

PAVE CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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Fish Fry in July

The recent Fish Fry event held at the PAVE Centre in Port Antonio, Jamaica, was a remarkable success, exemplifying the strength and unity of our community. This fundraiser was organized to support the essential road repairs leading to the PAVE Centre, ensuring safe and accessible routes for all who benefit from our programs.

Despite the challenging conditions following Hurricane Beryl, which left us without power or running water, the PAVE students and staff demonstrated remarkable perseverance and dedication. Their unwavering spirit and hard work were evident in every aspect of the event, transforming obstacles into opportunities for growth and connection.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our supporters, whose contributions and presence were invaluable. Special thanks go to CC Bakery, a cornerstone of Port Antonio, celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. Their participation and support added a special touch to the event, highlighting the bakery's longstanding commitment to our community.

The smiles on everyone's faces were a testament to the event's success. Together, we raised over \$7,000, a significant achievement under such adverse circumstances. We are pleased to announce that 100% of the proceeds will go directly towards repairing the road, ensuring that PAVE Centre remains accessible to all who rely on its services.

Thank you once again to our incredible supporters, students, and staff for making this event a memorable and impactful occasion. Your dedication and resilience continue to inspire us as we work together towards a brighter future for our community.

Thank you!



PAVE Centre Kicks Off Third Annual Entrepreneurship Course

This July, the PAVE Centre proudly launched its Entrepreneurship Course for the third consecutive year. The course begins with an intensive two-week design sprint led by lecturers Jamie Dickson and Edou Hilverda from NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences in the Netherlands, along with a PAVE facilitator. During this sprint, students refine their business ideas using the Business Model Canvas and design thinking principles, inspiring each other, building confidence, and fostering dedication to their new ventures. The design sprint also connects students with entrepreneurs and the local community for additional inspiration.

Following this initial phase, the course continues with a five-month curriculum facilitated by PAVE and supported virtually by the lecturers. Students learn all aspects of starting and running a business, including pitching ideas, gathering feedback, conducting research, and refining their plans based on community needs. PAVE Centre further supports these endeavors with seed funding and connections to additional funding resources.

We are incredibly proud of our students from this class and excited to see where they go in their entrepreneurial endeavors. By helping entrepreneurs launch their local businesses, PAVE contributes to the community by generating jobs, creating employment opportunities for local talent, and keeping money circulating within the community.

In previous years, two successful businesses have been launched, with two more in the pipeline. This course is offered in collaboration with NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences in the Netherlands, whose approach to learning and emphasis on entrepreneurship and design-based education make them an ideal partner for PAVE.



Lujo Experience : Entrepreneurship Success

We are thrilled to celebrate Monique Robinson, a proud graduate of PAVE's Entrepreneurship course, who launched her unique pop-up, Lujo Experience, at the Fish Fry event in July. Lujo Experience is a unique food catering service that brings a luxurious dining experience anywhere they go. Monique's innovative approach and dedication have made her business a standout success. Her journey from student to business owner is a testament to her hard work and the comprehensive training she received at PAVE. We are immensely proud of her accomplishments and excited to see where Lujo Experience goes, confident that her success will continue to grow and inspire others within our community.

PAVE Students Shine in Art & Interior Decorating



Our talented students from the Art and Interior Decorating courses showcase their creativity and dedication in this inspiring photos. Their innovative designs and artistic skills highlight the exceptional training and passion cultivated at PAVE. We are proud of their progress and excited to see their future contributions to the art and design community.

Security Students Excel in Combat Training



Our security students are making great strides in their combat training, demonstrating impressive skills and dedication. Through rigorous drills and simulations, they are honing their abilities to handle real-world scenarios with confidence and precision. This hands-on training is crucial in preparing them for the challenges they will face in the field, and their commitment to mastering these skills is truly commendable. We're excited to see their growth and the impact they'll make in the security profession.

Thank You to the German Embassy for Their Continued Support!

We sincerely thank the German Embassy in Jamaica for their generous grants to PAVE's Entrepreneurship and Interior Decorating courses. These funds are vital in empowering marginalized youth, providing quality education, and promoting gender equality. Our Entrepreneurship course helps break the cycle of poverty in underserved communities by offering essential business skills, while the Interior Decorating course challenges traditional gender roles and fosters inclusivity. Your support is making a meaningful impact, and we are deeply grateful.



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Best & Brightest of the Month



PAULA V. LLEWELLYN, C.D., Q.C. Visits PAVE

We were honored to welcome Ms. Paula Llewellyn, Director of Public Prosecutions and the first woman to hold this esteemed position on the island, to PAVE. In her engaging talk, Ms. Llewellyn shared her inspiring journey from graduating St. Hugh's High School to becoming a trailblazer in the field of law. She detailed her path from Clerk of Court to her current role. Ms. Llewellyn's speech was both motivational and inspiring, offering our students valuable insights into staying motivated and overcoming challenges to build a better future for themselves and their families. Her real-life examples and interactive approach left a lasting impact, encouraging students to pursue their goals with dedication and resilience. We are grateful for her visit and the profound inspiration she provided.



Graduate Sets Sail

We are thrilled to announce that Devano Brown, a talented PAVE graduate, has recently secured a position with Carnival Cruise Line, showcasing the culinary skills he mastered through our program. This accomplishment reflects Devano's hard work and dedication, and we are immensely proud of his success. His new role is an exciting opportunity, and we hope it marks the beginning of many more PAVE students finding opportunities with Carnival Cruise Line. Congratulations, Devano, and best of luck in your new journey!

Student of the Month



Congratulations to Kenny, our Student of the Month! Currently enrolled in the Interior Decorating course at PAVE, Kenny has been recognized for his outstanding punctuality and unwavering enthusiasm. Despite not being employed at the moment, Kenny's commitment to his studies and his excitement for learning have set him apart. After graduating, he plans to continue his work at Essies Variety Store. We're proud of Kenny's dedication and look forward to seeing him achieve his goals.

Upcoming Events



GRADUATION *Ceremony*

SUNDAY

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2:00 PM

FOLLY ESTATE, PORT ANTONIO, JAMAICA



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