



2021 SPRING COMMENCEMENT

Thursday, May 20, 2021 • 12:00 NOON
Bermuda College Virtual Ceremony

PREMIER'S CONGRATULATORY REMARKS



The Hon. E. David G. Burt JP, MP

Premier

On behalf of the Government of Bermuda, it is my pleasure to extend wholehearted congratulations to the graduates of the Bermuda College Class of 2021.

Today, you will carry on a legacy that started in 1974 when Bermuda College commenced providing a curriculum for the education and training of young Bermudians. The Bermuda College legacy has produced outstandingly gifted and respected community, political and business leaders whom you now join as you complete your academic journey and embark on new endeavours.

What you have learned during these past few years whether in business, science, technical education, or hospitality will serve you throughout your careers. The Government believes each of you will carry on the legacy as you close this chapter and begin another.

We also applaud your tenacity and perseverance. The past 14 months have surely not been easy but you did not allow the difficult moments to curtail your commitment to your studies and goals. The determination represented by each of you serves as an inspiration to us all at a time when we need it most. The community joins with your family and friends to celebrate your success.

To quote one of the most successful international footballers of the 20th century, Pelé, "Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do." Let this accomplishment continually serve as a reminder that you possess the will and ability to achieve great things no matter the obstacles you may face.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.G. Burt". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.



The Hon. Diallo Rabain JP, MP

Minister of Education

Congratulations Bermuda College graduating Class of 2021.

Today is a special day, for you it culminates your introduction to tertiary education, and is a rite of passage to launch you into your next journey in life.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic has caused much uncertainty, and changed the way we function, your tenacity and work ethic have driven you to succeed.

You do not have to stop here! This graduation has shown you that you can accomplish your goals when you commit to them.

I hope that all of you today take this personal accomplishment as an example that the sky's the limit - when you decide that you will go for it.

Although it may not be easy to see now, every accomplishment you achieve is added to the world's accomplishments. Your individual successes benefit society as a whole because when you succeed, you lighten the burden on your fellow man. When you succeed, you are in a position to give back to your community.

Imagine if every individual lived up to his or her own potential, think about how amazing that would be, and how much better off the world would be.

While we may not have the power to inspire the entire world to strive for success, we do have the power to achieve it for ourselves. My challenge to you is to do all that you can to reach your full potential, take what you have learned and move forward with passion and a driven determination to use your knowledge and your skills.

It is said that the two most significant times of your life are the day you are born, and then the day you figure out why you were born.

As you continue to dive into continuing your path towards figuring out your purpose and answering the question 'why were you born?', start by finding ways to connect directly to the world for inspiration. With today's technology at your fingertips, it is easy to search Google for an answer and for job inspiration. However, you can't use Google for what is in your heart - the passion that drives you, lifts you up, and gives you real purpose and meaning in life.

I encourage you to not necessarily choose a road that is the most easily travelled. Significant accomplishments and achievements in life are not meant to come with ease. They require uncommon dedication and focus. Never allow limitations to confine your abilities, even if those limitations have been set by those who are closest to you.

Take each new problem on with confidence, knowing that you have achieved great heights and are equipped with the necessary tools to tackle anything that comes your way.

Remember, your country is here to support you and wish you all the best in the future.



Mr. Peter Sousa

Chairman of the Board, Bermuda College

Congratulations Graduates!

On behalf of the Bermuda College Board of Governors, I extend my congratulations to the Class of 2021.

Today is a time of celebration, enabling us to recognise your success and the Bermuda College's success in its role of preparing you for the opportunities ahead.

Today we recognise your dedication, discipline and determination in your chosen field of study. We also recognise the support and sacrifices

of the graduates' parents and families. Special thanks also go to the College faculty and staff for their invaluable guidance, instruction and support to the graduates.

The past year has been no ordinary year, as we have experienced and witnessed incredible, unforeseen and devastating change due to the pandemic. Examples of such change are moving to remote online instruction and learning, temporary restrictions on free movement within Bermuda and terrible losses. Family, friends and colleagues have lost their lives; others have lost their jobs; and others, their plans for the future. Despite all of this you persevered, and the faculty and staff were steadfast in carrying out their important roles and responsibilities. Our community is strengthened and uplifted by your collective courage and all of us can be rightly proud of your achievement. Bermuda will emerge stronger from this current challenge with your help.

