

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Aquinas College Community,

I hope this message finds you refreshed and rejuvenated after our Easter break. As we reconvene within the nurturing walls of Aquinas College, we embark on a pivotal phase of our academic calendar, dedicated to examination preparation. At this juncture, our school's motto, "Excellence is a Habit," becomes not just a guiding principle but a daily practice as we navigate towards the culmination of our academic efforts.

To our diligent students, the upcoming period is one of profound importance. The examinations ahead are significant milestones that require your utmost dedication and perseverance. Remember, each study session is a step closer to achieving your aspirations. This is the time to harness your potential and embody the values of discipline and excellence that we hold dear.

Our dedicated faculty play a critical role in this journey. Your expertise and commitment are invaluable in guiding our students towards their academic goals. Your efforts to create a supportive and enriching learning environment are deeply appreciated.

Parents and guardians, your partnership with us is crucial now more than ever. Your support and encouragement at home are key factors in helping our students remain focused and disciplined. Let us work together to ensure that they have the optimal environment for study and preparation, reinforcing the importance of diligence during this critical time.

As we move forward, let us do so with a shared commitment to excellence and support for one another. The path to success is best navigated together, with each of us playing a vital role in fostering an environment of academic achievement and personal growth.

In closing, I encourage each member of our community to approach the coming weeks with confidence and dedication. Let us uphold the values that define Aquinas College, working in unity to end the school year on a note of triumph and fulfillment.

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Dates To Remember

April 8 - 26, 2024

BGCSE Practical Examinations

May 13 - 17, 2024

Junior Mock Examinations

May 9 - June 6, 2024

BGCSE Theory Examinations

May 29 - June 5, 2024

BJC Theory Examinations

May 30 - June 5, 2024

2nd Semester Final Examinations

June 5, 2024

Summer Break Begins



CONGRATULATIONS ACES TRACK & FIELD TEAM

2024 BAISS TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

5TH PLACE FINISHER

On behalf of the entire Aquinas College school community, we extend congratulations to the 73-member Track and Field team of Aquinas College, Coaches [Freemantle](#), [Knowles](#), [Poitier](#), [Hall](#), [Dean Mortimer](#), and [Mr. Tappin](#), for their achievement at the 2024 BAISS Track and Field Championships. Your dedication, hard work, and team spirit have not only led to a commendable 5th place finish but have also marked a historical accomplishment for Aquinas College.

We are incredibly proud and look forward to seeing the heights you will continue to reach in the future. Congratulations once again on your remarkable achievement!



Special congratulations to the following students who won medals at the 2024 BAISS Track & Field Championship!



