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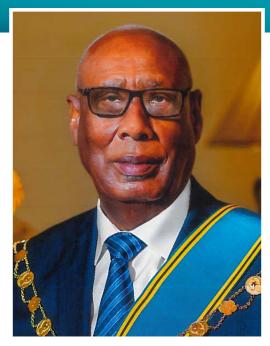
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The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Education Spotlight
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His Excellency The Most Honourable Sir Cornelius A. Smith, O.N., GCMG.,

Governor-General Commonwealth of The Bahamas

It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest congratulations to the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation on its 27th Awards Ceremony. This is a remarkable achievement, and I commend the Foundation for its continued efforts in promoting excellence in education, and for recognizing the achievements of our young people.

This year's ceremony is a testament to the dedication and commitment of the Foundation in recognizing and celebrating the achievements of young students who have excelled in their academic pursuits, and who have made significant contributions to their schools and communities.

As we celebrate the achievements of these remarkable students, we are reminded of the important role that education plays in shaping the future of our nation. The skills and knowledge gained through education are essential in preparing our young people to become leaders and innovators who will contribute to the growth and development of our country.

I am particularly delighted to extend my congratulations to the 2023 Nominees in this year's Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program. Your commitment to excellence, hard work, and determination have earned you a place among the finest students in the Bahamas. You are truly an inspiration to your peers, your teachers, and your community. The Bahamas is blessed with a rich history and culture, and it is heartening to see that the younger generation is determined to build upon this legacy. The future of our nation is in your hands, and I have no doubt that you will rise to the occasion and make us all proud.

May this year's Awards Ceremony inspire all of us to continue to work towards a brighter future for our nation!





The Hon. Philip E. Davis, KC, M.P. Prime Minister, The Commonwealth of The Bahamas & Minister of Finance

The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation is a national treasure by any standard, therefore, it gives me great pleasure to bring greetings and to offer congratulations to the foundation's president, Ricardo Deveaux, its officers and the student honourees on the occasion of the 2023 Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year awards ceremony.

It is often said that excellence is its own reward, but I commend the work of the foundation and its social and corporate partners for recognizing, encouraging, rewarding and incentivizing scholarship, academic excellence and leadership development among the high achievers in academia at the primary school level - one of the more critical learning periods in a child's life. In so doing, the work of the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation has inspired a generation of students to pursue academic excellence.

Over the past Twenty-Seven years, the foundation has awarded more than \$2.2 million dollars in scholarships, education tools and prizes to over 3,000 students across the length and breadth of The Bahamas. This foundation has played an important role in the development of many of the country's current leaders in many areas of national life and I applaud the continued commitment of this NGO to the development of the future leaders of the Commonwealth of The

The mission of the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program is broadly aligned with the intent of our country's constitution on the provision of unconditional education access. This gesture is inherently noble and as a country, we must continue to create ease of access to educational services. In the process, let us continue to recognize, celebrate and reward outstanding scholarship at the formative and foundational levels of education - the pre-school and primary school levels regardless of colour, creed, family heritage, island or school representation, nationality or religious affiliation.

Access to education is a human right - not a privilege and in the words of Anthony D'Angelo – "develop a passion for learning, if you do you will never cease to grow". Let us therefore pledge to continue to cultivate and build a national culture of learning and in the process, experience personal growth and national growth and development by extension.

The Government and people of The Bahamas thank and congratulate the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation and the student honourees on the occasion of the 2023 Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year awards ceremony.





The Hon. Glenys Hanna-Martin, M.P.

Minister of Education and Technical
and Vocational Training

Since its inception, The Bahamas Primary School Student of The Year Awards Foundation and the Nassau, Bahamas Pan-Hellenic Council have recognized and awarded our nation's best and brightest primary school students through an annual search aimed at "Honouring the 'WHO'S WHO' in Primary schools in The Bahamas."

I wish to congratulate The Bahamas Primary School Student of The Year Foundation, its Chairman Mr. Vandyke Pratt, President, Dr. Ricardo Deveaux, board of directors, committee members and this year's distinguished panel of judges on a job well done! You have this year again positively impacted the lives of hundreds of primary school students who have been recognized by the Foundation.

Author, Dennis Waitley once stated, "The first step toward success will be the biggest one." Nominees, this is your first, and perhaps your biggest step toward a successful future. Congratulations! I believe that great things await you because of the excellence that you have already displayed, so early in life. You have all made your family members, friends, schools, and communities incredibly proud. This includes me.

I wish to also thank the family members and teachers of the 2023 Student of The Year nominees. Your support and sacrifice are a significant part of the bigger picture in the outstanding performances of these children.

The consistent trend has been that nominees and winners of The Bahamas Primary School Student of The Year Award have demonstrated excellence throughout the remaining years of their formal education and into adulthood.

I am confident that the 2023 Student of the Year nominees will continue in this stellar tradition.

I am convinced that they will lead with excellence and inspire their peers and make us all proud.

In this our 50th year of Independence, you represent the hope and promise of what was boldly envisioned 50 years ago.

I wish to congratulate the 2023 Bahamas Primary School Student of The Year nominees! May God keep each of you in the palm of His hand.





Mr. N. Vandyke Pratt Foundation Chairman

As we celebrate our 27thAnnual 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 27 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.

We continue to strive to inspire and give hope to future generations of Bahamian youth who endeavor to achieve excellence in both educational pursuits and character building. Despite the residual effects of the pandemic and the winds of economic downturn looming, we remain resolute to amass all we could to recognize the future of this nation for their excellence even at their young age.

As I reflect on the magnitude of this programs impact on the lives of thousands of students over the past 27 years, it is truly awe inspiring. As we celebrate the 2023 nominees, we have again reached a significant milestone as corporate Bahamas, church, fraternal, civic and individual sponsors have responded tremendously and every nominee will receive a minimum of a one thousand dollar scholarship this year.

Ultimately, I would like to congratulate all the 2023 nominees as you have entered 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.





Ricardo P. Deveaux. DHL Foundation President & CEO

The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation, in partnership with the Nassau, Bahamas Pan-Hellenic Council came together once again to host one of The Bahamas' premier awards programs which salute the achievements of our primary school students. In November 1996, when I presented this idea to the Nassau, Bahamas Pan-Hellenic Council for hosting this awards scheme, I never would have imagined the impact and the inspiration that this program who provide for primary

For the 27th consecutive year, our focus has been on recognizing the BEST AND BRIGHTEST primary school students for their academic, leadership, athletics and community service accomplishments. Since our first Awards Ceremony on June 9th, 1997, we have recognized over 3,000 primary school students and awarded over \$2.2 million dollars in scholarships and prizes. We will forever be grateful to our corporate, fraternal, religious and individual partners who have and continue t make a difference in the lives of "The Who's Who in Primary Schools in The Bahamas".

This program continues to evolve since our First Awards Program in June 1997; when 31 students representing all New Providence schools competed for trophies and certificates and prizes with NO SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS to 2023, where 123 students representing Abaco, Acklins, Andros, Berry Islands, Bimini, Cat Island, Crooked Island, Eleuthera, Exuma, Grand Bahama, Inagua, Long Island, Mayaguana, New Providence and San Salvador will compete for over \$220,000.00 in scholarships and \$50,000.00 in prizes. I am excited to announce that this year, again, The Foundation will award each nominee with a minimum of a \$1,000.00 scholarship.

