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2026 Annual General Meeting Recap

The Fatima Old Boys' Association 2026 AGM was held on Wednesday 10 June 2026.

Following the Principal's Report given by Acting Fatima Principal, Mrs. Gillian Ramdass, the President's Report by FOBA President Christian Flemming and the Treasurer's Report, elections were held.

The elected Officers to the Management Committee were:

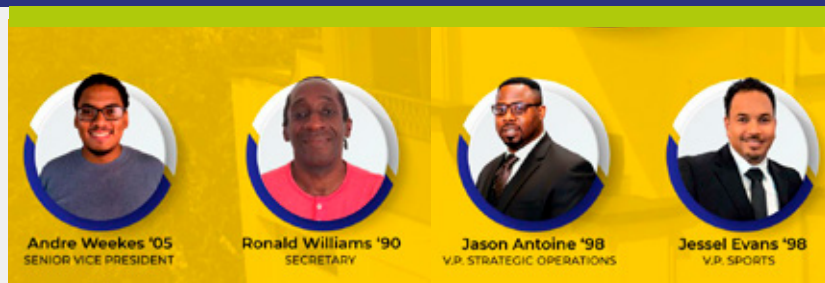
Senior Vice President – Mr. Andre Weekes

Secretary – Mr. Ronald Williams

V.P. Sports and Culture – Mr. Jessel Evans

V.P. Strategic Operations – Mr. Jason Antoine

Ordinary Members – Mr. Jason Aguiton, Mr. Carlos Cedeno, Mr. Nicholas Elliott, Mr. Aaron Hackshaw, Mr. Sean Inniss, Mr. Akil Myers, Mr. Hayden Phillip, Mr. Raymond Samms, Mr. Maurice Simpson, Mr. Garvin Warwick, Mr. Gabriel Williams.



Congratulations go out to all the returning officers and the newly elected members. And a vote of eternal thanks go out to those outgoing officers.

The full Management Committee membership can be seen at

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Living the Grey Shirt – Dr. Kern Guppy

(2024 Fatima College Hall of Achievement Inductee)

Dr. Kern Hayden Guppy is a distinguished Neurosurgeon, Engineer, and Academic whose career spans over 25 years in medicine and more than a decade in Engineering. A proud alumnus of Fatima College, Class of 1972.

Dr. Guppy's academic journey began with an AMOCO scholarship to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Petroleum Engineering at the University of Tulsa. He later earned a Master's and PhD in Petroleum Engineering, along with a Master's in Industrial Engineering, from Stanford University, where he also served as a Teaching Assistant and Sigma Xi Science Honor Society member.

Dr. Guppy began his professional career as an Assistant Professor of Petroleum Engineering at the University of Southern California, where he collaborated on blood flow dynamics modeling with the medical school, igniting his interest in Medicine. This passion led him to Northwestern University, where he obtained his MD, followed by a residency in Neurosurgery and a fellowship in Complex Spine Surgery.

Currently, Dr. Guppy is the Chief of Neurosurgery Spine at Kaiser Permanente Medical Group in Sacramento, California, and the Co-Lead of the Kaiser Permanente National Spine Registry. He also serves as Clinical Associate Professor of Neurosurgery at the University of California, San Francisco, and the University of California, Davis, where he is the off-site Director of the Residency Program in Neurosurgery. His practice focuses on complex spine surgery and brain tumors, earning him recognition as a leader in the field.

A prolific researcher, Dr. Guppy has published over 65 peer-reviewed articles and holds numerous leadership positions in prestigious professional organizations, including past-Presidency of the San Francisco Neurological Society. Among his accolades, he received the 2022 Morris F. Collen Research Award for extraordinary accomplishments as a clinician-researcher, and multiple awards for his clinical research.

Dr. Guppy maintains strong ties to Stanford University, serving on its Alumni Association Board of Directors and participating in the Stanford Alumni Mentoring Programme. In 2024, he achieved another milestone by earning a Master's in Public Health from Harvard University.

Dr. Kern Guppy's exemplary career, bridging Engineering and Medicine, reflects his unwavering dedication to innovation, education, and patient-care, making him a most deserving inductee into the Fatima Hall of Achievement 2024.

