

OCEAN ACADEMY

Social Enterprise, Technology, Innovation, Development, Education (SEaTIDE)

INVITATION FOR 2020-2021 ENROLLMENT

You don't have to leave the island to get a world-class education . . .

- 19 International & 34 National Awards in Past 5 Years
- 27 International Partnerships

And join the school that offers more opportunities . . .

- Academic Education & Skills for Employment
- Highly Qualified Faculty
- Personal Education Plans
- Full Academic Offering of CSEC (for CXC scholarships)
- Support for Special Needs
- Expert Belizean & International Mentors

- Day Shadows, Apprenticeships, Internships
- Personal Attention
- Students Can Earn School Fees
- Free after-school tutoring



Dianely, Form I

SCUBA Open-Water Certified Student

"OA is like a family that you can count on to help you achieve your dreams. Teachers and programs help students according to what they need: extra help to boost grades, mentoring in times of challenge, or mind-opening experiences like SCUBA."

Nythiria, Form II

Bike with Purpose Team Leader

"OA is a one-of-a-kind school where you feel at home, and doors open for whatever your interests are. Being a Bike Leader is a huge financial help for my family and me, and I have become a confident, knowledgeable, and critically-thinking speaker. Come be part of this amazing family."



Alejandro, Form II

Robotics, Innovation Challenge, Raspberry Pi Teams
"OA has given me many opportunities to grow locally, nationally, and internationally. In First Form, I was part of winning two national trophies. I've become a technology expert, a volunteer firefighter, businessman, and met national leaders."

Joshuan, Form III

Student Government President

"OA is a place to make your goals a reality. I have developed as a musician & performer (winning Festival of Arts), and as a scientist with the Crocodile Research Coalition on my path to be a Veterinarian."



Yeison, Form IV

Basketball Team Captain

"OA has provided me with amazing opportunities in academics, sports, electives, and internships. As part of my bank internship, I experienced the role of bank teller and customer service. As a team captain, I have developed self-discipline and leadership skills that are key to my current and future success."

PERSONALIZED EDUCATION

Personal Education Plan (PEP)

No two students are alike. We work with every student and their parents to create a personal plan based on the student's and parents' goals.

Personal Interests, Strengths, Passion

We spend time figuring out what gets each student excited and create opportunities to develop interest areas. For example, students interview and "shadow" doctors, tour guides, mechanics, lawyers, and musicians; others assist teachers, and repair computers.

Personal Challenges, Obstacles

Equally important, students identify weaknesses and obstacles and make plans to overcome them. For example, students earn money, get extra math tutoring, find scholarships, or attend counseling.

Setting Goals

Students set goals and review progress. Goals are reviewed and updated.



Students personalize the OAHS library with books they choose on Amazon.

O.A. is a Leader in Innovative Education

“Ocean Academy is not offering an education like all of the other schools. OA thinks outside of the box and takes advantage of the environment to link school to the real world.



Students learn how to create opportunities and employment which is becoming even more important in today's job market.

OA's Social Enterprises empower students with communication and leadership skills that will help them reach their goals in life. We can see that happening already from their wins at the Innovation Challenge.”

~ Dr. Carol Babb, Chief Education Officer, Belize Ministry of Education.

Career “Shopping”

We guide the student (and parent) to create a career shopping list: what careers would be a good fit for you? Then, we set up times for students to observe a person in the career (day shadows) and if they like it, real hands-on experience working in the career (apprenticeships/internships). It is just as important for students to learn that they do not like a career, so they do not prepare for the wrong path.

Tertiary (Sixth Form/ University) “Shopping List”

Students learn Fly Fishing Guide Skills.

In the PEP, students and parents list the schools and programs that interest them. We talk with Sixth Form and University Department Chairs to learn about their courses and plan campus visits.

THE OA WAY

The OA Way prepares students for success while in high school and after graduation.

1. Be Mindful

OA students learn to be respectful, professional, and positive so that they may focus on learning and personal growth. They begin every school day with a mindfulness circle to establish a positive vibe and approach to their day of learning. They learn how to calm themselves through yoga and meditation.

2. Know Your Passion

OA students are self aware, well rounded, and immersed in the real world. They are exposed to hundreds of opportunities every year so they may discover their personal brilliance and interests. Every student studies academics, entrepreneurship, and employable skills so that they are prepared for a constantly changing future.

3. Make Money

OA students are innovative, driven, and financially literate so they may make, save and invest money. They learn to make money *while* they are in high school doing what they love so they have the confidence to find or create employment doing something meaningful and enjoyable for the rest of their lives. They learn to be entrepreneurs, how to take risks and overcome challenges, and to save money in their bank accounts.



