skippered the Port of Spain Football League (POSFL) and North teams. Sadaphal's excellence was recognised decades later when he was named one of the Colleges League footballers of the 1960s, joining a distinguished company that includes such Trinidad and Tobago football icons as Everald "Gally" Cummings, Leroy De Leon, and Warren Archibald.

The Queen's Royal College Old Boys' Association beams with pride to recognise Ellis Sadaphal as a Hall of Honour Inductee, celebrating a life defined by sporting excellence, leadership, and undaunting Royalian pride.

### FRANK SEALY, B.Sc.

Frank Sealy lived a life defined by generosity, brilliance, and unapologetic authenticity. A proud son of Queen's Royal College (QRC), Sealy's early years revealed the makings of an all-rounder — a gifted athlete, a sharp mind, and a magnetic personality that would carry him across continents and into the hearts of those he encountered.

His legendary exploits began on the fields of QRC, where in the 1951 Intercollegiate ("Intercol") final, he famously scored all four goals in QRC's historic victory over St. Mary's College, ending an eleven-year title drought. A natural sportsman, Sealy was a dual threat in both football and cricket. He not only played for Maple Club in Trinidad but went on to captain both the cricket and football teams at the University of British Columbia (UBC), leading them to numerous championships. His prowess earned him the prestigious Big Block Award — UBC's highest athletic honour — and he remains the record holder for the most such awards. Sealy was later inducted into the UBC Hall of Fame, a testament to his enduring legacy as a student-athlete.

He was more than a sports icon – he was a cultural heartbeat within every community he touched. In Montreal, where he served at the Trinidad and Tobago High Commission, Sealy's apartment became a haven for Caribbean students — an open-door gathering place of camaraderie, music, food, and mentorship. Widely known as "The Godfather," he treated his compatriots like family, helping many to transition to life in Canada with kindness, humour, and guidance. At UBC, his home in Acadia Camp was the same — a refuge for homesick and hopeful alike.

Sealy's service extended into the diplomatic sphere. He held postings at the Trinidad and Tobago High Commissions and Embassies in Montreal, London, Lagos, and Haiti, earning a reputation for his keen mind, sharp insight, and unfiltered honesty. Colleagues admired his ability to traverse complexity with wit and clarity, and more importantly, for his dutiful compassion towards nationals abroad. His blend of humour, empathy, and fearless candour often challenged hierarchies, but won

him the admiration and loyalty of many. A lover of steelpan and carnival, Sealy exuded Trinbagonian a true spirit — alive with music, mischief, and unmatched energy. He further gave service on the St. Joseph Municipal Council and played the string bass in a local ensemble. Those who knew him best remember not just his but the achievements. laughter, mentorship, and joy he so freely and intensely shared.

The Queen's Royal College Old Boys' Association lauds Hall of Honour Inductee Frank Sealy for his unmatched activity in sport, diplomacy, and among the Caribbean diaspora.

### RICHARD THOMPSON, OLY, B.A., M.Sc.

Richard "Torpedo" Thompson, born on June 7, 1985, in

Cascade, Trinidad and Tobago, is one of the most decorated sprinters in the nation's history. proud alumnus of Queen's Royal College (QRC), Richard's athletic and academic foundation was shaped within its historic halls, where he also served as Deputy Head Boy. His explosive talent on the track became evident early under the mentorship of coach Ashwin Creed, earning him multiple national

junior titles and paving the way to international acclaim.

After QRC, Thompson accepted a scholarship to Louisiana State University (LSU), where he emerged as one of the most outstanding collegiate athletes in the United States. In 2008, he was awarded the NCAA Outdoor Track Athlete of the Year and the SEC Outdoor Track Athlete of the Year. He also shattered the NCAA 60m indoor record and helped secure a national championship for the LSU Tigers. That same year, he graduated with a degree in Business Management, demonstrating a commitment to excellence both on and off the track.

Thompson's monumental breakthrough came at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, where he stunned the world by earning a silver medal in the 100 metres with a personal best of 9.89 seconds. He later anchored the Trinidad and Tobago 4x100m relay team to silver, which was upgraded to gold following Jamaica's disqualification. His outstanding Olympic

performance earned him the Chaconia Medal (Gold), one of Trinidad and Tobago's highest national awards. Richard Thompson continued to represent Trinidad and Tobago at the highest levels for over a decade, including the London 2012 and Rio 2016 Olympic Games. In 2014, he ran a blistering 9.82 seconds to set a new national record in the 100 metres — a record that still stands to this day. He competed in five World Championships, earning a bronze in the 4x100m relay at the 2009 edition. Throughout his career, Richard Thompson amassed sixteen national titles across the 60m, 100m, and 200m events.

Beyond competition, Thompson has been a motivational speaker and mentor, advocating for discipline, goal-setting, and personal development. He launched 'The Torch' — a digital platform for mindset and wellness transformation — and has served as an executive coach and brand ambassador. In 2021, he was named a brand ambassador for the National Lotteries Control Board, supporting youth sports and education. His transition from elite athlete to public figure and entrepreneur is marked by humility and an enduring commitment to nation-building.

The Queen's Royal College Old Boys' Association is profoundly gratified to recognise Hall of Honour Inductee Richard Thompson – our Olympic hero and national icon.

