

# Red Is Strong: Champion Alumni Rallies Around Retired Teacher



## Miss B arriving at an Evening of Excellence

There is no disputing the undeniable power of RED. The Champion College alumni continues to prove why they were and continue to be a force to be reckoned with. Valencia B in the Worthington Building, Spanish Court Hotel was lit with red last night for the Champion College Alumni Association's' inaugural *Evening of Excellence*.

The event promoted as a musical and culinary experience was a fundraiser in aid of Ms. Sheila Barrett affectionately called Miss B. Miss B taught at Champion in the departments of History and Economics and also served as Dean of Discipline and Vice Principal and Dean of Studies during her tenure of over 36 years. The aim was to raise funds for her dialysis treatment which she needs as a result of renal failure due to hypertension. The Alumni informed us that the costs can go as high as \$82,000 (US\$656) per month, which is a huge strain on a pension income.



### **Miss B being greeted by Alando Terrelonge, a past Championite**

At 6:30PM past students and parents flooded the venue to a all white room lit red and complimented by modern and classic reggae and pop music. Loud chatter, laughter, kisses on the cheeks, and hearty embraces indicated that this event was also acting as an impromptu school reunion for many of the attendees.





### **Miss B being greeted by Kimberly Issa and Campionite Andre Sean Mariott-Blake**

Then Miss B Arrived. Rolling up with her caretaker, a radiant and lively Miss B surprised many as she rolled in on her wheelchair and engaged everyone in her path in her uniquely gregarious manner.



## CCAA President Sean Morgan Greeting Miss B

After a short delay for conversation and drinks, the programme began with Sean Morgan, President of the CCAA, welcoming and thanking everyone for the support.

*“...this truly shows that red is strong,”*

— Sean Morgan, CCAA President





**Campionites Nikhil Asnani and Dario Morgan on the Guitar supporting Ruth Browne on the mic.**

The musicians rallied through a medley of renditions of classic and contemporary hits such as *Don't Know Why* - Norah Jones, *My Girl* - The Temptations and *Roar* - Katy Perry among other hits as the crowd enjoyed a relaxed atmosphere reminiscent of a jazz bar, except here everyone knows everyone and has a common denominator apart from a love for music and food. Mario Evon and Ruth Browne performed as lead vocals for the night while Nikhil Asnani and Dario Morgan provided the instrumentals via piano and guitar.



### **Jacqui Tyson's Signature Vegetable Pasta**

Then the food arrived. Jacqui Tyson brought out tray after tray of tasty bites, which included Island Jerk Chicken, her Signature Mango Glazed Pigtail, Pan Jerk Sausage Medallions, Sweet Chilli Fish Bites, Callaloo Voul-au-vent, Coconut Flambe Shrimp, her Signature Vegetable Pasta and then ended with a sweet taste of her Traditional Bread Pudding with a Caramel Rum Sauce and Peaches and Cream (vanilla mousse with a peach).



### **Hardys Wine specials provided all night courtesyy of Select Brands**

These amazing treats were washed down with libations including Hardy's wine and Stella Artois beer provided by Selected Brands and complementary non-alcoholic beverages courtesy of the Wisynco Group.





### **Past Championites enjoying the sociable atmosphere**

The event became a success not just from an entertainment standpoint, but also the fact that it served to help surpass the CCAA fundraising target of \$1 million dollars for Ms. B. In her address to the audience, she stated how there was an initial reluctance to come, as she would be so embarrassed to arrive at an empty hall. But these fears were unfounded and she was absolutely blown away by the love and support shown by her former students. She thanked them and made them know that while she is in a wheelchair, it was not because of the dialysis, but as a result of arthritis.

*“I am fine! The mouth good, the mind is sharp, and I chair three different committees at church.”*

— Miss B

Her students cheered her on and the evening continued with more food, more wine, and more performances to the crowds pleasure. The night proved that RED is indeed strong.





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