Q Why did you select Fatima?

A My father and uncles attended QRC and were well known in the community, but I wanted to carve out my own path. At the time, Fatima didn't have the strongest football team, and no one from the school had ever won a national scholarship. That only fueled my determination. I wanted to be the one to change that narrative. I came close to winning a national scholarship, but life had a different plan—I earned the AMOCO Scholarship instead, and it opened a new path I could never have imagined.

Q Describe the culture of the school in your time.

A It was a great time. The school was still in its near infancy. In my days, Fatima was in the shadow of CIC (often viewed as our older brother). At that time, we were "young and hungry" for success academically and on the sports field.

Q Who was your favorite teacher and who was the scariest teacher?

A My favorite teacher was Mr. Camino who taught me Mathematics, and my scariest was Father Cochran!

Q Did you play any sports or take part in any extracurricular activities at Fatima?

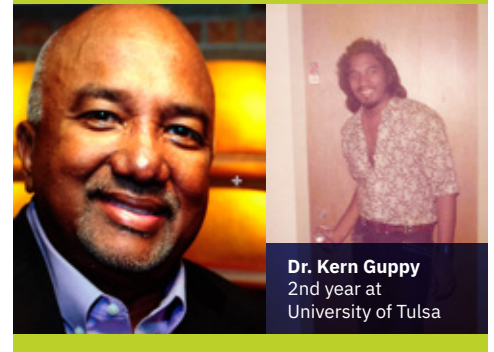
A No. I was not active in any formal sports, but I played football with my classmates after school.

Q Have you been able to maintain friendships with your classmates since school? Any class reunions?

A I keep in touch with some friends such as Brian Samaroo, David Soverall, Gerard Mahabir, Harold Imamshah.

Q What is the most valuable lesson that you learned at Fatima?

A The most valuable lesson I learned at Fatima was to never let anyone else define who you are or limit what you can achieve. I always dreamed of attending Stanford University, and Fatima taught me that with perseverance and by always reaching for the stars, anything is possible.



Q Tell us about your transition from Engineering to Medicine.

A I always had a deep interest in Medicine, but my natural strength in mathematics led me to pursue Engineering. Ironically, at Stanford, my thesis focused on "fluid flow dynamics in fractured wells"—a topic that later became invaluable when I began modeling "blood flow" dynamics. During my tenure as an Assistant Professor of Petroleum Engineering at the University of Southern California (USC), I collaborated with cardiologists to model blood flow in the carotid artery bifurcation. That experience rekindled my passion for Medicine, and with the encouragement of my medical colleagues, I decided to apply to medical school. As they say, the rest is history.

Q Are there times in your medical career when both fields have overlapped or merged?

A As my career progressed, I came to deeply appreciate how biomechanics and hemodynamics influenced everything I did in the operating room. Whether reconstructing the spine with rods and screws or performing complex scoliosis surgery, my understanding of biomechanics guides every decision—each curvature, level of fixation, and balance point. The same principles of hemodynamics applied when I performed arterial bypass surgery in the brain for diseased blood vessels. Today, the integration of biomechanics and hemodynamics has become central to how I think, plan, and operate each day.

Q With all the advances in medical technology over the years, is there anything on the horizon that is exciting or looks very promising for neurosurgery, in particular with regards to treating dementia or Alzheimer's disease?

A There is an exciting sub-specialty in neurosurgery called Functional Neurosurgery, where neurosurgeons target specific brain circuits that control movement, pain...

>>> See full interview on www.foba.fatima.edu.tt

Living the Grey Shirt – Dr. Nicholas Fuller

(2024 Fatima College Hall of Achievement Inductee)

Dr. Nicholas (Nick) Fuller (Class of 1990 Form 5 & 1992 Form 6) is a distinguished leader in the field of Artificial Intelligence and Automation, currently serving as Vice-President of AI and Automation at IBM.

In this role, he oversees a global team, driving the global innovation agenda for agentic AI and next-generation automation, supporting IBM's multibillion-dollar automation software business and influencing emerging industry standards across IT operations, Industry 4.0, software engineering and business processes in the era of agentic AI.

With over 20 years of client-facing experience, Dr. Fuller has shaped enterprise-scale technology strategy, built high-performing global teams, and translated advanced research into market-defining outcomes.