### DR. KERMITT WALROND, B.Sc. (Hons.)., MS, PhD, MSPE

Dr. Kermitt Walrond stands as one of Trinidad and Tobago's most accomplished petroleum engineers and a true exemplar of Royalian excellence. His academic and professional achievements reach across continents, disciplines, and decades, reflecting a rich commitment to innovation, education, and national development. A graduate of Queen's Royal College, Dr. Walrond laid here the intellectual foundation for a career that would propel him to the lofty heights of the international energy sector.

He earned a BSc (Honours) in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom in 1962, followed by a master's degree and PhD also in Petroleum Engineering from Pennsylvania State University. Early in his career, he held engineering and operations management functions at British Petroleum (Trinidad) Ltd before joining Shell Development Company's research laboratory in Houston for five years. These formative experiences laid a robust foundation in both field and research-based engineering.

Dr. Walrond's distinguished twenty-eight-year career with British Petroleum and Amoco saw him elevate through numerous senior management positions in exploration and production. Before retiring, he served a term as Vice President, Production & Transportation for BP's Caspian operations in Azerbaijan and Georgia — regions critical to global energy supply. His leadership was instrumental in overseeing strategic production and infrastructure development across this complex and geopolitically significant area.

Beyond the corporate sphere, Dr. Walrond made vital contributions to education and national development. He collaborated with Professor Percy Bruce in establishing the Petroleum Engineering School at The University of the West Indies and served as Special Advisor both to the Trinidad and Tobago Institute of Technology and the Energy Centre of the University of Trinidad & Tobago. He led workshops in upstream petroleum contracts and negotiation skills for the International Human Resource Development Corporation in Boston, USA.

Dr. Walrond has long been active in professional societies as well. He was the founding Chairman of the Trinidad and Tobago Section of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), served as Distinguished Lecturer (1988–89), and was elected Distinguished Member of the Society in 1991. He served two vears as a director of the SPE's Gulf Coast Section and was named a Centennial Fellow and Alumni Fellow by Pennsylvania State University in 1996

The Queen's Royal College Old Boys' Association proudly salutes Hall of Honour Inductee Dr. Kermitt Walrond for his global impact, academic excellence, and dedication to national development.

and 1997, respectively. In 2009, the Government of Trinidad and

Tobago awarded him its Centennial Award in International Relations.

### ERIC ANTHONY WILLIAMS, B.Sc., PGDIP B.A.

Eric Anthony Williams is a distinguished geoscientist, public servant, international energy consultant whose career spans over forty years of excellence in petroleum and mineral exploration, public policy, and advisory services.

Queen's Royal College (QRC), Williams' early promise evident was through his academic discipline, leadership as a School Prefect, and athletic prowess, as he

represented the College in rugby and football. At QRC, he was a member of the Trinidad and Tobago Cadet Force, demonstrating his leadership capabilities from a young age. Learning Map Reading in the Cadet Force sparked his interest in Geography, which in turn led him to pursue a career in the Geosciences. Williams earned a BSc in Geology with a major in Exploration Geophysics from the University of Houston. At university, he emerged as a student leader, serving as Vice President of the International Students' Association and in the University Students' Association as a Student Senator and later as a Member of the Executive Committee. He assisted in implementing a formal system of student evaluation of professors and served on key university policy-making committees. Williams later earned a Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration from the University of Cumbria, further strengthening his multidisciplinary expertise. Williams was named the 2024 Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Houston's Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences.

Williams has presented technical papers locally and internationally, particularly in the areas of seismic interpretation and velocity modelling. His career in public service reached its pinnacle when he served as an elected Member of Parliament and as Trinidad and Tobago's Minister of Energy and Energy Industries from 2001 to 2006. As Minister, he led the nation's energy sector through a period of remarkable growth, increasing natural gas production from 2.4 to 4.2 billion cubic feet per day. He was instrumental in developing infrastructure at Point Lisas, La Brea and Point Fortin and championed the nation's first Local Content Policy. Strategic investments and a long-term vision for sustainable national development marked his tenure.

A proud alumnus of Following his time in public office, Williams emerged as a prominent voice on the international stage. He founded and now leads his consultancy practice, providing consultancy services to governments and national energy companies across Africa. He shares the "Trinidad and Tobago Model of Natural Resource-based Development" as a framework for sustainable growth, advancing local content, and economic empowerment. Williams currently serves on two Committees of the Advisory Board of the African Energy Chamber and has also served in leadership roles within two publicly listed companies. He is equally committed to mentoring and capacity-building within the Caribbean and beyond.

> The Queen's Royal College Old Boys' Association is deeply moved to recognise Hall of Honour Inductee Eric Anthony Williams, whose distinguished career in energy, public service, and international development embodies the Royalian spirit of leadership, innovation, and service.

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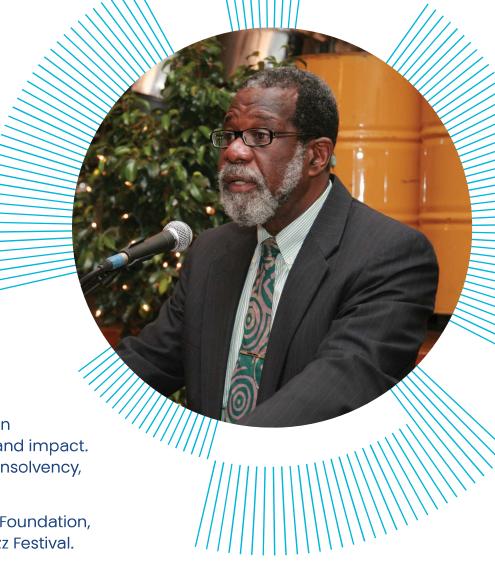
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