***Kai
Duncombe***

Under 13 Girls

- **200 METER CHAMPION**
- **2ND PLACE 4X100M RELAY**



***Peter
Bowdeg***

Under 13 Boys

- **HIGH JUMP CHAMPION**



Anthony Sweeting

Under 20 Boys

- **HIGH JUMP CHAMPION**



T'Von Armbrister

Under 13 Boys

- **2ND PLACE JAVELIN THROW**



Sumayyah Bain

Under 13 Girls

- **3RD PLACE 100 METER**
- **2ND PLACE 4X100M RELAY**



Clarence Dean

Under 17 Boys

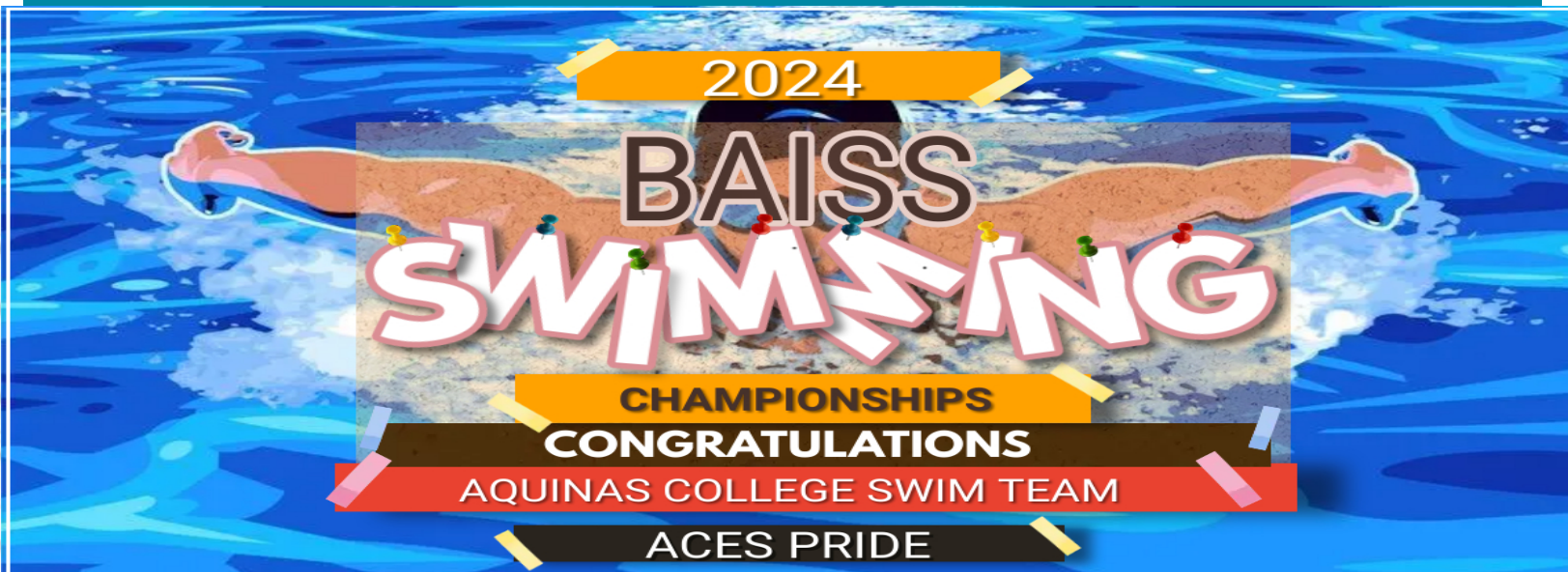
- **3RD PLACE LONG JUMP**



Under 13 Girls 2nd Place 4x100m Relay Team

- **JADA HUTCHINSON**
- **SUMAYYAH BAIN**
- **KAI DUNCOMBE**
- **KAITLYN PHILIPPE**

**We Are Very Proud of Your
Accomplishments!**



A huge round of applause to Aquinas College's Swimming Team for their admirable performance at the 2024 BAISS Swimming Championships! Winning **5 medals** and amassing **63 points** is no small feat. Your personal hard work, dedication, and collective ACES Pride deserves recognition. Well done to each swimmer, Coach Knowles and the Physical Education Department for this remarkable achievement.

Keep making waves!

Alexander Murray

Gold (1st) - 50 Breaststroke (9 pts)
Silver (2nd) - 50 Butterfly (7 pts)
Bronze (3rd) - 200 Individual Medley (6 pts)

Kyle Murray

Bronze (3rd) - 50 Breaststroke (6 pts)
5th place - 200 Individual Medley (3 pts)
5th place - 50 Butterfly (3 pts)

Matthew Miller

5th place - 50 Backstroke (4 pts)

Layell McCartney

6th place - 50 Freestyle (3 pts)

Khayden Wilson

7th place - 50 Backstroke (2 pts)

Alanna Murray

Bronze (3rd) - 50 Breaststroke (6 pts)
5th place - 200 Individual Medley (3 pts)
5th place - 50 Butterfly (3 pts)

Matthew Miller

Tamar Armbrister

Alexander Murray

Leo Smith

6th place - Boys Open 200 Indiv. Medley Relay (6 pts)

Chloe Ambrister

Alanna Murray

Kylah Taylor

Layell McCartney

8th place - Girls Open 200 Indiv. Medley Relay (2 pts)



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DEBATE TEAM

"We must love them both, those whose opinions we share and those whose opinions we reject, for both have labored in the search for truth, and both have helped us in finding it."
- St. Thomas Aquinas

Triumphant Voices: Our Debate Team's Stellar Success!