An IBM Master Inventor, Dr. Fuller holds over 75 patents, has authored more than 80 technical publications, and has been cited over 3,800 times. As a thought leader, his insights frequently appear in prestigious outlets such as Forbes, The Deep View, TechRadar and international media.

Dr. Fuller earned a Bachelor of Science in Physics and Mathematics from Morehouse College and a Ph.D. in Applied Physics from Columbia University. Beyond his professional achievements, he is the author of "Struggle and Progress", and enjoys football, music, travel, and writing. He resides in Long Island, New York, with his wife and two sons.

Dr. Fuller's exceptional contributions to AI and automation, along with his dedication to innovation and thought leadership, made him a worthy inductee into the Fatima College Hall of Achievement in 2024.

Q Why did you select Fatima?

A Interesting question. So I wasn't able "to select Fatima" truth be told, as I was placed in Tranquility Secondary after sitting the Common Entrance Examination. My mother was visibly upset; I can recall her reaction to this day. As a 10-year-old I wasn't sure what to think, but given the relationship I had with my mother I requested to attend Tranquil' as I didn't want to retake the Common Entrance Exam, and she agreed. After doing very well academically in Tranquil', and through the influence of my sister (Nicole Woods) and one of my Primary School (St Gabriel's) teachers, they both persuaded my mom (and myself) to seek a transfer to Fatima which panned

out for the beginning of 3rd Form. And so in September 1987, I became a "Fatima" student.

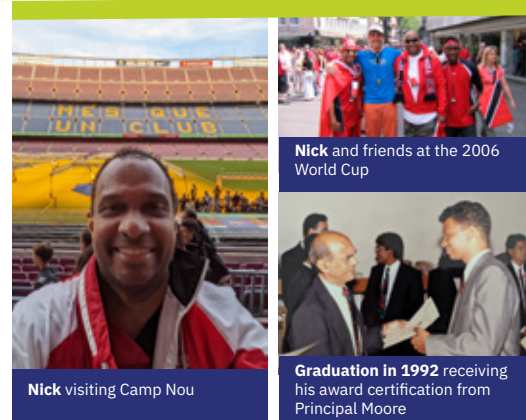
Q Tell us of your time at Fatima....pleasant and/or non-pleasant? Strangest memories?

A Was culture shock initially! Growing up in Barataria I wasn't exposed to the dynamism contained within Trinidad and Tobago's very wide socio/economic spectrum. Eventually I found my niche with a variety of friends, including my future Morehouse College roommate Damani Piggott, Pedro Gonzalez, Shane Kissoon, Dewan Andrews and many others. Honestly, I felt very overwhelmed with the prospects of being able to achieve academically and hold my own. I doubted myself deeply, and set about a study routine that was probably overkill in hindsight but it paved the way for various academic successes. I loved football dearly, but after playing at the U16 level, I skipped out on the opportunity to play "1st Eleven"—again, that was because of doubts I had regarding what I needed to do to succeed academically, and I didn't want anything or anyone to stand in my way.

I was also a member of the Fatima Debate Team, with Gareth Jenkins. Though that was for just one year, I have fond memories of that experience. As I gained more confidence in my ability to succeed academically, towards the end of 5th Form and in 6th Form, I was beginning to become much more introspective about many things including: the absence of my biological father from my life, the self-induced pressure of originating from humble beginnings, and the stigma of some of the ills of my extended family.

Q Who was your favourite teacher and to which teacher did you give the most trouble?

A I had quite a few favorite teachers—tough to separate Mr. Francis John and Mr. Francisco Garcia who respectively taught me Chemistry and Physics. Mr. Achille and Mr. Mahabir, who both taught me Math and Further Math respectively, were not far behind. They all really stimulated me academically,



and thoroughly helped to nurture my scientific and mathematical curiosities, in no short way contributing to the directions I undertook subsequently. Not sure I gave any teacher trouble in the typical sense...I might have challenged some stereotypes of what makes a successful student.

Q Did you play any sports or take part in any extracurricular activities at Fatima?