The Class of 2021 joins the prestigious ranks of Bermuda College alumni. You will be joining a group that represents all segments of our community and you will be expected to play your part in Bermuda's continued success and prosperity. What path will you continue on from here?

"When written in Chinese, the word "crisis" is composed of two characters - one represents danger and one represents opportunity."

~ John F. Kennedy



Dr. Duranda Greene

President, Bermuda College

BC CLASS OF 2021...You Made It!

Leonardo da Vinci was once at work for a long period of time on a great masterpiece. He had laboured long to create this work of art and it was near completion. Standing near him was a young student who spent much of his time with his mouth open, amazed at the master with the brush. Just before finishing the painting, da Vinci turned to the young student and gave him the brush and said, “Now, you finish it.” The student protested and backed away, but da Vinci said, “Will not what I have done inspire you to do your best?”

Today the entire Bermuda College family of executives, administrators, faculty and support staff hand you the brush to continue to develop the masterpiece of your lives with full confidence; not asking, but knowing that you have been inspired by your time with us, and have learned to press through and do your very best no matter what confronts you along the way.

We know that the past 15 months have presented you with challenges unique to the pandemic. Yet, you’ve risen to the top, defying the odds, and are today, joining the illustrious company of the Class of 2021 graduates around the world who have achieved and succeeded, just as you have. Congratulations! And thank you for allowing us to be a part of your academic journey.

Remember us here at Bermuda College... truly, we will never forget you!

Magna mirabilia portendi!—Great and wonderful things are foretold...

BIOGRAPHY OF GUEST SPEAKER



Jamel Hardtman, MBA

Jamel Hardtman is an activist, entrepreneur, and talk show host who currently produces and co-hosts Bermuda's Daily Talk Show, The Daily Hour. He's also currently employed as an Account Executive for The BB&T Center/Florida Panthers of the National Hockey League in Sunrise Florida.

Many may remember Jamel and his activism from his time as a member of Bermudians Against the Draft, the group that despite many setbacks played a major role in bringing conscription to an end in Bermuda. Along with his activism, Jamel has coached youth football both in Bermuda for his beloved North Village Community Club as well as recreation in Union, New Jersey. He's mentored young people through programmes both in Bermuda and the United States.

After being made redundant in 2018, Jamel and a former colleague co-founded a media company, Bermuda Communications Group Ltd. (BCG). The company's main focus is to utilise the Internet to deliver digital audio and visual products/services. This includes customised radio stations for businesses/organisations under their Store Tunes Radio brand, The Full 100 Radio which is an online radio station, The Daily Hour talk show, Good Day Bermuda talk show, and many other similar products/services.

Jamel was educated at Prospect Primary before attending Northlands Secondary. After 4 years at Northlands he was part of the first graduating class of Cedarbridge Academy in 1998. Jamel holds an Associate in Science in Video and Radio Production as well as a Bachelor of Science in Business Management Technology from New England Institute of Technology. With the help of Bermuda College, he also earned a Master of Business Administration from Johnson & Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island. Most recently, he attained a Sales Growth certificate from eCornell University.



Miss Chervonne Hodson

Class of 2021

Bermuda born and raised, Chervonne Hodson is a Bermuda Institute alumna from the class of 2018. While studying at Bermuda Institute she served as the academy's Head Girl, Student Association Vice President, and an active member of the National Honor Society. Since graduating from Bermuda Institute, Chervonne has pursued further education at Bermuda College with motivation towards mental health advocacy for adolescents and young adults. During her attendance at Bermuda College, she has become a member of the Beta Chi Upsilon Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, accepted the role of public relations officer for the chapter in 2019 and in the following year the role of president, and placed on the President's list in the fall of 2020. Ultimately, Chervonne's end goal is to attain a Master of Science in Mental Health Counselling to help young Bermudians in the community battling mental health issues.

