

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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Dates To Remember

October 15, 2024

Aquinas College's 15th Anniversary

October 24, 2024

Mid-Term Progress Report Collection

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Mid-Term Break

Dear Aquinas College Family,

It is with great excitement and anticipation that I welcome you all to the start of the new school year! As we begin this journey together, I want to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable achievements of the past year and celebrate the continued excellence that defines Aquinas College.

We are incredibly proud of the Class of 2024, fondly known as '24 KARAT', whose graduation marked the culmination of their hard work and dedication. Their accomplishments stand as a testament to the high standards we uphold as a school community. I must also extend special congratulations to Destiny Moss, one of our 2024 graduates, who earned the prestigious 2024 National Merit Scholarship, a shining example of the academic excellence we strive for.

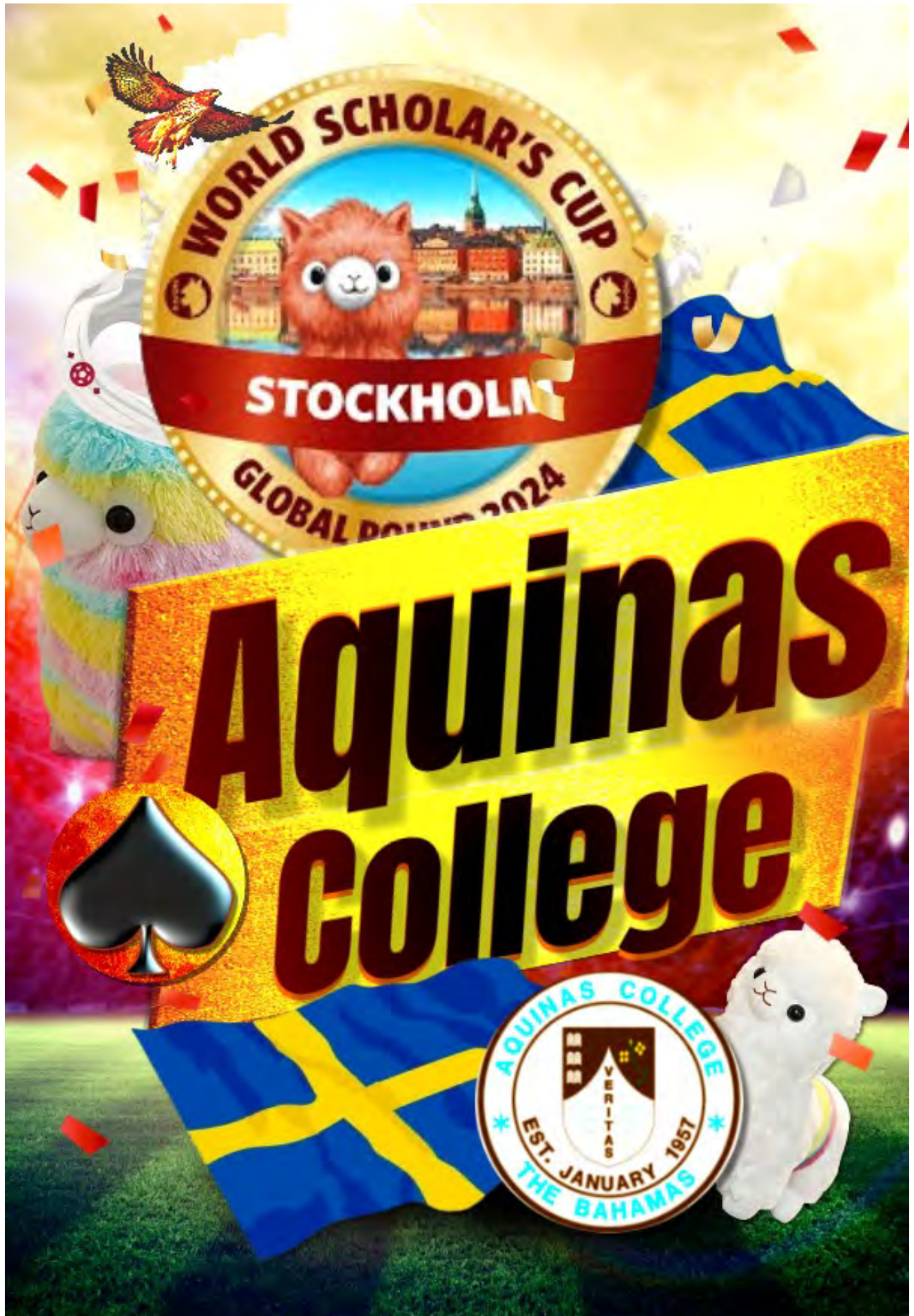
In addition, our scholars delivered outstanding results in the BJC and BGCSE national examinations, further cementing Aquinas College's reputation for academic distinction. We were also thrilled with the stellar performances of our students at the World Scholar's Cup (WSC) Global Round in Sweden, where they represented us with pride and demonstrated the global competitiveness of our students.