A Yes, as said before football primarily, though I stopped playing for Fatima at the end of 4th Form but continued to play recreationally. I loved the "engine room" when it comes to football, i.e. midfield (not surprising given my personality!)

Q Have you been able to maintain friendships with your classmates since leaving school? Any class reunions?

A Many friendships. We have a class WhatsApp group which is fun. My closest Fatima friends to this day are Damani Piggott, Dewan Andrews, Pedro Gonzalez, Ronald Williams...to mention a few. Pedro and I just connected when he visited New York recently, and I typically see Damani on a more personal level.

Q How would you advise a young student at Fatima thinking about a future in the tech industry?

A The world of tech is much faster and even more dynamic than when I was in high school, and it demands an insatiable "hands on" curiosity for the broader technology spectrum. While there are of course specialists in multiple domains, my instincts tell me that the individual who is likely to succeed is the one who is at a minimum: insatiably curious, wants to understand the broader ecosystem while starting and diving deeply into a given domain, is open to learning additional domains, and lastly, is very adaptable to change as that now occurs at a blistering pace.

>>> See full interview on www.foba.fatima.edu.tt

Fatima College Mayfair 2026

Fatima College held their annual Mayfair on Sunday 4th May.

FOBA was responsible for the management and running of the bar, with the invaluable assistance of Fatima alumni, family and friends.



Class of 1996 30-Year Reunion



Thirty years after leaving the halls of Fatima College, the Class of 1996—affectionately known as F96—came together for a memorable weekend of friendship, reflection, and celebration.

The reunion kicked off on Friday evening with a relaxed meet-and-greet at All Out Bar at the Oval. Classmates enjoyed drinks, great conversation, and watched some of the FIFA World Cup action together, reminiscing about old times while catching up on life's journeys over the past three decades.

On Saturday, the group gathered for a special Mass at the College Chapel, taking time to give thanks, remember classmates who are no longer with us, and reflect on the values instilled during their years at Fatima College. The celebrations continued with a dinner in the College Hall, where

laughter, stories, music, and camaraderie made for an unforgettable evening while taking in the football on a projector.

The reunion concluded on Sunday afternoon with a relaxed lime on the school grounds. True to the Fatima spirit, classmates enjoyed friendly games of football and basketball, while others preferred a competitive game of cards or simply sat together sharing stories and enjoying each other's company. It was the perfect way to close a weekend that reminded everyone that, although thirty years have passed, the bonds forged at Fatima College remain as strong as ever.

The F96 30th Reunion was more than just a celebration of the past—it was a testament to lifelong friendships, shared memories, and the enduring brotherhood that defines the Fatima College experience.

Special thanks to Fr. Gregory, Mr and Mrs Ramdass and the organizing team of Colin Bartholomew, Jerome Daniel, Andre Hinkson, Gervan Govia and Kevin Farrick.

Here's to the memories we've made, the friendships we've kept, and the many reunions still to come.



Professor John Agard



The Fatima Old Boys' Association mourns the passing of Professor John Agard (Fatima, 1967–1974), a distinguished 2015 Hall of Achievement inductee.

<https://www.foba.fatima.edu.tt/hoa/2015-hoa/>

A brilliant scholar, educator, and global leader in environmental science, Prof. Agard carried the spirit of Fatima from our classrooms to the world stage—serving as a Lead Author with the IPCC (Nobel Peace Prize, 2007) and shaping environmental policy regionally and internationally.

His legacy of excellence, service, and dedication to sustainable development will continue to inspire generations.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all whose lives he touched.

Form 1 Orientation

The Fatima Old Boys' Association was once again proud to participate in the Form 1 Orientation for the new group of students coming in for the 2026/27 academic year. We had a chance to connect with the families and the students, some of whose fathers were Old Boys themselves. We are always happy to give back and inspire the new generations to walk through our alma mater's hallowed halls.