Pomp and Circumstance

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Prayer

Rev. Dr. Lisa Osborne

Director, Academic Resource Centre

Welcome

Dr. Duranda Greene

President

Commencement Address

Mr. Jamel Hardtman

Presentation of Graduating Class

Dr. Phyllis Curtis-Tweed

*Vice President,
Academic & Student Affairs*

**Conferring of Associate Degrees,
Diplomas & Certificates**

Dr. Duranda Greene

**Presentation of Associate Degrees,
Diplomas & Certificates**

Ms. Tammy Richardson

*Dean,
Division of Arts and Science*

Ms. L'Tanya Roberts

*Dean,
Division of Business, Hospitality
and Technical Education*

Ms. Kathy-Ann Swan RN

*Director,
Division of Nursing and Allied Health*

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

**Presentation of Mount Saint
Vincent University Graduating Class**

Dr. Phyllis Curtis-Tweed

Presentation of Bachelor Degrees

Dr. Ramona Lumpkin

*President and Vice Chancellor
Mount Saint Vincent University*

Ms. Tawana Flood

*Director,
Division of Professional and
Career Education*

2021 Graduate Address

Miss Chervonne Hodsoll

Class of 2021

Musical Tribute to Graduates

Mr. Nkosi Hollis

Closing

Mr. Peter Sousa

*Chairman,
Board of Governors*

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GRADUATES - CLASS OF 2021

DIVISION OF ARTS & SCIENCE

Associate of Arts (Art & Design)

Eanajah H. Armstrong	w/Merit
Eva M. Bottelli	w/Distinction
Anthony D. Buckley*	
Bella M. Clementino	
Jiqena C. Furqan*	w/Merit
Tracy L. Jackson	w/Distinction
Kaleyo L. James	
Marlena M. Ortega	

Associate of Arts

Keisha M. Butterfield*	w/Merit
Ari A. Smith	
Sophie T. Tessitore	
Rae'chelle A. Webster*	

Associate of Science (Early Childhood Education)

Samantha E. Smith	w/Merit
Yasmeen A. Woodley	

Associate of Arts and Science

Raina C. deFontes	
Cedric D. Ennis*	
Ethan H. Figureido	w/Merit
Zahria S. Furbert	
Chervonne Z. Hodsoll	w/Distinction
Armari M. Maybury	
Mikia L. Parris-Bean	
Gabrielle Z. Romaine	w/Distinction
Brandi M. Smith*	
Pjon A. Wellman	

Associate of Science

Elizabeth K. Davis*	
Corey P. Outerbridge	
Daelynn E. Richards	
Serena J. Simmons	w/Merit
Selina E. Whitter	

Associate of Science (Actuarial Science)

Matthew Kloet	w/Distinction
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Associate of Science (Education)

Ayanna Z. Weeks	w/Merit
DeZhané West*	

DIVISION OF BUSINESS, HOSPITALITY & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Certificate for Accounting Technician

Nievah S. Harvey	w/Distinction
Marrika S. Swan Burgess	
Larsene T. Wilks	w/Merit

Certificate in Applied Science Technology

Shomori Fox	
Nasyde M. Guerrero	
Bryan Hayward-Smith	w/Merit
Aiden M. Lopes	
Richard C. Mitchell-Minors	
Kaelin J. Paynter	w/Distinction
Tejuan Phillips	
Keyahjae W. Simons	
Zion A. Thompson*	

Certificate in Electrical Wiring Technology

Jermaine Q. Harvey*	
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Certificate in Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning Technology

Riccai G. Allen*	
Robert A. Hill	w/Distinction
Zidane D. Ming-Wilson	
Camerin J. Pickering	w/Merit

Certificate in Motor Vehicle Technology

Jacari C. Renfroe	
Derrica E. Saunders	
Kevin R. Sunga	

Certificate in Plumbing Technology

Elijah M. Lightbourne*	
Milton Villamarin	w/Distinction

Diploma in Culinary Arts

Tikei A. Swan	w/Merit
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Diploma in Heating Ventilation & Air Conditioning

Tyler J. Pimental	w/Distinction
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Diploma in Hospitality Management

Shane C. Brown	w/Distinction
Jair M. Duke	w/Merit
Samoy Iris	

Associate of Applied Science (Culinary Arts)