4. Create Legacy

OA students are socially responsible, visionary, and collaborative. They know that making money is not the only objective. They “give back” to their campus, their community, their nation, and their world.

SEATIDE: SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Students Earn Money in the Real World

More than half of OA students are involved in social enterprise or student-led businesses such as Bike with Purpose, Kayak with Purpose, Art with Purpose, Crocodile Night Shine with Purpose, and Yoga with Purpose. They earn money for:

1. personal savings that is deposited into the student's personal savings accounts (approximately \$10 per hour)
2. personal school fees, and
3. school programs such as electives, sports, student activities, and events

Students Learn in the Real World

Students build self-confidence, communication skills, innovation, and leadership when they get experience working and doing something that relates to their passion and interest areas.

National and International Leader

OA is recognized nationally and internationally as a leader in social enterprise. OA won two international awards:

1. Kayaking, fly fishing, and biking from UNICEF/Beyond Sport (competed with 350 organizations from 70 countries),
2. *Fish with Purpose*, Best Business Plan in North America and the Caribbean from Teach a Man to Fish in the U.K. (1250 schools from 93 countries participated).

OA hosts Social Enterprise Workshops for principals, teachers, and students from across the country to start social enterprises on their campuses.

Bike with Purpose

Students learn important job skills such as how to make eye-contact with adults, tell interesting stories, and speak with people from around the world.



Meanwhile, they earn money and school fees and act as eco-ambassadors for international visitors. Workshop training includes bike repair, history and ecology, first aid, and communication skills.



Art With Purpose

Students study with art instructors and gain experience selling original art pieces such as at the Book and Art Fair at Il Barretto.

Ideas Come to Life

When young people are part of starting and growing their own businesses, they are learning how to turn their ideas into something that can make money.

With 20% unemployment for young persons under the age of 25, our youth need to be prepared to create jobs they love.

“With Purpose” Social Enterprises grow every year as students’ passion areas and ideas grow.



Art with Purpose



Dinner with Purpose



Piñatas with Purpose



Yoga with Purpose



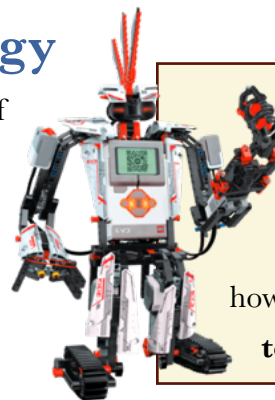
... And More

SEATIDE: TECHNOLOGY

OA is a National Leader in Technology



OA students use laptops or tablets instead of text books. They learn coding (computer language) starting in First Form and understand that they are not just *users* of technology; they are *creators* of technology.



Robotics

Students are programming robotics and learning how to **create technology**.

OA as Part of Team Belize in Mexico City's International Robotics Competition



OA Teacher and student Daniela Novelo participated in Team Belize in Mexico City with teams from 182 countries to design, build, program, and maneuver robots to lift, carry, and twist game pieces as part of the three-day Olympics.

Robotics Camp for Younger Students

Daniela designed a Robotics Summer Course to teach and inspire youth to become future Team Belize members for FirstGlobal Robotics.



OA won a National Trophy (Second Time in a Row) in the Innovation in Technology Competition

OA students used Cayenne programming on Raspberry Pi to create an island emergency alert system in which Caye Caulker residents could contact the police or health clinic at a time without electricity.

Solar Panel Training

OA students learned to install solar panels and earned a certificate funded by the IDB.



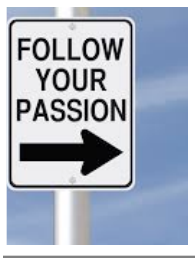
Technology Electives Offered Every Quarter

OA students have the opportunity to take a variety of technology electives including hardware and software repair and installation, networking, robotics, design, and programming. Many OA students incorporate technology into their career path.

SEATIDE: INNOVATION & DEVELOPMENT

Innovation

Innovation is all about “creating” some new thing or idea or “improving” an existing thing or idea. OA classes and projects push



students to find their OWN solutions. The first step to innovation, is getting passionate about something.

We guide students to find that passion in their Personal Education Plans (PEPs) which begin at the time of registration and continue until graduation.

Development

Ocean Academy’s motto is “Preserving our Heritage, Creating our Future.” Students work on national and international projects to protect the sea, the island, and the “old ways”

of Caye **Mercedes Requena**
Graduated 2012

Caulker . . . while learning how to grow the island in ways that are positive and sustainable for all.