Fatima College year in Sports 2025-2026

FOOTBALL

Form 1: North Zone Knockout Champions, North Zone League Runner Up
Under-14: North Zone League Champions, North Zone Knockout Champions
Under-16: North Zone Knockout Champions
Senior / Under-20: North Zone League Champions, North Zone Knockout Champions
Senior Team
 SSFL Super Cup Champions

BASKETBALL

Under-13: North Zone Champions, Caiman Championship Champions, National TTSA Champions
(All Undeclared)
Under-15: North Zone 2nd Place (5v5)
Under-17: North Zone Champions (5v5), National Champions (5v5), National Knockout Champions (5v5), National 3x3 Champions
(All Undeclared)
Under-20: North Zone Champions (5v5), National Champions (5v5), National Knockout Champions (5v5), National 3x3 Champions
(All Undeclared)
 Zachary Julien was nominated for the 2025 First Citizen's Bank (FCB) Junior Sportsman of the Year Award in the sport of Basketball.

RUGBY

Under-14: National Champions (undefeated)
Over-17: League Runners Up
 Marley James-Farrier and Nikolai Guevara represented Trinidad and Tobago at the Rugby Men's Under-16 International Sevens Tournament held in Curaçao from March 28–29.
 Marley James-Farrier and Ethan De Freitas Manswell represented the National Under-19 Rugby Team. They travelled to St. Lucia to compete in — and win — the inaugural tri-nation Ruggerama tournament from April 10–11.

CRICKET

Under-16: North Zone Champions, National Champions
Under-19: Won Premiership Two North Division and

promoted to the Premiership One Division next year
 Davis Guerra named TT Under-15 vice-captain
 Kaiden Pollard named to National Under-19 team

HOCKEY

TTHB National Schools Indoor Tournament:
Under-16: Team 1 – 2nd Place
Under-16: Team 2 – 4th Place
Under-19: Team 1 – 1st Place (Defending Champions)
Under-19: Team 2 – 3rd Place
MVP and Most goals: Nicholas Siu-Butt

Nicholas Siu Butt was nominated for the 2025 First Citizen's Bank (FCB) Junior Sportsman of the Year Award in the sport of Field Hockey. Internationally, Nicholas was the youngest player selected to the Senior Men's National Indoor World Cup Team in Croatia, represented Trinidad and Tobago at the Under-21 Junior Pan Am Challenge in Barbados (gold medal), was a reserve for the Senior Men's Pan Am Cup in Uruguay, and competed in the first-ever Junior Pan Am Games in Paraguay.

TENNIS

Fatima boys represented Trinidad and Tobago in the Under 14 Division of the 2026 Confederation of Tennis of Central America and the Caribbean (COTECC) International Tennis Tournament, held in Barbados. Ryan Stuart, Cruz Thornton, Eli Paty, Harrison Hadeed (all Form 1), and Michael Hamel-Smith (Form 2).
 Form 1 student Ryan Steuart and Form 2 student Dylan Clifford, who — along with their doubles partners — competed against each other in the Under-14 Finals of the COTECC Trinity Cup Tournament, held on April 15. Stuart and his partner won the match; he was also the Under-14 Doubles Winner of the Barbados Junior International Tournament held on April 8.

Trinidad and Tobago Secondary Schools Tennis Association:

DIVISION 1

Under-18 Boys – Singles 2nd place
 Under-16 boys – Singles 1st and 2nd place
 Under-14 boys – 1st and 2nd place
 Doubles: Under-18, Under-16 and Under-14
 Combined 1st and 2nd place

DIVISION 2

Under-14 boys – Singles 1st and 2nd place

GOLF

Our young men of Fatima College aced the Trinidad and Tobago Junior Open event — Three full days of a national, 18-hole tournament. From Form 6, Adam Green (1st place, 16-18 category); from Form 1, Josh Frankland (1st place, 11-13 category); and from Form 4, James Ross (2nd place, 14-15 category).

TRACK AND FIELD

Fatima athletes qualified for the 2026 CARIFTA Games, which took place in Grenada: Giovanni Bobb-Semple (100m and 4x100m), Tyrique Vincent (defending decathlon champ and 110m hurdles), and Jeremy Samaroo (5,000m). Tyrique again won the gold in the Boys Under-20 Decathlon, and Jeremy brought home the bronze medal in the Boys Under-20 5,000m event.

