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SJPI TURNS 50 THIS MONTH

The Samuel Jackman Prescod Institute of Technology (SJPI) will celebrate 50 years of education and training with year-long activities.

The Institute, which marks the milestone this month under the theme **SJPI 50: Celebrating Our Past, Inspiring Our Future**, will launch its anniversary festivities with a church service on Wednesday, January 16, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in its auditorium at Wildey, St. Michael.

On Tuesday, January 29, there will be an unveiling of SJPI's signage and mural, in addition to the burying of a time capsule on the campus. The celebrations continue on Friday, February 1, with the opening of a year-long historic exhibition, which will be followed by an African Awareness Day and Exhibition on Friday, February 22.

There will be a naming ceremony for SJPI's Divisional Blocks and Wellness Centre on Tuesday, March 5, and the institute will take part in the Adopt-A-Kilometre Community Highway Programme on Tuesday, March 12, where businesses and institutions beautify and maintain the landscape along various sections of the ABC Highway.

From April 14 to 20, management, staff and students will host a Trade Show at the Institute. This will be followed by a Staff/Family Fun Day and Picnic on Wednesday, May 1. There will be an Evening of Nostalgia on Friday, June 7, and a Motorcade and Community Outreach on Saturday, July 13.

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The celebrations in August comprise a staff lime on Wednesday, August 14, and a Student Council 5K Run and Walk on Sunday, August 25. In September, there will be a wreath laying ceremony at the tomb of National Hero, His Excellency Samuel Jackman Prescod on Wednesday, September 25, followed by the 15th Annual Samuel Jackman Prescod Memorial Lecture on Thursday, September 26.

The Institute will host an Art Exhibition on Monday, October 7, and a gospel concert - the date will be announced later. The November activities will include a Health Fair/Open Day on Friday, November 1; SJPI's graduation ceremony on Saturday, November 9; and a Fashion Week starting on Saturday, November 30.

The 50th anniversary celebrations will conclude on Saturday, December 14, with a Gala Awards. (MR/BGIS)

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THE SAMUEL JACKMAN PRESCOD INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY WILL CELEBRATE ITS 50th ANNIVERSARY WITH A CHURCH SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, BEGINNING AT 9:30 A.M. AT ITS AUDITORIUM IN WILDEY, ST. MICHAEL.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THIS EVENT.

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NCSA REACHES OUT TO PUBLIC IN BUS STANDS

As part of its community outreach initiative and to mark Drug Awareness Month 2019, staff of the National Council on Substance Abuse (NCSA) will interact and share information with commuters in some bus stands.

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On Friday, January 11, the NCSA staff will share drug information with commuters in the Princess Alice Bus Stand, Bridgetown, and again on Friday, January 18, in the Speightstown Bus Stand in St. Peter. Both sessions will take place between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.

This year, Drug Awareness Month is being celebrated under the theme: **Women of Substance. (JRB/BGIS)**

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PUBLIC URGED TO MARK BLUE WEEK

Members of the public are encouraged to wear blue from Tuesday, January 22, until Saturday, January 26, to mark Blue Week, which is being hosted by the National Council on Substance Abuse (NCSA).

This forms part of the organization's month-long activities for Drug Awareness Month being celebrated under the theme: **Women of Substance.**

Blue Week was designed to create a greater awareness about substance abuse among members of the public, and also about the NCSA being present in the community to highlight its programmes and services.

As a result, a team from the NCSA will be present at Cave Shepherd, Broad Street, Bridgetown, and Emerald City, Six Roads, St. Philip on Saturday, January 26, between 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., to interact with the public through mounted table displays and to conduct a collection drive for educational materials, in aid of the Barbados Girl Guides Association. **(JRB/BGIS)**

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OFFICIALS FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE (NCSA) WILL RELEASE THE FINDINGS OF THE 2016 REPORT OF THE BARBADOS DRUG INFORMATION SERVICE NETWORK, ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, IN THE HORATIO COOKE AUDITORIUM, NATIONAL UNION OF PUBLIC WORKERS COMPLEX, DALKEITH ROAD, ST. MICHAEL, BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M.

NCSA CHAIRMAN, HADFORD HOWELL, WILL ALSO ADDRESS THIS EVENT.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THIS EVENT.

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BWA INVESTIGATING DAMAGED COMMUNITY TANKS

The Barbados Water Authority (BWA) is currently investigating damages to two of its community tanks.

On Tuesday, January 8, the BWA received reports that two of its community tanks (one in St. Joseph and the other in St. John) have been seen lying on the ground.

The tanks have been removed from the locations and investigations are being conducted into the circumstances that would have led to the tanks being found in this position.

A full assessment of the damage is being carried out as there is evidence of vandalism to both tanks. Approximately 950 gallons of water were lost per tank. The Authority notes that both of these tanks were next to two Innotech tanks which were not damaged.

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The Authority will be engaging the services of the Royal Barbados Police Force to investigate the matter.

It is determined to have these tanks replaced by close of business today, Wednesday, January 9, so that customers who rely on them will not be without access to water for any prolonged period.

The Barbados Water Authority remains committed to assisting its customers in all areas who may be affected by intermittent outages. **(BWA/BGIS)**

NO: 30/19

CONSTRUCTION ZONE AT WORTHING BEACH

A construction zone has been established at Worthing Beach.

The Ministry of Energy and Water Resources has advised businesses and beach goers in the area to exercise caution as the Barbados Water Authority continues to carry out work on the construction of the outfall off that beach.

This phase of work began on Tuesday, January 8, and will continue into next week. During this time, steel piping, blocks and other materials will be laid out on the beach, and trucks transporting materials to be utilized in the project will also be traversing the area.

Road users are also asked to note that there will be continuous traffic flow between the sluice gate and Carib Beach Bar during the construction period.

Persons are advised to follow the instructions and guidance of the National Conservation Commission staff. **(SF/BGIS)**