Mercedes Requena works in her field as a biologist and mentors OA students in marine ecology.

OA Students Earned First Place in the Innovation Challenge ~ Third First-Place in Five Years!

Once again, in 2019, OA students competed with 14 Belize District High Schools to solve national challenges and won first place. The team developed a Financial Advisory website, mobile app, and YouTube videos to guide youth to create budgets to fund future goals.



OA students won first place in 2015 with "Hire Belize", a mobile app

they created to connect youth with employers and customers.

In 2016, OA students won first place with a national campaign to spread their *Ubuntu: I am Because We Are Youth Mentoring Partnership*. They encouraged schools and businesses to offer



internships, apprenticeships, and mentoring with businesses and professionals so that students may find their personal brilliance.

In 2018, the OA team won third place for their *Storyville: Creating Financial Futures* program.



PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE COURSES

Students Earn Professional Certificates in 25+ Hour Courses

Research shows that by combining both Academics and Technical Skills as part of a high-school education, students can more deeply apply what they learn in the classroom and find meaning in education. In January and June, students who have completed all academic requirements, earn professional certificates to combine with the OA diploma to apply for jobs, scholarships, awards, and tertiary.



PADI Open-Water SCUBA

Students earned official Dive Cards.



Technology Services

Students provided technology services, such as designing & installing WIFI networking, for island customers.



Marine Biology Management with Fisheries

Students were certified in Fish ID, Coral ID, and Fisheries Management.

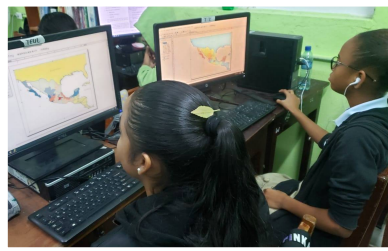
Culinary Arts

Students planned and prepared dishes while building skills.



Scientific Data & GIS Mapping

Students collected and manipulated data to create maps using ArcGIS online software.



Arts & Crafts as a Profession

In these two courses, students developed skills while creating products they could sell.

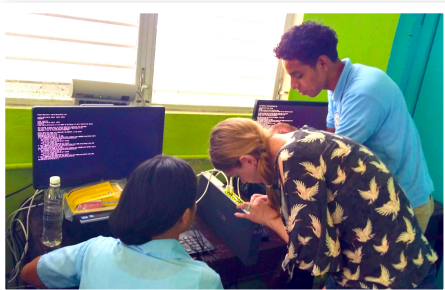


Yoga as a Profession

Students developed and led classes for children and adults.

Professional Networking

Students were certified with an international University-Level exam.



ITVET Certification

OA partners with ITVET to offer Electrical, Cosmetology, and Culinary Arts.



Carpentry



SPORTS, INTERNSHIPS & PRIDE

National Sports



OA males and females are competitive in Volleyball, Basketball, Football, and Track & Field. The male basketball team won the District Tournament and competed at the Regional Tournament. The Track & Field team members earned medals at the Regional and National levels.

National, Island, School and House Pride



Internships at all Forms

OA students explore career paths, gain work experience, and build skills. The sky is the limit in what motivated OA students can learn and experience.



Golf Cart Repair



Hotel Office



Retail Shop



Bank



Education



Pharmacy



Health Clinic



Tourism



Salon



FireStation



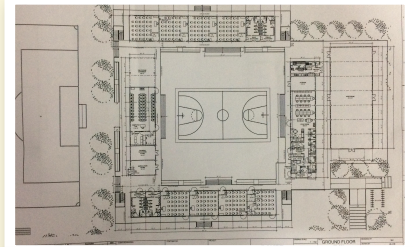
Village Council

HIGHLY QUALIFIED FACULTY

OA's faculty are highly trained professionals who are dedicated to academic and personal success for every student. Our teachers are life-long learners, and every month they study in Teacher Professional Development workshops. Principal Curry is the Chair of the National Principals Association (BAPSS).

Faculty qualifications include:
 1 Doctorate Psychology of Education
 1 Master's Degree in Education
 1 Master's Degree in Development Policy
 2 Bachelor's Degrees in Secondary Education
 4 Bachelor's Degrees in Teaching Subjects (pursuing Post Graduate Diplomas in Education)
 5 Associate's Degrees (pursuing Bachelor's)
 Admin Staff: 2 Associate's Degrees

OA New Campus Opening 2021



Groundbreaking Ceremony, December 2019

Courses include: English, Mathematics, Spanish, Integrated Science, Biology, Computer Science, Belizean Studies, Life Skills/Social Emotional Learning, Applied Learning, Entrepreneurship, Principles of Business, Quick Books Accounting, Physical Education, Yoga/Meditation. **Electives include:** Tourism, Quick Books Certificate, English B, Physical Education & Sport (CSEC), Fly Fishing, Kayaking, Marine Ecology, Bird Watching, Hardware, Software, Art, Pinatas, Cooking, French, Guitar, Philosophy, Drumming, Majorettes, Basketball, Volleyball, Football, Running, Swimming, Karate, Dance, Music Appreciation, Drama, Acro & Yin Yoga, Sewing, Gardening, Typing, and new ones every quarter. **Tutoring is free.**

Compared to traveling: Save \$670 per month/\$4,015 per year (and that is not including the cost of school fees). Use those funds to pay for Sixth Form, University, ITVET or to start a business!

COSTS* AT OCEAN ACADEMY

	Form I	Form II	Form III	Form IV
Yearly Registration	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Tuition & Fees For Belizean Citizens. International Student Costs are Double.	\$600/ year	\$700/ year	\$750/ year	\$750/ year
	\$60/ month	\$70/ month	\$75/ month	\$75/ month
Fees if receiving GOB Subsidy.	\$30/ month	\$35/ month		

COSTS OF TRAVELING TO ANOTHER SCHOOL

	Daily	Monthly	Yearly
Water Taxi	\$15	\$300	\$2,625
City Taxi	\$10	\$200	\$1,750
Lunch	\$10	\$200	\$1,750
Total	\$35	\$700	\$4,565

***This is ONLY travel costs. School Fees are additional costs.**

Included in fees: 2 PE Shirts, 1 PE shorts, (3 Badges for F1), Student ID, WIFI/Sports/Activity Fees. Students who exhibit maturity and professionalism may earn their own school fees through Social Enterprise: Bike with Purpose, Kayak with Purpose, Art with Purpose). See Mrs. Usher for details. *Additional costs include: Annual Insurance, Optional Electives, \$100 Fundraising per student.

Rubiceli Keme
Graduated 2019



"OA made it possible for me to become the person I am today. OA treated me like family and pushed me to be my best and inspire others to do the same. I am proud to be the manager of the Bike with Purpose program while I am pursuing my Associate's Degree with plans to become a pediatrician."

Tranell Harris
Graduated 2018



"OA inspired me to believe that anything was possible. With that thought in mind, I earned two certificates in culinary arts while at OA. I then ran the OASeatide cafe for a year to save money. Now, I am living my dream: pursuing a degree in psychology & sociology."

Mathew Sandoval
Graduated 2017



"Through OA I was able to become involved in many amazing programs like the Crocodile Research Coalition and the Central American Youth Ambassadors. Both of these have changed my outlook on life and have inspired me to be the change Belize needs."

Lilly Alamina
Graduated 2016



"I loved all the ecology and wildlife studies, trips, and opportunities we were exposed to at OA. Even after graduation, I earned money through a part-time job while attending SJCJC that related to the outreach I began in my electives and internship at OA."

Fernando Novelo
Graduated 2015



"OA is the reason I achieved the goal I had since I was a child, to work at the bank. The teachers always pushed me, especially in accounting and English. I got to take unique courses I loved such as Entrepreneurship where I learned to make a profit with my own business ideas."

Kyle Requena
Graduated 2014



"I loved my fly fishing, kayaking and scuba electives at OA and won a National Youth in Tourism Award. Now I have my Tour Guide license and freelance as a fishing guide for several operators."

Yvon Noralez
Graduated 2013



"I learned that I could earn a living being creative when I got paid to photograph a wedding as part of an OA internship. OA also helped me get an Adobe scholarship to fund a degree in Commercial Graphic Design at SJCJC. I am now expanding my expression to Health and Fitness."

Lilly Aldana
Graduated 2012



"OA inspired me to believe I was capable of achieving whatever I set my mind to do. I played with international & local musicians and music became the medium I needed to express myself. Everyone needs to find that and OA provides the opportunities."

Danny Marin
Graduated 2011



"I am an entrepreneur running my own Caye Caulker Printing and Graphics shop Called Marin-D-Zine. I still believe and live by the words I shared in my graduation speech: be outstanding in all that you do. Give it your all. Never hold back."

CXC CSEC Highlights

- 23% Earned a 2-Year Scholarship for an Associate's Degree.
- 100% Passes in English A, Spanish, and Electronic Document Preparation and Management.
- Additional passes in Mathematics, Biology, English B, Principles of Business, Principles of Accounting, Human & Social Biology, and Visual Arts.