

Introducing The Next Generation to Construction:



Jamaica College Construction Project Management Students doing an internship on Gore Developments Limited's Phoenix Park site

On October 11th Jamaica College ("JC") fifth and sixth form students will commence an annual course in Construction Project Management for the 2022-2023 school year. This course, which began in 2016 at JC, is funded and overseen by the Gore Family Foundation ("GFF") and is the brainchild of the chairman of Gore Developments Limited ("GDL"), Mr. Phillip Gore, who is a Jamaica College old-boy himself.

The course begins with a four hour lesson in Conflict Resolution that is available for free online at *Alison.com*. The Gore Family Foundation found the skills taught in this Conflict Resolution course to be effective among the interns in its construction-focused at-risk youth program and has therefore decided to incorporate these lessons into its Construction Project Management course to help the students in this course to develop these skills.

The course then transitions into sessions on Project Management, Land Surveying, Quantity Surveying, Engineering, and Architecture to give students an introduction to all of these important aspects of the construction process.

The Project Management portion of the course will be taught by Ms. Kristina McPherson, who has a wide range of experience working as a Project Manager and Senior Project Manager in Canada. The Architecture portion of the course will be taught by Ms. Nicole

Auden, an architect at Atelier Vidal. Both Ms. McPherson and Ms. Auden are past recipients of the E. Nadine Isaacs Memorial scholarship, a scholarship funded by the Gore Family Foundation for Bachelor's in Architecture students at the University of Technology.

The Engineering portion of the course will be taught by Mr. Stephan Rampair, the Managing Director of Premier Land and Water Development, and the Land Surveying portion of the course will be taught by Mr. Dean Bradshaw, a Commissioned Land Surveyor who works with BJW Geomatics Limited. Finally, the Quantity Surveying portion of the course will be taught by Mr. Errol Spence, a Senior Quantity Surveyor at Berkeley and Spence.

GFF is very grateful to the instructors of this course for graciously agreeing to donate their time to give back to the profession and introduce students to the 'ins' and 'outs' of Construction Project Management.

A number of students from this course have gone on to study in fields related to Construction Project Management at the tertiary level, proving the importance of introducing students to the field at this stage of their lives.

Students in the course will also be expected to appoint one of their classmates to be responsible for taking the minutes of each class in a similar format and structure to how they would capture the minutes of a site meeting on a construction site. One student will also be responsible for researching and introducing each guest lecturer, and another responsible for giving a vote of thanks after each guest lecturer's last class.

During the school's summer holidays, GDL hosts the students from the course on one of its construction sites (as seen in the picture) for a two week internship where they are further introduced to the many different aspects of construction and are able to get first-hand, practical experience in many of the areas that they learned about in the classroom.