We celebrate our brilliant orators, Lamar Williams, Dellon Evans, Laurence Burnside, Asher Fawkes, and Coach Yvette Sweeting for their 2nd Place finish at the 2024 BAISS Debate Championships!



2024 BAISS DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALIST AND 2ND PLACE WINNERS

Aquinas College's PASSION PLAY

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he is risen, just as he said, Come and see the place where he lay."

HE IS RISEN





commonwealth DAY

Bound together by shared goals
and ideals

**Congratulations to Mrs. Morrison and the Social Studies Department
for an absolutely well organized and executed Commonwealth Day
Celebration.**







CELEBRATING AGES *pride* STUDENTS SPOTLIGHT

MOE AWARDS

National Examinations

Thirteen of our BJC students were recognized by the Ministry of Education for earning five or more A's on the 2023 BJC examinations

12th grader **Destiny Moss** won the 2023 BGCSE Most Outstanding National Examination Award in Chemistry



In the Photo (L-R): **Destiny Moss** and **Mrs. Carniqua King-Rolle** (Chemistry Teacher)

Students earning 5 or more A(s) on their BJCs during the 2023 BJC Examinations

Dejanae Bodie

Demarion Dawkins

Caiden Moxey

Alanna Murray

Kylah Taylor

Marena Strachan

Candace Bodie

Charles Forbes

Cleanthea Rolle

Tamar Armbrister

Shaylon Rose

Nerissa Thompson

Ariel Swann

2024 ART Competition



ZONTA
CLUB OF
NASSAU

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

In a vibrant display of artistic prowess and dedication to gender equality, The Zonta Club of Nassau recently concluded its highly anticipated poster competition as part of the global 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign. The competition, which aimed to raise awareness and advocate for women's rights, attracted participants from across the country, showcasing a diverse array of creative expressions.

We extend congratulations to our scholars for their efforts and accomplishments



Pictured L-R: **Mr. Peter Angole** (Art Teacher), **Eden Hepburn** (3rd Place Senior Division Art Competition), **Kailey Rolle** (1st Place Senior Division Art Competition), and **Mr. Ireneo Ajero Jr.** (Art Teacher)



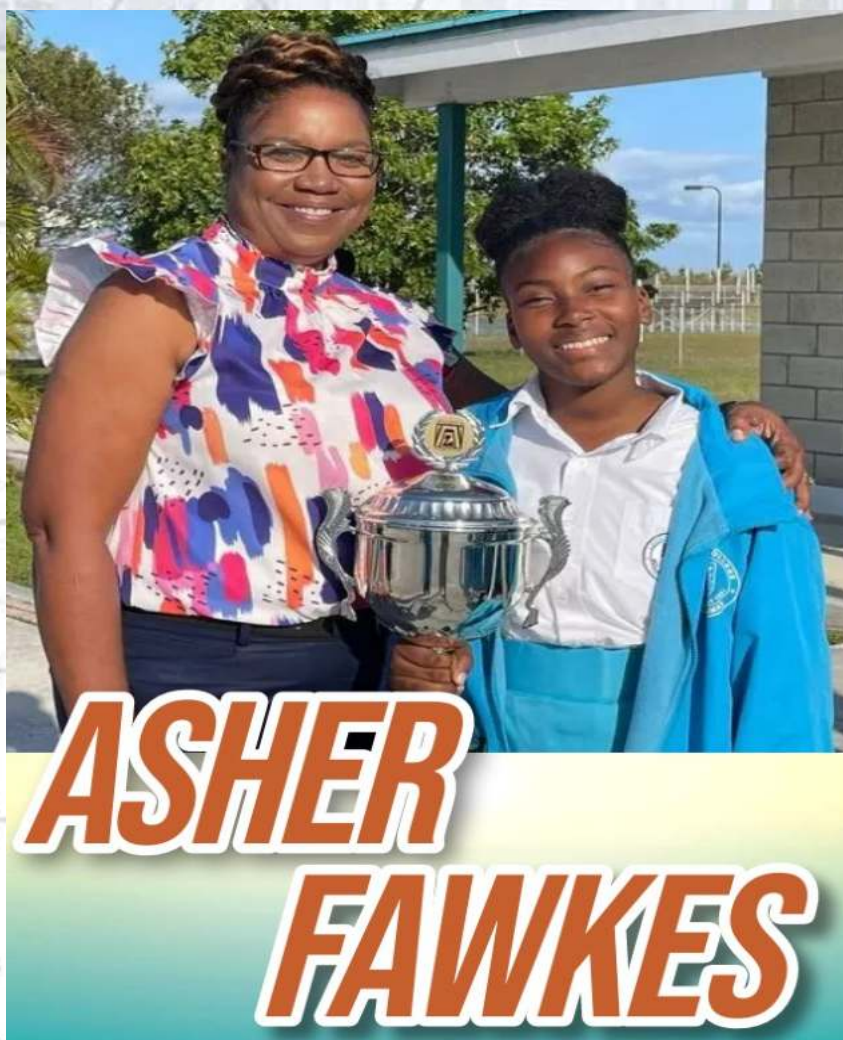
Pictured L-R: **Ms. Annischa Reid** (English & Literature Teacher), and **Aleece Bannister** (1st Place Junior Division Essay Competition)



