



Dylan Kowlessar- The Man, The Myth, The Legend

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As we begin the new year, we must say goodbye to one of the brightest stars of our College, Dylan Kowlessar. As the former President of the Journalism Society of Hillview College, it would be remiss if we did not pay tribute to and recognise Dylan's astounding contributions to the club and the College.

Dylan is best known for his academic achievements at Hillview. He graduated from the halls of Hillview in 2020 with an impressive (10) ten distinctions in the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE) and recently began studies in Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida, United States of America. Even at the form five level, Dylan was a studious, model student achieving nine grade ones topping both the internal merit list at Hillview College in several subjects and even placing on the regional merit list for the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate Examination in Geography, which he had done in form four as an extra subject. For the graduation ceremony in 2018, he even received the award for the "Most Outstanding Student." He continued this ethos of excellence in the CAPE Unit One exams, where he also topped several subjects in the Caribbean in 2019. If the College had held a graduation ceremony this year, it could be expected that Dylan may have been a candidate for the valedictorian of the class of 2020 and he may have again copped some of the highest awards and honours in the College.

In addition to his stellar academic prowess, Dylan indeed personified the College's Motto, "Humani Nihil Alienum." There was no club, no society or facet of College life that was not touched by him. He had a hand in many of the clubs and led many of them. He was well-known

by many students because of these clubs. These clubs include the Photography club, the Hillview Biological Organisation and the Journalism Society. If there was a proverb to describe Dylan, it would be, “A jack of all trades is a master of none, but oftentimes better than a master of one.”

He made a noteworthy contribution to the Journalism Society (JSC), in particular, and, as a club, we are undoubtedly grateful. Dylan reinvigorated the JSC in 2018. Under his guidance and leadership, the club grew and is now one of the most prominent clubs in the College. Due to his efforts, the club continues to thrive today. Specifically, he led a number of projects including the first fundraiser for the club, chaired the newspaper team, the peer review team and was in charge of the club’s Instagram page. He even designed the club’s badge which members will adorn for many years. Even after he graduated from the College in 2020, Dylan still played a prominent role in the club as an unofficial adviser, mentor and was crucial in assisting the club to transition online.

Dylan is also musically gifted and used this gift for the benefit of his school and community. He played with College’s Steel Ensemble. He played the keyboard at many school events and led the Hillview choir alongside Enrie Marabella. Outside of school, he was also involved in the Presbyterian Church choir in his home of Caroni and holds distinctions up to Grade five in ABRSM music theory.

To end off his impressive list of achievements, Dylan also participated in many national and international competitions such as Moot Court alongside Satesh Singh for the UNESCO Club, The Trinidad and Tobago Maths Olympiad and dozens of essays competitions.

As we say goodbye to this legend, the JSC wishes Dylan the best in his studies and his future endeavours. We remember and acknowledge, with deepest gratitude, all of his contributions to the club, to the College and we hope that we can continue to build on the foundation that he laid.