We are grateful to our educational partners - The Ministry and Department of Education; The Catholic Board of Education; The Anglican Central Educational Authority; The Baptist Education Mission and our Independent Schools who accepted our invitation to have their students nationally recognized for their achievements. We note that our invitation, on an annual basis, is extended to EACH and EVERY primary school in this country and we grateful to the 123 schools who have decided to showcase the talent that exist within our educational system. Your support was greatly appreciated.

I would like to offer our commendations to the Hon. Glenys Hanna Martin, M.P. – Minister of Education & Technical & Vocational Training for her support of this awards program. To our Co-Patrons - Dr. Davidson Hepburn and Mrs. Jacqueline Bethel, Thanks for your guidance and support. To our esteemed Foundation Chairman - Mr. N. Vandyke Pratt, Thanks for leading the Board of Directors during some of its greatest challenges and period of our growth and development. To Members of The Foundation Board of Directors and Awards Committee, Thanks for your service towards the success of the Awards Program. Your support was greatly appreciated. To Mrs. Authorine Turnquest-Hanna - Chairperson and the DYNAMIC TEAM who comprise of the Distinguished Panel of Judges, Thanks for your commitment to review our nominee's packages and to make those critical decisions. Thanks for your commitment towards the success of this Awards Programs.

To our Corporate, Civic, Fraternal, Religious and Individuals Donors, Thanks for partnering with the Foundation to reward and recognize excellence in the country. Thanks for making a difference in the life of a child.

Finally, CONGRATULATIONS to our 2023 Nominees. Your hard work over the past six years, have earned you a spot on the stage which represent the BEST of the BEST in our Bahamian Educational System, your school, your Island and your District. Your presence in this Awards Program is indication that, "YOU ARE A WINNER". AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS and May God bless you!!!!





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

Twenty-seven years ago, The leadership of the Nassau, Bahamas Council of The National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc. identified that there was opportunity to recognize the BEST and BRIGHTEST students at the primary school level. Since the first Awards Ceremony in June 1997, over 3,000 talented and academically gifted students were recognized in The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program. In June 2004, The Council under the leadership of the Late Distinguished Past Council President Cyndi Williams-Rahming, established The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation, an autonomous non-profit and fully registered organization to govern the affairs of The

Today, we pay tribute to the Late Distinguished Past Council President Cyndi Williams Rahming who served as the Founding Chairman, The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation and served in active leadership until August 2012. She was a scholarship donor and an active participant in the success of the Awards Program and the growth and development of the Foundation during her leadership. The Council is indeed grateful to Soror Cyndi for her contribution and will forever be grateful for work that she did on behalf of the nominees.

The Council is extremely grateful that for the twenty-seventh consecutive year, members of the nine Historically Black Greek Lettered Fraternities and Sororities have partnered the Ministry of Education, corporate, religious and individual donors to showcase students who were often overlooked at the national level. The Council would like to offer our commendations to Foundation Chairman Vandyke Pratt and the Members of the Foundation Board of Directors and Members of the Awards Committee for the dedicated service towards this initiative and the continued focus given towards its success.

The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Ceremony which is the premier National Awards Recognition Program in this country was the brainchild of Distinguished Charter President Dr. Ricardo P. Deveaux. I would like to personally pay tribute to Frater Deveaux, President & CEO of The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation who has continued to be the visionary behind the Awards Program since its inception in 1997. Under his leadership, The Awards Program has already awarded over \$2.2 Million Dollars' worth of scholarships and prizes. We are all grateful for his inspiration and passion to spearhead this effort.

To Mrs. Autherine Turnquest-Hanna, Chairperson of the Distinguished Panel of Judges; Mr. Philip Stubbs - Chief Tally Judges and Members of the Distinguished Panel of Judges who have given of their time to review and evaluate the portfolios and select the winners. This is an arduous task, however they took on the task and again we are grateful.

To our Co-Patrons - Dr. Davidson Hepburn and Mrs. Jacqueline Bethel - Thanks for your support and guidance over the many years.

To our 2023 Parents, Congratulations!!!! Your child's nomination for this Awards Program demonstrates that you have played an integral part in their success. We would like to encourage you to remain an active part in their development and to support them throughout their high school years. They will need you as they move to this next chapter. Finally, I am so proud of 123 Nominees in this year's Awards Program. Your nomination proved that each of you have worked extremely hard during the past six years in primary school. God has obviously bless you with great ability and you are to be commended. Congratulations and continue to press towards greater success.

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Franklyn Butler President & Group CEO Cable Bahamas Group of Companies

On behalf of the Cable Bahamas Group of Companies, I would like to congratulate each of the nominees for the 2023 Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards. Being recognized for your well-rounded academic success and social contributions at a young age is no small feat and we believe that your efforts continue to make your families and country proud. You remind us that it is never too early to make a difference in our communities.

We hope that our donation advances the efforts of the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards in encouraging our country's most prized resource, our youth. The continued dedication of this organization continues to ensure that students are encouraged not only to do more, but to also be more.

Congratulations again to each nominee, and we look forward to seeing just how far you will go!

FOUNDATION PRESIDENT RICARDO DEVEAUX HONOURED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL





His Excellency the Most Honourable Sir Cornelius Smith, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and Patron of the Governor-General's Volunteer Bahamas, on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 presented Foundation President & CEO Dr. Ricardo Deveaux with The Award for Exemplary Service To The People of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas. The Award was presented to President Deveaux for 30 years of uninterrupted service to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and 27 years of uninterrupted service to The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program. He was one of 30 individuals honoured by The Governor-General in recognition of National Volunteers Month.

2023 NOMINEES



Damaya Adderley Pace Christian Academy New Providence



Emily Adderley Sandilands Primary New Providence



Jasmond Adderley Clara Evans Primary Andros





Emilia Andersen Lucaya International School Grand Bahama



Paige Armbrister Garvin Tynes Primary New Providence



Alexia Bain St. Thomas More Catholic Primary New Providence



Jiselle Bodie Temple Christian Elementary New Providence



Malachi Bodie Arthur's Town Comprehensive School Cat Island



De'Ann Bostiwck St. John's College New Providence



Essence Bryan Harbour Island All Age School Eleuthera



Adonai Butcher Bartlett Hill Primary Grand Bahama



Kalia Butler New Providence



Kyis Butler Bahamas Academy SDA New Providence



Araya Campbell Grand Bahama



Trayvon Capron Eleuthera



Lebron Casseus New Providence



Chery Jathan Grand Bahama



D'Liam Clarke Inauga All Age School Inauga



Imani Collie New Providence



Adrianna Cooper Hugh W. Campbell Primary Grand Bahama



Kedan Cornish Yellow Elder Primary New Providence



Trinity Cornish Fox Town Primary Abaco



Maddison Culmer C. W. Sawyer Primary New Providence



Bria Curry Wellington Preparatory School Eleuthera



Matteo Davies Bishop Michael Eldon Primary Grand Bahama



Adrian Dean Xavier's Lower School New Providence



Kassedy Dean Ginosko Center for Academic Excellence New Providence



Randesha Dean New Providence



Mia Derome New Providence



Jordan Dittmar Long Island



Geneva Elison Eleuthera



Torrinae Evans New Providence



Issyla Farquharson Ulric H. Ferguson Primary Crooked Island



Alvarez Ferguson Jr. Exuma



Britney Ferguson Discovery Learning & Development Center New Providence



D'Angelo Ferguson Jr. Cleveland Eneas Primary New Providence



Jaden Ferguson High Rock Primary

Andros



Grand Bahama

Omar Forbes

Ridgeland Primary New Providence



Ambriella Francis Bimini Primary Rimini



Cindy Francois T.G. Glover Professional Development & Research School New Providence



