

BLUE SHIELD



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An overjoyed Melanie Buckland (center) with Jeremiah James, (left) and Jevaughn Gidarsingh, (right)

Jamaica Day Heroes

When Melanie Buckland left home on Friday, February 28, she never imagined how the day would unfold. What began as a routine morning quickly turned into a whirlwind of anxiety and relief. By 8:30am, she found herself sitting across from a banking representative, desperately trying to place a hold on her cards before they could be used by an unknown party.

Earlier that morning, on her way to work, Mrs. Buckland lost her purse containing her driver's license, essential credentials, and cash. Her heart pounded as she spoke to the customer service representative, fearing the worst.

Just as she was about to finalize the cancellation of her cards, her phone rang. It was an unexpected caller, Jamaica College's Dean of Discipline. In her panic, Mrs. Buckland interrupted him several times, asking him to hold while she continued her conversation at the bank. But the Dean's voice carried urgency, instructing her to stop what she was about to do. Before he could finish his sentence, she explained that she had to replace her lost cards. At that moment, the Dean shared the news that changed her day; her purse had been found and turned in just minutes earlier. Overcome with emotion, she broke down in tears of joy, exclaiming, "Thank you, Jesus!" over and over again. She was then asked to visit the school's campus to retrieve her belongings.

The heroes of this story? Two second-form students, Jevaughn Gidarsingh and Jeremiah James. The boys, in an extraordinary display of integrity, found the purse inside the taxi they were taking to school. Without hesitation, they immediately turned it over to the Dean of Discipline, demonstrating the highest standards of honesty and responsibility.

Jevaughn, a dedicated member of the school's track team, and Jeremiah, an exemplary honour student, unknowingly transformed **Jamaica Day 2025** into an unforgettable experience for Mrs. Buckland.

Their selfless act was a shining testament to the values instilled at Jamaica College, aligning perfectly with the words of the Jamaican National Anthem: "...Teach us true respect for all, Stir response to duty's call."

Their actions demonstrated the goodness of our people and exemplified the spirit of Jamaica Day, a celebration of National pride, unity, and the importance of character. Jevaughn and Jeremiah, through their simple yet profound act of kindness, have etched their names on the **Disciplinary Honour Guard**, proving that true heroes walk among us every day.

Kevin McCarthy
Dean of Discipline