

The Berkeley Institute "Weekly Times" Week of January 18th, 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

Student Council Collects Cans for Christmas



Principal's Corner:

This week is set aside for online Mid-Year examinations. For the most part, students will complete their exams from home. We will have a small presence of students on campus who will utilize the computer labs to complete their online exams supported by select staff members. The aforementioned students are being supported by the school for a host of reasons such as students who only have cell phones as their device, some learning support students, etc. Students have been reminded to complete and hand in all **outstanding assignments** by **Wednesday**,

January 20, 2021, as teachers will require time to finalize **Quarter 2 grades for Friday, January 22, 2021**. **Thursday, January 21, 2021** is set aside for the online '**CONFLICT EXAMS**' for students. **Semester 2** begins on **Monday, February 1, 2021**.

In celebration of Martin Luther King's birthday, I greet you with one of his infamous quotes: ***'The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy'***.

Thank you one and all for continuing to stand firm at this unique period in education here at The Berkeley Institute as it relates to the effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic and its challenges.

Graduate Ashley Bento Called to the Bar

Class of 2016 graduate, Ms. Ashley Bento, has been called to the Bar after completing a two-year pupillage programme in the corporate and insurance departments at the Appleby law firm. Ms. Bento attended The Berkeley Institute and the Bermuda College where she earned an associate's degree in arts and science with distinction. In 2018, she graduated with first class honors from the University of Greenwich in London with a Bachelor of Law degree. Moreover, Ms. Bento completed the legal practice course at BPP University in London. Ms. Bento was awarded a bursary from Appleby in 2016, upon graduating from The Berkeley Institute. In 2018, Ms. Bento was the recipient of Appleby's legal education award and training contract. Upon being called to the Bar, Ms. Bento proclaimed, "I am thrilled to be a part of this esteemed profession and for my legal career ahead where I will strive to uphold the integrity of the judiciary and the Bermuda Bar." She thanked Andy Bento, Andrea Bento, Jamila Eve-Cann, Matthew Carr, Jerome Wilson and Clive Langley.



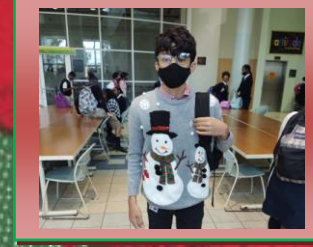
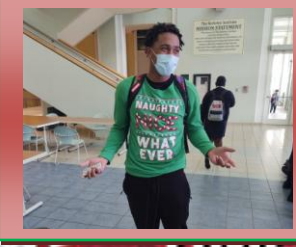
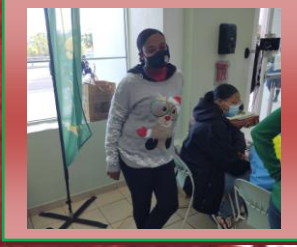
Called to the Bar: Ashley Bento

Tis the Season to Rock Ugly Sweaters



The Student Council hosted the following holiday events:

- 1) Door Decorating Contest – Judging (Monday, December 7th, 2020).** A new category was added! Teachers/Faculty with no advisory was able to participate!
- 2) Ugly Holiday Sweater Contest / Grub Day – Friday, December 4th, 2020. Canned Food Drive -** Students donated non-perishable goods to support those less fortunate citizens during the holiday season and participated in an Ugly Holiday Sweater Grub day.
- 3) Freestyle Friday – Lunchtime in the Courtyard – Friday, December 4th 2020.** Pupils shared holiday cheer with music.



Tis the Season to be Door Decorating

S1 Advisory Holiday Door Competition



On Monday, December 7th, 2020, The Berkeley Institute's Student Council hosted an Advisory Holiday Door Decorating competition. This year a new category was added permitting teachers/faculty with no advisory to participate. The winning door decorating advisory from S1 went to Mrs. Carrion's advisory group for their evergreen snowman. Ms. Outerbridge and Mrs. Samuda-Grant's advisories received honorable mentions for their door decorations. A battle to determine a winner heated up in the S2 year group with Ms. Manders' advisory becoming the eventual winners for their emulation of a winter wonderland. Receiving honorable mention was Mrs. Gilchrist, Ms. James, and Ms. Blackman's advisories. The S3 door decorating advisory winner went to Mr. James' advisory for their masterful representation of Frosty the Snowman and Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer. Ms. G. Smith and Mrs. Halstead-Givens' advisories received honorable mentions. The S4 advisory holiday door decorating competition was won by Ms. Lowe's advisory while the staff members of faculty room 428 won the staff/faculty competition. On behalf of The Berkeley Institute family, I wish to extend tokens of appreciation to the competition judges; Ms. Crockwell, Mrs. Hassell, and Mrs. Minks. Also, I wish to thank the Student Council and all of the participating advisories for making our classroom doors festive.

