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CTS ALUMNI **ASSOCIATION**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY JULY 30, 2021



AGENDA

In compliance of COVID-19 guidelines we are not holding our traditional AGM; the presentation will be posted on our website:

www.ctsalumni.ca

The previous years (AGM 2019 and AGM 2020) presentations will also be available on the website in lieu of Minutes.

If you need more information on any of these topics, have any enquiries, please contact us at:

ctsalumni.100@gmail.com

We hope to see you all again next year for
AGM 2022!

GO BLUES!!

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TREASURER REPORT 2021

Account balance May 1 2020 \$10,007.75

Account balance April 30 2021 \$9,713.22

Net change for the reporting period \$224.38

Plus 2 term deposits (\$10312.40 and \$10608.33)

Total debits this reporting period : \$2014.31 (Bursaries, CPA, refunds)

Total credits this reporting period :\$1719.78 (yearbooks, plaques)



ARCHIVE REPORT 2021

We participated in a Black History Month event with alumni and current CTS students. This was a successful online ZOOM event that was moderated by a CTS student in March, 2021.

We helped facilitate the filming of the unveiling ceremony for the Beverly Mascoll Heritage Toronto plaque in early July 2021. This ceremony will be broadcast on August 1, 2021, which is Emancipation Day c/o Heritage Toronto.

Plans are on hold for the formal/official unveiling of the Sam Richardson plaque which has been installed on the Harbord Street side of the main building. Heritage Toronto will be part of the planning and event.

Future projects and goals:

The committee looks forward to the installation of an improved and more permanent museum room which will be more accessible.

Due to COVID protocols we have not been able to enter the CTS school building but have been in touch with the TDSB Archives on an ongoing basis. The museum room in the library was disassembled this spring due to a school- wide renovation project that had to be done.

The Alumni look forward to working with the school and TDSB to make a larger, more welcoming Museum room benefitting the rich history of our school.



SAMUEL RICHARDSON COMMITTEE 2021

The official form for the Sam Richardson bursary has been approved and distributed to CTS faculty and staff. We await the naming of deserving candidates for the two bursaries to be given at the 2022 commencement.

Future projects and goals:

The Samuel Richardson Committee, and the Alumni are currently researching the possibility of a small garden at the site of the Richardson plaque.

This year is the 85th anniversary of Black Olympian Sam Richardson's participation in the 1936 Berlin Olympics. In honour of Black History Month Heritage Toronto shared social media links to the actual Olympic film footage of Sam's performance in the 4 x 100 m relay race:

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/heritagetoronto/status/1362773584159125515?s=20>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CLekqU4gulf/>

Facebook: https://fb.watch/3LBP_IhZkN/

This year also marks the 31st anniversary of Nelson Mandela's visit to Toronto and Central Technical School. A brief interview with former student council president Conroy Pottinger is on the CTS alumni website. Conroy welcomed the Mandela's to CTS on the day on behalf of the students on the day of the visit.

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WEB SALES ON CTS ALUMNI WEBSITE

2021

Due to the challenges of the past 18 months, the Alumni Committee has not been able to have in-person meetings or access to the school. However, we've had quite a bit of action on the Alumni Marketplace.

Former students and/or staff have bought old yearbooks and other items. We've been able to accommodate most digital copies of old yearbooks because these we have stored outside of the school.

Unfortunately, we've not been able to accommodate those who have requested physical copies of old yearbooks, these items are stored in our office at the school. Currently, we have about a dozen of these requests, and they will be sent as soon as we regain access to the school. This will probably be in September, according to the latest information that we have available.

Thank you for your support, please be patient with delivery times and expectations.

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BURSARY COMMITTEE 2021

Our Annual award, SUCCESS! THE CTS WAY! Was awarded to graduating student Ummalkhair Owolewa, she will be attending Trent University in the fall and studying Biology.

Prior to the shutdown, the committee was working on establishing three new Alumni awards:

- the first is to be an annual award for the Arts – honouring a former student
- the second is a commemorative award in connection with the Samuel Richardson Plaque ceremony
- the third is hopefully an annual award in honour of another athlete from the school.

Details cannot be divulged until finalized, but the committee is excited for the growth and response from our Alumni family giving back to the students.

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STUDENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE 2021

The committee has been in contact with the Student Council President and Faculty advisor this year – a difficult year for them, we have tried to be as supportive as possible in a virtual school setting.

The biggest projects in the works were the virtual Commencement Ceremony with our Co-President Christine McCurry's taped commencement speech:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-vJVCDLTJY0>

Luckily for us, one of our current Student Council members will be returning in September, so we can continue our good working relationship with the student council.

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COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 2021

The CTS Community Swim Saturdays has been on hold due to COVID restrictions.

There is hope to restart the program September 2021 or January 2022. The TDSB has not yet confirmed the protocols for indoor pool permits.

The community swim program operates during the school year offering recreational and lane swimming to the community at large. It is also an opportunity for CTS students to work on their volunteer hours which they need to complete to graduate.

SCHOOL NEWS:

There is an expansion to the school – CTS will be welcoming Bloor Collegiate and ALPHA II Alternative School to the building. For more information, please see the TDSB website:

<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/centraltechnicalschool>