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Our mission is to offer a world-class, 21st century education which prepares our diverse community of students to be successful contributors in the global world.



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WITH THANKS

PAUL SUDOLSKI, CHAIRMAN & TREASURER

This past year, I'm pleased to say, we have continued to build our financial reserves. As the school's treasurer, I can confirm our cash balances provide security well into the future. This situation is the direct result of our fundraising committee led by Bernadette Sherman and Portia Moursy amongst others; they all deserve to be congratulated on a job well done.

Looking into the not-too-distant future is the effort to complete further campus infrastructure. We plan to complete the school's access road and parking area as we continue to grow in popularity as a community space open to the public in the evenings and at the weekends. This major project will need your continued support as we continue to grow. Our current student population of just over 300 is at full capacity, and with a waiting list for most grades, future expansion seems opportune. We will be targeting our next major financial drive towards this undertaking.

Once again, a huge thank you to our teaching and administrative staff, our parents and above all, our donors for all your unfailing help during the year.

P. Sudolski

BERNADETTE SHERMAN, FOUNDER

We are delighted to report that our shared mission is showing roots and branches wherever our students find themselves – in the classroom, in universities and colleges, in graduate and professional studies, in employment, in communities, and in relationships. Our students have been pushed outside their envelopes, and have been exposed to contrasting views of history, politics, economics, science, and the arts. They are prepared for leadership roles, to compete internationally, and to be “life-long learners.”

As we track our graduates, accepting positions around the world, we are especially pleased that many also have returned to Antigua and are contributing to our Island's Brain Trust. We celebrate our students' successes.

Additionally, we continue to honor your commitment to our shared mission. Thank you for your vital support of this essential initiative which fuels change for so many lives. Thank you for your investment into our students, our school and our island nation. Together, we partner in transforming Antigua's educational landscape.

Bernadette Sherman

PORTIA MOURSY, EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

After another wildly successful year at Island Academy, it is with great pleasure that I write to you, our donors, to extend thanks for your loyal generosity.

Academically we could not be prouder of our 2022 graduates. Our Grade 11, Caribbean Examinations students excelled with an overall 90% pass-rate. This really was an exceptional achievement considering much of their 2-year courses had been taught remotely. Our International Baccalaureate Diploma Program cohort achieved a 100% pass rate, beating an international average of 85% by some margin. Collectively, the students' hard work and dedication have paid off as they are now studying at world renowned universities and colleges across the globe.

Highlighting the accomplishments of our student body over the past academic year brings me nothing but pride for the institution that we continue to build together. Our success would not be possible without your support, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. With Love and Appreciation,

P. Moursy



2021-2022 IN REVIEW

REGIONAL CHESS OLYMPIAD

This year we saw interest in chess explode on campus. In addition to a successful chess club, our school hosted the Antiguan & Barbudan contingent which included students from our school in a hybrid tournament for countries in the Americas. Two of our IB students copped 1st and 6th place overall in the Under 18 category.



49 STUDENTS & COMMUNITY MEMBERS involved in clubs & tournaments

TECH IN THE CLASSROOM

We received an additional class set of iPads, a dozen laptops and a charging caddy. This increase in devices allowed us to facilitate more STEM related lessons in various grades and has increased creative instruction across subjects like Science, Spanish and Art.



116 LAPTOPS & IPADS for use across primary and secondary school

FACILITATING CYBERSECURITY EDUCATION

IA hosted a one year cyber-security program for secondary level students and young adults across Antigua. Participating students learnt the fundamentals of hacking and received Junior Pentester certificates from Hack the Box, an online cybersecurity training platform.



12 STUDENTS & YOUNG ADULTS Take part in globally recognized cybersecurity training

2021-2022 IN REVIEW

DECOLONISING & DIVERSIFYING CURRICULUM

Over the last year we have expanded the selection of student texts, novels and have widened the range of resources and methodology used in our teaching to allow more diverse voices and perspectives to be heard. These efforts form part of our commitment to ensure our curriculum matches with the changing expectations and emerging trends in pedagogy in the current context. We have seen the positive impact on student learning across subject areas particularly in our pilot groups of Grades 8 through 13.

GLOBAL COLLABORATIONS

In 2020, our Principal, Ms. Bown and Mr. Shaw (a Canadian IB teacher) formed Global Collaborations, a partnership of IB schools across the world with the aim of giving IB students and teachers the opportunity to share their experiences. This year, our school together with a Canadian IB school brainstormed and collaborated on Mathematics research projects.



12 COLLABORATIVE LEARNING SESSIONS

ISLANDWIDE FIELD TRIPS

Following the ease of Covid-19 restrictions, our students were once again able to go on field trips. This year, as part of the sensory based learning elements of their curricula, students journeyed to new locations learning about aquaponic technologies to waste management.



14 ISLANDWIDE FIELD TRIPS

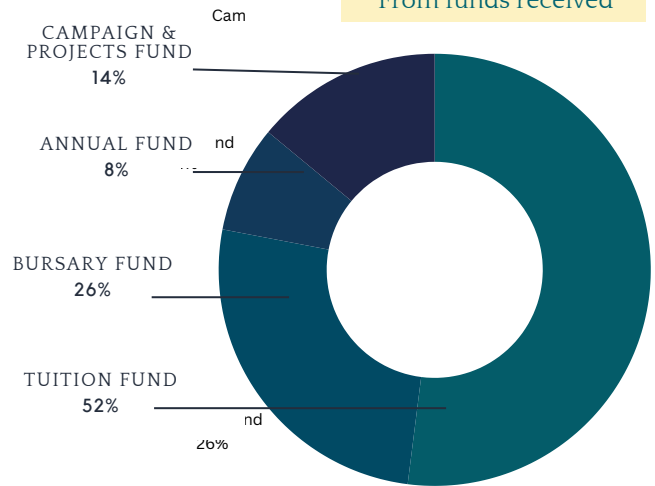
FINANCIALS

Thanks to your kind generosity, 2021-2022 was a successful year. We remain committed to sharing with you our financial information in addition to the impact of your funding. This year, donor funding accounted for 45% of total income received.