Looking ahead, we are especially excited to commemorate Aquinas College's 15th Anniversary at our Gladstone Road location this year! This milestone is a testament to our growth and success as an institution, and we look forward to celebrating this special occasion with all of you.

As we move forward, we are reinvigorated and recommitted to living our school motto, making excellence a habit. We will continue to pursue excellence in all that we do, while embracing our theme for this year, "Together We Are Better" By working together, supporting each other, and fostering a sense of unity, we know that we can achieve even greater heights as a school community.

I look forward to a wonderful year ahead, filled with growth, achievement, and the continued pursuit of excellence.



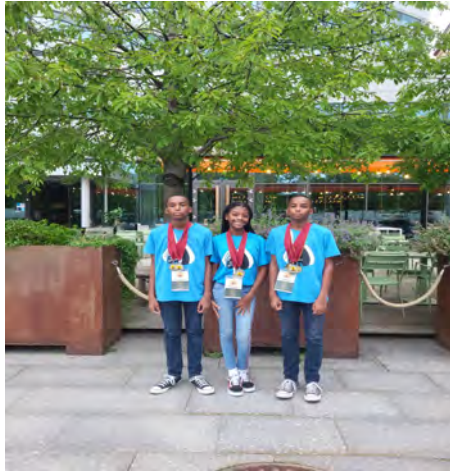


WSC Sweden Global Round



World Scholar's Cup Cultural Fair





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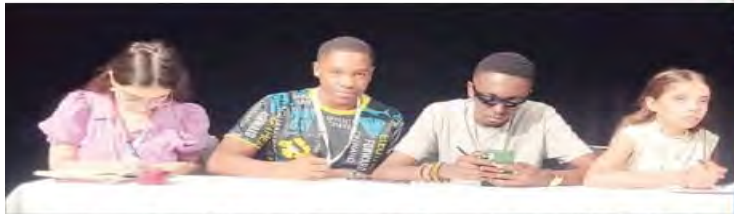


Aquinas College's top performing junior team of Hannah Hilton, Marena Strachan and Lexani Virgil at World Scholar's Cup Stockholm Global Round, Sweden, July 12-19. PHOTOS: AQUINAS COLLEGE



Aquinas College's senior and junior team members to the World Scholar's Cup Stockholm Global Round, July 12-19 in Sweden.

Aces score impressive medal haul



Dellon Evans, second left, during the senior debate showcase at the World Scholar's Cup Stockholm Global Round, July 12-19 in Sweden.

Dellon Evans first in senior champion debate at World Scholars Cup Stockholm Global Round

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Aquinas College's 21-member squad returned from the World Scholar's Cup (WSC) Stockholm Global Round with quite an impressive medal haul including a number of Tournament of Champions (TOC) qualifiers.

Junior TOC qualifiers include Marena Strachan, Hannah Hilton, Lexani Virgil, Jerlea Adderley, Jakhari Jones and Jamauri Jones. TOC qualifiers from the senior ranks include Asher Fawkes, Aryielle Bain, Jayden Clarke, Dellon Evans, Lumar Saunders, Johnathon Martin, Kiel Gequillana, Ruben Strachan, Torin Ferguson, Cadez Poirier, Jeremy Nairn and Laurence Burnside.

The squad comprised of 15 senior students (five teams), and six junior students (two teams) at the Stockholm Global Round in Sweden.

Dellon Evans, Aquinas College's incoming head boy led his team with a first place in the senior champion debate competition.

He placed first out of 564 competitors. His debate team placed fifth out of 188 teams.

Dellon said his most memorable experience was waiting to see his result.

"For me, it was the nerve wrecking anxiety I felt as the numbers on the screen narrowed and I had not seen my name – but when it finally did at first place, that anxiety was replaced with unwavering gratitude and excitement."

WSC is an international team academic competi-

tion that aims to motivate scholars of all backgrounds to discover new strengths, practice new skills, and inspire a global community of future scholars and leaders. Founded in 2007 by Daniel Berdichevsky, WSC brings together scholars from around the world to participate in events that challenge their academic abilities and promote teamwork, critical thinking, and cross-cultural understanding.