Malaysia Gaitor Rozelda M. Woodside Primary Andros



Trinity Gaitor Greenville Preparatory Academy New Providence

2023 NOMINEES



Selia Gardiner
New Providence Classical School
New Providence



Anaelle Gay Windsor School, Albany New Providence



Angel Gilbert
James Cistern Primary
Eleuthera



Seraphine Grimmond Long Bay All Age School Abaco



Don Hall Jr.Faithway Christian Academy
New Providence



K'Cee Hall
St. Paul's Methodist College
Grand Bahama



Aiyanna Hernandez
Eva Hilton Primary
New Providence



Destiny Hield
St. Francis de Sales Catholic School
Ahaco



Kye HiggsSamuel Guy Pinder All Age School
Eleuthera



Volrick Higgs Jr. Wilbur S. Outten Christian Academy Grand Bahama



J'Von Ingraham Carlton Francis Primary New Providence



Elise Jean

Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Academy
Grand Bahama



Vashti Jean-Charles
Salina Point Primary
Acknlins



Lynnae Johnson United Estates Primary San Salvador



Makayla Johnson The Meridian School New Providence



Tracy Johnson Kingsway Academy New Providence



Alijah Kemp aura L. Anderson Primary Eleuthera



Celine Kemp
Adelaide Primary
New Providence



George Kemp
International School of Business
Entrepreneurship & Technology (ISBET)
New Providence



Kenny Kemp Jr. Rev. Euthal Rodgers Primary Andros



La'donte Kemp George Town Primary Exuma



Katalina Knowles
Lower Deadman's Cay Primary
Long Island



Jayce Lockhart
Gateway Christian Academy
Bimini



Sydnee Lockhart Nassau Christian Schools New Providence



Caci Major St. Andrew's Anglican School Exuma



Ethan Martin
Excelsior Elementary School
New Providence



Alexia McEwan
Burnt Rock Primary
Andros



Devine McIntosh

Excel Institute of Arts

Grand Bahama



Traysean McKenzie
Stuart Manor Primary
Exuma



Kesner Michel
Uriah McPhee Primary
New Providence



Demari Mortimer Emily G. Petty Primary



Anina Moxey
Moss Town Primary
Exuma



Ianthe Moxey
Thelma Gibson Primary
New Providence



Seth Moxey Summit Academy New Providence



Kyle Murray Gambier Primary New Providence



Izarra Nesbitt
Freeport Primary
Grand Bahama



Ceazia Newton
See Saw Christian Academy
New Providence



Ashley Nicholas Woodcock Primary New Providence



R. N. Gomez Comprehensive School Berry Islands



Isaiah Paschal Columbus Primary New Providence



Alayah Pesoa Sybil Strachan Primary New Providence



Caitlyn Pinder
Deep Creek Primary
Eleuthera



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Nakai Pritchard Cooper's Town Primary Abaco



Marcellus Pyfrom Wemyss Bight Primary Eleuthera



Sherbrinae Reid
Claridge Primary
New Providence



West End Primary Grand Bahama

2023 NOMINEES



Dejanae Roberts
The Promise Institute
Andros



Adrian Rolle Moore's Island All Age Abaco



Anwar Rolle Jr.
Sadie Curtis Primary
New Providence



Eric Rolle
Hillcrest Academy
New Providence



Fletcher Rolle Jr. Lowe Sound Primary Andros



Kriston Rolle St. Anne's School New Providence



Omari Rolle Emma E. Cooper Primary Eleuthera



Rachel Rolle
St. Andrews International School
New Providence



Tiana Saintilien Walter Parker Primary Grand Bahama



Feanna Saunders Lifeway Academy



Travonte Saunders
Grace Christian Academy
Grand Bahama



Brett Sawyer
Agape Christian School



Christian Sawyer
Freeport Gospel Chapel School
Grand Bahama



Naquaysha Scott Bertram A. Newton Primary Andros



Darielle Seymour
Centreville Primary
New Providence



Rayvn Seymour First Step Academy New Providence



Kameah Simms Crossing Rocks Primary



Syke Sizemore Staniard Creek Primary



Felipe Souza
Lyford Cay International School
New Providence



Amiya Swan Central Abaco Primary Abaco



Nylah Symonette Queen's College



Paris Symonette
Rock Sound Primary



Amari Taylor

Jordan Prince William Baptist Primary

New Providence



Ellecia Taylor New Reality Pre-Primary School New Providence



Mateo Thompson Vanena C. Smith Academy Grand Bahama



Tabernacle Baptist Christian Academy Grand Bahama



Khyielle Wallace Palmdale Primary New Providence



Kateje White Stephen Dillet Primary New Providence



Andria Wilkinson
Sts. Francis & Joseph Catholic Primary
New Providence



Alanah Williams
James A. Pinder Primary



Akari Williamson Trinity Christian Schools New Providence



Issac Wright
Genesis Academy
New Providence

SALUTING OUR 2023 NOMINEES AND THEIR PARENTS OR SIBLING WHO ARE FOR NOMINEES



Astranique Gardiner 2009 Nominee Emily G. Petty Primary (formerly Governor's Harbour Primary



Andreon Gardiner 2015 Semi-Finalist Emily G. Petty Primary (formerly Governor's Harbour Prima

BROTHER / SISTERS



Andrielle Gardiner 2019 Semi-Finalist Emily G. Petty Primary (formerly Governor's Harbour Primary



2023 Nominee New Providence Classical School



Angelica Moncur 2002 Semi-Finalist Carmichael Primary School (now Sybil Strachan Primary)



Alayah Pesoa 2023 Nominee Sybil Strachan Primary



Adre'lan Williamson 2017 Semi-Finalist Trinity Christian School



2023 Noninee Trinity Christian School

MOTHER / DAUGHTER

SISTER / BROTHER

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Robert Adderley 2016 - Finalist

Robert graduated from St. Anne's High School with his High School Diploma. He is attending St. John's University in Minnesota pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology Exercise Science. He represented the Thelma Gibson Primary School in the 2016 Awards Ceremony



Cherinique Anderson 2016 Semi-Finalist

Cherinique graduated from Anatol Rodgers High School with Honours. She was a member of the Anatol Rodgers Honour Society. She is attending the University of Missouri St Louis (UMSL) pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. She represented Cleveland Eneas Primary in the 2016 Award Program.



Dr. Norshanti Bain 2004 - Nominee

Dr. Bain graduated from the University of The West Indies – School of Medicine with a Medical Degree. Dr. Bain represented W. L. Fuller Baptist Academy, Grand Bahama in the 2004 Awards Program.



Astra Bowlin 2017 - Semi-Finalist

Astra graduated from Bahamas Academy SDA. She successfully sat and passed 9 BGCSE's. She received 6 A's and 3 B's. She began her Freshman Year at The University of The Bahamas at the age of 16. She resented Carlton Francis Primary School in the 2017 Awards Program



Abayomi Brown 2016 Sixth Place Finalist

Abayomi graduated as Salutatorian for the Class of 2022 for Sunland Baptist Academy, Grand Bahama. She served as the 2021 – 2022 Head Girl. She is pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing at The University of The Bahamas. She aspires to become a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner. She represented Sunland Baptist Academy in the 2016 Awards Program.



Brandon Cartwright 2012 – Fourth Runner Up

Brandon graduated from Saint Mary's University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science. He represented Lower Deadman's Can Primary School, Long Island in the 2012 Awards Program.



