

PAVE CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY

In Jamaica, the year-round tropical climate and popularity as a tourist destination surrounded by water creates a constant demand for lifeguards. Lifeguards play a crucial role in ensuring safety, and contributing to the community's well-being, particularly in fostering responsible tourism. PAVE's new lifeguarding course is offering students the opportunity to pursue careers in this essential field with hands-on training, the certification is accredited by Jamaica Life Saving Society (JLSS). Currently, 10 dedicated students are enrolled, signaling a positive step towards meeting the demand for skilled lifeguards.



BEST & BRIGHTEST OF THE MONTH



Employee Spotlight

Meet **David Comrie**, a dedicated Counselor and Industrial Security Trainer at PAVE for over 5 years. He values PAVE's open and nurturing environment, viewing it as more than an educational institution but also a close-knit family and a safe haven for empowerment. In his counseling role, David guides and empowers students, providing an outlet for their inner thoughts and emotions. As an Industrial Security Trainer, he shapes students into adept security practitioners with self-defense and tactical techniques. David considers his role a divine calling, motivated by empathy and a giving heart, believing that helping youth contributes to saving mankind's future. He envisions global travel in the next 5 years, continuing his mission to assist youths worldwide. His advice for those starting their careers is impactful: ***"Don't let your career define who you are; let your love define your career. Instead of making impressions, strive to make a positive impact on as many people as possible."***

Meet **Paige Grant**, the current Student of the Month, is a dedicated student enrolled in Guest Room Attendance and Front Desk Representative classes at PAVE. Upon graduating, she plans to pursue employment, showcasing her proactive approach to her future. Paige's recognition as Student of the Month is well-deserved, attributed to her consistent punctuality and respectful demeanor towards both peers and teachers. Her commitment to excellence in both conduct and academics makes her a standout student, contributing positively to the school community.

Student of the Month





2023 Recap

As we take a moment to look back on the year 2023, PAVE is immensely grateful for the unwavering support received from our community. This year marked significant milestones, with the introduction of eight classes, including our latest addition – the Lifeguard Certification program. Staff at PAVE Centre in Jamaica recently engaged in a Professional Development workshop facilitated by Anisa Wilson from Life Skills Education Limited. The aim was to equip the staff with tools applicable to their roles, ensuring enhanced capabilities and performance. We are thrilled to celebrate the success of two Entrepreneurship graduates from our 2022 class who secured grants from National Christian Foundation (NCF) for their budding businesses, a testament to the impact of PAVE's educational initiatives. PAVE Centre also contributed towards Tichfield High School's acquisition of a commercial-grade deep freezer for their sports program, and poultry project.

The highlight of our year was undoubtedly the annual gala, a resounding success that saw the enthusiastic participation of over 250 guests. Together, we raised an impressive \$146,052, ensuring the sustainability of PAVE Centre's operations in the coming year. This financial support is instrumental in providing ongoing opportunities for the educational and spiritual growth of our students.

In addition to these accomplishments, we welcomed new members to the PAVE family. Ms. Henlon joined as the Entrepreneurship Co-Facilitator, while Latoya McMurray took on the role of Kitchen Cook Trainer, and Donae Anderson became our Administrative Assistant. From our Miami office, Lisa Martorano joined as Administrator. Their contributions have enriched our team, enhancing our ability to deliver impactful programs.

Reflecting on the past year, it is evident that the collective efforts and community support have played a pivotal role in PAVE's success. We are grateful and proud of our supporters.

Here's to another year of success, growth, and positive impact for PAVE Centre! Thank you for being an integral part of our journey.

