



**Jamaica Teachers' Association**

# **EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2026**

**APRIL 7-9, 2026 | PRINCESS GRAND HOTEL, HANOVER**

**THEME: Future-Proofing Education in Times of Crisis:  
Advancing STEAM and TVET to Sustain Innovation, Resilience and Recovery**

## **DAY 1 – Tuesday, April 7, 2026**

**8: 00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Registration and Coffee Break**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon OPENING SESSION**

**Call to Order:** **Chairman**  
**Mr. Clayton Hall,**  
Deputy Secretary General, JTA

**National Anthem**

**Devotional Exercise:** **Rev. Othneil Morgan**  
Pastor, Fletcher's Grove Baptist Church  
Sandy Bay, Hanover

**Opening Remarks:** **Chairman**

**Welcome** **Dr. Mark Nicely, JP**  
Secretary General, JTA

**Conference Overview:** **Dr. Margaret Chin,**  
Assistant Secretary General  
& Chairman of the Conference Programme Committee



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**Greetings:** **Hon. Lennox Anderson-Jackson, JP**  
Custos Rotulorum of Hanover

**Hon. Rhoda Moy Crawford**  
Minister of State  
Ministry of Education, Skills, Youth & Information

**Item:** **Cove Primary School**

**Remarks:** **Mr. Mark Malabver**  
President, JTA

**Introduction of Keynote Speaker:** **Mrs. Andrea Bryan Hughes**  
**Chairman,**  
Professional Advancement & Teacher Welfare Committee (PAC)

**Keynote Speaker:** **Dr. Kevin Brown**  
**President, University of Technology Jamaica**

**Item:** **Cove Primary School**

**Vote of Thanks:** **Mrs. La Sonja Harrison**  
President-Elect, JTA

**Announcements**

**12:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. LUNCH**

**2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. PLENARY ONE**  
**Topic: STEAMifying TVET: Transforming STEAM Through TVET Integration**

**Presenters: Marcus Garvey Technical High School**

**Ms. Kaydia Cunningham**  
STEAM Teacher Lead/Science Teacher

**Mrs. Tashana Smith-Clarke**  
Teacher, Cosmetology & Barbering

**Mr. Kirk Smith**  
HOD, Industrial Arts

**Moderator: Raia Richards Peart**  
**Member, Professional Advancement & Teacher Welfare Committee (PAC)**



3:00 p.m. -3:15 p.m.

LAUNCH OF EduHub Eezy Teach Programme

3:15 p.m. -3:30 p.m.

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## DAY 2 –Wednesday, April 8, 2026

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Registration

9: 15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Devotion

9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.

### PLENARY TWO

**Topic:** The New Era of Teaching: Shifting from Rote to Applied Learning

**Presenter:** Mrs. Sonia Bennett Anderson  
Publishing Manager, Carlong Publishers

**Moderator:** Ms. Rhamona Bromfield  
Chairman, Membership Committee

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

### B R E A K

10:45 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1

Presentation Title	Presenter(s)	Room	Moderator
Supplementing Physical Workshops with Virtual Labs & Simulation (Secondary)	Mr. Kevin Coke Teacher Herbert Morrison High School	<b>Amber</b>	Mr. Omar Tomlinson <i>Member, Professional Advancement &amp; Teacher Welfare Committee (PAC)</i>
Linking Performance Tasks to Project-Based and Problem Based Learning (Primary)	Mrs. Davia Bryan Campbell CEO & Founder EduHub Co. Ltd.	<b>Larimar</b>	Mrs. Colleen Reid Grant <i>Member, Primary Committee</i>
Integration of STEAM and TVET in Higher Education (Tertiary)	<b>Dr. Philmore McCarthy</b> <i>Principal Excelsior Community College &amp; Member, Tertiary Committee</i>  <b>Mrs. Kristina Francis</b> <i>Senior Lecturer School of Engineering &amp; Built Environment Excelsior Community College</i>	<b>Quartz</b>	Dr. Sherian Mercy <i>Member Tertiary Committee</i>



11:30 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS 2**

Presentation Title	Presenter(s)	Room	Moderator
STEAM/TVET Teaching in Special Education and Diverse Classrooms	Dr. Prim Lewis Chairman, Special Education Committee, JTA	<b>Quartz</b>	Dr. Latoya Reeves <i>Member</i> <i>Special Education Committee</i>
<i>Integrating STEAM/TVET into Lesson Planning: Promoting Success at all Levels</i>	Mr. Lamar Wellington Lecturer, Caribbean Maritime Institute	<b>Amber</b>	Mrs. Lorraine Reid Henningham <i>Chairman, Secondary Committee</i>
<i>Redesigning Assessment to Foster Equity and Inclusion</i>	Dr. Valri Morgan Head of Dept. Mico University College  Mrs. Shellon Samuels-White Assessment Officer Mico University College	<b>Larimar</b>	Ms. Tamashella Smith <i>Chairman, Education &amp; Research Committee</i>

12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. **LUNCH**

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **PLENARY THREE**

**Topic:** The Missing “A” in STEM:  
Re-imagining the Arts in Education

**Presenters:** Mrs. Dionne Somers-Campbell  
Education Officer – Theatre Arts & Drama  
Ministry of Education, Youth, Skills & Information

**Moderator:** Mr. Ansel Palmer



3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## PLENARY FOUR

**Topic:** Rise of the Bots: Integrating Robotics in School Curricula

**Presenters:** Ms. Kadie-Ann Gregwah  
Regional Training Officer  
e-Learning Jamaica

Ms. Sanjay Dixon  
Regional Training Officer  
e-Learning Jamaica

Mr. Garfield Morrison  
Regional Training Officer  
e-Learning Jamaica

**Moderator:** Mrs. Halima Jackson  
Member, Early Childhood Committee

## DAY 3 – Thursday, April 9, 2026

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Devotion

## 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. PLENARY FIVE

**Topic:** Mainstreaming TVET in the Education System:  
Fostering Innovation & Resilience

**Presenter:** Dr. Nadine Barrett Maitland  
Senior Lecturer  
Faculty of Engineering and Computing, Utech Jamaica

**Moderator:** Mrs. Mellissa Beckford Simpson  
Chairman  
International Relations Committee

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

## BREAK



10:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

## VOICES FROM THE FIELD PANEL DISCUSSION

**Topic:** Future-Proofing Education in Times of Crisis:  
Advancing STEAM and TVET to Sustain Innovation,  
Resilience and Recovery  
(The Global Perspective)

**Presenters:** Representatives

- **Caribbean Union of Teachers (CUT)**  
**Dr. Mugwena Maluleke**  
General Secretary  
South African Democratic Teachers' Union (SADTU)
- **Dr. Fedrick Ingram**  
Secretary Treasurer, American Federation of  
Teachers (AFT)
- **Dr. Dwyane Dyce**  
CEO, Education Solutions International
- **Mrs. Sharon Clifton-Kelsick**  
President, Caribbean Union of Teachers
- **Dr. Colin Wolfe –**  
JDTAN\  
School Administrator

**Moderator:** **Dr. Nadine Barrett Maitland**  
Senior Lecturer  
Faculty of Engineering and Computing, Utech Jamaica

12:00 p.m. -12:30 p.m.

## PRESENTATION BY WALDEN UNIVERSITY

12:30 p.m. -12:50 p.m.

## 2026 PRESIDENT ELECT CANDIDATES SPEAK

## CLOSING SESSION

12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### The Way Forward - Recommendations

Dr. Mark Nicely, Secretary General

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## LUNCH AND DEPARTURE



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