Paige Cartwright 2012 - 17th Place Finalist

Paris graduated from The University of The Bahamas with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology with a minor in Chemistry with Distinction. She represented Morrisville Primary School in the 2012 Awards Program.



Leigha Campbell 2013 - Finalist

Leigha graduated from Munroe College with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Hospitality Management. She completed her Bachelor's Degree in three years. She represented Maurice E. Moore Primary School in the 2013 Awards Program



Dr. Amanda Chea 2007 – Fifth Runner Up

Dr. Amanda Chea graduated from The Medical School of The University of The West Indies, Jamaica with her MBBS. She is currently pursuing her internship at the University Hospital of The West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica. Dr. Chea represented Xavier's Lower School in the 2007 Awards Program.



Dr. Greganique Cooper 2009 – Nominee

Dr. Cooper graduated from the University of The West Indies – School of Medicine with her Medical Degree. Dr. Cooper represented The Meriden School in the 2009 Awards Program.



Brayden Dam 2016 Third Runner Up

Brayden graduated from Polk State Lakeland Collegiate High School, Lakeland, Florida. He graduated with a weighted CGPA: 4.385. During his senior year, he was named Polk County Boys Swimmer of the Year for 2021. He is currently attending The University of Florida, where he is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. He represented Agape Christian School in the 2016 Awards Program



Dr. Barbrianna Dawkins 2006 - Nominee

Dr. Dawkins graduated from the University of The West Indies – School of Medicine with her Medical Degree. Dr. Dawkins represented Central Abaco Primary in the 2006 Awards Program.



Aidan Deal 2016 - Tenth Place Finalist

Aidan graduated from St. Anne's High School with his High School Diploma with Distinction. He maintained a CGPA 3.91. He served as the 2021-22 Head Boy; Aidan was awarded a FULL SCHOLARSHIP to attend Philander Smith College and the University of Arkansas to pursue a Dual Degree in Computer Science and Computer Engineering. He represented the Simms Primary School, Long Island in the 2016 Awards Ceremony.



Mary Edomonyi 2016 - 11th Place Finalist

Mary graduated from Bishop Michael Eldon High School with her High School Diploma with Honours and was the class Salutatorian. She received 6 A's and 3 B's in the BGCSE National Examinations and received the award for the Best BGCSE Results for Grand Bahama (2022). She was also a 2022 National Evisuation of the Scholarship Finalist. She is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Biology at the University of The West Indies. She represented Nicholl's Town Primary School, Andros in the 2016 Awards Program.



Ee'den Ellis 2013 Semi-Finalist

Ee'den graduated from Georgia Southern University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance with Honours. She completed her Bachelor's Degree early. She is now pursuing her Master's Degree at Georgia Southern University. She was selected as the 2022 Outstanding NPHC Member of the Year. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She represented Kingsway Academy – Elementary in the 2013 Awards Program.



Ashli Ferguson 2010 Nominee

Ashli graduated with her Master of Science Degree in Business Analytics, Magna Cum Laude, from the University of Louisville. She is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. She represented Christian Heritage School in the 2010 Awards Ceremony.



David Ferguson 2008 Ninth Place Finalist

David graduated with Honors from Indiana University – Bloomington with a Master of Science Degree in Chemistry. He is a 2019 Cum Laude Graduate of Georgia Tech with a Bachelor's Degree in Biochemistry. David represented St. Paul's Methodist College – Primary, Grand Bahama in the 2008 Awards Program.



O'nishka Fowler 2011 Nominee

O'Nishka graduated from The University of The Bahamas with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. She is now a Registered Nurse with the Princess Margaret Hospital. She represented Faithway Christian Academy in the 2011 Awards Program.



Dr. Ge'Anne Hilton 2001 - Tenth Place Finalist

Dr. Hilton graduated from the University of The West Indies – School of Medicine with her Medical Degree. Dr. Hilton represented St. John's College - Primary in the 2001 Awards Program.



David Johnson III 2009 Semi-Finalist

David graduated with Honors from the University of Alabama with a Master's Degree in Global Business Management. He is a 2019 Magna Cum Laude Graduate of Saint John's University with a Bachelor's Degree in Communication with a Minor in Sociology and Entrepreneurship. David represented Roker's Point Primary School, Exuma in the 2009 Awards Program.



2016 Semi-Finalist

Dasia graduated as Salutatorian for the Class of 2022 for San Salvador Central High School. She is pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marine Biology & Oceanography at Nova Southeastern University. She represented United Estates Primary School, San Salvador in the 2016 Awards Program.



Adria Knowles 2010 - Nominee

Adria graduated from the University of The Bahamas with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. She is now employed as a a Nurse with the Princess Margaret Hospital. She represented High Rock Primary School, Andros in the 2010 Awards Program.



Morghan Lee Victoria Knowles 2016 - Finalist

Morghan graduated from Charles W. Saunders Baptist School as the Valedictorian. Morghan is attending Middle Tennessee State University where she is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Actuarial Science. She represented the Christian Heritage School in the 2016 Awards Ceremony.



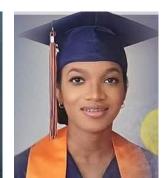
Anton Loon 2004 Nominee

Anton graduated with a Diploma in Respiratory Therapy from The Universidad de Zamboanga, Phillippines. He represented Hugh Campbell Primary, Grand Bahama in the 2004 Awards Program.



Jerchovia Moxey 2004 and 2005 Finalist

Jerchovia graduated with a Master of Science in Global Strategic Communications with a specialization in Art Direction from Florida International University and Miami Ad School. She graduated with a 3.9 CGPA. She represented Sts. Francis and Jospeh Catholic Primary School in the 2004 and 2005 Awards Programs.



Yoshi Moxey 2017 Third Runner Up

Yoshi graduated with Honors and the Valedictorian of Genesis Academy. She was selected as a National Merit Scholar (2022) and a Lyford Cay Scholar (2022). She is the first student from Genesis Academy to achieve these national coveted and prestigious scholarship awards. Yoshi was also selected as the 2021 National Youth Award Winner for Arts & Culture. She represented Genesis Academy in the 2017 Awards Program.



Dominique Newbold 2019 - Semi-Finalist

Dominique graduated with Honours from H. O. Nash Junior School. He received the Music and Band Awards. He also served as Head Boy. He successfully sat and passed 7 BJC's. - 4 A's; 1 B and and 2 C's. He is now a 10th Grade Student at C. R. Walker Senior High School. He represented C. W. Sawyer Primary School in the 2019 Awards Program.



Dr. Francis Poitier 2002 - Nominee

Dr. Francis Poitier graduated with his Ph. D in International Health from The Nuffield Centre for International Health, School of Medicine, The University of Leeds. Dr. Poitier represented Woodcock Primary School in the 2002 Awards Program.



Andre Roberts 2012 - Second Runner Up

Andre graduated from the St. Andrew's University, Laurinburg, North Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications. He represented Kingsway Academy - Elementary in the 2012 Awards Program.



Rebecca Roberts 2013 – 12th Place Finalist

Rebecca graduated from Kingsway Academy with Honours. She is currently a student at Florida Gulf Coast University majoring in Marketing. She currently has a 4.0 GPA. She represented Genesis Academy In the 2013 Awards Program.



Danielle Russell 2017 - Semi-Finalist

Danielle graduated from Queen's College with her High School Diploma with Honours. She graduated with a CGPA of 3.51. She is attending Acadia University pursuing her Bachelor's Degree. She represented Christian Heritage School in the 2017 Awards Program.



