

The Berkeley Institute "Weekly Times" Week of September 19th, 2022

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

The Berkeley Institute Alumni Reception



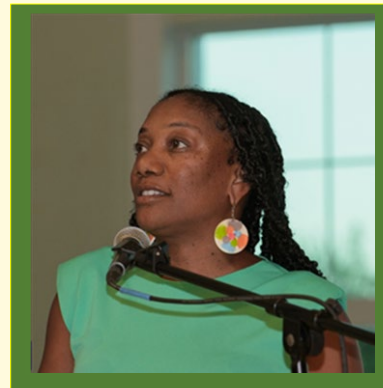
Principal's Corner:

I trust you enjoyed your long weekend. We have a short, but interesting week ahead. As you may be aware, Hurricane Fiona is currently a potential threat to Bermuda and may be at its closest point Thursday/Friday of this week. We will keep you informed as we learn more. In the meantime, please take time to prepare both personally and professionally in the event Hurricane Fiona is a major happening. The PTSA School Raffle draw has been rescheduled until **October 20, 2022**. There are multiple opportunities to get involved.

We have 5 days at Lindo's Warwick to sell raffle tickets. Please sign up for as many spots as you can. To register for a time slot, click on the following link and select your time.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A5AE2FA6F4C34-raffle>.

Students and staff, your assistance is greatly needed. Almost ALL proceeds go towards the S4 graduation scholarships. S4 Advisors please, please encourage your advisees to participate. There will be a \$3.00 School Grub Day on Thursday, September 22nd, 2022.



"Opportunities to Excel" – Principal Douglas conveys that 132 SPL students will focus on healthcare and financial services.

New Staff at The Berkeley Institute

The Berkeley Institute family is delighted to introduce the following new staff to The Berkeley Institute:

- ❖ Keisha Brown-Dixon - Librarian
- ❖ Ani Douglas - Visual Arts
- ❖ Patrina Hibbert – Business Studies
- ❖ Alisha Mecene – School Counsellor
- ❖ Jeneba O'Connor – Adjustment Counsellor
- ❖ Phillip Phillipps – Design & Technology
- ❖ Aneesha Simmons – Para-educator
- ❖ Demar Turner – Design & Technology
- ❖ Craig Walls – Business Studies
- ❖ Kerryann Wynter – Family Studies
- ❖ June Swan – Para-educator



New Teacher Orientation: staff members learn of the Berkeley way.

Alumni Celebrate 125 Years

The Berkeley Institute's Educational Society held an Alumni Anniversary Reception celebrating 125 years on the evening of Tuesday, September 6th, 2022, in the Upper Atrium of The Berkeley Institute. The reception commemorated the opening of The Berkeley Institute on the ground floor of the Samaritan's Hall on Court Street on September 6th, 1897. Initially, the school opened as a private school welcoming fifteen boys and twelve girls under the leadership of Principal George A. DaCosta. The reception was hosted by dynamic duo Mrs. Debbie Jones-Hunter (Class of '75) and Mr. Jason Ford (Class of '89). Ms. Anika DeShields, Deputy Chairperson of The Berkeley Educational Society welcomed alumni to the reception before Ms. Samantha Smith (Class of '99) uplifted the audience with a vocal musical selection. A moment of silence was held in memoriam of deceased Berkeley alumni and associates. Principal Douglas remarked on the school's rich history and highlighted the start of



Berkeley Alumni Anniversary Reception



#OftAsWeCan



#AdminTeam



#PassingTheTorch



#GoldenGirls



#Symonds&Maxwel



classes with specializations focused on healthcare and financial services. Principal Douglas conveyed, “The first of the signature learning programmes to be housed at The Berkeley Institute will support students looking to enter fields of healthcare and social care with tracks in medical science and services, social sciences and services, and holistic healthcare services.” Ms. Douglas continued, “The second signature programme is financial and insurance services, where students will have the ability to participate in tracks such as accountancy, insurance, banking, business administration and Fintech.” Principal Douglas closed her remarks by highlighting some of the school’s rich history since its original welcoming of students on Court Street in 1897. Mr. Craig Bridgewater, chairman of The Berkeley Institute Board of Governors, shared that the school has always been on the leading edge of history since it opened as Bermuda’s first integrated secondary school. He continued that the school’s purpose is to provide an excellent education for all students regardless of their social status, background, race or gender. The evening’s festivities featured an open mic invitation to alumni to reminisce while Berkeleyites from a variety of different generations mixed and mingled. Dennajai Paynter, a recent graduate from the Class of 2022, blessed everyone with instrumental music as a self-taught pianist. Mr. John Lee (Class of ’89) provided an instrumental music selection before the oldest and youngest alumnus/alumna were recognized for being present. Ms. Terry-Lynn Richardson (Class of ’89) thanked patrons for attending.



#HostsWithTheMost



#LiftEveryVoiceAndSing



#FatherToSon



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
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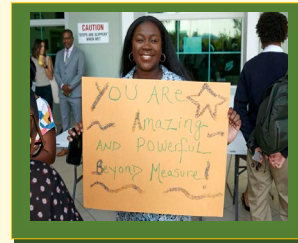
Berkeley Welcomes First Cohort of Signature School Students



#HonorGuard



#SelfieMode



on Monday, September 12th, 2022, the hallways were lined by students, educators, school leaders, Ministry Officials, and parents to celebrate a new chapter in Education Reform as we welcomed the first cohort of young people into Signature Schools to undertake Signature Learning Programmes.



#Homecoming



#ThreesCompany



The Week at a Glance

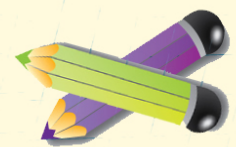
- ❖ Monday, 20th September, 2022
 - Public Holiday – Queen Elizabeth's funeral
- ❖ Thursday, 22nd September, 2022
 - \$3 School Grub Day
- ❖ Monday, 26th September, 2022
 - Student Council Campaign Week
- ❖ Thursday, 29th September, 2022
 - S1 Sports Expo & Jersey Grub Day \$3.00

Berkeley Pictures of the Week



From left to right:

1. Mr. Smith and Mrs. Bridgewater, members of the Educational Society, signify lighthouses for The Berkeley Institute.
2. Mrs. Garita Coddington, member of The Berkeley Institute Board of Governors, poses for a picture with a classmate.
3. Dennajai Paynter, graduate of the Class of 2022, is a self-taught pianist.



Quincy Paynter
Deputy Principal
Editor

Respite Finem! Keep the End In View!