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Church of God Auditorium, Joe Farrington Road, Nassau, N.P., Bahamas

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HONOURING THE **'WHO'S WHO'** IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE BAHAMAS



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His Excellency, The Most Honourable Cornelius A. Smith, O.N.,
Governor-General
Commonwealth of The Bahamas

I am pleased to have the opportunity by congratulate the Co-Patrons, Chairman, President and Members of The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation for their commendable work in successfully bringing to fruition, the vision of Founder and CEO, Mr. Ricardo Deveaux, to establish a National Awards Recognition for young Bahamian Students.

Himself a finalist in the 1992 Florida College Student of the Year Awards Program, Mr. Deveaux was impressed with this prestigious Program and envisaged a similar vehicle for recognizing the achievements of Bahamian students at the 6th Grade Primary School level.

With no financial backing but the support of a Committee of high education achievers, and armed with determination and perseverance, the first competition comprising thirty-one (31) students representing private and public school students in New Providence, was held June 9, 1997.

It is my understanding that some twenty-three (23) years since its inception – The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program is now a premier National Awards Recognition Program for 6th Graders throughout the Commonwealth of The Bahamas. To date, there have been over 2,600 nominees from which there were 23 winners including a blind student, representing New Providence and the Family Islands. I am informed that over the years sponsorship for the Program amounted to some \$1.8 million in scholarships and prizes. These are indeed impressive accomplishments.

However, I am pleased to learn that many of the past nominees and winners have not only gone on to earn great personal achievements but have returned to give back and make invaluable contributions to the development of our country. In this regard, I am advised that these outstanding students include the very first (1997) Winner – Ten (10) year old St. John's College student Vashti Darling (now Darville) a practicing medical doctor; 1998 Winner now Attorney, Andrea Moultrie; 1998 4th Runner-up, Stankisha Pinder, now a Teacher, Girl Guide District Commissioner and first former nominee elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation; 1999 2nd Runner-up Denykco Bowles, Teacher and Basketball Coach at Doris Johnson High School; and 2003 Winner, Zachary Lyons, Investment Banker.

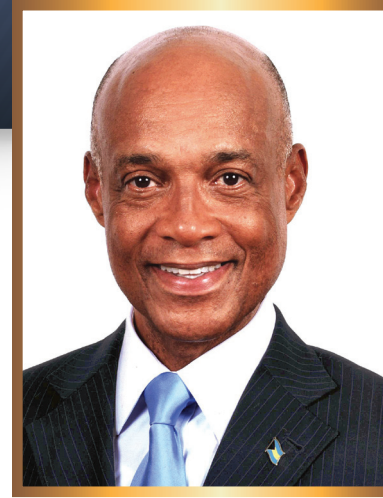
It is most gratifying to note that the 2011 Winner was a blind student from Abaco, Anna Albury – the first in this program – and who continues to excel academically notwithstanding her physical disability. Anna is currently a Sophomore and an Honour Student at Louisiana College majoring in Psychology. I have no doubt that she will return to be an inspiration to other handicapped students and contribute to the development of The Bahamas.

On behalf of the People of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, therefore, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Chairman, President & CEO, the Board of Directors and Sponsors for their vision in establishing this premier National Awards Recognition Program for Primary School Students and to wish them continued success in encouraging young Bahamian students to strive for excellence.

May God continue to bless your efforts.



COMMONWEALTH OF
THE BAHAMAS



The Honourable Jeffrey L. Lloyd, M.P.
Minister of Education, Science & Technology
The Commonwealth of The Bahamas

I salute the 112 Nominees of the 2020 Primary School Student of the Year Awards Programme who hail from Abaco, Acklins, Andros, Berry Islands, Bimini, Cat Island, Eleuthera, Exuma, Grand Bahama, Inagua, Long Island, New Providence and San Salvador. Your diligence and success have brought you to this point and are indicative of the potential within you to go further in life.

When I reflect on your achievements, I am reminded of a classic 70's song entitled, "You Have Only Just Begun". The second verse appropriately provides the picture for the next chapter of your existence. It states:

*Before the risin' sun, we fly
So many roads to choose
We'll start walkin' and learn to run
(And yes, we've just begun)*

My beloved students, you are living in extraordinary times that require you to grow and expand at a rapid pace. From an early age, you have demonstrated that you are a leader. It is therefore incumbent upon you to go as far as you can and do as much as you can. The Bahamas and the World needs you to accept the call of leadership. Equip yourselves with knowledge to become citizens who can steer us through crises such as the COVID-19 Pandemic, Global Warming, Food Insecurity, Poverty, Educational and Gender inequality. You can because you have only just begun.

I commend Mr. Ricardo Deveaux, President, the Board of Directors and Members of the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation for their commitment in recognizing many hardworking students over the past twenty-four years. It is refreshing that you have gone extra miles to ensure that the 2020 Cohort's success was not overshadowed by unforeseen circumstances. The Ministry of Education is appreciative of this noble organization for its work in providing many students with scholarships. Thank you for establishing relationships that go beyond this event and motivating our students wherever their paths take them.

Teachers and Parents, I applaud you for the investment you made made these students. You have molded them and instill values and ethos in them, ensuring that their future is greatness.

May the Almighty God shower blessings on our students and all who contribute to their lives.



Mr. N. Vandyke Pratt
Chairman
 Bahamas Primary School
 Student of the Year Foundation

As we celebrate our 24th Annual Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program, it is incumbent upon me to give several recognitions. Firstly commendation goes to our President & CEO Dr. Ricardo Deveaux for his visionary leadership in producing this awesome idea and the NPHC for running with the vision and creating this program 24 years ago. Further commendation goes out to all the former Patrons of this program especially our founding Patrons Sir. Clement Maynard & Dr. Keva Bethel who are no longer with us.

The past twelve months has presented formidable challenges for us in the Bahamas with the devastating effects of Hurricane Dorian to Abaco and Grand Bahama and the Pandemic outbreak of the Corona virus. Through it all even in the midst of the valley of life's uncertainty this program has persevered. We persevere to continue to inspire and give hope to future generations of Bahamian youth who strive to achieve excellence in both educational pursuits and character building. Today I am once again thrilled to witness despite the challenges and the loss of several schools to natural disaster, another great year in the involvement of schools throughout the entire Bahamas. This year one hundred and twelve (112) nominees representing New Providence; Grand Bahama; Abaco; Acklins; Andros; Berry Island; Bimini; Cat Island; Crooked Island; Eleuthera, Exuma, Inagua, Long Island, Mayaguana, and San Salvador will be awarded with medals and trophies.

What you are witnessing in this year's program, is a culmination of months of tireless planning, soliciting and administrative efforts, freely contributed, by an exemplary group of individuals. My heartfelt thanks to this stellar team comprised of the Foundation's Board of Directors and Committee Members.

We also owe a great debt of gratitude to our corporate and individual sponsors, without whom this program would not be possible. We salute these individuals and corporate entities that have deemed it to be of great significance to invest in the future of the Bahamas via this program.

Special thanks and recognition goes to our President and CEO, Dr. Ricardo P. Deveaux. His tremendous effort to ensure the success and sustainability of this program continues to inspire those who are intimately involved with the Foundation. His hard work, along with others, has allowed us to achieve what promises to be an outstanding awards ceremony and indeed a momentous milestone of 24 years of investing in the future of the Bahamas.

To the Chairperson Mrs. Atherine Turnquest-Hanna, and all the members of the distinguished panel of judges, I commend you for giving untiringly and selflessly of your time and expertise to fulfill your vital role in making this program a success.

I also offer commendation to our current co-patrons Dr. Davidson Hepburn and Mrs. Jacqueline Bethel who continue to be stellar representatives of this program.

This year as noted earlier was truly a challenging one for the foundation in garnering sponsorships and scholarships. However we remained undeterred in our commitment to recognize and reward the best and brightest in our primary school system in the Bahamas. We give special recognition to REV Cable Bahamas our Title Sponsor. REV has not only sponsored the winner's scholarship, but they have also made a significant contribution to bringing in our Family Island nominees. Yet again numerous past nominees, several still in school, have given back to the program through scholarships of their own and sponsorship donations.

This is a testament to the impact of this program on the youth striving for distinction in this nation. Since 1997 – 2019 \$1.8 Million Dollars in scholarships and prizes have been awarded to over 2,600 nominees an accomplishment we want to continue to build on.

Ultimately, I would like to congratulate all the 2020 nominees as you have entered into a distinguished echelon of future leaders and world changers who have come through this program. I encourage you to continue to strive for excellence in everything you do. You are all WINNERS and have achieved much to have reached this milestone. So continue to strive to realize excellence in your education and in life! Don't just follow the path, but blaze new paths in your pursuit of excellence.

May God's blessings and favor be upon you all, as you seek his insight to fulfill your destiny.