Dr. Joshua Scriven 1999 Nominee

Dr. Scriven graduated from Florida State University with his Ph. D in Political Science. He was a United States Fulbright Scholar 2019. Dr. Scriven's Dissertation title: THE IMPACT OF POLITICAL TRUST. PRIVATIZATION, AND FOREIGN AID ON IMMIGRATION-RELATED ATTITUDE. He represented Uriah McPhee Primary in the 1999 Awards Program.



Caden Smith 2016 Second Runner Up

Caden graduated from St. Anne's High School as the Valedictorian. She received the Diploma with Distinction; Merit Prize; Honour Roll and Proficiency Prize. She served as the 2021-22 Head Girl. Caden is the recipient of a full scholarship to The United World College in Singapore. She represented the St. Anne's Primary School in the 2016 Awards Ceremony.



Kentin Wallace 2012 19th Place Finalist

Kentin graduated from Central State University with his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance - Summa Cum Laude with a CGPA 3.93. Kentin maintained President's List Scholar status EVERY SINGLE semester of his undergraduate studies. He represented Burnt Rock Primary School in Andros in the 2012 Awards Ceremony.



Brandi Wheeler 2005 Nominee

Brandi graduated from Yonsel University in Seoul, Korea with her Global Master of Business Administration - MAGNA CUM LAUDE. She was ranked 2nd out of 45. She represented C. W. Sawyer Primary School in the 2005 Awards Program.



Dr. Brennan Antonio Williams 2008 – 16th Place Finalist

Dr. Williams graduated from the Texila American University – School of Medicine with his Medical Degree. Dr. Williams represented North Eleuthera Primary School in the 2008 Awards Program.

DISTINGUISHED PANEL OF JUDGES 2023



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Mr. Philip Stubbs, CA Current, Accountant & Business Consultant Former Managing Partner, Ernst & Young Accounting Firm Former Chairman. nas Securities Commission Chief Tally Judge



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PAST WINNERS THEN 1997-2022



St. John's College



Atty. Andrea Moultrie St. John's College



Tiffany Moncur Carmichael Primary



Walter Parker Primary



Pastor Kenny Roberts Spanish Wells All Age Eleuthera 2001



Zachary Lyons Queen's College New Providence 2002



Tanielle Curtis Sts. Francias & Joseph



Saul Salonga Mary, Star of the Sea Grand Bahama 2004



Shirdat Jadoo Maurice Moore Primary



Bahamas Academy



Taran Carey Tarpum Bay Primary Eleuthera 2007



James Boyce Hope Town Primary Abaco 2008



Temple Christian Schools New Providence 2009



Jared Fitzgerald Xaviers Lower School New Providence 2010



Hope Town Primary Abaco 2011



Genesis Academy



Lauryn Rolle St. Thomas More Catholic



Donovan Butler Xavier's Lower School



Samaiya Lundy Sunland Baotist Academy Grand Bahama 2015



Lila Nottage Lyford Cay International School New Providence 2016



Hannah Edomwonyi Clara Evans Primary School Andros 2017



Remington Minnis Eva Hilton Primary School



Lauren Scriven St. Frances de Sales Catholic Primary Abaco 2019



Hayley Wilson



Chelsea Smith



Jerlea Adderley Windsor School at Albany Sts. Francis & Joseph Catholic Primary











VISION STATEMENT

The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation is committed to recognizing and encouraging academic excellence and leadership development among the Who's Who in the Primary Schools in our educational system. Through this prestigious awards program, we seek to reward, encourage, and inspire these students in their pursuit of excellence.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program recognizes outstanding 6th grade students in the Bahamian Educational system regardless of colour, creed, family heritage, island or school representation, nationality or religious affiliation.

THE AWARDS PROGRAM

The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program is a premier National Awards Recognition program for 6th graders in The Bahamas. Since it wase stablished in 1997, over 3,000 primary school students have been recognized. The 2023 Totals: \$246,000.00 in scholarships and \$50,000.00 in prizes (Airline tickets, trophies, medals, computers, donation of books and other prizes) Grand total: over \$2.5 Million Dollars since 1997 in scholarship and prizes

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 his country. Ricardo was one of seven 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 competition 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), Carolynn 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.)

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 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, His Excellency challenged the Council to include the Family Islands in future contest. 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.

INTERNATION REGOGNITION

In October 1998, The National Pan-Hellenic Council - Southern Region selected the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program as the Most Outstanding Original Program. This was the first international award won by the Nassau, Bahamas Council.

SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS

Atlantic Medical Insurance was the first major sponsor of the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Award Program from 1998 - 2005, donating a scholarship to Student of the Year Winner. In 2006, Mr. Basil Neymour became the Title Sponsor and served until 2008. Some of the other Title Sponsors have been Bahamas Office & School Supplies (BOSS), Bank of The Bahamas International, Bahamas Telecommunications Company and Royal Bank of Canada. In 2007, Mr. Clarence N. Childs - Retired Vice-President of Student Affairs at Bethune-Cookman College became the first international scholarship donor. Between 2007 - present, he has impacted the life of a Bahamian student. In 2015, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Educational Research Foundation became the second international donor. In 2019, REV Bahamas became our Five Year commitment Title Sponsor partner with a total investment of \$75,000.00 in direct funding and additional in-kind sponsorship. In 2023, Fidelity Bank (Bahamas) Ltd.; Oaktree Medical Center; Scotiabank Ltd.; Lombard Odier & CIE (Bahamas) Ltd. and Bahamas Telecommunications Company Ltd. joined as Major Sponsors for the 27th Annual Awards Program each making an investment of \$10,000.00.

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 agreed that members of the 2004 Awards Committee would comprise of the Founding members of the Board of Directors of The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation.

Wednesday, August 4th, 2004 was a historic day for the officers and members of the Nassau, Bahamas Pan-Hellenic Council. The official launch was held in the form of a Luncheon at The Ballroom at Government House and it was hosted by Her Excellency Dame Ivy Dumont (then the Governor-General of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas). The thirteen-member Board of Directors were officially presented with their letters of appointments.

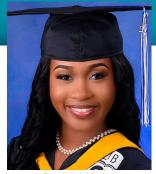
The founding Directors were Cyndi Williams-Rahming - President, Ricardo P. Deveaux - Chairman, Tanya Woodside - Vice-Chair of Development, Carol L. Smith -Vice-Chair of Administration, Andre' A. Moss - Treasurer and Margo Adderley - Secretary. Directors were: L. Gerard Archer, Vaughn L. Culmer, CC LaFleur, Myra Mitchell, Eugene 'Geno' Nairn, Phenton Neymour and Steven G. Strachan.

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 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.

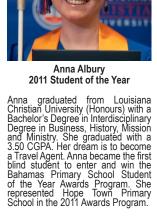
The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation, in partnership with the Nassau, Bahamas Pan-Hellenic Council looks forward to continuing to host this Awards Program for the benefits of primary school students in this country.





Destiny Adderley 2012 Nominee

Destiny graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology with Chemistry from the University of the Bahamas with Honours (Credit). She was a Dean's List Scholar and a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS). She represented Fresh Creek Primary School in Andros in the 2012 Awards Program.





Dinah Best 2017 Finalist

Dinah will graduate from Arthur's Town Comprehensive School, Cat Island in June 2023. She is a Principal List scholar and Head Girl. She passed 3 BGCSE's in Grade 11 and received 2 A's and 1 C. She will be attending Central State University in Ohio to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. She represented Orange Creek Primary School in the 2017 Awards Program.



