



BERMUDA COLLEGE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

This stamp celebrates the Bermuda College's half-century anniversary and honours its history of excellence as Bermuda's only tertiary institution. For the last 50 years, it has helped countless students achieve their academic and career goals.

The Bermuda College was created by the Bermuda College Act 1974. It began with the amalgamation of three institutions: the Bermuda Hotel and Catering College established in 1965, the Bermuda Technical Institute in 1956 and the Academic Sixth Form Centre in 1967. Some of these institutions had even earlier antecedents. The Bermuda College crest, pictured, depicts its antecedent institutions, and is still used as the official seal of the institution.

Under the leadership of its first Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Mansfield H. Brock Jr. (1974-1977), the College upgraded and developed a curriculum for the education and training of young Bermudians. Advisory committees, established with memberships drawn from professionals in local businesses, helped develop programmes for major trade areas to ensure graduates were well-equipped for employment. University preparatory programmes were also developed to match the educational pattern of North American universities and enable students to obtain credit overseas for their work completed at the Bermuda College. Their success has been recognised throughout North American, British and Caribbean universities.

In 1974, the College utilised the facilities of its antecedent institutions. However, from its formation, the Board had contemplated a single College campus for all of its programmes and to this end, acquired the Paget Stonington property in 1978. Construction began in 1979. The Stonington Beach Hotel and the building housing the training kitchens and hotel service laboratories were finished and occupied in September 1980. The Stonington Beach Hotel was built primarily to give students in hospitality programmes practical experience, thus offering a unique training opportunity.

The building programme continued with New Hall (1988), the Student Centre (1990), the College Centre (1991), the Library (1992) and the Faculty Centre (1993). By 1996, the opening of North Hall and Technical Hall completed the campus.

In 2005 Bermuda College began its mission to become accredited by the then New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), now the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE). In 2010 the College received its initial accreditation, which has opened more opportunities for students to transfer to overseas institutions with advanced standing and for the College to offer more professional certifications through its Athora Professional and Career Education (APACE) Division. The Bermuda College was re-accredited by NECHE in 2015.

Today, the Bermuda College offers a variety of academic, technical and professional programmes and courses. Its 26-acre, wireless campus has 39 full-time lecturers and over 1,000 students, 552 of whom are registered in credit courses. Credit programmes lead to associate degrees, diplomas or certificates, while the College's partnerships with external institutions provide on-island access to undergraduate degrees and professional certifications and designations.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

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