Dr. Ricardo P. Deveaux, DHL
President & CEO
 Bahamas Primary School
 Student of the Year Foundation

Each year, a select group of the students from throughout The Bahamas are nominated to accept one of the most prestigious national recognitions for primary school students in this country. This Awards Program, which is the premier program for primary school students, is an excellent opportunity to recognize students who have demonstrated excellent academic achievement, leadership ability, campus and community involvement and good citizenship.

Since 1997, The Board of Directors of the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation and the Nassau, Bahamas Pan-Hellenic Council have been committed to showcasing the talents of our primary school students from throughout our archipelago. In November 2019, The Foundation began a national search to locate the BEST and BRIGHTEST nominees for the honour of 2020 Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year. We are excited that 112 primary schools accepted the opportunity to have their student nationally recognized for their efforts. We are indeed grateful to the principals, administrators and teachers who saw the benefits of having their students recognized at this level. You are commended for showcasing the future leaders who are poised to be the change agents that will make a difference in this world.

After an extremely difficult year, which began with Hurricane Dorian and now COVID 19, we are excited to be able to be able to recognize our 2020 nominees. This 24th Annual Awards Ceremony is a celebration of the successes of our students, and an acknowledgement of the invaluable role of the teachers and parents in the process of supporting, nurturing, and encouraging these students in their pursuits for excellence. The Foundation is grateful for this opportunity to showcase "The Who's Who in Primary Schools in The Bahamas".

The task of organizing this Awards Program takes the collaborative efforts of our corporate, fraternal, civic, and individual partners who saw the benefit of recognizing our future. Thanks to our partners, we can proudly advise that since 1997, we have been able to award some \$1.8 MILLION DOLLARS in scholarship and prizes. This year have been a challenging one with our donors but we grateful that despite the downturn in the economy, many of them remain committed to supporting the effort. They realize that they support were impacting our future and to them, we say, "THANK YOU".

We are extremely grateful to The Government of The Bahamas through the Ministry of Education for providing their partnership in this effort. Thanks for giving the Foundation the support required for the successful hosting of this awards ceremony.

I would also like to congratulate the 112 nominees who are stellar representatives of the BEST of our primary schools in The Bahamas. You join over 2,600 past nominees who at this level demonstrated that they were indeed on the road to success. I admonish each nominee, who represent the BEST of your school, your district, and your island, that your nomination in this Awards Program is an indication that "YOU ARE A WINNER". As you prepare to graduate from primary school, I extend best wishes for your continued growth and development. In 2026, you will be graduating from high school and in 2030, from college and this Foundation expects that you will still be among the leaders in your respective classes. All the best.

Finally, The Awards Program have been impacting lives for 24 years. I trust that as we prepare to enter our 25th Program Year in September 2020, this program will remain the beacon of hope and encouragement for our young achievers in 2021 and beyond.



Mr. Vincent Thompson
Local Council President
 Nassau, Bahamas Pan-Hellenic Council

The Officers and Members of the Nassau, Bahamas Pan-Hellenic Council are once again excited to partner with the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation to host this premier Awards Ceremony to recognize the BEST and BRIGHTEST among the primary school students in The Bahamas. Since 1997, The Members of the nine Black Greek Lettered Fraternities and Sororities (Divine 9) have led this effort to ensure that the outstanding scholars at the primary level are saluted for their efforts.

I would like to offer commendations to our Chairman Mr. Vandyke Pratt and Members of the Board of Directors, The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation and President and CEO Mr. Ricardo P. Deveaux, and the Members of the Awards Committee who have worked diligently to bring the 24th Awards Program to a successful conclusion. The program year has been truly testing. From the beginning with the impact of Hurricane Dorian and then the COVID-19 Pandemic, The Foundation, Council and Awards Committee realize that although the country was impacted severely, we had to continue to ensure that our students were saluted for their efforts. They are the future of our country, and there are not many better causes than to award and celebrate that future.

I am excited that Members of the Nassau, Bahamas Pan-Hellenic Council continue to offer support to this effort as Foundation Board Directors and Awards Committee Members and our Affiliate Chapters serves as Scholarship; Travel and Trophy sponsors. We, as Greeks, realize the importance of education and recognition of academic excellence.

The Council would like to take this opportunity to extend congratulations to the 112 nominees and their parents in the 2020 Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program. Their respective nominations in this Awards Program is a clear indication that they have worked hard to achieve this high level of excellence although they are only in primary school. We wish them all the best as they will now transition to high school.

Finally, The NPHC remains committed to this effort that we created in 1997. May this program continue to inspire the next generation of Bahamian leaders.



HISTORY

THE VISION

The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program is a premier national awards recognition program for 6th graders in The Bahamas. The program was introduced by Ricardo P. Deveaux - Distinguished Charter President of the Nassau, Bahamas Pan-Hellenic Council and was designed to salute the achievements of our younger achievers. Mr. Deveaux was impressed with the prestigious Florida College Student of the Year Awards Program sponsored by Florida Leader Magazine and Oxendine Publishing Company and felt the need to establish a national awards program in The Bahamas. He was one of the finalists in the 1992 Florida College Student of the Year Awards Program.

THE HISTORY

In November 1996, the idea of a Student of the Year program was submitted to the Council for acceptance. The program immediately received its endorsements from four educators who were serving as Executive Council Members at the time: Sharon Poitier (Alpha Kappa Alpha), Anastacia Brown (Delta Sigma Theta), Carolyn Hall-Knowles (Delta Sigma Theta) and Garnell Rolle (Zeta Phi Beta); and The Nassau, Bahamas Pan-Hellenic Council. The program also received the endorsement of Senator Dame Dr. Ivy Dumont - Minister of Education (later Her Excellency Governor-General of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas and Patron of the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program.) A committee was formed and Ms. Anastacia Brown was selected as the Committee Chairperson. The Council selected June 9th, 1997 as the date for the first Bahamas Primary Student of the Year awards program. Thirty-one (31) students representing private and public school students in New Providence were the first nominees in the awards ceremony. The ceremony was held at the Ballroom at Government House with Their Excellencies Sir Orville Turnquest - Governor-General and Lady Edith Turnquest in attendance. In his remarks, The Governor-General challenged the Council to include students from the Family Islands in future ceremonies. Vashti Darling, a ten year-old sixth grade student of St. John's College was selected as the 1997 Primary School Student of the Year. Since 1998, Family Island students have participated in the awards program. Now in its nineteenth year, The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program continues to recognize students who are academically gifted, civic and



campus leaders, and community volunteers. Atlantic Medical Insurance was the first major sponsor of The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year, presenting a \$1,000 scholarship in 1998.

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program received its first international recognition when it was selected as the Most Outstanding Original Program by National Pan-Hellenic Council – Southern Region in October 1998.

THE FOUNDATION

Under the Presidency of Mrs. Cyndi Williams-Rahming, a proposal was submitted to The Nassau, Bahamas Pan-Hellenic Council for the Student of the Year Awards Program to be incorporated under a Foundation. The proposal was submitted and approved by the Council in May 2004 and incorporated under The Companies Act of 1992 of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas in June 2004. It was further agreed that members of the 2004 Awards Committee would comprise of the Founding members of the Foundation Board of Directors. Wednesday, August 4th, 2004 was a historic day for the officers and members of The Nassau, Bahamas Pan-Hellenic Council. The Foundation's official launch was held in the form of a luncheon at The Ballroom at Government House and hosted by Her Excellency Dame Ivy Dumont, then Governor-General of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas. The thirteen member Board of Directors were officially presented with their letters of appointment to govern the affairs of The Foundation. The Founding Directors were: Cyndi Williams-Rahming – President, Ricardo P. Deveaux – Chairman, Tanya Woodside – Vice-President of Development, Carol L. Smith – Vice-President of Administration, Margo Adderley – Secretary and André A. Moss – Treasurer. Directors were: L. Gerard Archer, Vaughn L. Culmer, CC LaFleur, Myra E. Mitchell, Eugene 'Geno' Nairn, Phenton Neymour and Steven Strachan. The Founding Co-Patrons were: Sir Clement Maynard and Dr. Keva Bethel. Attorney Debi Williams-Hancock of Williams Law Chambers completed the entire legal framework for the Foundation (gratis). Williams Law Chambers became the official registered office of the Foundation.

