

CLASS OF 2021 WINTER COMMENCEMENT

Thursday, January 20, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. Bermuda College Virtual Ceremony



The Hon. E. David G. Burt JP, MP Premier of Bermuda

On behalf of the Government of Bermuda, I extend our congratulations to the "Winter Class of 2021" Bermuda College Graduates.

Graduation should not be viewed as the end but as a beginning. The Members of the Class of 2021, have already proven they are ready for what comes next on their education journey through their hard work and dedication.

As we approach a post-pandemic era, many new career avenues have emerged in technology, medicine and hospitality, while the resurgence of local entrepreneurs is creating innovative new local businesses bringing new ideas to life and driving economic growth. This is an exciting time to explore the many opportunities that exist. Your Government is committed to supporting Bermudians through economic growth, creating new businesses, and new jobs. We hope you will continue on the path toward discovering what is best suited for you.

To quote, the late tennis legend, Arthur Ashe, "Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." Wherever your career path leads, you have what it takes to achieve your goals and realise your full and limitless potential.

To the Class of 2021, I am pleased to recognise and applaud your accomplishments and wish you well in the future.

Congratulations and well done.



The Hon. Diallo Rabain JP, мР Minister of Education

Congratulations Bermuda College "Winter Class of 2021"!

I am proud to send greetings to this newest cohort of graduates. The fact that you are here today demonstrates the level of persistence, resilience and determination each of you possesses.

This past year with our Covid crisis has been nothing but challenging. Yet, you stand before us today as a testimony of excellence.

While this is a huge accomplishment, this is only the beginning. You have studied hard, focused, and are now armed with an educational foundation to prepare you for a career, further education or exploration into entrepreneurship. It is up to you how far you want to go.

Your teachers, family, community and the Bermuda Government have been on the side-lines, cheering you on. We will continue to support you as you transition to the next phase of your journey. Set your goals. Make a plan. And make them happen.

As I've shared with numerous students, when you succeed, you are in a position to give back to your community. Your successes will not only benefit you but will strengthen our society as a whole as you pave the way for the next generation behind you, as the leaders did before you.

Remember, your country is here to support you. We want nothing but the best for your future.

As you venture out into the world, ready to tackle the next phase of life, I want to reflect on the words of the late Desmond Tutu. "Do your little bit of good where you are: it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

I wish you all much success.



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 "Winter Class of 2021".

Today is a time of celebration, enabling us to recognise your success and the Bermuda College's success and its role in 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 another year of challenge due to the pandemic. Each of you have had to make adjustments to the way you learn and receive instruction while at the same time dealing with the temporary restrictions or other inconvenient conditions necessary to enable our community to more effectively respond to the pandemic. Michael Jordon has said: "Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."

You will join students all over the world who, despite these obstacles, managed to successfully complete the educational journey and pathway through institutions of higher learning. One day you will be able to look back with pride knowing how well you achieved your goals and were somehow strengthened by the difficulties you faced.

Today, Class of 2021, you join the prestigious ranks of Bermuda College alumni. You are now a part of 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.

Once again, I offer my congratulations to all of you!

Thank you.



Dr. Duranda Greene President, Bermuda College

Congratulations to the "Winter Class of 2021"!

You are a special cohort and a fitting example of determination triumphing over challenges. In what is now almost a full two years since the Covid pandemic reached Bermuda's shores, you stand as the most recent graduates to have persevered through unprecedented circumstances.

Someone once advised that you should never wait for the perfect moment, but instead, to take the moment and make it perfect! Class of 2021, this is what each of you should reflect on with pride. You did not allow adverse conditions to deter you from your goal. You achieved in spite of – and perhaps, because of. This is YOUR perfect moment. You made it! You did it!

Today, we also salute all of the Bermuda College faculty and staff who have journeyed with you and made this day possible for you.

Sometimes the most difficult roads lead to the most wonderful destinations. It is my hope that this special day and all that it represents, will prove to you that you have what it takes to reach each of your respective destinations. And, I pray that your accomplishments today will unlock many more doors to success. Well done and congratulations, Winter Class of 2021!

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



Miss Dejaneé Hill-Edwards B.Sc., M.Sc.

BC Alumni, Class of 2016

Dejaneé Hill-Edwards was born on February 9th, 1998, to parents Denise and Corey Hill. Being the eldest of two siblings and growing up in a single-parent household, she developed the independence, drive, and determination necessary to succeed. Dejaneé understood from early-on, that she would have to work extremely hard to achieve the goals set out for herself.

Dejaneé started her educational journey at Paget Primary School, where she was Head Girl, and in her last year was honored with the Ministry of Education's Student of Excellence Award in 2009, as well as Runner Up for the Denton Hurdle Memorial Award.

At Sandys Secondary Middle School, her path to success continued. She maintained academic excellence by receiving numerous awards, such as the Student of Excellence

trophy, and Principal's Cup for highest academic honors. Dejaneé was a member of the school band and dedicated many hours to community service. During her middle school career, she successfully sat the IGCSE Math and English tests designed for S2 students in M3.

It wasn't until The Berkeley Institute, that Dejaneé realized her full potential. In 2014, Dejaneé was accepted into the Dual Enrolment programme at Bermuda College, while still a student at The Berkeley Institute, enrolling in the Business Administration programme. During her time at the College, Dejaneé was placed on the Vice President's List. In May of 2016, Dejaneé created history, as being among the first cohort of Dual-Enrollment students to graduate with an Associate of Applied Science (Business Administration) Degree and a Bermuda School Diploma.