Ricardo T. Correia	w/Distinction
Enaharo A. Holdipp*	w/Merit
Zyun L. Smith	w/Distinction

Associate of Applied Science (Hospitality Management)

Kuiana E. Daniels	w/Merit
Eric A. Rocha	
Shani W. Simmons*	
Tahquaysha M. Tucker	w/Merit

GRADUATES - CLASS OF 2021

Associate of Arts (Business Administration)

Jahlika Berkeley	w/Distinction
Aldo R. Campbell*	
Egypt M. Cann	w/Merit
Andrew E. Cheeseman	
Catarina M. Correia	w/Merit
Sahlay A. Davis*	w/ Merit
Amber Z. Douglas	w/Merit
Shantori A. Fox	w/Merit
Susana S. Guerreiro	w/Merit
Ciara L. Henschke*	
A'Naije E. Keesee-Ming	w/Distinction
Melissa R. Kouassi	
Taye M. Lambe*	w/Merit
Courtlynn McDonald	w/Merit
Azar N. Morrissey*	
Alex F. Pacheco	w/Merit
Ashley N. Pacheco	w/Distinction
She'Vaughn Pemberton-Edwards	
Tyquann T. Perinchief	w/Merit
Owenea W. Roberts	w/Merit
Kristen M. Simons	w/Distinction
Zavier S. Smith	w/Merit
Khalycah K. Thomas*	
Ryan E. Tyrrell	
Daren E. Usher*	
Elizabeth M. Valencia	w/Merit
Trevor A. Williams*	
Nadir Y. Young	w/Merit

Associate of Science (Computer Information Systems)

Joseph A. Garca	w/Distinction
James W. Greenfield	w/Merit
De'Quan Lema	
Jadan C. Ratteray-Smith	
Brandon Redman	
Raushon K. Tankard*	w/Merit

DIVISION OF NURSING & ALLIED HEALTH

Associate of Science (Nursing)

Jashae N. Allen-Lamontagne*	w/Merit
Anne S. Boykin-Smith*	w/Distinction
Karissa J. Burrows*	
Anna Chan*	w/Distinction
Jennell C. Darrell*	w/Merit
Elizabeth K. Davis*	w/Merit
Leah Jean Z. Dickinson	w/Merit
Sophia D. Reid-Maxwell*	
Kidada N. Robinson	w/Merit
Shannon S. Smith*	w/Merit
Chelsey R. Walker*	
Ta-jaé A. Cabral Young*	

MOUNT SAINT VINCENT UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Business Administration in Association with Bermuda College

Management

Carmilita Christine Angela Curtis
Lindell Charmee A. Foster
Shayla D. Fox Simmons
Edward Kenneth Van Putten

*Graduated in January 2021

PACE - 2020 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Certificate for Nursing Assistants

Cherie Anderson
Tamisha Archibald
Seionna Barnett
Brittany Bean
Kadian Bean
Racquel Dillas
Nadiyyah Easton
Jimnieta Fray
Phyllis Frith
Rochelle Harvey
Shuntae Hendrickson
Takira Hollinsid-Mello
Karimah Hollis
Karla Hollis
Tahjae Hollis
Vernita Hollis
Dannielle Joell
Marlene Knight
Renee Lewis
Gina Lowe
Khiry Mello
Tonya Perinchief
Maria Ramos
Ashley Roberts
Khaoula Salassi
Tia Sampson
Carla Simmons
Keitalia Simons
Patrice Smith
Desiree Thomas
Karen Thomas
Shakori Trott
Tasia Trott
Karen Tucker
Kizuwanda Van Putten
Kenna Wade
Kathleen Watts
Daniel Whitehead
Rosario Zavaleta Abanto

Certificate for Nursing Assistants (High School Cohort)

Cedarbridge Academy & Berekeley Institute

Jazz-I Butterfield-Rollins
Mary Carreon
Toronnae Darrell
Carla Encarnacion De Leon
Udori-Ahmoi Henry
D'Knori Hunt
Roneeyah Jones
Britney Outerbridge
Mya Peets
Diauri Richardson-Hardtman
Jasmine Simons
Airica Outerbridge
Jahziah Regis
Desire Simmons
Te'Lyah Taylor
Shania Haller