The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation was officially established with five hundred dollars (\$500) from The Nassau, Bahamas Pan-Hellenic Council and a six thousand dollar (\$6,000) grant from the First Caribbean International Bank. The Bank awarded the Foundation with a grant in recognition of Ricardo Deveaux being selected as the First Caribbean International Bank – 2004 Bahamas Unsung Hero. He was recognized for his work with The Bahamas Primary School

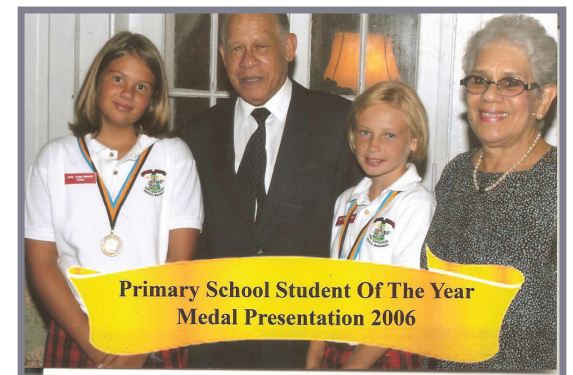
Student of the Year Awards Program. The Nassau, Bahamas Pan-Hellenic Council, through The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation looks forward to continuing to sponsor this awards program as outstanding primary school students are recognized for their accomplishments.

ADVANCEMENT

Since the inception of the awards program in 1997, over two thousand, seven hundred (2,700) students have been recognized among the "Who's Who in Primary Schools in The Bahamas" and over \$1.9 MILLION DOLLARS awarded in scholarships and prizes. Between 1998 – 2005 – Atlantic Medical Insurance served as the major sponsor being the Student of the Year the top scholarship. Between 2006 – 2008, Mr. Basil Neymour served as the major scholarship sponsor, and between 2009– 2012, Mr. & Mrs. Dale Thompson and Bahamas Office & School Supplies served as the major scholarship sponsors. In 2013, Bank of The Bahamas International Ltd. became the major scholarship donor. In 2014, Bahamas Office & school supplies and Bahamas Telecommunication Company became major scholarship sponsors. In 2013, Bank of The Bahamas International Ltd. became the major scholarship donor. In 2014, Bahamas Office & School Supplies and Bahamas Telecommunication Company became major scholarship sponsors. In 2015, RBC Royal Bank of Canada and Commonwealth Bank became the major Scholarship sponsors. In 2019, REV / Cable Bahamas Ltd. became the Title.

INTERNATIONAL DONORS

Between 2007-2020, Mr. Clarence Childs, retired Vice-President of Student Affairs at Bethune-Cookman College and Mrs. Jessie Childs of Daytona Beach, Florida became our first international donors, presenting a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving recipient. In 2015, The Delta Research Educational Development Foundation (DREF) became our second international donor.



DISTINGUISHED PANEL OF JUDGES 2020

*The Judging Panel is comprised of outstanding members of the Bahamian Community.
The adjudication process is completely independent of the Foundation's Board of Directors and The Nassau, Bahamas Pan-Hellenic Council.*



Mrs. Autherine Turnquest-Hanna
Current, Assistant Director, Student Affairs
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Grand Bahama Campus
Former Director of Youth/
Former Executive Director,
Junior Achievement Bahamas
Chairperson, The Judging Panel



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Past President, Bahamas Child Care
& Preschool Association



Dr. Deborah Barlett
CEO, Gems Communications Network
CEO, CEO Network



Dr. Rubyann Darling
Former, Senator
Former, Member of Parliament
Retired Educator



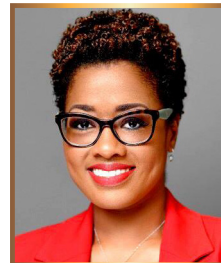
Mr. Robert d'Albenas
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d'Albenas Agency Ltd.



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Deputy Director of Education
Ministry of Education



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Abacays Carib Freight
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Scotia Bank (Bah) Ltd.
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Kiwanis International
Regatta Coordinator,
Ministry of Agriculture



Atty. Tanya Wright
Managing Partner,
World Cooperation Group
Former President,
Bahamas Chamber of Commerce
Former Senator

PAST WINNERS NOW 1997-2019



Yashti Darling
St. John's College
New Providence 1997



Andrea Moultrie
St. John's College
New Providence 1998



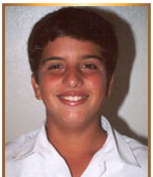
Tiffany Moncur
Carmichael Primary
New Providence 1999



Sasha Bain
Walter Parker Primary
Grand Bahama 2000



Kenny Roberts
Spanish Wells All Age School
Eleuthera 2001



Zachary Lyons
Queen's College
New Providence 2002



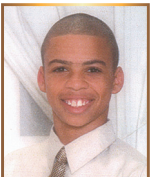
Tanielle Curtis
Sts. Francis & Joseph Catholic Primary
New Providence 2003



Saul Salonga
Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Primary
Grand Bahama 2004



Shirdat Jadoo
Maurice Moore Primary
Grand Bahama 2005



George Zonicle
Bahamas Academy
New Providence 2006



Taran Carey
Tarpon Bay Primary
Eleuthera 2007



James Boyce
Hope Town Primary
Abaco 2008



Khesh Adderley
Temple Christian Schools
New Providence 2009



Jared Fitzgerald
Xaviers Lower School
New Providence 2010



Anna Albury
Hope Town Primary
Abaco 2011



Nadja Simon
Genesis Academy
New Providence 2012



Lauryn Rolle
St. Thomas More Catholic Primary
New Providence 2013



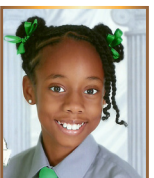
Donovan Butler
Xavier's Lower School
New Providence 2014



Samaya Lundy
Suntand Baptist School
Grand Bahama 2015



Lila Nottage
Lyford City International School
New Providence 2016



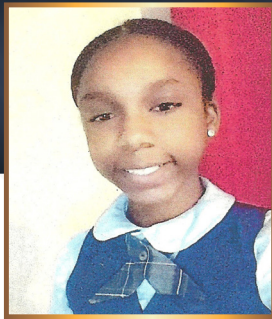
Hannah Edomwonyi
Clara Evans Primary School
Andros 2017



Remington Minnis
Eva Hilton Primary School
New Providence 2018



Lauren Scriven
St. Francis de Sales Catholic Primary
Abaco 2019



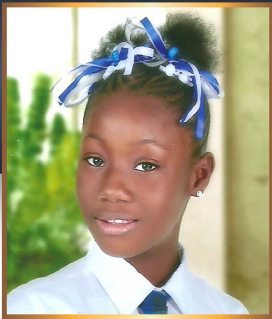
Trishell Adderley
Crossing Rocks Primary
Abaco



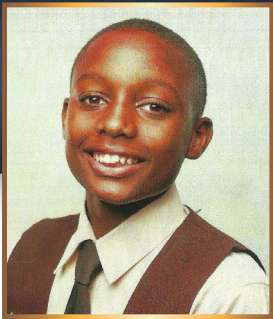
Nacassiah Armbrister
Rock Sound Primary
Eleuthera



Malaisha Bain
Walter Parker Primary
Grand Bahama



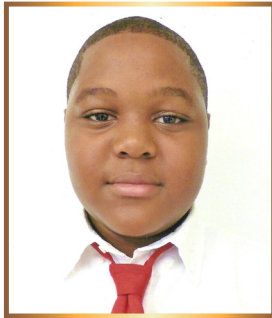
Lakeah Been
Bertram Newon Primary
Andros



Demian Brice
Temple Christian School
New Providence



Dennis Britton
Maurice Moore Primary
New Providence



Devahgio Brown
Inagua All Age School
Inagua



Godfrey Brown
Mt. Carmel Preparatory Academy
New Providence



Alicia Burrows
Gerald Cash Primary
New Providence



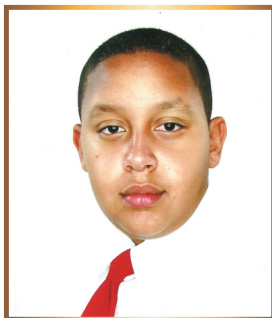
Kion Burrows
Excelsior Elementary School
New Providence



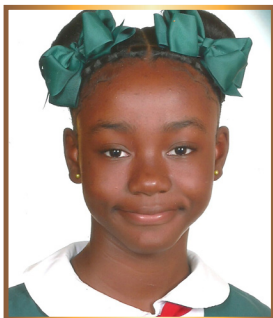
Zion Carey
St. Cecilia's Catholic Primary
New Providence



Ava Charles
Laura L. Anderson Primary
Eleuthera



Carson Charlow
Emily G. Petty Primary
Eleuthera



Alice-Kristina Clare
Ridgeland Primary
New Providence



Chaddai Clarke
Stephen Dillet Primary
New Providence



Sarai Clarke
T. G. Glover P. D. R. School
New Providence



Taleah Cooper
Sunland Baptist Academy
Grand Bahama



Rokeya Cox
Lovely Bay Primary
Acklins



Syesha Cox
First Step Academy
New Providence



Eliza Crutchfield
Lucaya International School
Grand Bahama



Jadon Culmer
Emma E. Cooper Primary
Eleuthera



Skyler Curry
Bartlett Hill Primary
Grand Bahama



Alayna Darling
St. Thomas More Catholic Primary
New Providence



Nicholas Davis
St. Andrew's International School
New Providence



Javan Dean
Thelma Gibson Primary
New Providence



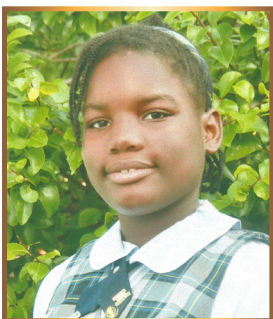
Wilzharia Dean
R. N Gomez All Age School
Berry Islands