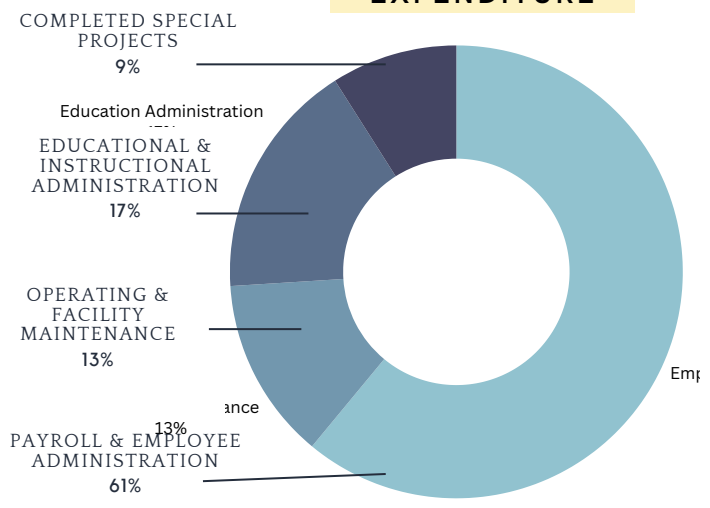
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OUR STORIES

“A child without education is like a bird without wings.”
Tibetan Proverb

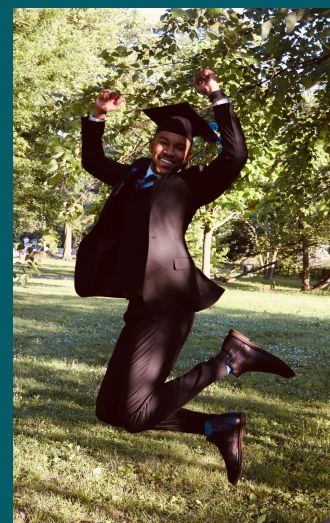


LAMOUNT EVANSON
2017 IBDP GRADUATE

"Getting the opportunity to attend IA to do the IB was a really different experience for me. The teacher and student diversity which allowed me to interact with and learn from so many non-Antiguans for the first time, was one of the hallmarks of my experience. At IA, diversity and open-mindedness was something you found everywhere: the teachers and everyone around encouraged it and it was embedded in the curriculum. This type of exposure prepared me for the next few years I would experience.

It's almost ironic that I am establishing a career in the Sciences because when I started IA, I was originally only interested in Business, but it is safe to say it was there that I discovered a passion for Chemistry.

Thanks to the IB, I skipped a semester at Lehman's College, CUNY where I did my bachelor's degree in bio-chemistry. The skills, encouraging teachers helped me develop and the preparation I got served me well and I excelled in and outside the classroom.



I went on to earn a master's degree in Global Affairs - Public Health Policy as an elite Schwarzman scholar from Tsinghua University in Beijing, China. Currently I am a research technician at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York and my goal is to complete PhD studies in microbiology or immunology.

I cannot underscore enough the impact IA made on my academic journey. Being able to go to IA together with my sister was not something my family could have done without financial support. I have to thank the donors that made this possible. The IB is an excellent stepping stone and there are many other students out there who have goals they too can achieve and I hope they get a similar opportunity."

OUR STORIES



PRICILLA GYASI
2019 IBDP GRADUATE

"Looking back at my time spent at Island Academy, I can confidently express that my experience at Island Academy has rewarded me with many of the academic and personal skills that have contributed to my growth into the student I am today. Throughout my seven years spent at the school, the professors, staff, fellow classmates, and the overall school environment provided me with the academic tools necessary for success in different avenues of my present-day university life.



My two years in the IB Diploma programme particularly played a large role in my improved time management, critical thinking, and communication skills, amongst many other attributes that have resulted in my academic success at university.

The benefits of IA's teachings are shown in my progress today, as I have been awarded the Dean's Honors List achievement annually at my university, The University of British Columbia. I have also been awarded the Trek Excellence Scholarship – a designation offered to students in the top 5% of their faculty.

Now, in my third year of university, I am currently a Residence Advisor studying International Relations with plans to attend law school. Much of this would not have been possible without IA and the support from my donor. I am forever grateful for my time spent."

IN REMEMBRANCE

It is with a heavy heart that we report that our Board Chair, Mr Paul Sudolski, passed away on November 22nd 2022, with his family beside him in his native Canada. Paul had endured health battles over the past year but managed them exceptionally well and remained devoted to our school. He is survived by his wife Doreen, his son David and his young family.

Paul joined our Board of Directors and became a donor in 2010 and he was appointed Chair in February 2011. He was a great leader; firm but always fair. Over the past few months our founder, Bernadette Sherman has been deputizing for Paul and she will continue to do so.

Paul will be missed by all of us and his immeasurable impact on Island Academy will be felt for years to come.



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Olivers's Estate, Buckley's Mn. Rd
Buckleys, St. John,
Antigua, W.I.
1-268-460-1094**

Your giving enables us to develop a generation of young people who will make a brighter and better Antigua and Barbuda!

For further information on making a donation kindly contact

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Portia Moursy at
pmoursy@islandacademy.com.**

“Alone we can do so little;
together we can do much.”
Helen Keller



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