Certificate for Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT)

Shavaughn Hayward
Sage Morris
James Roland
Thelma Simmons
Devario Stirling

City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Hairdressing

Latasha Phipps
Tiffany Rollins
Johneika Smith
Aisha Spencer
Lennette Warner
Akilah Wilson

Endeavour Maritime Springboard Programme

Tego Bean
Mickia Brangman
Rebekah Cabrall
Hollie Hassell
Cristian Roque
Jeremiah Samuels
Joshua Simons
Naphtali Smith
Ryan Tacklin

Certificate in Basic Horticulture Level 1

Taariq Butterfield
Kameron Fox
Leah Furbert
Kacy Greene
Chaka Millett
Giselle Ming
Evelyn Pena
Kenneth Pusha
Oscar Riley
Nikki Riley-Burgher
Shawn Showers
Kevin Tucker
Aljame Zuill

Certificate in Basic Horticulture Level 2

Taariq Butterfield
Christopher Douglas
Kameron Fox
Leah Furbert
Kacy Greene
Chaka Millett
Giselle Ming
Evelyn Pena
Kenneth Pusha
Oscar Riley
Nikki Riley-Burgher
Shawn Showers
Kevin Tucker

PACE - 2020 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Introductory Level Certificate

The Art of DJ'ing

Raven Baksh
Hanna Collins
Ridwaan Shamsid-Deen
Kai-Larawn D Douglas
Asya Simons

World Instructor Schools Certified Personal Trainer

Twilton Hardtman
Philip Maybury
Dennis Robinson

AMERICAN MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (AMA)

Certificate in Human Resource

Ashelylynn Faries
Vaughn Haase
Marshallene Robinson
Kristal Todd

Certificate in General Management

Ashelylynn Faries
Marshallene Robinson
Anna Swann
Tsedale Wade

INTERNATIONAL COMPLIANCE ASSOCIATION (ICA)

Certificate in Anti Money Laundering

Kenneth Nottingham w/Distinction

Certificate in Compliance

Kenneth Nottingham w/Merit
Dawnae Simmons

Certificate in Managing Sanctions Risk

Kenneth Nottingham

Certificate in Financial Crime Prevention

Alicia Botelho with Merit
Kenneth Nottingham w/Distinction

Advanced Certificate in Managing Fraud

Carmilita Curtis

KIXKO Certificate in Compliance, Customer Due Diligence, Risk, Monitoring and Reporting

Katherine-Lee Burchell
Michelle Burrows
Dilina Butterfield-Trott
Girvan Campbell
Janel Christopher
Valerie Dill
Brian Durham
Ariana Furbert

Georgia Kerr-Woodley

Juanita Githinji
Dorlene Gomes
Isabella Hall
Jameelah Henry
Barbara Hughes
Danielle James
Samika King
Melanie Marsh
Carla Martin
Stevens Mckeon
Mckeon Stevens
Andrea Mckey
Kenlyn Newman
Terrilynn Pacheco
Julita Simmons
Catherine Smith
Jahai Smith
Gerri Stewart
Carol Swan
Michelle Tokunbo
Myra Trott
Isis Williams
Waheedah Zarif

KIXKO Governance & Oversight

Katherine-Lee Burchell
Michelle Burrows
Dilina Butterfield-Trott
Girvan Campbell
Janel Christopher
Valerie Dill
Brian Durham
Ariana Furbert
Georgia Kerr-Woodley
Juanita Githinji
Dorlene Gomes
Isabella Hall
Jameelah Henry
Barbara Hughes
Danielle James
Samika King
Melanie Marsh
Carla Martin
Stevens Mckeon
Mckeon Stevens
Andrea Mckey
Kenlyn Newman
Terrilynn Pacheco
Julita Simmons
Catherine Smith
Jahai Smith
Gerri Stewart
Carol Swan
Michelle Tokunbo
Myra Trott
Isis Williams
Waheedah Zarif

PACE - 2020 AWARD RECIPIENTS

ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS (ACCA)