Racheal Desulme
New Reality Educare Centre
New Providence



Nathalia Edgecombe
Simms Primary
Long Island



Melvina Evans
Old Bight Primay
Cat Island



Kelsey Farquharson Jr.
Harbour Island All Age
Eleuthera

2020 NOMINEES

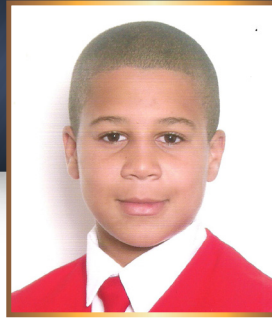
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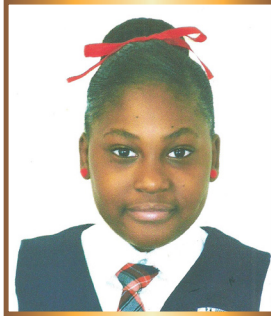
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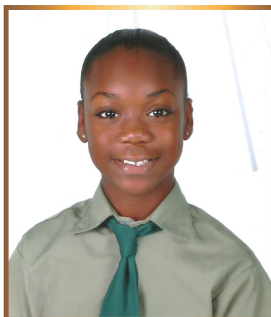
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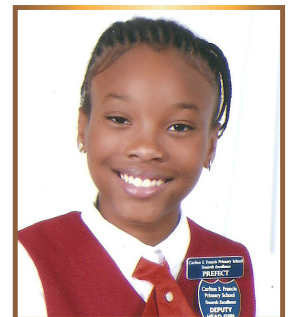
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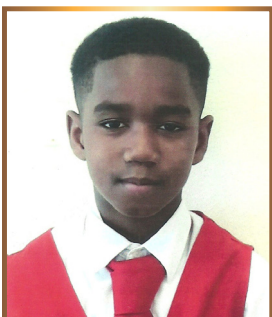
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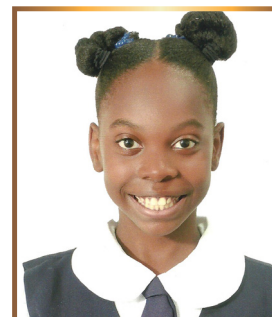
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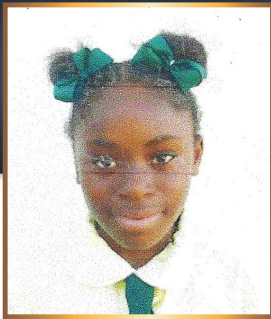
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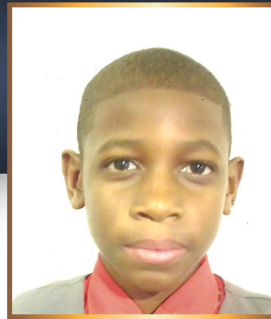
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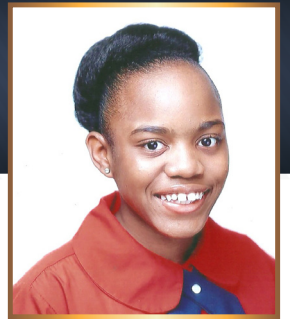
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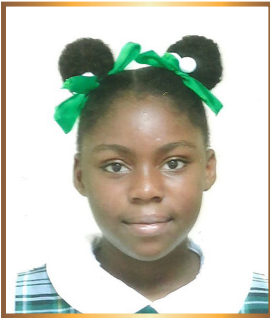
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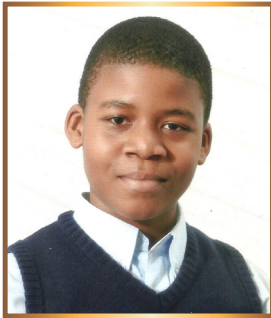
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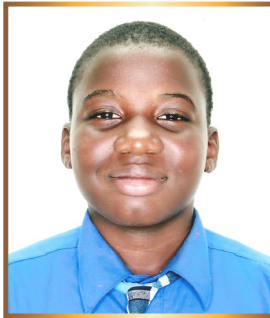
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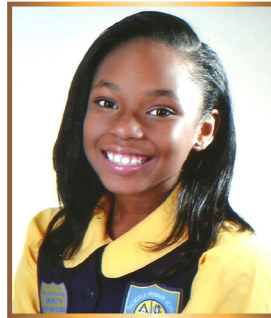
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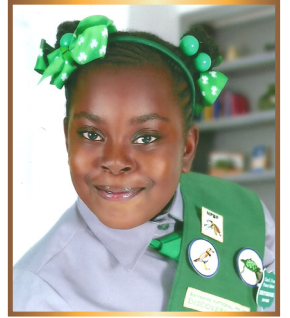
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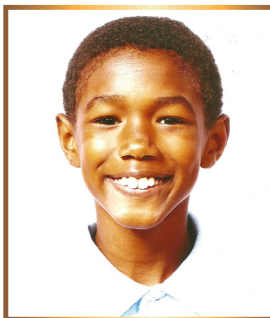
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Grand Bahama



Zaphir Neymour
Stafford Creek Primary
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The Meridian School
New Providence



Laniyah Parker
Tabernacle Baptist Academy
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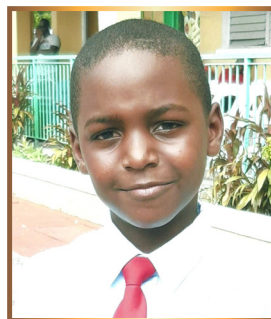
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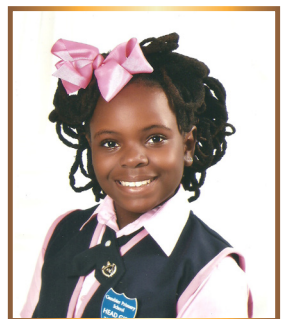
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Jamanna Roker
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Taliq Roker
Woodcck Primary School
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Cleanthea Rolle
Gambier Primary
New Providence



Dalia Rolle
Remnant Ministry & Academy
New Providence



Gilbert Rolle II
Gateway Christian Academy
Bimini



Kelisha Rolle
Wemyss Bight Primary
Eleuthera



Kiera Rolle
Fox Town Primary
Abaco



Lataesha Rolle
Low Sound Primary
Andros



Sydney Rolle
New Providence Classical School
New Providence

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Kahlen Russell
Alpha Omega Christian Academy
Grand Bahama



Roanna Saintil
Garvin Tynes Primary
New Providence



Brianna Sands
Cleveland Eneas Primary
New Providence



Kennedy Seymour
Akhepran International Academy
New Providence



Zaryc Seymour
Bowen Sound Primary
Andros



Anjanet Simon
Sandilands Primary
New Providence



Aijahnique Smith
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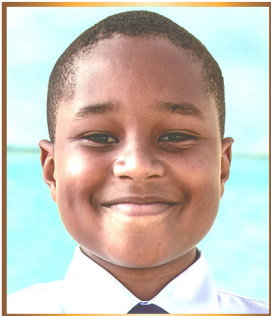
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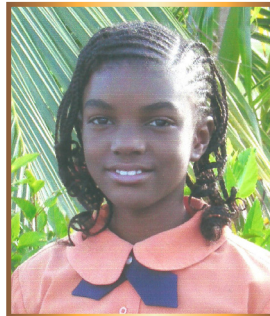
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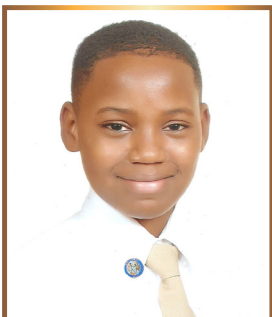
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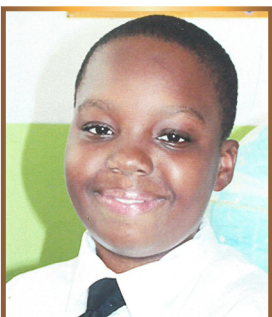
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Yellow Elder Primary
New Providence



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The Promise Institute
Andros



Hayley Wilson
Summit Academy
New Providence



Isaiah Wilson
Freeport Bible Academy
Grand Bahama



Mitchell Wilson
Gregory Town Primary
Eleuthera

FOUNDATION UPDATES 2019/2020



Foundation Director Derek W. Smith, Jr. tenure as Foundation Director came to an end on October 19, 2019. Thank you for your 2 year service to the Board.



