



Message from the Principal



Dear Students

It is my pleasure to welcome new and continuing students to the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College for the 2021/2022 Academic Year. The year ahead holds discoveries, successes and achievements yet unknown, and I am more grateful than ever to be embarking on this new chapter with all of you. It is my sincere hope that you were able to find adventure and relaxation over the summer months. The ability to refresh and recharge during the summer break is critical for students and their families to embrace a productive and successful learning experience during the school year.

As we usher in the start of this new academic year I would like to congratulate you on matriculating successfully into the College and tertiary education or on concluding the 2020 - 2021 academic year with all its challenges which were brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to disrupt all facets of our lives as individuals and members of a campus community, reshaping how we learn, how we teach, how we form community and how we live out our mission. There is much to be thankful for as well as much to contemplate as we go forward. I think of renewed hope, joys of learning, new opportunities of exploration, reflection and growth and above all a spirit of gratitude.



For this academic year 2021-2022, the College will accelerate its transformation by further embedding the three pillars of Sustainability, Innovation and Entrepreneurship in all areas of College life. Indeed, we have started the process with the establishment of the Derek Walcott library. <https://salcc.edu.lc/news/dwalcott-library.php>

I would also like to share with you the College's innovative Gateways to Global Careers (GGC) programme which is designed to give aspiring entrepreneurs 'hands-on' immersive training in running a 'for-profit' business using a practical approach to learning. Borrowing from many of the lessons learnt from the highly successful 'Stanford Start-Up Garage' project-based formula, the programme believes in learning by doing.

The Gateways Programme <https://www.salcc.edu.lc/news/innovation-hub-and-global-gateways.php> is supported by the most state of the art 'Innovation Hub' in the OECS. The Hub will be home to five labs, including the (ICT) Technology Lab, Food Innovation Lab, Environmental Sciences Lab, Virtual Reality Lab and Fabrication Lab. The bulk of designing, prototyping and testing will be done in the Innovation Hub.

At this time the College will continue to maintain measures to stem the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and as such, I urge students to participate fully and enthusiastically in the online/digital learning experience provided by our eLearning Academy <https://salcc.edu.lc/elearning/about.php>. I would also like to recommend adherence to the current and emerging health and safety guidelines and protocols as outlined by the Government of Saint Lucia.

I again welcome you to this exciting new chapter of your life and encourage all to find ways to creatively embrace our current reality.

Best wishes for a successful academic year.

Keith Nurse (PhD), Principal/President