Diploma in Financial and Management Accounting (RQF Level 2)

Ilesha Gibbons
Tasha Mclean
Ryan Way

Certificate in Bartending

Jalen Currin
Mia Currin
Sahlay Govia
Jessyka Haak
Sirgute Maryam
Brandon O'Connor
Lisa Perinchief
Priya Phillips
Lauren Rawlins
Sage Robinson
Alexis Selby
Serena Simmons
Daylon Smith
Dawn Smith
Ashley Weekes

Bookkeeping Certificate

Cynthia Bean
Patriley Cannonier
Denise Carey
Tiffany Hardtman
Wendy Morris
Stacey Paynter
Dakeisha Ratteray
Kerri Seymour
Kayla Swan
Courtney Talford

Business Coaching Certificate

Ashjuana Thomas

Certificate in Business Writing

Denise Goring
Deja Rasheed

Certificate in Data Analysis

Chantelle Emery
Clarke Joslynn
Summer Lambert

Certificate in Project Management

Dennis Ottley

Certificate in Teaching Adults

Jessica Gibbons

Certificate in Web Design

Rachael Burrows
Joshua Stevens

Management Certificate

Cindy Smith

Supervisory & Leadership Certificate

Natasha Ball-Melo
Ideleia Fox
Cindy Smith
Unray Waldron

Certificate in Online Teaching

Jodi Virgil

Managing Social Change Certificate

Corrine Franklin

Digital Marketing Certificate

Tajshana Tucker

Time & Productivity Management Certificate

Ariana Curling

CITY AND GUILDS

Entry Level Introductory Award in Employability Skills (Entry Level 2)

CEDARBRIDGE ACADEMY

Devin Augustus
Corey Bean
Filipe Branco
Johnnathan Brangman
Areana Brown
Majestic Butterfield
Talliyah Butterfield
Solomon Caisey
Rico Carreiro
Jasmeen Codrington-Edmead
Dabina Davy
Rosana Dawson
Chyna Donawa-Scott
Kamana Easton
Stefanie Francis
Zy-Asia Forbes
Shomori Fox
Jaden Furbert
Shirquae Furbert
Mahjai Furquan
Makhari Furquan
D'Jae Gilbert
Dakarai Grant
Gabrielle Greene
Anthony Gutzmore
Dominique Hamilton
Kashane Hayles
Sabianna Hayward
Yentae Hill
Malik James
Ezequiel Jimenez
Quincee Jones
Bobby Johnson
Al-Shae Landy
Johari Lawrence-Salaam
Shardae Lee
Allan Martin
Nemari Matias
Charlis Mirambeaux-Simmons

PACE - 2020 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Richard Mitchell-Minors
Jada Phillips
Nhoaa Powell
Se'lah Ray
Jaheim Ray-Georges
Rhamai Rhones-Mussenden
D'ajanae Richards
Ka'Ri Richards
Diauri Richardson-Hardtman
Kalai Robinson
Zidonnae Robinson
Zico Saltus-Seymour
Ravyn Shepherd
Michael Simmons
Nasir Smith
Tiffany Smith
T'niye Smith
D'Unya Symonds
Janae Talbot
Zion Thompson
Dequan Trott
Kelly Trott
Shantinori Trott
Zyjae Trott-Phillip
Hannah Trott-Smith
Taejha Tucker
Izeyya Wainwright
Ariana Walters
Najah-Rae Watson
Teja Watson
Tyler Welch
Katazha Wainwright

CITY AND GUILDS

**Entry Level Introductory Award in
Employability Skills (Entry Level 2)
BERKELEY INSTITUTE**

Sh'Nyah Akininstall
Chasity Armstrong
Kiyanna Boland
Nazarah Bridgewater
Ozahri Broadley
Satia Burchall
Kiana Cann
Ari Cannonier
Sara Costa
Danasia Curtis
Mitchiko Daquiz
D'Naszaye Evans
Mya Furbert-Jacobs
Nasyde Guerreo
Seth Hardtman
TreJon Jefferis
Rachel Mello-Cann
Dakari Minors
Zoe Neocleous
Aaron Paynter
Samaria Paynter
Mya Peets
Jadaz Philpott
Enzi Pitt-Adams
Ke'laysia Richardson
Kaela Riley
Owena Roberts
Javaine Rowe
Kimora Rubaine
Zayne Sinclair
Shia Smith
Micah Straw
T'Kai Swan
Zaihly Symonds
Simonique Thomas
Rae'chelle Webster
Shania Wedderburn
Stevonte Young