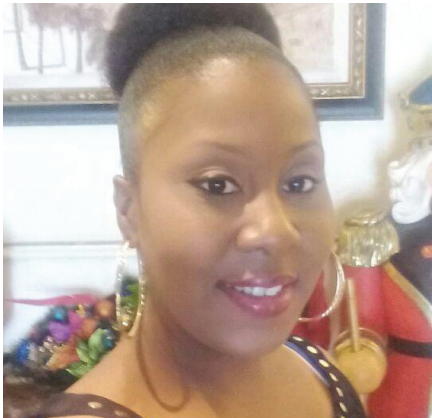
Foundation Vice-President of Finance Richard Simms stepped down as Vice-President of Finance and Director with effect from June 1, 2020. Thank you for your 5 years of service.



Foundation Vice-President of Operations Dr. Cindy Dorsett was inducted into The Bahamas Greek Hall of Fame in December 2019. She was recognized for her work in the community with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program and her work as a Medical Doctor.



Foundation Director Emeritus Vaughn Culmer was inducted into The Bahamas Greek Hall of Fame in December 2019. He was recognized for his work in the community with Omega Psi Psi Fraternity, Inc., The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program and her work in the insurance field.



Senior Program Officer Stankisha Pinder was appointed to the Foundation Board of Directors with effect from October 19, 2019. She was the first non-Greek and the first former Student of the Year nominee to be appointed to the Board as an Independent Director.



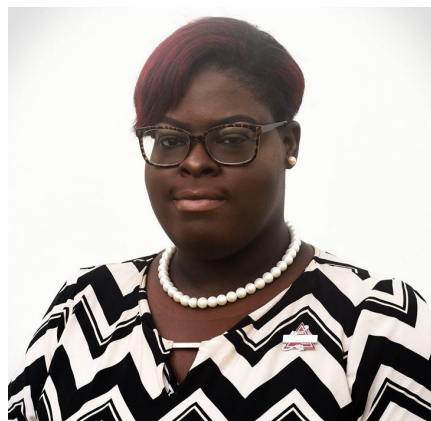
Senior Development Officer Maureen Taylor was appointed to the Foundation Board of Directors with effect from October 19, 2019. She was the second non-Greek appointed to the Board as an Independent Director. She was appointed as Assistant Vice-President of Finance



Congratulations to **Foundation President & CEO Ricardo P. Deveaux** was honored at the 2019 Ministry of Youth - National Youth Awards Ceremony. President Deveaux was selected as the recipient of the 2019 Louise Simmons Youth Ally Awards and the 2019 Hubert Edwards Global Leadership Summit and was the recipient of the 2019 Global Leadership Award. He was recognized for his contributions to the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program.



Assistant Vice-President of Administration & Corporate Secretary Nickara Pratt will be stepping down from the Board of Directors at the expiration of this term. Thank you for your 5 year service to the Board.



Director Ashley Mortimer will be stepping down from the Board of Directors at the expiration of this term. Thank you for your 2 year service to the Board.



Foundation Chairman Vandyke Pratt became a published Author with his Book of poetry entitled "Matters of The Heart".

WHAT A FORMER NOMINEE HAD TO SAY...



Zachary Lyons

2002 Student of the Year
Queen's College – Primary
Bachelor of Science, Economics (Honours)
The University of Pennsylvania
Chief Investment Officer
BankPro Limited

"The Student of the Year for 2002 is..."

I don't remember much from that night, but I do remember my legs feeling like jello. "The World's Greatest" playing at full volume, and all the kids around me excitedly telling me that I had, in fact, won. Just moments before, Erin (another QC student) had secured a spot as one of the runners-up, and I thought – "Phew, at least one of us gets to take a trophy home." To say it was a honour to win is an understatement – bringing our trophies home to our alma mater eighteen (yes eighteen!) years ago is a memory I treasure to this day.

The mere fact that I was chosen to participate was an honour. Here were adults – our parents, our teachers, the foundation – people who knew it all, and had it all figured out – telling us that we were the best and brightest in our Bahamaland; to quote Mr. Deveaux, "We were all winners." Us? We were just little kids.

It was even more special because my whole family was able to attend, including my grandfather, who would pass away later that year, but not before he saw his grandson win. You don't realize it as a child, but your success is a direct result of your family, your community and your church supporting you – my mom who agonized over my portfolio, my dad who worked hard to pay for school, my aunts who scoured to find photos to include, my teachers and administrators who wrote references, not to mention countless others – they all played a part in my winning, and they all shared in the joy.

Over the years, I've watched the program evolve from a fledgling ceremony to a massive undertaking. So many schools nominate students, that now only one student from each school is accepted. But one thing has never changed – the joy on every student's face when their name is called, and the pride in their parents' and teachers' faces. Here are kids from different backgrounds, from different islands, with different struggles, and different stories, yet every single one is a winner.

Ricardo's famous motto may seem trite, especially in a world where results are sometimes all that seem to matter, but it's pivotal, especially for kids of their age – about to enter high school, on the bridge between childhood and young adulthood. Every student here is a winner, because of their unrelenting hard work, and most importantly, their bold and daring dreams.

And to this day, I do my best to attend whenever I can, because it reminds me of this. Especially this year, when so many of us are struggling, not knowing when our jobs will return, if our families will be safe, it takes a "child-like" bravery to keep working hard; a "juvenile" courage to keep on dreaming.

If there is any advice, I could give these students, or even us adults who have it all figured out, it's that you must never stop dreaming, and never stop working hard towards your dreams. Through your brightest days, and your darkest nights, let your dreams be a shining light, and your work ethic a guide towards it.

Because, if you dare to dream and work hard towards your dreams, you have already won.



Dr. Shanel L. Adderley

2004 Semi-Finalist
Naomi Blatch Primary School
Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology (Credit)
The University of The Bahamas (2014)
Medical Degree (MBBS)
The University of The West Indies (2019)
Currently: Medical Assistant, Poinciana Medical Center

My name is Dr. Shanel L. Adderley, BSc, M.B.B.S. I am a former participant of the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Award programme in 2004, as a Semi-Finalist.

I am presently employed at Poinciana Medical Center as a Medical Assistant, making my transition to further my medical career as a doctor, at the Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH).

My experience whilst enrolled in the program was one of the greatest academic moments in my life, prompting and molding me to the person I am today. As I reminisced about my journey through the program, I can remember the faces of students I encountered, as well as my advisors.

My enrollment in this program gave me a more in-depth passion for learning and obtaining knowledge throughout my school tenure, which led me to graduate from Prince Williams High in 2010 with a diploma, and many academic honors.

I then enrolled at the College of The Bahamas, where I obtained my Bachelor of Science Degree with Credits in 2014 with a major in biology and a minor in chemistry. During my college experience, I was accepted in the greatest sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, which I am forever proud and grateful to be a part of.

Always remaining focus I kept my eyes towards my goal from I was 9 years old, which was to become a doctor. In the year 2014 I went to medical school at the University of West Indies, Saint Augustine Campus, Trinidad and Tobago, where I obtained my medical doctor degree in December 2019.

I would like to tell each and every students of the year, past, present and future, never give up on yourself, keep your eyes on the prize, there is a light at the end of tunnel, stay in the race, you will get over those speed bumps, you will get through each and every crack, used the noise in the market as your push, and finally the race is not for those who finished the fastest, but for those who endurance to the end.



Kristina Knowles

2007 Finalist
Emma E. Cooper Primary School
2019 Graduate
University of Houston
Bauer College of Business
Master's Degree in Marketing

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward." Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This is how I started off my high school graduation speech in 2013 when I graduated from Central Eleuthera High School. I wish I could remember what I was thinking in 2007, as a 6th grader at Emma E. Cooper Primary School, being honored as one of the brightest students amongst the entire Bahamas. I wish I knew then what I know now. I wish I remembered my 6th grade speech but, I don't. However, what I do remember is me always saying to myself, "just a small island girl crazy enough to believe in her big dreams."

My name is Kristina Knowles, a former honoree from the 2007 Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year. Growing up on the island of Eleuthera, I attended Emma E. Cooper Primary School, graduated valedictorian and also represented the entire island in track and field to compete in Nassau at The Bahamas Primary School Track and Field Nationals. Since I was a little girl, my grandma always taught me the importance of education. In 6th grade when I was nominated to represent my school in The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program, I was honored. It reminded me of the saying, "books can take you places" and it motivated me to continue to work hard as I began my new chapter, high school.

I attended Central Eleuthera High School, I played softball, basketball, tennis and became very competitive in track and field. I worked my way up the ladder, traveled frequently to Nassau to compete, medaled at many Nationals and in 2012, I qualified and was chosen to represent The Bahamas in the Carifta Games for track and field. In 2013, I was invited to represent my school at the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Honors Day, that honored the top female students in 12th grade around The Bahamas. Following this, in June 2013, I graduated as Valedictorian from "Central" and later packed my bags to move all the way across America, to Oregon.

