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## Welcome to the Second Edition!

*The Hon. Terry Lister, JP, MP  
Minister of Education and Development*



Greetings,

Ever since I took over the helm at the Ministry of Education, there is one thing that stands out in my mind wherever I have gone and it is the one thing that makes me most proud. Our students are producing phenomenal work and displaying remarkable skills because of their willingness to embrace technology and all that it offers.

I am also extremely proud of the collaboration that

exists between the Ministry of Education and the corporate community. There is a synergy that is operating there and it is reaping rich and tangible dividends for our students.

The past few months have been busy ones for public education. Bermuda hosted a distinguished delegation of education officials, from the Caribbean for the International Education Collaboration Foundation's symposium in January.

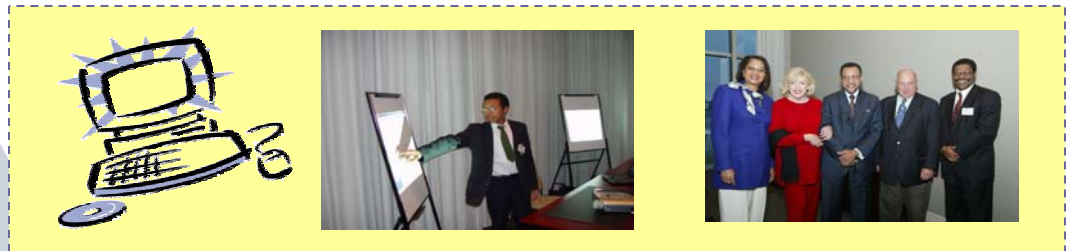
More recently we have had the immensely successful Meeting the Future Leaders of Bermuda Student Networking Event at the Bermuda National Gallery where some 175 students were registered.

All of this is a testament to the benefits of teamwork. The future continues to look bright for public education. Keep blazing the trail!



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## IECF Symposium

The International Education Collaborative Foundation's (IECF) Caribbean Education Symposium on Public-Private Partnerships in Technology Education titled "Bridging the Digital Divide" was successful in meeting its strategic objective to increase an appreciation for and understanding of how to mobilize private sector support and resources to advance technology education in the Caribbean.. The Symposium involved representatives from

Ministries of Education from Jamaica, Barbados, Guyana, Bahamas, St. Lucia, Grenada and Trinidad & Tobago and took place from January 28-30, 2004 at XL House in Hamilton, Bermuda. The B.TEC model was showcased as a potential success to be replicated worldwide.

The Symposium allowed for direct one-to-one and group exchanges with private sector participants, Ministers and education officers, school administrators

and educators in B.TEC. Participants received presentations from Mr. Brian O'Hara of XL Capital, Dr. Don Knezek of the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), Dr. Niki Davis of the Society of Information Technology Education (SITE), Dr. Noel Brown of the Friends of the United Nations and the Hon. Jennifer Smith of the Bermuda House of Assembly.

### What is the IECF?

The IECF is a US Based 501(c)(3) registered non-profit organization that serves as a resource and clearing house, promoting the comprehensive integration of technology in today's classrooms. The IECF is an international support system for public school education.



## Meeting the Future Leaders of Bermuda Networking Event 2004

### DID YOU KNOW?

*The Future Leader's Event was developed in 2003 by the B.TEC Community Education & Development Sub-Committee*

### Numbers registered for event

Business Reps:  
87  
Students:  
175  
Coaches:  
35

Over 170 students registered this year for the *Meeting the Future Leaders of Bermuda Networking Event*. The event, held on Monday, March 29, 2004 at the Bermuda National Gallery, gave students from the island's two public high schools the opportunity to present their skills to and network with potential employers within the business community.

David Ezekiel, president of the Association of Bermuda International Companies (ABIC) and lead sponsor for the event, urged students to choose a career they loved. "You want to get up every morning loving what you do" he said, addressing the students and business representatives during his welcoming address.

Business executives had the opportunity to inspire

and motivate young Bermudians and students were able to benefit from direct exposure to Bermuda business leaders, who provided guidance and advice, regarding interview skills, career paths and/or networking.

The Meeting the Future Leaders Event also acted as the kick off to the Annual Careers Fair.



## Upcoming Events... *Mark your calendars!*

### 2004

#### April

- B.TEC Parent's Nights at CedarBridge Academy and the Berkeley Institute
- Young Observer Article in the Royal Gazette

#### May

- B.TEC and Bermuda Small Business Development Corporation Web Design Student Business Partnership Reception
- Young Observer Article in the Royal Gazette

#### June

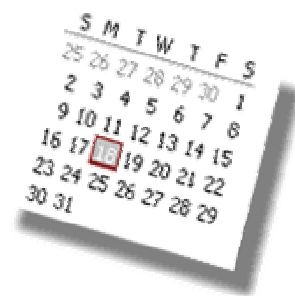
- Young Observer Article in the Royal Gazette

#### July

- BizCamps at the Bermuda College

#### August

- Young Observer Article in the Royal Gazette



## Laptop Presentation

On December 18, 2003, Adrian Fiddes, a Senior 3 student at CedarBridge Academy and a B.TEC Intern, received a Gateway 200 series laptop from Mr. Nigel Hickson of the Ministry of Tourism, Telecommunications and E-Commerce and Mr. Peter Elliott of Gateway Systems Ltd. Adrian received this laptop because of his dedication and hard work in his Multi Media Communications class. Mr. Roger LaChaine, teacher of this class, had challenged his students to obtain a grade of 95% or higher. Those who met this mark were entered into a draw to win the laptop computer.

## Ensuring Bermuda's Future Power Breakfast

On March 18 members of the business community were invited to ACE for a private breakfast reception entitled 'Ensuring Bermuda's Future'. The focus of the event was to increase awareness of B.TEC in the community and to encourage participation in B.TEC. The event highlighted a roundtable discussion of B.TEC stakeholders including a student, a teacher, Government, small business and the private sector.

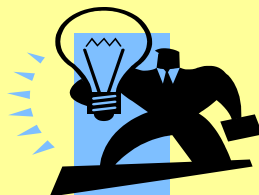
### Did You Know

Representatives from over 40 companies registered to attend the breakfast

Roundtable panelists included:

Noreco Burgess (CedarBridge Academy), Karen Clemons (CedarBridge Academy), Diane Gordon (Bermuda Chamber of Commerce), David Lang (Bank of Bermuda Foundation), Ralph Richardson (ACE Foundation) and Nancy Volesky (AAC).

**Look For B.TEC Student Profiles Each Month in the Royal Gazette, Young Observer on Thursdays**



## NPTA Presentation

On February 26th the B.TEC Community Education and Development Sub-Committee were invited to present to the National Parent Teacher Association Meeting at Cathedral Hall. The informal meeting allowed for meaningful dialogue between the members of the Sub-Committee and the parents

who were in attendance. The key question of the evening was 'How to engage parents throughout their children's education – and especially at the Senior School Level'. The ensuing discussion brought forth a number of ideas, including ways to encourage the parents and the students to

work together and for parents to become familiar with the skills that their children are learning in school.



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