

# PAVE CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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## **CERAMICS WORKSHOP AT PAVE CENTRE A CREATIVE FUSION OF ART AND CRAFT**

From September 30 to October 4, the Portland Arts and Vocational Education (PAVE) Centre hosted a vibrant ceramics workshop, drawing students and community members together for a unique hands-on experience. Led by Mr. Jag Mehta, the workshop offered participants the opportunity to learn and create under the guidance of a master ceramist known for his bold and modern approach to pottery.

Jag Mehta is a renowned ceramist celebrated for his bold, non-traditional pottery that blends art with functionality. With training from institutions in Puerto Rico, Jamaica, and England, plus residencies in China, Japan, and India, Mehta's work has been exhibited worldwide. His pieces, crafted using coil and slab methods, are featured in the Jamaica National Gallery and private collections globally. Originally from India, he now resides in Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

The workshop was a tremendous success, with participants gaining hands-on experience in ceramic techniques and learning from Mehta's unique artistic perspective. This event was a shining example of the "arts" component of PAVE, which stands for Portland Arts and Vocational Education Centre. At PAVE, we are committed to providing a well-rounded, holistic approach to education, ensuring that our students receive diverse, enriching experiences that foster both creativity and practical skills.



## MOVIE & FELLOWSHIP NIGHT AT PAVE

On October 4, 2024, PAVE Centre opened its doors to 40 members of the community for a warm and engaging Movie & Fellowship Night. Attendees gathered to enjoy a special screening of Sound of Hope: The Story of Possum Trot, a film that touched hearts and sparked meaningful conversations.

After the movie, Minister Ryan Lumsden shared his reflections, connecting the film's themes to the real-life challenges many face. His words resonated with the audience as he spoke about the power of prayer and faith in overcoming difficulties. "Life is filled with challenges, but through prayer and perseverance, we can find hope and strength," he encouraged, reminding everyone of the importance of staying connected to their faith during tough times.

The evening was a wonderful reminder of the power of community. Friends and neighbors came together not just to watch a film, but to support one another and share in the experience. PAVE Centre is dedicated to fostering these connections, creating spaces where people can learn, grow, and inspire each other.

As we reflect on the success of this event, we hope that Movie & Fellowship Night will become an ongoing tradition at PAVE, providing a platform for continued connection, inspiration, and shared experiences within our community.



## CLASS UPDATES: EXPERIENCES IN SECURITY AND HOSPITALITY

At PAVE Centre, our students are making great strides in their courses gaining valuable skills and experiences that prepare them for their future careers.

In the Security class, the students are hard at work under the guidance of Mr. Comrie. Recently, they engaged in a physical assessment, an essential component of their training. We're proud to spotlight the class captain, Ricardo Bryan, who is demonstrating leadership and dedication in this role. His enthusiasm and commitment to his peers have been inspiring as they all work together to master the skills necessary for their field.

Meanwhile, the Restaurant Server and Security class set out on an exciting field trip to Norse Hill Estate & Botanic Garden. Under the direction of their manager, Sudan Thompson, students learned the art of table setting and refined their serving techniques. This hands-on experience provided them with practical knowledge that complements their classroom learning and helps them understand the nuances of providing exceptional service in a real-world setting.

At PAVE Centre, we believe in fostering a well-rounded education through both theoretical and practical experiences. These recent activities in the Security and Hospitality classes exemplify our commitment to equipping students with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in their chosen vocations. We look forward to seeing how these experiences will shape their futures!



## SPECIAL THANKS

PAVE Centre extends heartfelt thanks to Stand Up for Jamaica for their incredible support. Since 2007, they have inspired hope by advocating for the human rights of vulnerable groups.

Their dedication to providing assistance, especially for court-related costs and necessities for inmates on death row, is commendable. We are grateful for the recent grant from the German Embassy for cosmetology training, which has allowed residents from the rehabilitation center to train at PAVE and find employment. One resident has joyfully returned home to start his new job.

Thank you, Stand Up for Jamaica, for your unwavering commitment to making a difference. Together, we are creating opportunities that transform communities.