ZONTA CLUB OF NASSAU 25th UNITED NATIONS ESSAY COMPETITION WINNER

In observance of International Women's Day, the Zonta Club of Nassau (ZCN) invited Bahamian resident students between the ages of 14 – 17 years to enter its 25th United Nations Essay Competition under the theme "Invest In Women: Accelerate Progress".

Congratulations Asher Fawkes



Asher Fawkes with her teacher *Mrs. Paulene Bain*

Asher Fawkes and Mrs. Bain will receive an all-expense paid trip to New York in September 2024 to attend United Nations General Assembly.



Consumer Affairs BAHAMAS 2024 AI Theme Competition



Amelia Hepburn, placed 3rd in the Senior Division Essay Competition



Jaa' Rolle, placed 1st in the Senior Division Art Competition



Gianna Burrows, placed 2nd in the Senior Division Art Competition

ACES ♠ PRIDE



Artwork from the calendar by
Jaa' Rolle

THE US Embassy held an art competition for local students and twelve lucky winners won a \$200 gift card and had their drawings featured in the embassy's 2024 calendars.

Students that participated in the 'Our Shared Story'

art competition were required to illustrate what relations between the USA and the Bahamas means to them.



Artwork from the calendar by
Cheneae Stewart



Artwork from the calendar by
Janelle Davis

Winners included students from local schools such as Jaa' Rolle, Aquinas College Catholic Schools and Family Island students such as Kinsey Marche and Ethan Spicer, St Francis de Sales School in Abaco and Cheneae Stewart, Jack Hayward Senior High School in Grand Bahama.

Ministry of Tourism



2024
Jr. Minister of Tourism
Competition

3rd. Place

**Dellon
Evans**

UNESCO CARIBBEAN WORLD POETRY Day COMPE TITION



Congratulations to [Jerlea Adderley](#), on winning the inaugural 2024 UNESCO Online Caribbean World Poetry Day Competition – Age Category 9 - 12. Jerlea competed against scholars from The Bahamas, Aruba, Curacao, The British Virgin Islands and St. Maarten.





