



Founders' Day Service

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On the 17th of January, 2019, Hillview College held its 64th Founders' Day Thanksgiving service. Students walked to the main entrance of the hall with a piece of green sprig, which was symbolic of the hope that the successes of Hillview College will be year-round, and immortal, like the evergreen sprig. These were placed in front of the photographs of Hillview's first Principal (Reverend Harold Swann), its second Principal (Dr. Stephen Moosai-Maharaj), as well as Founder of the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago (Reverend Dr. John Morton).

The hall was decorated in a simple yet elegant manner with a white drape hung over the front of the stage with a table set up on the stage for the Principal and other speakers. The service began promptly at 8:30 a.m. with the national anthem performed by the steel ensemble and led by Dylan Kowlessar and Matthew Dahoo of Lower Six. The singing continued with an introit by the voice of Mrs. Tracy Chang-Thomas. Following this, Reverend R. Samuel- Moonoo, the College Chaplain, opened the service with prayer. This was followed by a congregational hymn, Ten Thousand Reasons led by the combined voice talents of Dylan Kowlessar, Matthew Dahoo and Enrie Julian Marbella from Lower Six. This was followed up by a scripture reading done by the Principal, Mr. Leslie Mahase. After the scripture reading, there was a musical interlude of singing performed exquisitely by Kemeisha Wilson of Upper Six. Another scripture reading took place with the reading of Psalm 90 done by the President of the student council, Ethan Pettier of Lower Six.

Mr. Lionel Ramroop, Vice Chairman of the local board of the Armalaya Presbyterian Church, gave greetings on behalf of the Church. He talked about the beginning of the College, the founding of the church, and the bond between the College and the Church. He also indicated that he was past student of the College.

Following Mr. Ramroop's speech was a musical intermission by Kaeden Hull of Two East. He performed Wake Up My People by Ray Repp, on the steelpan. Reverend Samuel-Moonoo gave the thanksgiving prayer and this was followed by the congregational hymn, Give Thanks written by Henry Smith, and led by Dylan Kowlessar, Matthew Dahoo and Enrie Julian Marbella of Lower Six. The offering was brought forward to be blessed by the Reverend. This was followed by a final interlude done by the singing of Arianna Roberts, from Upper Six.

The service was concluded with the College Song and the closing prayer in which the Reverend blessed all stakeholders of Hillview College. Following this, the Principal gave thanks to several teachers and students and emphasized the Presbyterian Church's contribution to the building of Hillview College. The students were given refreshments through the patronage of the College's cafeteria. Finally, the Reverend blessed the newly installed Public Address system, which was donated by the Hillview Old Boys' Association.