Dellon said he decided to participate in WSC because it presented the challenge and availability of speaking and academic opportunities.

"I joined the World Scholars Cup to use these opportunities as a tool in sculpting my social, academic and personal goals," he said.

A total of 1,164 scholars participated – 500 in the junior division for 166 teams from 30 countries. The 564 seniors made up 188 teams from 30 countries.

The Aces incoming senior said WSC is a good program for Bahamians to participate in as it is an unconventional approach to academics.

"It mixes the fun and interesting to extract some of the hidden gems within us to be social, academic, or simply random forgotten nuggets of information. It also encourages fast and critical thinking skills necessary for navigating life."

The World Scholars Cup offers a stark contrast to



Aquinas College incoming head boy Dellon Evans, with trophies and medals won at World Scholar's Cup Stockholm Global Round, where he competed July 12-19. Dellon led his team with a first place in the senior champion debate competition. He placed first out of 564 competitors. His debate team placed fifth out of 188 teams.



Sixth-grade FOCUS students work on their project.



Dr. Nicola Virgill-Rolle, executive director, Lyford Cay Foundations (center, right) and Kimberly Furnish, charg  d'affaires, U.S. Embassy (center, left), with FOCUS students. DISHA PRASER

Junior Division

Congratulations to the Aquinas College World Scholar's Cup Junior Team!

Team Challenge

SILVER 302

Individual Debate

Silver -Jerlea, Jamauri

Gold - Jakhari, Marena, Hannah, Lexani

Team bowl

Silver 301

Gold 302

Writing-Individual

Silver -Hanna

Individual - Scholars Challenge

Silver - Hannah

Gold -Marena

Subject Medals

Silver

Hannah - Art

Lexani - Spc

Gold

Jakari - Lit

Silver & Gold

Marena- Spc / Lit / Sci

Team Debates

Silver -301

Gold 302 -3rd overall

Champion Scholar

Silver -Hannah

Gold -Marena

Tournament Of Champions Medal Qualifiers

Gold - Team 302

Tournament Of Champions

Qualifiers - Team 301

ACES  PRIDE

Senior Division

Congratulations to the Aquinas College World Scholar's Cup Senior Team!

Individual Debate

Silver -Jonathan, Ruben, Asher, Sanhar

Gold - Cadez, Kiel, Lumar, Laurence-10th Overall, Dellon-1st Overall

Team Bowl

Silver - 520, 523,

Gold - 521, 524, 522

Writing-Individual

Silver - Nathaniel, Lumar, Dellon

Gold- Kiel

Team writing

Silver - 522

Individual - Scholars Challenge

Gold - Dellon, Asher

Subject Medals

Silver - Kiel Sci

Gold - Lumar Art

2 Silver & 2 Gold - Asher, Dellon

Team Debates

Silver - 523

Gold 521, 522 - 5th Overall

Champion Scholars

Silver - Lumar, Kiel

Gold - Asher, Dellon - 10th Overall

Tournament Of Champions Medal Qualifiers

Silver - Teams 521 and 523

Gold - Team 522

Tournament Of Champions

Qualifiers - Team 524

ACES  PRIDE

OUR NEW TEACHERS

CONTINUING THE HABIT OF EXCELLENCE

WELCOME

To the Team



MRS. SOPHIA BONNITTO

Food & Nutrition
Food & Consumer Science

WELCOME

To the Team



MRS. CEONN EDWARDS

Guidance Counselor

WELCOME

To the Team



MRS. SHIRLENE GODET

English Language
Department

WELCOME

To the Team



MR. HAKEEM WILLIAMS

Social Studies Department

2024 BJC EXAMINATION RESULTS

Grade 8 Students with 5 or More BJC (A-C) Passes

Jerlea Adderley	7
Jaynel Ferguson	7
Lexani Virgil	7
Fisk Burrows	6
Cohen Cash	6
Nhaysa Charles	6
K'Lyn Cherfils	6
Jayda Clarke	6
O'Man Forbes	6
Malique Francis	6
Dominic Hamilton	6
Jamauri Jones	6
Dakarai Joseph	6
Layell McCartney	6
Jhavonia Meadows	6
Breanne Rolle	6
Marlyah Rolle	6
Shavar Rose	6
Braylon Russell	6
Nimayah Russell	6
Qunicy Smith	6
Arianna Wallace	6
Riley Burton	5
David Ferguson	5
Jahkari Jones	5
Alfreniqua McKenzie	5
Aydan Russell	5
Rashay Thompson	5

