

PAVE CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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PAVE COURT IS NOW IN SESSION!

At PAVE, we are excited to introduce a unique practical learning experience for our Security cohorts—PAVE Court! This innovative initiative gives students an in-depth understanding of the judicial system in Jamaica, empowering them with knowledge and hands-on experience in courtroom procedures. The program is taught by Mr. David Comrie, our experienced Security Trainer and Counselor.

Each Security cohort begins their journey with a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation, where they are introduced to the various types of courts in Jamaica, such as Civil Court, Parish Court, and Circuit Court. This helps students better understand the structure and functions of the judicial system.


The real excitement begins when students are given the opportunity to participate in a Mock Circuit Court at PAVE. They choose a criminal case—such as Rape, Murder, or Manslaughter—and create case files. In this interactive exercise, students take on different roles, including Prosecution Lawyer, Defense Lawyer, Detectives, Clerk of Court, Witnesses, Complainants, and Accused individuals. They are responsible for preparing evidence, presenting arguments, and managing the entire court process.

This practical experience provides students with a hands-on understanding of how the judicial system plays a critical role in security and crime fighting. They also gain a deep appreciation for the legal principle that an accused person is innocent until proven guilty.

PAVE Court is not just about learning the law—it's about fostering critical thinking, teamwork, and an appreciation for the justice system that underpins our society. Under the guidance of Mr. David Comrie, we are proud to offer our students this unique opportunity to grow and learn!

PAVE IN THE PRESS



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The "second chance school".

While the waves crash outside, students at the Portland Arts and Vocational Education Centre are having a life-changing learning experience inside.

“THE SECOND CHANCE SCHOOL”

We are deeply honored and excited to share that the PAVE Centre was recently featured on the social media of Prime Minister Andrew Holness, who celebrated our work as a "second chance school" dedicated to transforming the lives of youth in Portland.

In his post, the Prime Minister highlighted the significant impact PAVE has on its students, empowering them with tools for success and personal growth. While the waves crash along the beautiful coast of Portland, inside PAVE's doors, students are experiencing life-changing learning experiences. Our mission is to equip youth—especially those who are economically disadvantaged—with the knowledge and confidence to pursue their dreams, whether in trades, hospitality, culinary arts, or other fields.

This recognition underscores the importance of community-driven initiatives in creating pathways for youth development. At PAVE, we are not only focused on education but also on building character and providing a supportive environment where young people can thrive. The acknowledgment from Prime Minister Holness reaffirms our belief in the transformative power of education and vocational training.

As we continue to grow and serve our community, we are motivated by the success stories of our students, past and present, and the dedication of our staff and facilitators. Together, we are working to empower the next generation of leaders and make a lasting impact on the future of Jamaica.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Miami Teen Aidan Boorman Reflects on the Impact of Volunteering at PAVE's Light the Way Gala Eighteen-year-old Aidan Boorman from Miami recently volunteered at the PAVE Centre's annual fundraising event, the Light the Way Gala. After the event, Aidan wrote a heartfelt essay reflecting on his experience and the significance of PAVE's mission, providing personal insight into his commitment. He shared: "The most meaningful commitment I have undergone during high school was when I volunteered to help for the Light the Way gala organized by PAVE... Their main goal is the betterment of their students, and their efforts have made it so that economically disadvantaged people can pursue what they aspire to." In his essay, Aidan described the vital role PAVE plays in Jamaica by offering training and support to at-risk youth, transforming lives by opening doors to new careers and aspirations. He reflected that his efforts also helped him feel closer to his Jamaican heritage: "This experience was valuable to me both as an experience with working in a coordinated manner with other people and as an opportunity to make a difference in Jamaica, my parents' home country... It helped connect me to where my family is from, as I have always felt somewhat Jamaican but mostly American." Aidan hopes his contribution will help PAVE's students succeed and voiced his desire to continue supporting the organization. His words remind us that the PAVE Centre's mission not only transforms its students' lives but also inspires those who support the cause.



STUDENTS EXPLORE ON RECENT FIELD TRIPS

PAVE Centre students recently had the opportunity to participate in two exciting field trips that provided practical insights into the hospitality and security industries, offering them valuable experiences that connect classroom learning with real-world applications.

The first field trip took students to **GeeJam** in Port Antonio, where Monique Robinson, a former PAVE student and now the Guest Service Manager at the resort, led them on an in-depth tour of the property. Monique, who shared that the experience felt like a full-circle moment for her, provided detailed explanations on various aspects of luxury hospitality, including how to set a dining room for high-end guests, the importance of greeting guests with warmth and professionalism, and the security measures implemented at the property. Students also had the opportunity to visit one of the guest rooms and learn firsthand about what sets GeeJam apart from other resorts in the region. In addition to her role at GeeJam, Monique has recently launched her own business, **Lujo Experience**, offering luxury dining services in Port Antonio, further inspiring our students to pursue their own entrepreneurial dreams.

The second field trip took place at **Goblin Hill Resort** and **San San Beach**, where students explored the fields of **security** and **restaurant service** in a hospitality setting. At Goblin Hill, they gained hands-on experience with security procedures, learning how essential safety measures are in maintaining the comfort and protection of guests. In addition, students observed restaurant server duties and interacted with professionals to see how excellent customer service is delivered in a live setting on San San Beach.

Both field trips gave students an up-close view of the diverse career opportunities available in the hospitality and security industries. By connecting with professionals in these fields, our students were able to see the real-world applications of their studies and gain valuable insights that will guide them in their future careers. These experiences not only broadened their knowledge but also fueled their aspirations to pursue careers in these exciting fields. PAVE Centre continues to provide students with opportunities that allow them to apply their learning, inspire their growth, and ultimately help them achieve success in their chosen careers.

