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CHS Class Of '95 Donates Nearly \$700 In Classroom Supplies To Alma Mater

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The St. Croix Central High School Class of 1995 recently donated nearly \$700 in classroom supplies to the school's English and Special Education departments in an effort to assist teachers with much-needed materials following the 2017 hurricanes, the Department of Education has announced.

On Wed., Oct. 3, Class of '95 alumni Lincoln Meryl, Avia Elcock-Theophane, Cynthia Graham and Sirdrina Isaac-Joseph, a special education teacher at Central High School, presented the supplies to Assistant Principal Dina Browne, Special Education Chairperson Cheryl Coates, and Justina Joseph, who accepted the items on behalf of English Department Chairperson Joseph Bess, D.O.E. said.

Each department chair received equal portions of notebooks, college-ruled loose leaf paper, pens, pencils, mass storage units, cleaning and sanitation supplies, folders, and more totaling approximately \$680 to distribute among their teachers. An excess of supplies collected also afforded a presentation of items to the school's main office staff.

The drive was initiated through the St. Croix Central High School Class of 1995 private Facebook page, where members had the option of electronically donating funds that would go toward purchasing supplies from a predetermined list or they could purchase the supplies themselves and forward to designated class members responsible for collecting the items, according to the release.

According to Elcock-Theophane, the idea for a teacher supplies drive surfaced during a meeting in August when class members gathered to make preliminary plans for their 25th reunion in 2020. Elcock-Theophane said the activity is not a one-time event, but is part of a broader plan for the class to become more involved at its Alma mater year-round.

This is the second activity at Central High School that Class of '95 alumni have participated in this school year. On the Sept. 4 opening of school, class members greeted students with handshakes and well wishes as they and their parents arrived on campus.