ACADEMIC REGALIA

The processional and recessional parade of students, faculty and staff dressed in their academic regalia is a spectacular and inspiring sight and has long been part of academic tradition. The day itself signifies a highpoint of dedication and achievement and, for many, will signal a turning point in their lives.

COLLEGE MACE

The Mace of Parliament or of an incorporated institution is the visible symbol of the authority granted to that body. When the Bermuda College Mace lies on the table at the public meeting of the College's Board of Governors known as Commencement, its presence signifies that the actions taken at that meeting, ie., the conferring of Associate Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates on the individuals who have earned them, are taken under the authority granted to the Board of Governors by the Bermuda College Act of 1974.

The Mace is made of Bermuda Cedar in three parts, joined together. At one end is a large ball of birds-eye cedar turned from the growth found on a dead stump on the Stonington property. It is supported by a cup which was turned from a piece taken from a cedar tree which had been taken down to make room to build the Technical Institute on Roberts Avenue in 1956. This building, under the name of the Commerce and Technology Building, became one of the first buildings used by the Bermuda College when it was incorporated in 1974. The straight shaft was turned from a straight piece of cedar which had grown on the property of the College's second Chief Executive Officer and first President, Dr. A.C. Hollis Hallett. The Mace was made in the Carpentry and Joinery workshop of the College on Roberts Avenue by J. Edgar Castle in 1979; Mr. Castle was then the College's lecturer in Carpentry and Joinery. The Mace was first used at the College's first Commencement in 1979 and was carried in procession by its maker. Today it is carried by the 'Employee of the Year'.

ACADEMIC REGALIA is the term used to describe the special dress, emblems, and symbols associated with higher education. Like colleges and universities all across the world, our ceremony observes many of the traditions of academic regalia.

The caps and gowns seen today had origins dating back to medieval times when churches oversaw all educational institutions. Students wore heavy black gowns, similar to those of the clergy with hoods that could be pulled up for warmth. Today, different styles of gowns are worn to represent different levels of education, many of which have been borrowed from the traditions of Britain's colleges and universities. For example, the early students of Oxford and Cambridge universities wore white fur-trimmed hoods as they received their baccalaureate degrees. As a result, white became the colour representing the arts and literature. As a traditional colour of the church, red came to represent theology; the green of herbs was associated with the study of medicine; golden yellow, represented

the wealth of knowledge science produced, or perhaps the early goal of science students to create gold! Today 26 colours represent virtually every field of study. At Bermuda College, those students graduating with certificates wear turquoise stoles with silver bars; those with diplomas, turquoise chevron hoods; and graduates of associate degrees receive black hoods with a turquoise and silver chevron – the College’s colours.

Members of the faculty and staff also parade in regalia representing their level of educational achievement. Those who hold baccalaureate degrees wear black gowns with three-foot long hoods. Master’s degree recipients wear black gowns with long square-cut sleeves and hoods that are three-and-a-half feet long; while those with doctoral degrees may wear black, maroon or navy gowns with four-foot long hoods. The gowns have velvet facings on the front, and three velvet crossbars on each of the sleeves. They may also wear the traditional square mortarboard caps or a beret-like cap made of velvet.

Whatever the distinctive robes you see before you today, you can be assured of the many hours of study and hard work that the wearers have invested to hold title to their achievements. Well done! Academic regalia link us to the past and unite us with the aspirations of those who will succeed us in the common pursuit of higher learning!

NOTE: Students graduating with a programme GPA in the range of 3.00 to 3.49 will be designated as having graduated with Merit. Those with a programme GPA of 3.50 or greater will be designated as having graduated with Distinction. These designations will appear on the official signed and embossed associate degrees and certificates of the College.

FACULTY AND SUPPORT STAFF

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

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