Around Campus: Advisory Door Competition

S2 Advisory Holiday Door Competition



S3 Advisory Holiday Door Competition



Around Campus: Advisory Door Competition

S4 Advisory Holiday Door Competition



C411 Lowe S4 Advisory

Faculty/Staff Holiday Door Competition



A428 faculty room

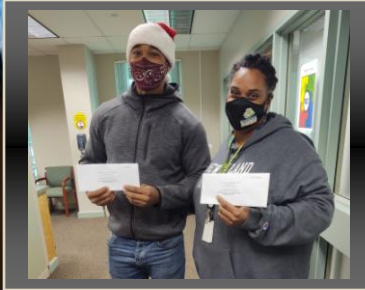


Learning Support Faculty

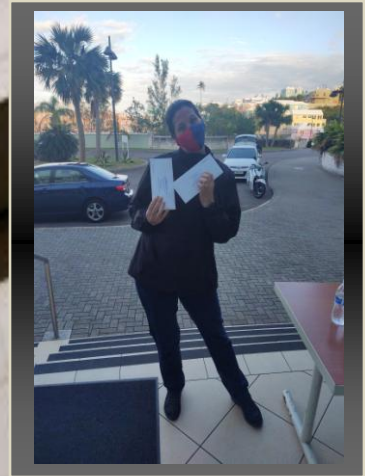


Office

Allan & Gill Gray Foundation Donates Food Gift Cards to Staff



Several staff member of The Berkeley Institute helped the Allan & Gill Gray Foundation to distribute food gift cards to families in Bermuda who required a little extra help due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a token of appreciation for our staff's hard work and commitment over the 17 weeks, the Allan & Gill Gray Foundation provided every staff member at The Berkeley Institute with 5 food gift cards worth \$100 each. On behalf of The Berkeley family, I wish to extend thanks and appreciation to the Allan & Gill Gray Foundation for making the holiday season brighter for our staff.



The Berkeley Institute

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Keijah Lee



Micah Straw II

The Week at a Glance

- ❖ Monday, 18th January, 2021
 - Online Examination Week
- ❖ Wednesday, 19th January, 2021
 - Students last day to hand in missed assignments to teachers.
- ❖ Thursday, 21st January, 2021
 - Teacher Administrative Day
 - Online Conflict Examinations
- ❖ Friday, 22nd January, 2021
 - Teacher Administrative Day
 - Quarter 2 Grades Due

Dr. Grundy Annual Youth Photography Competition

On Thursday, December 3rd, 2020, the National Museum of Bermuda revealed the 36 finalist of the Dr. Reg Grundy Annual Youth Photography Competition: Your Eyes on Bermuda. The Berkeley Institute students, Keijah Lee and Micah Straw II, placed as finalist for the above attached photographs. A Zoom gathering of 57 students, teachers, family members, sponsors, judges, and the Minister of Education, the honorable Diallo Rabain, commemorated the reveal in memory of Dr. Reg Grundy, AC, OBE whose photographic legacy and passion for Bermuda live on in his work. The competition was designed to inspire the next generation of photographers and encourage an appreciation for Bermuda's natural and cultural environment with a desire to protect it. Winners received Iron Kids Accounts at Clarien Bank in the amounts of \$500, \$300, and \$200 based on age groups.

Berkeley Pictures of the Week



From left to right:

1. Car boot sale: Ms. Key-Holmes gets graduates to collect year books via drive through.
2. The Berkeley Institute's administrative team display perfect synergy by wearing red to commemorate Christmas.
3. "Oft as we can we'll come back again" – Congratulations to Zya Fraser for attaining her Bachelors of Business Administration in Risk Management and Insurance.



Quincy Paynter
Deputy Principal
Editor

Respice Finem! Keep the End In View!