I attended the University of Oregon for two years to further pursue my academics and athletic career in track however, in my junior year, I transferred to the University of Houston to complete my bachelor's degree in Broadcasting Journalism with a minor in Spanish (December 2017). Over the years at the University of Houston, I represented the school by running track for 4 years, interned with Disney owned, ABC-13 as a journalist and the school's athletic media team. In 2019, at the age of 22, I completed my master's degree in Marketing at the University of Houston's Bauer College of Business.

Post-graduation, I continued my position as the social media manager and digital marketing manager for a chiropractic business located in downtown Houston and I became a certified life coach.

With all of my accomplishments over the years, I still remind myself that "I'm just a small island girl crazy enough to believe in her big dreams" but, perhaps being just that is good enough! Has it been easy getting to where I wanted to be today? Absolutely not. Were there days when I wanted to give up and throw in the towel? Absolutely. Have I accomplished everything I said I would? No but, I never gave up. On the days when I felt like all hope was lost, I reminded myself to run if I could not fly, walk if I could not run, and crawl if I could not walk but, whatever I did, I had to keep moving forward.

So, with everything I've experienced from then until now, what advice would I give to the students who now sit, where I once sat? To the 112 nominees and every student around The Bahamas, believe in yourself, believe in your dreams, believe in your ability to achieve them and believe in God. Those four things are the reasons I am where I am today. Obstacles came in my path, people came and left, doubt has filled my mind but, I never stopped trusting God. I never counted myself out. I never gave up on myself or my dreams. Also, I know you've probably heard this before but, manners will take you a long way. Always be respectful and learn from everyone you come in contact with. Finally, make lasting connections with those you meet. One thing I walked away with from this experience was lifelong friends. Many of the students I met from this experience are my friends to this present day and we've been there along each of our journeys, guiding each other, supporting one another and celebrating our success. Networking will take you a long way in life. Above all, remember to always give God thanks for where you are now and where you are going. Congratulations to all of you. Remember the best is yet to come.



Basil Carter Jr.

2014 Nominee
New Providence Classical School
Raising Sophomore
Humber College, Toronto
Pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree
in Healthcare Management

Being a part of the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Program was an unforgettable experience. I have formed lifelong friendships and was overjoyed to have been given the opportunity to represent my school and most importantly, myself. It was a proud moment to know that I was considered one of the top students at my school.

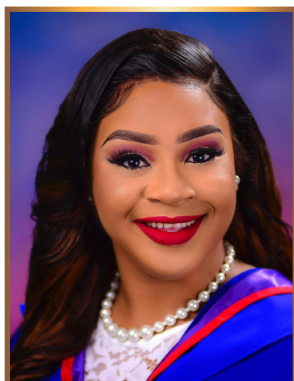
I believe that there comes a point in everyone's life where they are asked the question "What do they want to do in their life?". My turning point came in the sixth grade. I was unsure as to what I wanted to do. I saw the dangerous avenues one can take if they do not take their education seriously. However, thanks to The Foundation, I was able to find purpose and gained self-motivation. I was able to excel through Junior and Senior High School by applying the experience and expertise of others. I am indeed proud of the young man that I have become. The Student of The Year Foundation Played a notable role in my journey to success.

Currently, I am entering my Sophomore year of tertiary education at Humber College in Toronto, Ontario where I am pursuing a bachelor's degree in Healthcare Management. The Foundation allowed me to gain self-confidence and find purpose. I am an active member in Civic organizations both in The Bahamas and Canada where I assist with the enhancement of the community at large.

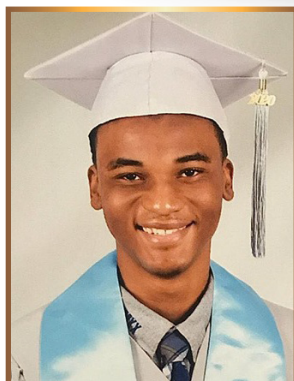
To date, I am proud of the numerous achievements I have made such as becoming Head Boy of New Providence Classical School (2018-2019), participating in the 2018 Youth in Parliament Session, received the Alpha Phi Alpha Honoree Health Professionals Award. I received passing marks all my BGCSE's and SAT in the twelfth and eleventh grade. During my time Canada I volunteered my service at the Etobicoke General Hospital in Toronto. Due to my achievements I have been able to meet and converse with some of the top officials of the country such as the Prime Minister and Governor General.

It is an honor to see the foundation continue to flourish and progress each year. I wish to give a special thank you to Foundation President Mr. Ricardo Deveaux and all the executives for being there every step of the way. I pray God's blessings over the foundation and for a successful 2020 season and the years following. I wish to encourage all future nominees to strive for excellence and take advantage of every opportunity.

SALUTING OUR FORMER NOMINEES FROM THE CLASS OF 2020



2004 Semi-Finalist Dr. Shanel Adderley graduated from Medical school at the University of West Indies, Saint Augustine Campus, Trinidad and Tobago, and obtained a Medical Doctor Degree in December 2019.



2014 14th Place Finalist Justin Bain graduated from Tabernacle Baptist Christian Academy with Distinction and received 5 BGCSE's in Grade 11 (2019 Examination sitting)



2014 13th Place Finalist Kai Basden graduated from Queen's College with Honours. She successfully passed 8 BGCSE's in Grade 11 – 5 A's, 2 B's and 1 C (2019 Examination Sitting). She received Subject Awards in Accounts, Computer Application, Hospitality, Office Procedures, Computers Honours and Pre-Calculus Honours.



2014 Semi-Finalist Dontaë BENEBY graduated from St. Augustine's College with Honours.



2010 Ninth Place Finalist Ari Brathwaite graduated from Howard University with TOP HONOURS: Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics.



2010 23rd Place Finalist Safyha Bryan graduated from Acadia University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology (Honours) & Chemistry with a Minor: Economics GPA: 3.97



2014 Student of the Year Donovan Butler graduated from St. Augustine's College with TOP HONOURS with a CGPA 4.01. He achieved the highest overall GPA grades 7-12. He will be attending Rice University in the Fall, pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Neuroscience.



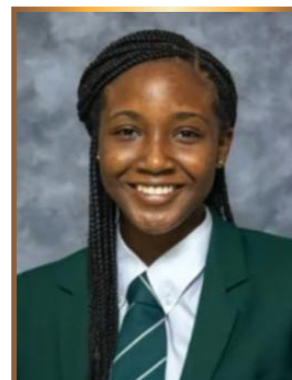
2007 Eleventh Place Finalist Devynne Charlton graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Interdisciplinary Agriculture and a minor in Fisheries and Aquatic Science.



2007 4th Runner Up Tekara A Capron graduated from Nova Southeastern University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography with HONOURS.



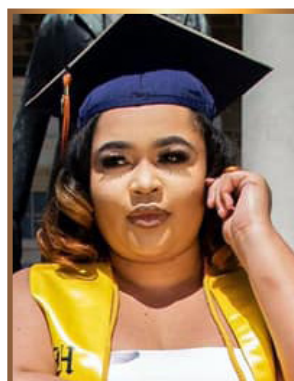
2003 Nominee Dr. Jacintha Clarke graduated from The University of The West Indies, School of Medicine with her Medical Doctorate Degree.



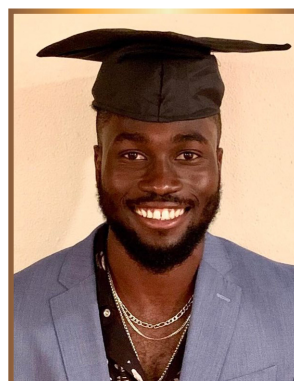
2014 6th Place Finalist Jada Culmer graduated from Queen's College with Honours. She successfully passed 10 BGCSE's in Grade 11 – 7 A's, 2 B's and 1 C (2019 Examination Sitting). She received Subject Awards in History and Office Procedures.



2010 Semi-Finalist Paige Davis graduated from The University of South Carolina Aiken with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications.



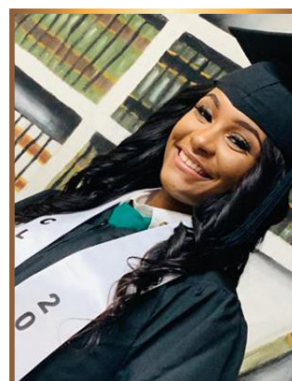
2010 Semi-Finalist Jade Dodge graduated from Morgan State University with TOP HONOUR: Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology.