Grade 9 Students with 5 or More BJC (A-C) Passes

Chloe Armbrister	9
Darielle Curry	8
K'Mia Deveaux	8
Latoya Francis	8
Vincent Richards	8
Jamaal Stubbs	8
Kevin Bowe	7
Dane Braynen	7
Derron Ferguson	7
Genesis Gittens	7
Serrano Hanna	7
Leevan Johnson	7
Aaron Knowles	7
Sahnar Pinder	7
Samaya Rolle	7
Diyari Wildgoose	7
Kahliah Williams	7
Lynkquell Bowleg	6
Durico Coleby	6
Virshawn Dean	6
Frederick Delancy	6
Justin Deveaux	6
Mark Farrington	6
La'riah Gray	6
Cheden Hanna	6
Steven Love	6
Tiana McDonald	6
Ray Robinson	6
K'Lyn Rolle	6
Aiden Wilson	6
Kyle Bowe	5
Jayden Clarke	5
Ethan Jenoure	5
Omische Sears	5
Sanaa Smith	5
Jaiah Woodside	5
Kayla Zonicle	5

2024 BGCSE EXAMINATION RESULTS

Grade 11 Students with 3 or More BGCSE (A-C) Passes

Gianna Burrows	8
Kiel Gequillana	8
Meyasol Strachan	8
Trinity Cartwright	7
Clarence Dean	7
Reia Farquharson	7
Jeremy Nairn	7
Aisha Rahming	7
Haley Newton	7
Johnasia Wilson	7
Jaylin Coakley	6
Maleeya Curry	6
Trevor Rose	6
Lumar Saunders	6
Maria Scott	6
Skylar Bain	5
Nathaniel Brown	5
Jorden Gibson	5
Antonique Hall	5
Kristen Isaacs	5
Brinajja McKenzie	5
Laurelle Paul	5
Sa'niyah Rolle	5
Thomas Sawyer	5
Darius Williams	5
Laurence Burnside	4
Chaane Duvalier	4
Marcia Pritchard	4
Antonyche Roker	4
Jillian Saunders	4
Evana Scavella	4
Tianna Stubbs	4
Koyokeito Rolle	3
Deran Sands	3
Alyssa Wallace	3

Grade 12 Students with 5 or More BGCSE (A-C) Passes

Lester Arnett	10
Anajah Culmer	9
Ceanna Dean	9
Arnaldo Lightbourne	9
Vejay Meadows	9
Destiny Moss	9
Kaiden Moss-Moultrie	9
Lamar Williams	9
Andriel Bowleg	8
Livia Brown	8
Kianna Burrows	8
Theajh Duncombe	8
Arik Rolle	8
Jovoughn Rolle	8
Macheala Armbrister	7
Gershon Hield	7
Elexio Virgil	7
Kharys Bodie	6
Brendan Brennen	6
Edney Brice	6
Cierra Brown	6
Lashay Dean	6
Hayden Pratt	6
Kaiyden Williams	6
Alex Brown	5
Aisha Brown	5
Carleicia Colebrooke	5
Jonathan Ferguson	5
Monneka Henry	5
Morgan Miller	5
Alyssa Pierre	5
Justin Scott	5
Don Taylor	5
Aysia Williams	5
Jade Adderley	5

Congratulations

Destiny Moss

2024 National All Merit Scholarship Recipient

The Aquinas College family proudly congratulates Destiny Moss, Class of 2024, on being named a 2024 National Merit Scholarship Recipient. This prestigious recognition is a testament to Destiny's exceptional academic achievements, dedication, and hard work. We are incredibly proud of her and know that she will continue to shine brightly in all her future endeavors. Destiny, you have made your Aquinas family proud, and we celebrate this remarkable accomplishment with you. Congratulations!



CONGRATULATIONS

LESTER ARNETT

*ELKS Oratorical Contest
National & International Winner*

Lester Arnett, Aquinas College Class of 2024,

Lester Arnett, Deputy Head Boy from the Class of 2024 won the Elks International Oratorical Contest in Jacksonville, Florida, and won the National Round earlier this year.

Job Well Done



CELEBRATING



AGES *pride*

STUDENTS SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Savannah Ritchie, Aquinas College 12th grade Culinary Arts student, who has made it to the finals in the Baha Mar Culinary Arts Competition. Savannah will compete in the finals in October. Excellent job Savannah!

Finalist



SAVANNAH RITCHIE

Baha Mar's Culinary Showdown

COMPETITION CONTINUES THIS OCTOBER

**Kiel
Gequillana**

Harvard
SUMMER PROGRAM

Congratulations to Kiel Gequillana, a twelfth-grade student at Aquinas College, who was accepted into and attended the Harvard Aerospace Summer School Program this past summer.

