

The Berkeley Institute "Weekly Times"

Week of October 4th, 2021

Our Mission Statement

"The mission of The Berkeley Institute, a diverse senior school with a rich heritage and tradition of excellence, is to ensure a stimulating learning environment that prepares all of its students to lead full and purposeful lives and to assume leadership roles in both the local and global communities."

Revised April 2019

Class of 2021 Graduation Week



Principal's Corner:

Good day parents and guardians, on Sunday, September 26, 2021 our beloved student, Kaela Daley was laid to rest. As you can ascertain, her celebration of life was privately held by her family as only 20 persons could be in attendance due to the restrictions of the current COVID-19 regulations.

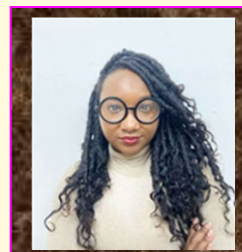
Notwithstanding this, you may view the service on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/yaiBddGUH3E> (it is about 1 hour and 15 minutes). We are so grateful to the teachers and students who wrote and sent tributes to be shared with Kaela's family. Kaela will be truly missed by her Berkeley family!

Here are some school updates: As directed by the Ministry of Education and the Department of Health, we are continuing to work remotely until further notice. I will keep you updated as I learn more with regards to the Saliva Testing date for The Berkeley Institute before consideration is given to a return to in-person learning. We welcome back to campus our Head Librarian, Mrs. Carmen Jones. If any student needs assistance with library resources, she can be contacted at berkeleylibrary@berkeley.bm

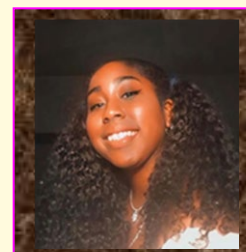
We extend congratulations to all our students who vied for a position for the Student Council. Your virtual presentation videos were exceptional. You made us all proud to be Berkeleyites. Students, you were poised, articulate and beaming aspiring leaders. Again, well done to everyone! To those students who were actually voted in, kudos!

Graduates Receive Bermuda Arts Council Grants

Gherdai Hassell (Class of 2013) and Daelyn Saint-Surin (Class of 2019) were two of six recipients given a share of \$40,000 of the 2021 Bermuda Arts Council Grant, which assists creative Bermudians in seeking further education. Gherdai received a \$5000 grant that will be used to assist her with her studies at the China Academy of Art. She is currently entering the final year of her master's programme in contemporary art. Gherdai plans to use the money to fund the research and development of her thesis, Migrations and Aesthetics: Contemporary Art and Visual Culture of the Caribbean Diaspora. Daelyn, on the other hand, plans to use her \$5000 grant to fund her bachelor's degree in graphic design at St. Lawrence College in Toronto. She is appreciative that the grant would lighten her financial burden and allow her to focus on her studies.

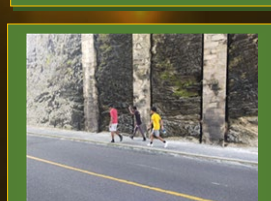
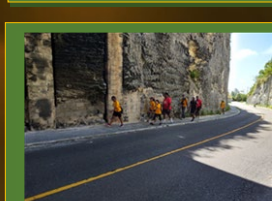
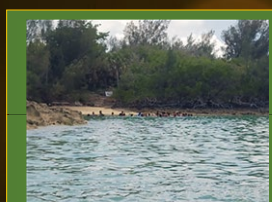
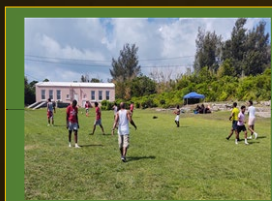
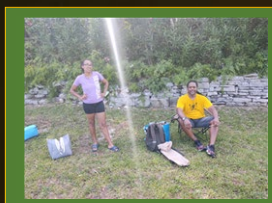


Gherdai Hassell: received a \$5000 grant.

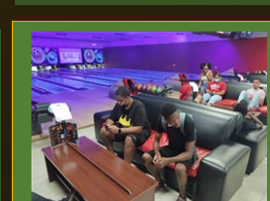
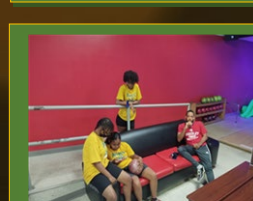


Daelyn Saint-Surin: awarded a \$5000 grant.

A Blast from the Class of 2021's Recent Past



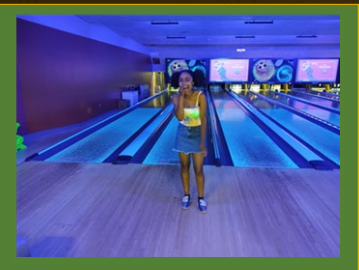
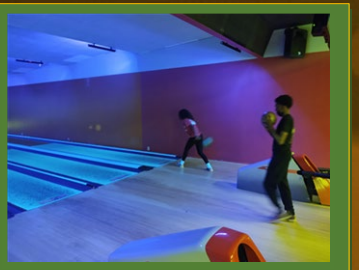
On Wednesday, June 23rd, 2021, S4 students reported to Market Wharf in St. George's to catch one of several boat trips over to Paget Island in St. George's for Outward Bound Activities. The students participated in team building activities including: high ropes course; a tour of Fort Cunningham; different sports (football and cricket); and canoeing, kayaking, swimming, and fishing. On Thursday, June 24th, 2021, S4 students and parents met at the Aquarium in Flatts to participate in the annual Graduate's Walk. The walk proceeded south-west along Middle Road in Flatts. Then walkers turned right on Jennings Road and kept toward the railway trail adjacent to Police Beach. The walk continued through the railway trail until the path ended on Palmetto Road. Walkers ensued along Palmetto Road then turned right onto Black Watch Pass. The walk continued west along North Shore Road. Lastly, walkers turned left onto Berkeley Hill Road before finishing at the front entrance of the school campus.