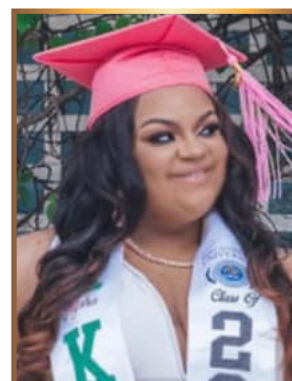
2009 Semi-Finalist Antoine Ferguson graduated with HONOURS (Cum Laude) with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science with a Pre-Professional Concentration from Milligan University. He served as Captain of the University's Track & Field Team.



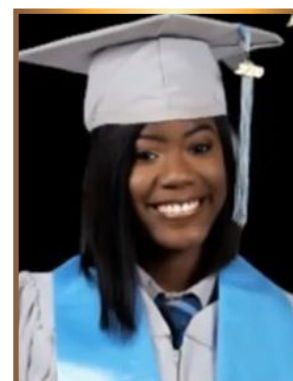
2014 Semi-Finalist Chardonay Garrick graduated from C. R. Walker Senior High School with Honours, CGPA 3.52. She graduated with 4 BCGSE's – 1 A and 4 C's in Grade 11. (2019 Examination sitting).



2014 Semi-Finalist Equoia Gibson graduated from Central Eleuthera High School as the Valedictorian. She graduated with 6 BGCSE's – 5 A's and 1 C in Grade 11. (2019 Examination sitting).



2010 Semi-Finalist Samantha Gray graduated from Saint Augustine's University with HONOUR Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Biology.

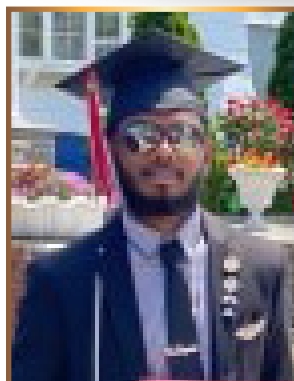


2014 Nominee Wilesha Hart graduated from Tabernacle Baptist Christian Academy with Distinction and & BGCSE's in Grade 11 (2019 Examination sitting).

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2014 Finalist Chavette Harvey graduated from Bishop Michael Eldon School with Distinction and 9 BGCSE's in Grade 11 (2019 Examination Sitting).



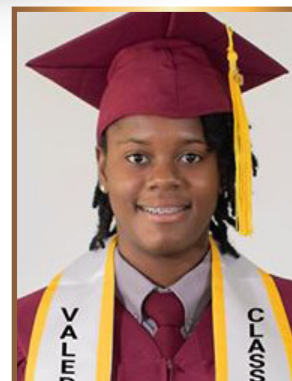
2009 Semi-Finalist Nandkumar Jagroo graduated from The City University of New York, York College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aviation Management.



2014 Semi-Finalist Dajjah Johnson graduated from Aquinas College with Honours. She successfully passed 8 BGCSE's in Grade 11. (2019 Examination sitting). She successfully passed 3 AP Examinations in Calculus AB, English and Psychology.



2014 - 12th Place Finalist Davon Johnson graduated from St. Anne's High School. His Awards: Class Valedictorian, Prefect, Best All Around Graduate, Nigel Rosson Memorial Prize for Accounts, Leno Award for Commerce, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Award, BAISS Track and Field Team Captain, BAISS Debate Team Divisional Winner and 2019 Carifta Track and Field Medalist.



2014 Finalist Lakia Johnson graduated as the 2020 Valedictorian of St. George's High School, Grand Bahama. She graduated with a CGPA of 3.97. While in Grade 11, she successfully passed 8 BGCSE's with A's and B's.



2014 Semi-Finalist Pooja Krishna graduated from Queen's College with Honours as Salutatorian. She successfully passed 9 BGCSE's in Grade 11 with ALL A's (2019 Examination Sitting). She received Subject Awards in Commerce, Office Procedures, AP Psychology and AP Spanish.



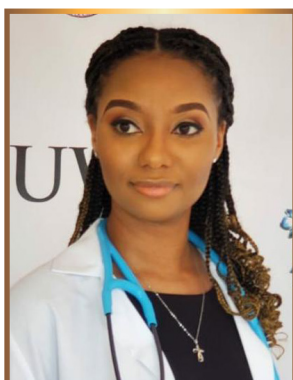
2009 Semi-Finalist Dava Major graduated from The University of The Bahamas with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Finance.



2014 Finalist Reagan MacKenzie graduated from Windsor High School at Albury as the Head Girl and Salutatorian. Reagan was successful in nine Cambridge IGCSEs in Grade 10 earning her the Cambridge ICE Diploma with Merit. She sat and earned Six BGCSE's in Grade 11. She received 4 A's in Chemistry, Mathematics, English, Music Theory & Composition, and Global Perspectives..



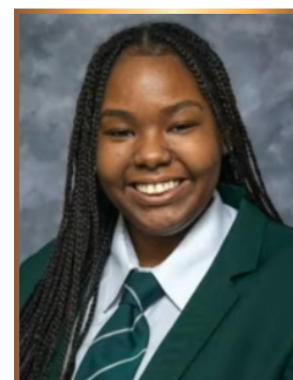
2014 8th Place Finalist Rayvyn McKinney graduated from Queen's College with Honours. She received the Subject Awards in Biology, Mathematics and Religious Education and the Grit and Grace Award.



2004 Nominee Dr. Amy Mackey graduated from The University of The West Indies, School of Medicine with her Medical Doctorate Degree.



2014 Nominee Amber Layne Miller graduated from Queen's College with Honours. She served as the 2019/2020 Deputy Head Girl. She received the Fred Ferguson Music Award of Excellence.



2014 Semi-Finalist Khaaliyah Miller graduated from Queen's College with Honours. She received the QC Players Award (Supporting Role).



2014 Semi-Finalist Branae Minnis graduated from Saint Andrews International School with Honours.



2014 Semi-Finalist Riya Miller graduated from Queen's College with Honours. She successfully passed 10 BGCSE's in Grade 11 with 8 A's, 1 B & 1 C (2019 Examination Sitting). She received the Subject Awards in AP Biolog and AP Calculus and The Anselm Thompson and the PTA Awards.



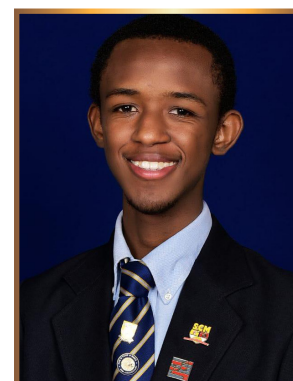
2014 Semi-Finalist Roganne Moncur graduated from Bishop Michael Eldon School with Honours (DISTINCTION). She successfully passed 8 BGCSE's in Grade 11 (2019 Examination Sitting).



2005 Seventh Place Finalist Dr. Jamia Moss from The University of The West Indies, School of Medicine with her Medical Doctorate Degree . In 2011, Dr. Jamia became the first former Student of the Year Nominee to capture the prestigious All Bahamas Merit Scholarship.



2014 Semi-Finalist Kristman Moss graduated from Central Eleuthera High School with Honours. He passed 8 BGCSE's in Grade 11 (2019 Examination sitting).



2014 15th Place Finalist William Moss graduated Bishop Michael Eldon High School as Valedictorian with Distinction and Deputy Head Boy. He passed 9 BGCSE's in Grade 11 (2019 Examination sitting).

SALUTING OUR FORMER NOMINEES FROM THE CLASS OF 2020



2014 Ninth Place Finalist Sh'ion Pickering graduated from St. Augustine's College with HONOURS. She received a FULL SCHOLARSHIP to attend Morgan State University from Junior Achievement.



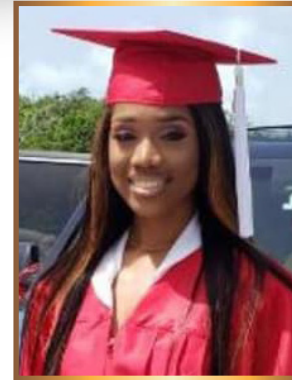
2014 Semi-Finalist Kenedee Romer graduated from Windsor High School at Albany with Honours. She received a \$40,000.00 scholarship to attend Acadia University.



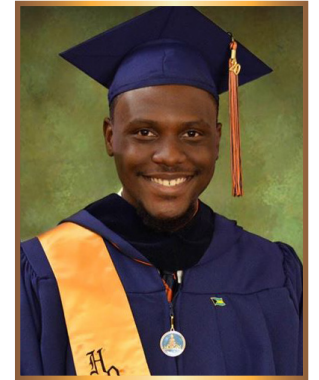
2014 Semi-Finalist Kazmyn Smith graduated from the L. N. Coakley High School, Exuma.



2014 Semi-Finalist Khearrah Storr graduated from St. Augustine's College.



2014 Fourth Runner Up Amani Stuart graduated from St. Augustine's College with HONOURS. She served as President of the Student Council for the 2019/2020 Academic Year. She was also Miss Bahamas Teen 2019/2020 and First Runner Up in Miss Teen Universe International Pageant.



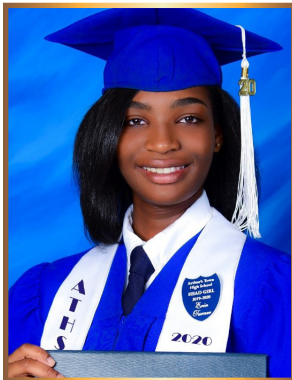
2010 Semi-Finalist Jeffon Stubbs graduated from Morgan State University with TOP HONOURS: Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology with a Minor in Chemistry.



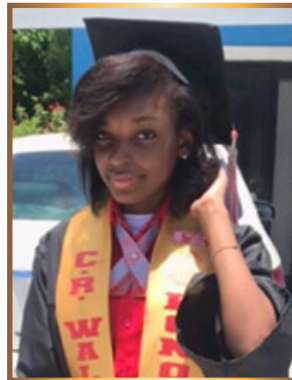
2014 Semi-Finalist Akila Thomas graduated from Queen's College with Honours. She successfully passed 8 BGCSE's in Grade 11 with 7 A's & 1 C (2019 Examination Sitting). She received the Subject Award in English.



2014 Finalist Chesternique Thomas graduated from Anotol Rodgers High School with HONOURS and as Deputy Head Girl. CGPA 3.58. She received the Most Outstanding in AP History and Honourable Mention in AP Language



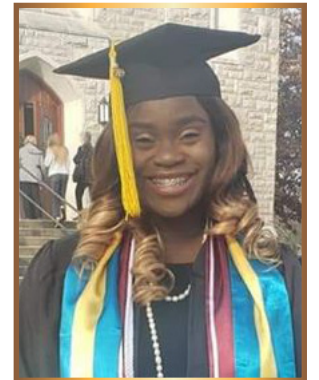
2014 Semi-Finalist Erin Turner graduated from Arthur's Town High School, Cat Island with Honours, GPA 3.89. She successfully passed 11 BGCSE's in Grade 10 and Grade 11 with 5 A's, 4 B's and 2 C's (2018 and 2019 Examination Sitting).



2014 Nominee Bernadine Ulysse graduated from C. R. Walker Senior High School with HONOURS. She successfully passed 4 BGCSE's in Grade 11 (2019 Examination Sitting).



1999 Nominee Keaton Walkine graduated from Vanderbilt University Divinity School with a Master of Divinity Degree in Theological Studies and a Certificate in Black Church Studies.



2009 Semi Finalist Janae Williams graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Science with Minors in Philosophy and Political Science from the University of the Ozarks.

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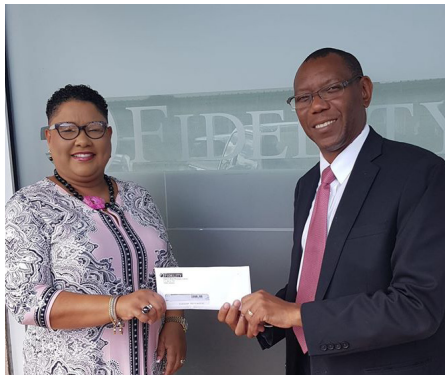
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Safyha Bryan

2010 23rd Place Finalist
Governor's Harbour Primary School

2020 Honour Graduate
Acadia University
Bachelor of Science in Biology (Honours) & Chemistry
Minor: Economics
GPA: 3.97
Accomplishments: Biology Honours Student (2019/2020)
- NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award Recipient (2019) - Clarke McCleod Scholar (2018-2020)
- Acadia International Student Ambassador (2019/2020)
- Acadia International Society Founding President (2017-2020) - Acadia World University Service of Canada (WUSC) Chairperson (2018-2020) - Acadia Black Students Association Vice President (2017-2019) - Whitman Tully House Council Executive Assistant (2017/2018)

It was ten years ago, hailing from the little town of Governor's Harbour, Eleuthera, that I had the incredible opportunity to represent my school at the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year awards competition. Looking back, I still have fond memories of the weekend, one filled with camaraderie, friendship, and the opportunity to be among like-minded students. It was truly an honour to be among the best and the brightest that The Bahamas had to offer and coming in at the end of it all as a finalist was beyond a proud moment for me. It was simply the beginning of a journey for me, and many of those alongside me. I finished off my high school years as Head Girl, Valedictorian, with 11A's, 2B's, 1C in the BGCSE exams, and was awarded a Bahamas National Merit Scholarship. This gave me the opportunity to attend Acadia University, where I have continued to leave my mark.

I recently graduated with my Bachelor of Science in Biology and Chemistry with a 3.97 GPA, and if I said it was an easy feat, I would be lying. However, I have always believed that with God nothing is impossible, and I use this to guide me through the hardest days, the exams I thought would be the end of me, or the classes I doubted if I would make it through with the A grade I aspired for. I am looking forward to pursuing my Master's this fall in Biomedical Science, with hopes of then continuing on to obtain my MD/PhD degree.

To the current and future Student of the Year Nominees, you are filled with amazing promise and are capable of so much more than you can even imagine right now. Take in every moment of this opportunity, keep in touch with the beautiful people you are going to meet, and stay focused and determined on your goals and dreams. Whether you place or not, remember that simply being here, as one of the brightest students The Bahamas has to offer, is the real honour. Use this moment in time to propel yourself into all the phenomenal things God has waiting for you!

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Deyvenne Charlton Scholarship - \$1,500.00	Zachary Lyons, 2002 Student of the Year - \$1,000.00	

WHAT A FORMER NOMINEE HAD TO SAY...



Cryslyn Williamson
2006 - Nominee
Cleveland Eneas Primary School

Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting (Distinction)
The University of the Bahamas
Class of 2017
Currently: Audit Senior
Deloitte & Touche

My name is Cryslyn Williamson and currently an Audit Senior at Deloitte & Touche. In 2006, I was honoured to be chosen as a nominee and represent my school in The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Program. It was a privilege to be amongst some of the "best and brightest" students in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas. Although not awarded with any scholarships or prizes, my self-confidence soared exponentially believing that no matter how young, I could set goals and accomplish them.

My personal motto is, "Hard work pays off" and my favorite scripture Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." I have always wanted to do my best, accomplish goals and make my family proud. As a result, I was named the Valedictorian of Cleveland Eneas Primary School in 2006 and the Salutatorian of Kingsway Academy in 2012.

I graduated from the University of the Bahamas in 2017 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting with Distinction and received the three top accounting student awards. I kept setting goals and in 2018, became a Certified Public Accountant under the State of New Hampshire. I am incredibly grateful for all of my academic accomplishments and accredits them to my strong faith in God, and the love, support and encouragement of my family, friends, teachers, and lecturers.

My advice to all 2020 nominees is to stay focused and always strive for excellence. Remember to do your best and God will do the rest. Congratulations!

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OVER \$ 1.9 MILLION DOLLARS IN SCHOLARSHIP & PRIZES DONATIONS 1997 - 2020

YEAR	SCHOLARSHIP	PRIZES
1997	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
1998	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
1999	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00
2000	\$3,500.00	\$3,750.00
2001	\$5,000.00	\$3,800.00
2002	\$6,250.00	\$5,000.00
2003	\$5,750.00	\$7,000.00
2004	\$11,750.00	\$10,000.00
2005	\$19,000.00	\$12,000.00
2006	\$36,000.00	\$15,000.00
2007	\$60,500.00	\$15,500.00
2008	\$78,500.00	\$16,750.00
2009	\$81,500.00	\$17,500.00
2010	\$85,500.00	\$18,000.00
2011	\$89,500.00	\$19,150.00
2012	\$80,000.00	\$20,000.00
2013	\$76,000.00	\$20,000.00
2014	\$91,000.00	\$22,000.00
2015	\$103,500.00	\$20,000.00
2016	\$122,000.00	\$25,000.00
2017	\$133,000.00	\$25,000.00
2018	\$185,500.00	\$35,000.00
2019	\$173,000.00	\$70,000.00
2020	\$140,000.00	\$40,000.00
TOTAL:	\$1,446,750.00	\$364,950.00

Prize Amount (Airline Tickets, Computers, Trophies, Medals, Tablets, Book & School Supplies)

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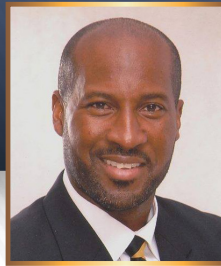
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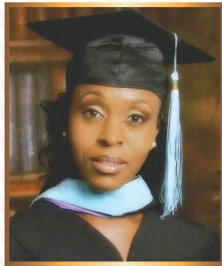
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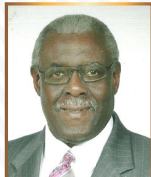


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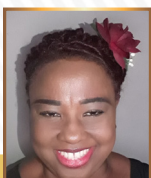
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Latoya Cleare
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