Halle Bowe 2013 Fifth Runner Up

Halle graduated with Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Marketing Communications from Pepperdine University. She was a Sony Pictures Intern — Class of 2022; Pepperdine International Student Ambassador and First Generation Student Ambassador. She served as the Sophomore Class President. She represented St. Andrew's International School in the 2013 Awards Program.



Rihanna India Braynen 2017 Nominee

Rihanna will graduate from Central Andros High School, Andros in June 2023. She is an Honour Roll Scholar and will be attending the University of The Bahamas to pursue a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree with a concentration in Banking and Finance. She represented Bowen Sound Primary, Andros in the 20217 Awards Program.



Nakia Brennen 2017 Nominee

Nakia will graduate from C. C. Sweeting Senior High School in June 2023. She is an Honour Roll Scholar and School Prefect and will be attending the University of The Bahamas to pursue a Bachelor's Degree. She represented Stafford Creek Primary, Andros in the 2017 Awards Program.



Sy-Vannah Burgzorg 2013 Nominee

Sy-Vannah Burgzorg graduated from Bethune-Cookman University with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology Degree with Honours (Summa Cum Laude) with a 3.95 CGPA and President List Honors. She represented Stuart Manor Primary, Exuma in the 2013 Awards Program.



Andria Conliffe 2017 13th Place Finalist

Andria will graduate from Kingsway Academy in June 2023. She is an Honour Roll Scholar and Prefect. She successfully sat and passed 7 BGCSE's in Grade 11 and received 2 A's; 3 B's and 2 C's. She was awarded a scholarship and will be attending Barry University to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Marine Biology. She represented Kingsway Academy – Elementary in the 2017 Awards Program.



Carleah Culmer 2017 Finalist

Carleah will graduate from Central Eleuthera High School in June 2023. She is an Honour Roll Scholar and Head Girl. She was one of 43 of the Top Graduating Females honoured by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and was named Top Family Island Scholar and Salutatorian. She will be attending Nova Southeastern University to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Finance. She represented



Destiny Curry 2017 Semi-Finalist

Destiny will graduate from Agape Christian School in June 2023. She is a Honour Roll Scholar and School Prefect. She will be attending the University of Miami in Miami, Florida to pursue a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management. She represented Agape Christian School in the 2017 Awards Program.



McDerBern Davis Rolle 2013 Semi-Finalist

McDerbern graduated from The University of Central Arkansas with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Science with a concentration in Biology, with Honors (Magna Cum Laude). McDerBern represented Charles W. Saunders – Primary in the 2013 Awards Program.



Danesha Daxon 2008 Semi-Finalist

Danesha graduated as a Registered Nurse with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from the University of the Bahamas. She represented Cabbage Hill Primary in the 2008 Awards Program



Kusum Dean 2017 Semi-Finalist

Kusum will graduate from St. John's College in June 2023. She is an Honour Rolle Scholar who is a member of the Emerald Club and a School Prefect. She will be attending the University of The Bahamas to pursue a Bachelor's Degree. She represented Albury Sayle Primary in the 2017 Awards Program.



Jade Dodge 2010 Semi-Finalist

Jade graduated from Drexel University – Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Professional Studies in Philadelphia, PA with her Master of Science Degree in Biomedical Science. She will be furthering her studies in Pennsylvania. She represented St. Thomas More Catholic Primary School in the 2010 Awards Program.



Arron Edgecombe 2012 10th Place Finalist

Arron graduated from the University of Miami with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering (Honours) and a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering (Honour) in May 2023. He received the Outstanding Graduating Senior in Electrical Engineering at the College of Engineering Honor's Day 2023. Arron represented Queen's College in the 2012 Awards Program.



Hannah Edomowonyi 2017 Student of the Year

Hannah will graduate from Bishop Michael Eldon School in June 2023. She is an Honour Roll Scholar and Prefect. She will be attending the University of The Bahamas to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture. She passed and successfully passed 7 BGCSE's in Grade 11 – receiving 4 A's and 3 B's. Hannah represented Clara Evans Primary School, Andros in the 2017 Awards Program, becoming the first student from Andros to capture the Student



Aaliyah Fernander 2013 Nominee

Aaliyah graduated with Honours with her Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with a concentration in Financial Service from Emporia State University, Emporia, KA. She will return to Graduate school in September to pursue her Master's Degree. She represented United Estates Primary in the 2013 Awards Program.



Faith Francis 2017 18th Place Finalist

Faith will graduate from Agape Christian School in June 2023. She sat and passed two (2) BGCSE's in Grade 11. She was awarded the Most Outstanding Student in Art for the E. Clement Bethel Awards for 2022 and the Ministry of Youth – Academic Excellence Award for Abaco for 2023. She presented Central Abaco Primary in the 2017 Awards Program.



Nigel Forbes 2017 20th Place Finalist

Nigel will graduate from St. George's High School in Freeport, Grand Bahama in June 2023. He is an Honour Roll Scholar. Nigel passed 3 BGCSE's in Grade 10 – 2 A's and 1 C and 2 BGCSE's in Grade 11 – 1 And 1 C and 2 BGCSE's in Grade 11 – 1 And 1 C and 2 BGCSE's in Grade 11 – 1 And 1 C and 2 BGCSE's in Grade 11 – 1 And 1 C and 2 BGCSE's in Grade 10 – 2 A's and 1 C and 2 BGCSE's in Grade 1 He swimming Carifta Games 2023 and finished 8 Medals – 3 Gold; 4 Silver and 1 Bronze. He broke the Carifta and Bahamas record in the 15 – 17 Boys 100 m Butterfly, He will be attending Texas Christian University on a Full Swimming Scholarship to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology. He represented Grand Bahama Academy SDA in the 2017 Awards Program.



Gervez Hamilton 2013 Semi-Finalist

Gervez will graduate in the Summer 2023 with his Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting (Honours) from the University of South Florida. In September, he will continue his studies pursuing a double Masters in Accounting and Information Systems as well as sitting the CPA (Certified Public Accountant) Certification. He will also complete an internship with Ernst & Young LLP in Tampa, Florida. He represented Trinity Christian School in the 2012 Awards Program.



Taylor Corrie Hepburn 2017 Nominee

Taylor will graduate from Alpha Omega Christian School, Grand Bahama in June 2023. She is an Honour Roll Scholar and Senior Prefect. The sat and passed 3 BGCSE's in Grade 11. She will be attending the University of The Bahamas to pursue an Associate of Science in Computer Science and The Bahamas Technical & Vocational Institute to pursue a Certificate in Cosmetology in September 2023. She represented Alpha Omega Christian School – Primary in the 2017 Awards Program.



Alichiere B O Kemp 2007 28th Place Finalist

Alichiere graduated from The University of West Florida, College of Health with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Laboratory Science. She will now be completing her Medical Laboratory Science Board Examinations to gain licensure in the State of Florida. She represented Freeport Gospel Chapel in the 2007 Awards Program.



Ashley Knowles 2002 Semi-Finalist

Ashley graduated as a Registered Nurse with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from the University of the Bahamas. She represented San Salvador Primary in the 2002 Awards Program



Jade Marshall 2012 7th Place Finalist

Jade graduated from The University of The Bahamas in May 2023 with a Bachelor of Business Administration with a Major in Accounting and a Minor with Spanish with Distinction. Jade represented Oakes Field Primary School in the 2012 Awards Program.



Shanan McKenzie 2012 Semi-Finalist

Shanan graduated from Middle Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aerospace with a Minor in Dance with Honors (Cum Laude). He received his Professional Pilot License. He is a Certified Flight Instructor and Multisengine & Instrument Rated Commercial Pilot. He is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. He has accepted a position as a Certified Flight Instructor at MTSU. Shanan represented Charles W. Saunders – Primary in the 2012 Awards Program



Dr. Valentino Rahming 2002 Nominee

Dr. Rahming graduated with his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Second Language Acquisition at Carnegie Mellon University. This is a top program for Second Language Acquisition in The United States. Dr. Rahming is the First Bahamian PhD in Second Language Acquisition, completing his studies with distinction. He represented Uriah McPhee Primary in the 2002 Awards Program.



William Raenden 2017 11th Place Finalist

William will graduate from Trinity College School in Canada in June 2023. He will be attending the University of Chicago to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Economics. He will be a member of the University's Men Soccer Team. He represented Lyford Cay International School in the 2017 Awards Program.



Makayla Roberts 2013 Finalist

Makayla graduated from Palm Beach Atlantic University Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Designs. She represented Man-O-War Primary in the 2013 Awards Program



Alexandria Rolle 2013 Student of the Year Finalist

Alexandria graduated from Georgia State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Actuarial Sciences, with Honors. In September 2023, Alexandria will pursue her Master's Degree in International Business. She has also been offered a Graduate Assistantship in the School of Business to do part-time teaching and research. She represented Garvin Tynes Primary in the 2013 Awards Program.



Leah Rolle 2017 Semi-Finalist

Leah will graduate from Bishop Michael Eldon School in June 2023. She is an Honour Roll Scholar and a School Prefect. She will be attending the University of the Ozarks or Georgia Southern University (Statesboro Campus) to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology. Leah was one of 43 of the Top Graduating High School Females honoured by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in April 2023. Leah represented the Freeport Bible Academy in the 2017 Awards Program.



Khaylee Sands 2013 Nominee

Khaylee graduated from Andrew's University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, with Honours in May 2023. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Sciences and a Minor in Psychology. She will participate in a summer internship and in the Fall 2023, she will continue her education with her Graduate studies. She was recently a Writer and Director of Photography for a film featured at the Sonscreen Film Festival in California. She represented Bahamas Academy SDA in the 2013 Awards Program.



Dymani Scott 2017 Tenth Place Finalist

Dymani will graduate from St. Augustine's College in June 2023. He is an Honour Roll Scholar and President of the Student Council. He will be attending St. John's University, MN to pursue a Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise and Health Science to pursue a career in physiotherapy. He represented Xavier's Lower School in the 2017 Awards Program.



Nadja Simon 2012 Student of the Year

Nadja graduated from Lipscomb University with a Master of Science in Biomolecular Sciences - Human Disease Concentration with a 4.00 CGPA and President List Honors. She graduated from Lipscomb University with her Bachelor of Science in Biology, Honors College, with Highest Honours in May 2022. She represented Genesis Academy in the 2012 Awards Program



Shari Smith 2017 First Runner Up

Shari graduated from Miss Porters School, a Boarding School in the USA. She is an Honour Roll Scholar. She will be attending The University of Notre Dame to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Business. She represented Summit Academy in the 2017 Awards Program.



Charissa Taylor 2017 Semi-Finalist

Charissa will graduate from Kingsway Academy in June 2023. She is an Honour Roll Scholar. She successfully passed 7 BGCSE's with 5 A's and 2 B's in Grade 11. She will be attending Barry University to pursue a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marine Biology. She represented Uriah McPhee Primary in the 2017 Awards Program.



Matthew Thompson 2013 Finalist

Matthew graduated from The University of Pittsburgh, School of Business Administration with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance with a minor in Economics, with Honors. He graduated with a 3.46 CGPA. Matthew was a Student Athlete on the Pitt Track and Field Roster competing as a Quarter Miler in the 400m hurdles and as part of the 4 x 400 relay team. He received special recognition at Graduation, a Certificate in Innovation and Entrepreneurship. He represented Queen's College – Primary in the 2013 Awards Program.



Andrenique Rolle 2013 Student of the Year Semi-Finalist

Andrenique graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Theology (Pre-Medicine) from St. Benedict's University. She is involved in a 4 + 1 program in Theology. She will graduate in 2024 with her Master of Arts in Theology at St. John's University. She served as the President of the Saint Benedict's Student Senate for the 2022-2023 school year and was the first Saint Ben's student to be awarded the Brandes-Mckeown Award for exhibiting a deep commitment to stronger integration. She represented Thelma Gibson Primary in the 2013 Awards Program.



Giovanno Rolle 2012 - Semi-Finalist

Giovanno graduated from The University of The Bahamas with his Bachelor of Business Administration in Computer Information Systems with Distinction in May 2023. He was a member of The National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS). He represented Moore's Island All Age School in the 2012 Awards Program.



Neville Roker Jr. 2017 Student of the Year Finalist

Neville will graduate from St. Anne's High School with his High School Diploma. He plans to pursue his Bachelor's Degree in September 2023. Neville represented Palmdale Primary School in the 2017 Awards Program.



Jaquay Sands 2012 - Semi-Finalist

Jaquay graduated from The University of The Bahamas with a Bachelor of Education in Spanish Education. She represented Cooper's Town Primary, Abaco in the 2012 Awards Program.



Arieal T Webb 2004 Student of the Year Nominee

Arieal graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of the Bahamas. Arieal represented Faithway Christian Academy in the 2004 Awards Program



Adre'lan Williamson 2017 Semi-Finalist

Adre'lan graduated from Nassau Christian Academy in May 2023. She is an Honour Roll Scholar and a Senior Prefect. She sat and passed 8 BGCSE's in Grade 11 with A – C passes. She will be attending The University of The Bahamas to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. She represented Trinity Christian School in the 2023 Awards Program.

PROUD MOMENTS FOR OUR FORMER NOMINEES (WEDDINGS & BIRTHS)



Congratulations to our 2008 Finalist - the former Gryer Cox and her husband Shannon Mackey on their marriage. Gryer represented St. Thomas More Catholic Primary School in the 2008 Year Awards Program. Wishing Shannon and Gyer Mackey all the best!!!



Congratulations to our 2009 Finalist - the former Candice Woon and her husband Colan J. Vellacott on their marriage. Candice represented Bishop Michael Eldon School, Grand Bahama in the 2009 Awards Program. WISHING Colan and Candice Vellacott all the heat!!



Congratulations to our 2005 Nominee - the former Brianne Williams and her husband Amzad Khan on their marriage. Brianne represented the North Eleuthera Primary School in the 2005 Awards Program. Wishing Amzad and Brianne Khan all the best!



Congratulations our 2004 Nominee Lenrick Demargio Lopez and his wife Miqui Lopez on becoming proud parents to a beautiful daughter Lenae Lopez. Wishing the Lopez Family all the best in this next chapter.



Congratulations to our 2002 Student of the Year Semi-Finalist Dr. Charlo Bain on his marriage to Dr. D'Andrea A. Johnson-Bain. Dr. Charlo Bain represented Our Lady's Catholic Primary School in the 2002 Awards Program. Wishing Drs. Carlo and D'Andrea Bain all the best!!



Congratulations our 2006 17th Place Finalist Riley Sweeting and his wife Leanne Sweeting on becoming proud parents to a beautiful daughter Elizabeth Carmen Sweeting. Riley represented Spanish Wells All-Age School in the 2006 Awards Program.



Congratulations to our 2005 Nominee Fr. Asthon Welcott Bain on his marriage to the former Joenae Bowles. Fr. Bain represented St. Paul's Methodist College in the 2005 Awards Program. Wishing Fr. Asthon Welcott and Joenae Bain all the best!!