Upon completing her local studies, Dejaneé attended St. John's University, where she maintained that same level of independence, drive, and determination for success. At St. John's, she was named to the Peter J. Tobin College of Business Dean's List, for academic success in the 2016-2017 school year and in the Fall of 2017, she was inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma National Honors Society. Outside of her academic studies, Dejaneé was able to secure a variety of opportunities, including working as an intern in the Chubb Select Internship Program, as well as interning in the International Property & Casualty department at Arch Re Bermuda. In May 2019, she graduated from St. John's University with a BSc in Quantitative Risk & Insurance.

Dejaneé continued her academic career, pursuing her master's degree at Bayes (formerly Cass) Business School in London, UK. Unfortunately, her time in graduate school was cut short due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. After returning home, Dejaneé completed her studies and graduated with a MSc in Corporate Finance.

Growing up in Bermuda, one develops a fond sense of appreciation for what makes our island so unique: the fact that such a small island is a hub for global business, including the re/insurance industry. It was at Bermuda College that she got insight into what would be her chosen career path. In September 2020, Dejaneé began her career at Arch Reinsurance Ltd. Bermuda, where she is currently an Underwriting Assistant on the Property D&F team.

As an alumnus and in her professional capacity, Dejaneé sits on several committees through organisations such as the Bermuda Foundation for Insurance Studies, to continue the cycle of empowerment through mentorship and financial aid. She also gives back to her local community through Bailey's Bay Cricket Club, by holding the position of Business Development Coordinator on the Executive Board.

Despite many successes achieved, Dejaneé has had an equal number of challenges that she has had to overcome. Dejaneé lives by the personal mantra, "You are destined for greatness!", which has carried her through her educational and life journey.



Miss Kristina Burrows Class of 2021

Kristina Cassandra Burrows embodies the phrase, "despite the odds, success is inevitable."

Born and raised within a fusion of Bermudian and Filipino culture, Kristina has always exuded a pleasant and humble demeanor when interacting with anyone in her environment. She is a creative, hardworking, and diligent individual who always demonstrates great integrity. She gives thanks to the brave and hardworking women in her life who have inspired her to show gratitude, believe in

manifestation, be dedicated, and prevail despite any, and all, odds.

Kristina is an Alum of The Berkeley Institute, class of 2017 (go Green House!). Since graduating from The Berkeley Institute, Kristina has earned an acceptance, and scholarship, from Long Island University, but chose to, instead, further her education at the Bermuda College. Without having a clue on what her aspirations were at that point, not attending college was absolutely not an option.

As a student, Kristina juggled her studies with working at jobs for two local businesses: as a barista at the lovely Dangelini's Café, and an assistant to a homemade incorporated hair company, Island Potions. The name Island Potions was created by Kristina during the inception of this wonderful entrepreneurial venture.

While she attended Bermuda College, Kristina experienced a few difficult extenuating circumstances that hindered her academic performance, and completely misrepresented her true capabilities. Kristina was soon facing academic probation. With the assistance of Vice President Dr. Curtis-Tweed, advisor and Dean L. Roberts, and Counsellor K. Perry, she successfully carried on. Due to her strong and conscientious will to succeed, Kristina will be graduating with an Associates of Arts (Business Administration) degree.

Pomp and Circumstance

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Prayer

Welcome

Commencement Address

Presentation of Graduating Class

Conferring of Associate Degrees, Diplomas & Certificates

Presentation of Associate Degrees, Diplomas & Certificates Mrs. Denise Simons English Department Chair and English Lecturer

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Ms. Kathy-Ann Swan RN Director, Division of Nursing and Allied Health 2021 Graduate Address

Musical Tribute to Graduates

Closing

Miss Kristina Burrows Class of 2021

Raven Baksh

Mr. Peter Sousa *Chairman, Board of Governors*

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w/Merit

Associate of Arts Seth A. Gibbons Jenna R. Riley Tomei S. Talbot

w/Merit

Associate of Science Gary E. Taylor

w/Distinction

Associate of Science (Education) Kaylee K. Lema

w/Merit

DIVISION OF BUSINESS, HOSPITALITY & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Certificate for Accounting Technician Rose A. Davis w/Merit

Diploma in Culinary Arts Jahkhari N. Hollis

Associate of Applied Science (Culinary Arts) Adonijah T. Easton Washington

Associate of Applied Science (Hospitality Management) Christopher R. Ricca Terreicay T. Richardson

Associate of Arts (Business Administration) Cairi D. Albuoy Kristina Burrows Linden J. Landy Keishun R. Swan

w/Merit

Associate of Science (Computer Information Systems) Kiundae J. Tuzo

DIVISION OF NURSING & ALLIED HEALTH Associate of Science

(Nursing) Octavia A. Azzario Jahkia R. Bolin Crystal D. Hill Camille L. Outerbridge Breanna A. Russell Somruethai S. Trott Amori C. Venter

w/Merit w/Merit w/Merit w/Merit

w/Merit w/Distinction

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ATHORA DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL AND CAREER EDUCATION

FRAMINGHAM STATE UNIVERSITY Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership

Jenna Bean Kali Douglas Pauletta Francis Enid Furbert-Jacobs Wesley Hall Tracy Hayward Linda Holdipp Shanika Parfitt Jana Pitcher Nadia Tuckett Robinson Shoa Wolfe Neville Zuill

MOUNT SAINT VINCENT UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Business Administration in Association with Bermuda College Accounting and Minor in Finance Shari T. Young

UNIVERSITY OF WEST INDIES (MONA), SCHOOL OF EDUCATION Postgraduate Diploma in Education, Teaching Certification Ranae Kai Bean

(Information Technology Education)

Kenneth Dill (Mathematics Education)

Dee-Ah Iris (Mathematics Education)

Gary Adams (Mathematics Education)

Apryl Jackson (Social Studies/Geography Education)

Collisha Hendrickson (Social Studies/Geography Education)



Traditionally, 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.

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 threeand-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.

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