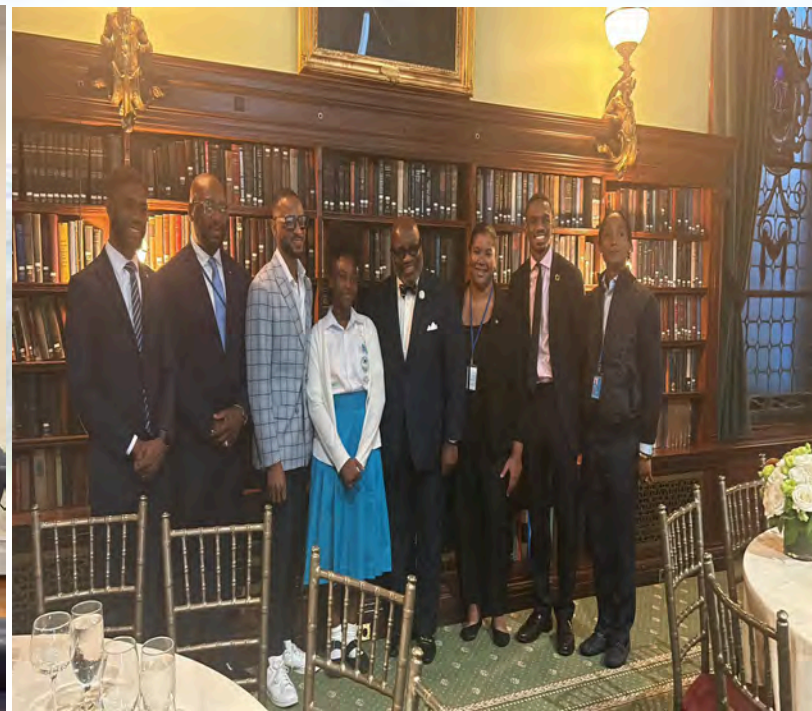
Kiel received high commendation from faculty of the pre-college program, “Kiel excelled in the program and showed an impressive amount of creativity with his work.”

AWESOME JOB!



Congratulations to our 11th grader, Asher Fawkes, who won the 2024 Zonta Essay competition and represented the Bahamas and Aquinas College at the United Nations session in New York on Friday, September 27, 2024..

We are so proud of Asher's accomplishments. Mrs. Bain, her English Language teacher, and her mother accompanied her on the trip.

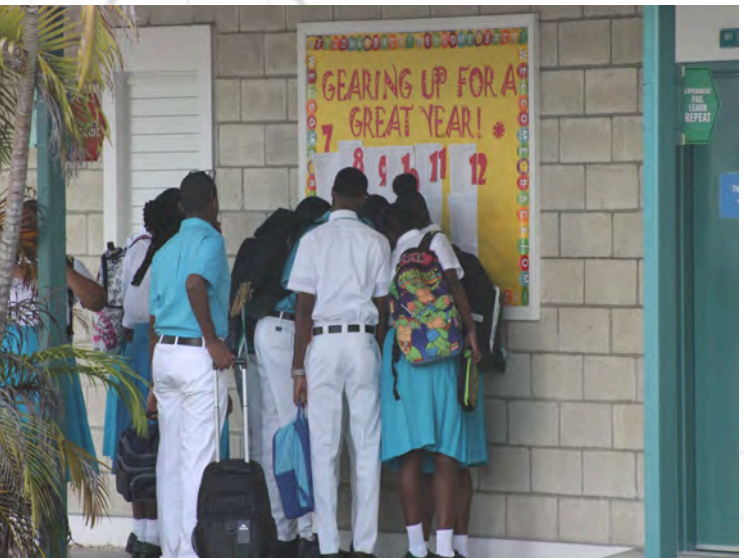




WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL







OPENING MASS





2024 - 2025 STUDENT LEADERS *Pinning Ceremony*



AQUINAS COLLEGE'S

Intramural Sports



AQUINAS



BENEDICT

DEPORRES



DOMINIC









AQUINAS COLLEGE

GLADSTONE ROAD

*15 Years of Excellence: A Journey of
Faith and Achievement.*

*The Aquinas Family cordially
invites you to attend our 15th
Anniversary Mass.*

**TUESDAY
OCTOBER 10:00AM - LOYOLA HALL**

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Please RSVP Mrs. Shona Knowles at
sknowles@cec.edu.bs

by Friday, October 11, 2024

OPEN DOES NOT MEAN OVER

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LET'S KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE