

PAVE CENTRE NEWSLETTER

MAY 2024

THE PRIME MINISTER'S NATIONAL YOUTH AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE KINGSTON, JAMAICA



We are bursting with pride as we celebrate PAVE Centre's remarkable achievement of winning the 2023 Prime Minister's National Youth Award for Excellence in Youth Development. This accolade is a testament to the unwavering dedication of our staff and supporters who tirelessly work towards advancing quality education and life skills for Jamaica's youth. Their commitment has been instrumental in shaping the future of countless young individuals. The Portland Arts and Vocational Education Centre was recognized for standing "as a beacon of hope and opportunity in Port Antonio, nurturing the talents and aspirations of its youths rooted in a mission to address youth unemployment and uplift disadvantaged communities". We are profoundly grateful to everyone who has played a part in our journey, from our dedicated team members to our loyal supporters. And to our 200+ PAVE graduates, we extend our heartfelt congratulations – this award is a tribute to your hard work, determination, and the bright futures you are building for yourselves and your communities.

PAVE STUDENTS MAKING AN IMPACT

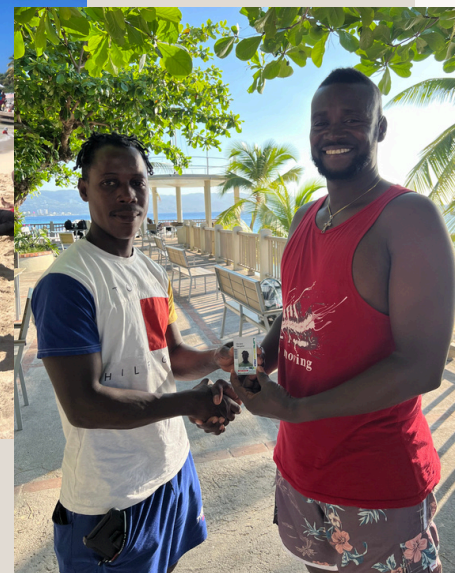
Empowering Conservation: PAVE's Impact at The Alligator Head Foundation's Climate-Smart Event



On April 19th, an exciting event took place at The Alligator Head Foundation in Oyster Bay, Anchovy, Portland. PAVE was proud to be a part of it. This event was all about showcasing climate-smart activities, in alignment with the CoralCarib project's goals of coral restoration in climate refugia sites. The attendees learned about innovative strategies to protect our oceans and coral reefs in the face of climate change. From engaging presentations to hands-on demonstrations, participants gained valuable insights into the importance of conservation efforts. PAVE Centre's involvement added depth and perspective to the event, emphasizing the crucial role of education and community engagement in building a sustainable future. It was a fantastic opportunity to collaborate, learn, and inspire action towards a healthier planet.

Making Waves: Students Achieve Lifeguard Certification in Montego Bay, Jamaica

We're thrilled to announce a significant achievement within our community as seven students successfully completed their lifeguard certification following a rigorous test held in Montego Bay, Jamaica. This accomplishment is a testament to their dedication and hard work, and we couldn't be prouder of their commitment to ensuring water safety. The Jamaica Life Saving Society has officially certified these individuals, recognizing their expertise and readiness to safeguard swimmers in various aquatic environments. This achievement not only highlights their individual capabilities but also reinforces the importance of water safety education and training in our community. Congratulations to the students on this remarkable accomplishment!



BEST & BRIGHTEST OF THE MONTH



Employee Spotlight

Meet **Latoya McMurry**, the vibrant Office Administrator at PAVE, brings a deep sense of love, faith, and commitment to her role. With just six months at PAVE, Latoya has already made a significant impact on the organization's operations. Inspired by her mother's teachings of respect and kindness, Latoya's faith guides her work, emphasizing the importance of positivity and giving back. Joining PAVE was a natural choice for Latoya, aligning with her goal of making a difference and helping others. As an Office Administrator, she supports daily operations and maintenance duties, driven by her passion for PAVE's mission. Latoya values PAVE's commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment, which deeply aligns with her beliefs. Her advice to aspiring professionals is to pursue their passions and prioritize faith. With her dedication and inspiring spirit, Latoya embodies PAVE's mission and serves as an example for all.

Meet **Toshane Thaxter**, our Student of the Month, who embodies dedication and ambition. Currently working as a security officer, Toshane decided to take the restaurant server course at PAVE to improve his chances of finding work globally and to enhance his social skills. Motivated by the desire to secure a better future for himself and his child, Toshane viewed this course as a stepping stone to success. Beyond his academic pursuits, Toshane dreams of exploring different cultures and cuisines worldwide. After completing his studies at PAVE, he plans to pursue opportunities in the hospitality industry, particularly in hotels and on cruise ships. Toshane's journey exemplifies the power of determination and chasing one's dreams, showcasing that with persistence, the world offers boundless opportunities.

Student of the Month



UPCOMING EVENTS



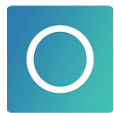
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JULY 14 FISH FRY IN JULY - PORT ANTONIO JAMAICA
SEPTEMBER 14 ANNUAL LIGHT THE WAY GALA - MIAMI, FL

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