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Foxes Lead, and at the end of their journey, they leave those they have mentored to do the same. We, the Board of Directors, Managing Officers, and Members of the College of West Africa Global Alumni Association extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. Samuel Erasmus Hare, Jr. A Fox, Sam was! A proud graduate of the College of West Africa, involved in every stage of his life: a student and classmate (Class of 1980), a teacher (from 1984-1994), and a dedicated alumnus through out, exemplified by his service, his latest being a member of the Board of Directors of the CWA Global Alumni Association. He is dearly missed by his CWA Global family.

We grieve with all of you today for Sam, Sammy the Snake (as he was affectionately called because of the mischievous characteristic he shared with the Sesame Street character of the same name), and Mr. Hare, to name a few of the many names we called Mr. Samuel Erasmus Hare, Jr. His classmate on the Board remembers him as a student that was a compassionate leader, always willing to take the lead, yet encouraging those who he identified as potential leaders, to take on the task. A mischievous individual, prompting them into civil and cordial disobedience, like the time he encouraged his classmates to go against Mr. Mitchell's rule of separating the girls from the boys. Sam the Snake's mischievous side was on full display. He reminded Mr. Mitchell that CWA is a co-ed institution and that it was not right for him to segment the girls from the boys. He then encouraged the boys to join him, having his back, as they crossed Mr. Mitchell's line between the girls and boys, uniting the class. However, Mr. Mitchell was no joke, so it did not end well, as they were severely punished. But that did not deter Sam in any way. He found his next adventure. Sam's teacher on the Board remembers him as being highly intelligent, affable, very involved in activities at CWA, and always volunteering to assist. While his students on the board, recall him being popular and well-liked by all the students because he was engaging, charismatic, jovial, and fun to be around. In fact, all of Mr. Hare's students can attest to the fact that if you were in CWA at the time, he was a teacher, you knew him, or of him, and you were impacted by him. Fondness for Sam Hare at CWA was boundless, from administration, including Mrs. Smith, Uncle Reid, and Mr. Sambolah, who mentored him, and allowed him discretion to teach his classes and augment it with other instruction; to his students, who did not just learn History, as written in the textbook, but they learned the poems during the period in history, and were required to cite them. His students were taught Economics, with his special twist, ensuring the class was engaged. Mr. Hare's personality and exuberance for the materials he taught captivated students into learning. Furthermore, he was young at heart, and his students connected with him easily.

His teaching extended to the Arts, which he enjoyed and displayed with much enthusiasm. He drew students to the choir who did not have an interest and were unaware that they could sing. Yet, his mastery of words and amiable demeanor, won many students over to participate



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in the CWA choir. And as the Director of the CWA choir, Sam led the choir to two national choir competitions in 1987 and 1988, where they were awarded the title of champions. When the Foxes have remembered and shared their experiences about Mr. Samuel Erasmus Hare, Jr., please know, the Family of Sam, that these facts will forever be memorialized: Mr. Sam Hare will be remembered by his Global family for many things, but especially because of his interest and concern for CWA's current and future students and its alumni body. His love for CWA is unquestioned, and in his introductory appeal to be considered for a position on the Board, Sam himself expressed how he felt about CWA, as he wrote: "My love & Passion for our Grand Ol' Alma Mater runs deep in my veins." For this love, we will remain grateful. And as Foxes, we shall follow Samuel Erasmus Hare Jr.'s Lead.

We conclude by recognizing that his absence leaves a vacuum, not only for us but most importantly, for you, his family. Please know that you are in our prayers for comfort and peace. We leave you with reminders from the Bible, which state: "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted." Matt: 5:4. We wish for you, "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, to guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" Phil. 4:7.

In Sympathy,

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