

2017 SAINT Awardees



SAINT Awardees Maxine -Wilson (left) and Jessica Jones (right) are congratulated by Principal, Mrs. Sharon Reid.

Maxine Henry-Wilson, CD

Class of 1969

Dedicated Public Servant and SAHS Trailblazer

An exceptional and inspirational go-getter, Maxine Henry-Wilson has distinguished herself both as a dedicated, high-achieving St. Andrew old girl, as well as a leader with a vision for her country.

Maxine attended St. Andrew High School for Girls between 1963 and 1969, right after Jamaica gained independence. Her natural propensity for leadership was evident even in those early days. Her leadership journey began convincingly when she served her school as Head Girl. After leaving high school, Maxine went on to attend the University of the West Indies, where she pursued a Bachelor of Arts Degree. She subsequently pursued two master's degrees, in Public Policy at Rutgers University in New Jersey and Public Administration at the University of the West Indies. Moreover, Maxine completed professional training in Health Management, Innovation and Leadership in Education.

Many recall Maxine's service as Minister of Education where she passionately served for 5 years. Additionally, she served in other national leadership capacities and as General Secretary of the People's National Party – the 1st female General Secretary of any political party in Jamaica; member of the Electoral Advisory Commission of Jamaica; and currently as the Commissioner of the Jamaica Tertiary Education Commission.

Maxine is also a director of the St. Andrew High School Foundation. She chaired the Secretariat that coordinated the 2015/2016 activities to commemorate the school's 90th Anniversary which included the week-long Homecoming Celebrations in 2016. These celebrations served as a great reminder to the SAHS community of the wonderful privilege it is to be a student of St. Andrew High School for Girls.

Maxine is a fearless woman and an illustrious public servant who has maintained high ethical standards throughout her years of service and leadership to school, community, and country. Despite the high public offices she has held, Maxine has remained humble, personable and giving. Her good works, attributes and Christian values have made her an outstanding graduate of the St. Andrew High School for Girls and a model citizen of Jamaica.

Jessica Ann Jones

Class of 1971 (6th form)

The quintessential St. Andrew High Girl

Jessica started her schooling at St. Andrew Prep and while in the Junior department also boarded at the high school before entering St. Andrew High in 1961. In Sixth Form she held the position of Deputy Head Girl.

After completing undergraduate studies in Public Communication (1974) at Boston University, she returned home and became well known for her professionalism, working in various aspects of communication and national development including the Jamaica Tourist Board and the Tourism Product Development Company. She gained her master's in tourism development as an OAS scholar. She later co-founded the multi-service advertising, PR and marketing agency Eddie Williams and Associates.

Jessica moved to Washington, DC in 1993, where she honed her skills in technology and project management and at Georgetown University Hospital she developed and managed a 24/7 language access and interpreter program and implemented a state-of-the-art on-demand hospital interpreter system for Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and Deaf/Hard of Hearing patients and families. While in Washington, DC she volunteered her marketing and administrative skills to the Embassy of Jamaica, as a member of the coordinating committee for Independence celebrations (2003–2006).

Over the years, she has maintained her connection and service to St. Andrew High School for Girls as President, St. Andrew Old Girls Association, Jamaica – 3 years; President, St. Andrew Alumnae Association, Washington DC Chapter–4 years and also served in other executive roles (1992–2011); She is a founding and Lifetime Member of the St. Andrew Old Girls Association, Florida Chapter; and Director and Project Manager, St. Andrew High School Foundation, implementing her proposals for the design, development and maintenance of an alumnae database and integrated website, as well as planning and executing fundraising events and campaigns.

She continues to also make her contributions to the wider society and education through her service on the boards of the Danny Williams School for the Deaf and Happy Grove School in Portland.

