

ABHTI WELCOMES OVER 80 STUDENTS IN NEW COHORT WITH A 40% INCREASE OF 2022 ADMISSIONS



(Photo 1 (Left): Chairperson of ABHTI Board Shirlene Nibbs, Photo 2 (Top Right): Students seated at orientation welcome day, Photo 3 (Bottom Left): Students pictured at trade fair with industry partners, Photo 4 (Bottom Right): Island tour at Betty's Hope. Additional photos attached.)

ST. JOHN'S, (September 11, 2023) – The Antigua and Barbuda Hospitality Training Institute (ABHTI) proudly welcomed its newest cohort of students, marking a significant increase of over 40% in admissions compared to the previous year. This growth reaffirms ABHTI's commitment to nurturing the next generation of hospitality and tourism professionals.

The first day of class commenced on Monday, September 11, with more than 80 students ready to embark on their educational journey. The new group of students will pursue studies in a diverse range of programmes, including Culinary Arts, Hospitality Management, Tourism Management, Front Office and Restaurant Operations, and Basic Cookery.

To welcome the incoming students and prepare them for the opportunities that lie ahead, ABHTI organized a week of orientation activities from September 4 – 8. This comprehensive orientation introduced students to various facets of the industry, ensuring they start their educational experience on a strong footing. The week's activities included an official welcome ceremony, an industry trade fair, an island tour, and a memorable closing cocktail event.

Chairperson of the ABHTI Board of Directors Shirlene Nibbs, expressed satisfaction with the collaboration of industry agencies and professionals for orientation week, "We are elated with the response to orientation week and particularly pleased with the substantial increase in our student body. This reflects our commitment to excellence, approach of inclusion, collaboration coupled with dedication and hard work of the ABHTI team of professionals."

The incoming students will embark on their educational journey with the prospect of completing their studies in (2) two years for those pursuing Associate degrees, and (1) one year for those enrolled in certificate programmes. ABHTI remains steadfast in its commitment to producing a quality workforce, with industry professionals for the Hospitality and Tourism sector.

ABHTI extends its gratitude to all partners who contributed to the success of Orientation Week 2023. These valuable partners include the Antigua Barbuda Hotels and Tourism Association, Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, Antigua Cruise Port, Hermitage Bay, Hodges Bay Resort and Spa, Cocos Hotel, Keyonna Beach Resort, Elite Island Resorts, Jumby Bay Island Resort, Sandals Grande Antigua, The Ken Den, Chef Mint, and Timmy Time Cocktails.

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