Island Showdown Athletics Meet (July 2026):

- Sean Hart - Bronze in Under-17 200m
- Jeremiah Henrique - Bronze in 17+ Javelin
- Under-17 4x400 relay team – Bronze

SQUASH

Form 4 student Ross D'Juran copped 1st place in both the Under-17 and Under-19 divisions of the Junior National Squash Tournament, held at the Queens Park Oval. He represented Trinidad and Tobago in the Junior Caribbean Area Squash Tournament in the British Virgin Islands. D'Juran was also selected as part of the Trinidad and Tobago Squash Association's Senior Team for the 2025 Caribbean Area Squash Association (CASA) Senior Championships from November 23-30. He placed 2nd in the plate, competing against athletes from Barbados, Bermuda, the BVI, the Cayman Islands, the DR, Guyana, and Jamaica.

SAILING

Upper 6 student Kyle D'Juran won silver in the National Dinghy Sailing Competition held over the course of two days in Chaguaramas. Kyle also flew the Trinidad and Tobago flag high at the Caribbean Dinghy Championships in Antigua October 2025, where he placed 2nd overall in the ILCA6 Laser Class, contributing to Team TTO's success in attaining 3rd Place in the event's Nations Cup. Kyle was nominated for the 2025 First Citizen's Bank (FCB) Junior Sportsman of the Year Award in the sport of Sailing.

AQUATHLON

TTTF Secondary Schools Aquathlon on March 7, 2026:

Benjamin Carmino: 1st place, 16 & Over Competitive Category

- Kayden Siewrattan: 1st place, 16 & Over, Non-Competitive Category
- Adam Laing: 1st place, 14-15 Age Group Non-Competitive Category
- Taylan Diaz: 2nd place, 13 & Under Competitive Category
- Blaine Williams & Benjamin Carmino: 1st place, Relay
- Jeremy Samaroo & Taylan Diaz: 2nd place Relay
- Kayden Siewrattan & Adam Laing: 5th place relay

SWIMMING

Tidal Wave swim meet in November 2025:

- Jonathan Sambrano – 1st place, Over-15 Competitive Category
- Adam Laing – 3rd place, 12 & Under Non-Competitive Category
- Fatima College - 2nd place in the Competitive Category

The kids collected and donated approximately \$700 to The Cyril Ross Home for this swim meet.

ASATT National Secondary Schools Swim Championships on Sunday 25th January 2026.

- Fatima College 1st place in the Competitive Schools
- Johnathan Sambrano – 1st place, 15 & Over Competitive Category
- Joshua Sambrano – 2nd place, 15 & Over Category

Taylan Diaz, represented Trinidad and Tobago at the CARIFTA Aquatic Games (Boys 11-12 category) in Martinique from April 4-7, 2026. He won Silver in the 400m Medley Relay, and Bronze in both the 100m Breaststroke and 200m Free Relay, adding to T&T's ranking of 3rd place in the Caribbean for CARIFTA Aquatics. Taylan also achieved personal bests in the 200m and 50m Breaststroke, placing 4th and 5th place respectively

WATER POLO

A number of Fatima students participated in the CARIFTA Aquatics 2025 Water Polo Championships, which took place in Florida, USA from Nov 7-9, 2025. Team Captains, Under-14 Co-Ed Team (Gold), Under-16 Male (Silver), and Under-19 Male (Gold). Additionally, Liam Chin Lee and Jeremiah Henriquez-Brown were the top Male Under-16 and Under-19 goal scorers, and Giovanni Felician-Moses and Joshua Cumberbatch were the best Under-16 and Under-19 male goalies,

respectively. Past Fatima students Gregorio Felician and Josiah Cumberbatch, and present student Jeremiah Henriques-Brown, represented Trinidad and Tobago on the Men's National Water Polo Team. The awards for the 2026 Republic Bank ASATT National Secondary Schools Water Polo League were held Saturday 27th June 2026:

Form 1: Bronze medals

Under-14: National Champion – Gold medals, North Zone Champion

Under-16: National Champion - gold medals, North Zone Champion

Seniors: National Champion - gold medals, North Zone Champion

Individual awards – Top Scorers

- Form 1 – Taylan Diaz (35 goals)
 - Under-14 – Jude Galt (14 goals)
 - Seniors – Jeremiah Henriques-Brown (41 goals)
- Individual Awards – Best Goalie
- Under-14 – Dylan Bissessar
 - Under-16 – Jayden Sancho
 - Seniors – Giovanni Felician-Moses

DUATHLON

At National Duathlon Championships held on September 28, 2025, three Fatima boys — Ben Carmino, Blaine Williams, and Kayden Siewrattan placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively in the National Duathlon. The event consisted of a 5k run, a 20k ride, and a 2.5k run. Triathlete Taylan Diaz placed 2nd in the 11-12 age group. Ross D'Juran (Form 4) and Alexander Farnum (Form 2) copped 1st and 2nd places respectively, in the Boys 13-15 category.

TRIATHLON

Fatima boys performed well in the Above Average National Triathlon on March 21, 2026, with Benjamin Carmino placing 2nd and Kayden Siewrattan 3rd in the Sprint Triathlon. In the Super Sprint Triathlon, Taylan Diaz placed 2nd and Adam Laing placed 3rd.

TABLE TENNIS

Form 2 student Mateo Mollineau represented Trinidad and Tobago in both the Under-13 and Under-15 categories. At the Trinbago Open, a national tournament hosted by the Trinidad and Tobago Table Tennis Association on November 1 and 2, 2025, he placed 1st in the Under-13 category and copped 2nd place in the Under-15 category, ending the 2025 season with a 1st place ranking for Under-13 nationwide.

VOLLEYBALL

Secondary Schools Volleyball League:

Under-17: North Zone 1st place,

Championship League 1st place

Under-20: North Zone 1st place, Championship League 2nd place

DEBATE

Several senior members of the Fatima Debate Team participated in the Youth for Change School Debate Tournament. Seven schools competed in the elimination rounds, culminating in the finals on November 22nd. The debate team was represented by speakers Hagan Alexander, T'Kell James, and William Hadeed, whose outstanding performances secured a 1st place finish for Fatima College

Three members of the Fatima Debate Team, Kennedy Valley, Adam Alves and David Scotland, competed in the 2026 International Reparation Debate Competition, hosted by The University of the West Indies Centre for Reparation Research (CRR) in Jamaica in April 2026.

36 schools from across the Caribbean and the United Kingdom participated in the debates over several weeks, and Fatima College advanced to the finals after winning the debate against a British team and competed against Jamaica's Clarendon College in the finals. The motion debated was "Whether the United Nations Declaration, recognising enslavement as the greatest crime against humanity, meaningfully advances the global reparation movement". Fatima successfully copped top place and also won the award for Best Team Collaboration. Kennedy Valley emerged as the Grand Final Best Debater and winner of the Director's Award for Best Engagement with Reparations Theory. While all three of our students were nominated for Most Outstanding Male Debater, Valley also won that prize.

ARM WRESTLING

Vincent Gosine (Form 5) and his brother Luke (past Fatima pupil) took the international stage on Saturday November 8, 2025 in Antigua as they competed at the Clash of the Caribbean: Antigua vs. Trinidad. Representing the Trini Arm Warriors Arm Wrestling Club, both athletes delivered a powerful showing for Trinidad and Tobago.

JUDO

Fatima College students participated in the Muga Mushin Judo School's annual invitational meet. Kai Brady and Maximus Joseph both earned 1st place in their respective categories and Aleksandr Novoa earned 2nd place in his category.

Images from the Fatima 2026 All-Inclusive Carnival Fete “Love Notes”

Held on Saturday 7th February





Photos courtesy **Damian Luk Pat**. Visit the FOBA Facebook page for full albums

BASKETBALL by Jan Wyatt (Lower VI)

Fatima College is a school whose name has become well-known in most Secondary School sporting circles, having excelled at football, cricket, hockey, badminton and chess. But this year, 1988, a new sport has been added to the list of those which are played at Fatima: Basketball.

The idea of Fatima College playing basketball seemed to greatly amuse the other schools competing in the league. However, Fatima - undaunted - proceeded with its plans and brought out two representative teams; one for competition in the Under-17 category and the other in the Under-19 category.

One might say that the teams who had to play against the Under-17 team had good reason to be amused. This team lost the first four out of their five games, and won the final game by default. It has not been explained why the fifth team did not show, but it definitely was not out of fear. But credit must be given where it is deserved. These boys played well, but were beaten by teams who had much more game experience and much more time to practise as a team. In their group, the Under-17's came fifth out of six teams. In the knockout competition, they lost their first game and thus were spared any more suffering.