We congratulate *Alanna Murray* for being named to the 2024 Bahamas Aquatic National Team



Pictured above *Alanna Murray* and Ms. Shona Knowles (Principal)



GGYA Qualifying Hike

◀ 2024 ▶



Over 30 students traveled to Eleuthera where they participated and successfully completed the GGYA Bronze Qualifying Hike. The participating contingent was accompanied by Mr. Brian Tappin (Unit Leader) and Mr. Patrick Abaidoo. Congratulations to all the participants and their leaders



Crypto Isle **DOCTORS** *Hospital* *STEM Program* *Presentation*



A small group of our ACES Family had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Aisha Bowe, a Bahamian-American Aerospace Engineer. Ms. Bowe shared her story along with some words of encouragement to the attendees of the Crypto Isle's Doctors Hospital STEM Program Presentation. Ms. Bowe also spoke a little about her upcoming Space travel, scheduled in September 2024, and her excitement regarding her upcoming space venture.



(L-R): Hayley Newton, Aisha Rahming, Ms. Aisha Bowe, Breanna Balfour, Amelia Hepburn, and Dasia Marshall



ROYAL BAHAMAS POLICE FORCE

2024

**TECHNO
EXPO**

A group of 34 (10th and 11th Grade Students) attended the Royal Bahamas Police Force Technology Expo which was held on the grounds of the Royal Bahamas Police Force Headquarters, located on East St. Students were introduced to the latest sophisticated tools, such as drones, body cameras, spot shooters, CCTV, etc., that the organization uses in its crime fighting strategies.







2024 Key Club DISTRICT CONVENTION

CONGRATULATIONS TO
AQUINAS COLLEGE
KEY CLUB EXECUTIVES

The Bahamas Key Club District, held its 2024 District Convention (DCON), a three day event from April 5, 2024 - April 7, 2024, where the 2024-2025 Executive Members of Aquinas College Key Club and Kaiyden Williams (Outgoing President) were in attendance. The highlight of the DCON was the election of **Kendricka Major** to the position of **DISTRICT LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR** for all Division 2 schools (which includes Aquinas College, as well as various others), making Kendricka a member of the Key Club International District Executive Board Team.





The U.S. Embassy Nassau partnered with Kanoo to unveil the Science, Youth, Nation Building, and Culture (SYNC) Program.

Two of our ACES Family members have been recently accepted to participate in the program.

We congratulate **Eden Hepburn** and **Tranell Stuart**, wishing them the best as members of the program.



Eden Hepburn



Tranell Stuart

The Bahamas Institute of Financial Services



G12 PROGRAM

Financial Services

Certificate Graduate

- ★ Financial Calculations and Technology
- ★ Economics
- ★ Financial Institutions
- ★ Moral Ethics and Governance



We extend Congratulations To

JAYE FERGUSON



Community

SERVICE

To Our



Environment

Our LENTEN SACRIFICE OF ALMSGIVING



In a heartwarming display of solidarity and community spirit, our school decided to support a member of our campus community, **Mr. Jose Magno**, in his admirable endeavor to participate in the Bahamas Hope Challenge. Mr. Magno's involvement in the Bahamas Hope Challenge served dual purposes: honoring his parents who tragically succumbed to cancer, and supporting vital cancer charities. Aquinas College contributed \$1,900 to Mr. Magno, a member of Enjoy Cycling Club, and those funds will be allocated to several cancer foundations. The beneficiaries included the **Sister, Sister Cancer Support Group**, the **Susan G. Komen Bahamas Race for the Cure**, and the **Cancer Society of The Bahamas** - the organizer of the Bahamas Hope Challenge. This event not only celebrated Mr. Magno's beloved parents but also facilitated significant charitable contributions to these organizations.

Let's ride together for a cause that moves us all!

BAHAMAS CHALLENGE



L-R: **Mr. Magno**, **Jayda Clarke**, and **Ms. S. Knowles**

* Jayda Clarke (8-T), donated \$5 daily from the start of our Lenten Sacrifice Donations.



L-R: **Ms. Maria Campbell** and **Mr. Magno**

*Ms. Campbell is the owner of Cycles Unlimited, and Founder of Enjoy Cycling Club.



Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources - FORESTRY UNIT, donates two fruit-bearing trees to Aquinas College Greenhouse Initiative



OPEN DOES NOT MEAN OVER

Maintain COVID-19 Protective Measures



LET'S KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE