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Antilles School Grieves as All Four Passengers of Tragic Helicopter Crash, Including Senior Student Tyler Yannone Were Connected to the School

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The deaths of four individuals in a helicopter that crashed at Botany Bay in St. Thomas Monday afternoon has rocked St. Thomas, including students and staff of Antilles School where Tyler Yannone, son of Daniel Yannone and Neisha Zahn, both of whom also died during the crash, attended.

In a release issued late Tuesday, Antilles School revealed that all four individuals on the aircraft, including pilot Maria Rodriguez, were connected to the school.

In a statement, Antilles said, "The Antilles School family suffered a tragic loss Monday when Tyler Yannone, a member of our Class of 2021, his parents Daniel Yannone and Neisha Zahn, and alumni parent Maria Rodriguez - whose daughter graduated in 2006 and whose son continued to be a part of our community until high school, when he left to pursue a career as an international kiteboarder - passed away in a helicopter crash on St. Thomas.

"Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with each family member and loved one affected by this devastating loss.

"Antilles was closed for students Tuesday, allowing our faculty and staff the chance to come together virtually, but also to meet with students and parents to remember Tyler, and to offer grief counseling for those in need.

"We will be providing additional resources for our families, staff, and alumni in the upcoming days but will not be publicly sharing those details. It is important for us to respect the privacy of our community."