The Under-19 team, however, fared better. What this side lacked in experience, they made up for in sheer ability. However they seemed to enjoy going to extremities. While they would beat Tranquillity by 31 points, they would lose to SERVOL by 27 points. They finished the League with a tally of 3 wins and 3 losses, with one game remaining unplayed.

They then stormed into the knockout semi-finals, playing some of their best basketball up to that point in the season.

In the semis, Fatima came up against C.I.C. For this game, Fatima would be without two of its key players. No worries; after all, we had the much vaunted 'Fatima Spirit'. The game itself was of high quality. Fatima would garner 20 points more in this game than they had in the previous meeting with the Saints during the Round Robin competition. There was continuous action with Fatima performing at its best.

Has it not been said that one does not truly fail if he tries his hardest? Has it not been said that once you do your best you are not a loser? Okay, so we went under by 29 points. But we definitely were not losers. So a word of warning to those who plan on entering the League in future seasons: Fatima will most assuredly be back! ♦



Hockey 1987-1988

Having retained all but one of the titles (that being the prestigious Intercol title) in outdoor tournaments in 1987, Fatima's Hockey team went out with a vengeance in the Indoor Competitions. The teams won all three Indoor Competitions, including the National Indoor Championships which we had lost to Woodbrook Secondary in 1986. Outstanding players were Leon Ramdeen and Bruce Tang Nian; both went on to represent Trinidad and Tobago in the Pan American Junior Hockey Tournament in April 1988. Ramdeen also had the honour of leading the National Team. Two players on Fatima's team trained with the National squad, but just failed to pass selection; these were Dean Nieves and Shiraz Ali.

The performance of the school team in the 1988 outdoor season showed that the team was really an inexperienced team with only four experienced players. We played unbeaten in the League, though drawing too many games. Four players, Captain Jose Salazar, Vice-captain Sean Power together with Dean Nieves and Shiraz Ali were selected on an Under-19 Colleges North team to play in a Zonal Competition which the North team won. Fatima, however, failed to win an outdoor title at both Under-19 and Under-15 levels with St. Mary's walking away with all.

In the 1989 outdoor season Fatima's Hockey Team again did not fare too well but we showed that we have talent. With the loss of a few groomed players, the team had to work hard. We had victories over Q.R.C. (1-0) and Malick (10-0), draws with South East (0-0) and St. Anthony's (1-1) and we lost to St. Mary's (0-2) in the League. The Saints went on to win all outdoor tournaments for yet another year. However, the North Intercol final showed that Fatima still had fight for an inexperienced team. Having lost to St. Mary's in the League earlier in the season and fresh from a convincing 9-0 victory over South East in the Intercol Series, we came out fighting.

The boys from Frederick Street scored as early as the fifth minute but Fatima rallied to score two goals in the space of a minute, only to allow Saints to equalise just before the interval. Again Fatima came out fighting and were rewarded with a well struck goal to go up 3-2. Time and time again the Fatima forwards threw away countless chances only to see Saints equalise because of poor defensive work by Fatima.

The match went into sudden death extra time in which whoever scored first would win the match. Fatima could have had it in the bag but we threw away at the crucial moment. All in all we had a reasonably fair season. Fatima's most outstanding player was Dean Nieves and he, with Captain Douglas D'Abadie and Vice-captain Shiraz Ali were selected to play for the Under-19 North Colleges Team in Zonal Competition which the North Team won for the third year in a row. The Under-15 team also did quite well in the 1989 outdoor season. They won the League and placed second in the Knockout Competition. ♦



Fatima's Hockey Team 1988/89

Back Row (l. to r.):

Shiraz ALI, Brent BONTERRE, George SHEPPARD, Conrad PIERRE, Ricki BERNARD, Adrian AFOON, Nicholas PAGAZANI, Robert CHOO QUAN, Douglas D'ABADIE.

Front Row (l. to r.):

Raymond CLARKE, John PAGAZANI, Robert CLARKE, Ian PAGAZANI, Rayard BOODOO.

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