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Class of 2021 Graduation Week: White Horse, Strykz, S4 Walk & Paget Island



On the evening of Thursday, June 24th, 2021, our S4 students participated in bowling at Strykz Bowling Lounge in St. David's dressed in casual attire and their year level tee shirts. Food and beverages were made available for purchase at the bowling alley. An afternoon of fun was had by all! On Friday, June 25th, 2021, S4 students reported to the White Horse Restaurant & Pub in St. George's for the annual Graduate's Luncheon. The graduates of the Class of 2021 were dressed in semi-formal or professional dress attire to honor the occasion. Dr. Frederick and Mrs. Bridgewater of The Berkeley Institute's Educational Society and Ms. Trott, Vice Chairperson of The Berkeley Board of Governors, assisted with the initiative. The restaurant was reserved exclusively for our S4 students and staff of The Berkeley Institute. The luncheon included unlimited soft drinks and a meal of choice from a lunch menu.

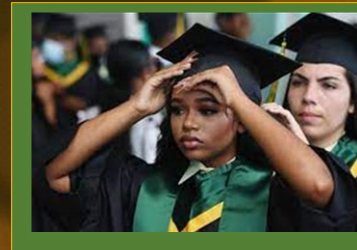
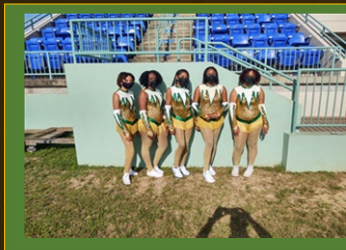


Dr. Frederick & Mrs. Bridgewater

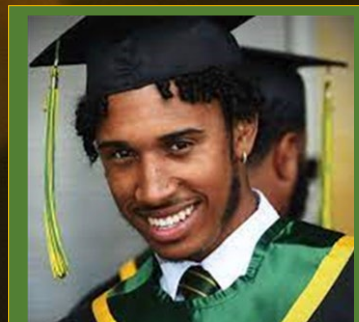
Ms. Trott gives prizes



Class of 2021 Graduation Week: National Sports Center Ceremony



On Monday, June 28th, 2021, The Berkeley Institute held a graduation ceremony for the Class of 2021 at the National Sports Center. At the ceremony Principal Douglas offered the following words of congratulations and encouragement: "Due to the global pandemic, graduates, your senior school experience has been nothing like we expected or imagined it to be. However, you have risen above it all, and because of the hard work and dedication of every single graduate here today, we are now here in this moment." Principal Douglas continued, "We have a total of 139 graduates. 40 of our graduates have been accepted at top colleges and universities in the UK, USA, and Canada. 26 plan on attending the Bermuda College, 10 are joining the workforce, while the rest are truly undecided at this time." Principal Douglas celebrated students in the Dual Enrollment Programme who acquired Associate Degrees and Applied Technology Certificates on Thursday, May 20th, 2021, at a drive-by celebration at the Bermuda College. Lastly, Principal Douglas highlighted scholarship recipients before sending tokens of appreciation to Berkeley families and community partners. On behalf of The Berkeley Institute family, I wish to extend my sincerest tokens of gratitude for all of the hands that feed Graduation Week activities. A special thanks to the Graduation Committee for creating memorable commencement exercises.



The Berkeley Institute

Hours of Operation

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Student Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

School Telephone Number: (441) 292-4752
Attendance Clerk's Direct Number: (441) 294-0357
Fax Number: (441) 295-5646

Principal's Corner Continued

As a reminder, students and parents cannot report to the school building at this time. However, **teachers/staff** may advise students via email if they have to report to collect any school materials as needed from the front entrance of the school building. **Mid-Quarter 1 Grades are DUE- Friday, October 15, 2021.** This is merely a snapshot to garner where students are and how they are progressing. We have implored students to complete all outstanding assignments and to seek assistance and support from their teachers and or year-level teams where needed before the grading deadline. We acknowledge that this may have been a rough weekend for many families as we continue to feel the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. We join with the rest of Bermuda by offering words of comfort, peace, health and strength to our families especially at this time. This is it for now... Have a great day and a great week! Keep safe and be well.

The Week at a Glance

- ❖ **Monday, 4th October, 2021**
 - **Staff Meeting @ 3:45 p.m.**
 - **PTSA AGM @ 6:00 p.m. via Zoom**
- ❖ **Wednesday, 13th October, 2021**
 - **College & Career Preparation**
 - **Breast Cancer 5k Walk**
- ❖ **Friday, 15th October, 2021**
 - **Mid-Quarter 1 Grades Due**

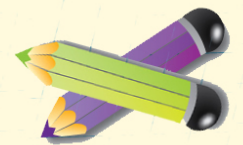
Saliva Screening Programme - Parents/guardians are encouraged to give consent for their child/ren to participate in the Saliva Screening Programme as another safety measure for schools. We sincerely thank those parents who have signed up. Moreover, we encourage those who haven't signed up yet to do so.

Berkeley Pictures of the Week



From left to right:

1. Dazendae Gittens, Ari Cannonier, and Dr. Osseyran take a group photograph after commencement at the National Stadium Center.
2. My Brother's Keeper: Mr. Durrant and K'Caneil Martin share a moment together before the Graduation Ceremony at the NSC.
3. Amon, Enche, and Keshenzae smile for a picture after the ceremony.



Quincy Paynter
Deputy Principal
Editor

Respice Finem! Keep the End In View!