Congratulations to the 2005 Student of the Year Finalist Gabbriella Butler-Smith and her husband Mr. Kearje Smith, Sr. on becoming proud parents of a son Kearje Smith Jr.

2023 TOP DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

We are pleased to salute the hardworking Foundation Directors and Committee Members who assisted the Foundation in achieving its RECORD BREAKING 2021 DEVELOPMENT GOAL.

The Foundation has set a Development Goal for each level: Foundation Director - \$5,000.00; Foundation Director Emeritus - \$2,000.00;

and Committee Member - \$1,000.00 TOTAL RAISED IN 2023 - \$246,000.00 - Scholarships & OVER \$50,000.00 - Sponsorship

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE 2023 TOP DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

HONOURABLE MENTION

Dr. Ricardo P. Deveaux President & CEO \$82,500.00 - Scholarships \$9,500.00 - Sponsorship

Mr. Vandyke Pratt Chairman 8,000.00 – Scholarships

\$18,000.00 – Scholarships \$13,000.00 – Sponsorship

FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Maureen Taylor Vice-President of Finance \$8,000.00 – Scholarships \$4,000.00 – Sponsorship

FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR FIRST RUNNER UP

Mrs. Stankisha Pinder
Vice-President of Communications
\$7,500.00 - Scholarships
\$3,000.00 - Sponsorship
FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR
FINALIST

Mrs. CC LaFleur Vice-President of Programs \$10,000.00 – Scholarships \$125.00 – Sponsorship

Dr. Cindy Dorsett Vice-President of Operations \$7,500.00 - Scholarships

Mr. André A. Moss Vice-President of Development \$5,500.00 – Scholarships \$2,500.00 – Sponsorship Dr. Shanel Adderley Vice-President of Administration & Corporate Secretary

& Corporate Secretary \$3,000.00 – Scholarships \$2,000.00 – Sponsorship

FOUNDATION DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Mr. Samuel Evans, Director \$8,000.00 – Scholarships \$2,400.00 – Sponsorship

FOUNDATION DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

Mr. Leonard Sands, Director \$7,000.00 – Scholarships \$700.00 – Sponsorship

Mr. Dave Forbes, Director \$2,000.00 – Scholarships \$3,000.00 – Sponsorship

FOUNDATION DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR HONOURABLE MENTION

Ms. Linda Wallace, Director \$4,500.00 - Scholarships

Mr. Michael H. Wilson, Director \$4,500.00 – Scholarships

FOUNDATION DIRECTOR EMERITUS OF THE YEAR

Ms. Myra Mitchell Vice-President Emerita \$12,000.00 – Scholarships \$8,000.00 – Sponsorship FOUNDATION DIRECTOR EMERITUS OF THE YEAR FIRST RUNNER UP

Ms. Tanya Woodside, Vice-President Emerita \$4,000.00 – Scholarships \$2,000.00 – Sponsorship

FOUNDATION DIRECTOR EMERITUS OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

Ms. Carol L. Smith, Vice-President Emerita \$5,000.00 – Scholarships

Ms. Valerie Dean, Vice-President Emerita \$2,500.00 – Scholarships \$1,000.00 – Sponsorship

FOUNDATION DIRECTOR EMERITUS OF THE YEAR HONOURABLE MENTION

Mr. Vaughn Culmer, Director Emeritus \$1,000.00 – Scholarship

COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Ms. Keesha Bethell Senior Communications Officer \$6,500.00 – Scholarships \$7,497.00 – Sponsorship

COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE YEAR FIRST RUNNER UP

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Jerlea Adderley and Sonovia Pierre



Jerlea Adderley on Morning Blend



Student of the Year Courtesy Call on The Governor-General



Jerlea Adderley making a presentation to the Director of Education - Mrs. Dominique Russell

WHAT A FORMER NOMINEE HAD TO SAY...



Tanielle Curtis Arthur 2003 Student of the Year St. Francis & Joseph Catholic Primary School

Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) The University of The Bahamas Master of Business Administration (Honours) Nova Southeastern University

Currently: Vice-President & Chief Operating Officer - CUBIX

20 years ago a shy, 11-year-old girl sat in a room full of bright-eved boys and girls. the best and brightest in The Bahamas' Primary Schools at that time. I was excited to be a part of this prestigious group, not knowing that within the next few moments my life would change forever. I listened attentively as all the names were called of the semi-finalists and the finalists but my name hadn't been called. As they started to describe the attributes of the winner, my heart started racing faster because I realized that they were speaking about me. When my name was finally called, I got up with my feet trembling just thanking God in my heart for His blessing; Tanielle Curtis was the 2003 Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year. I am honored and humbled to be a part of this esteemed legacy.

Fast forward 20 years later and we see that the Bahamas Primary School Student of The Year Foundation has done such a tremendous job of impacting students from over the length and breadth of the Bahamas and have now become a household name. I am so appreciative of the Foundation, especially Dr. Ricardo Deveaux who has dedicated his life to positively impacting children within our country. He not only showed his support that night but throughout these 23 years he has made it his business to keep up with every nominee's accomplishments. As a matter of fact I consider him to be family as he has been a personal and integral part of every significant event in my life, from 2003 to now.

This foundation has added another dimension for students in the 6th grade anticipating high school to work hard to receive a seat at this prominent table. The Bahamas Primary School Foundation has been committed over these past years to positively impacting the lives of future leaders both through financial scholarships as well as mentoring. I salute them and pray for continued success.

2023 Nominees, my prayer is that you always remember to keep God first and at the center of your life. Hard work, perseverance and dedication are key pillars within my life and I implore all of you to make those a part of your journey. I am now a 31 year old wife, mother and business owner and as I look back at my younger self, I am grateful for all of the values that have been instilled within me. I am continually striving to be the best and do all that I can do to achieve whatever is set out before me.

Congratulations 2023 Nominees! You are destined for greatness! Never give up and always remember that you are a leader and not a follower, the head and not the tail, above and not beneath and with God all things are possible!



Kamal Dames 17th Place Finalist Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Primary Grand Bahama

Currently: Graduate Student Program Advisor & Coordinator Florida Gulf Coast University

In 2003 I had the great distinction of representing Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic School as a nominee for the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year. At a young age, we do not fully realize the impact that something like this could have on our future. The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year encourages students to explore their talents and to go beyond doing the bare minimum. This is an important life lesson

as you pursue your careers and work towards your goals.

Being a nominee showed me that there are always new heights waiting to be achieved, and I believe that this was the start of what helped guide me to where I am today. Since being a nominee, I went on to become Valedictorian of my primary school and Salutatorian of my high school. I pursued a Bachelor of Science degree in Professional Golf Management from Florida Gulf Coast University. I was also fortunate to have received a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of North Florida, followed by a Master of Science in Information Systems and Analytics degree from Florida Gulf Coast University, which provided me with many opportunities, including obtaining my current position as a Graduate Student Program Advisor and Coordinator at Florida Gulf Coast University.



Ann-Marie Carroll
2005 Nominee
St. Paul's Methodist College

Currently: Education Officer - The Bahamas National Trust Owner & Writer - The Environmental Blog EcoTings

It was such an honor to be nominated to represent my school and my island at the Student of the Year awards. Since being nominated, I have had multiple academic successes. In 2012, I received the Bahamas Steward Scholar Award and was able to attend The Island School on a full scholarship.

Following this accom

plishment, I received a Lyford Cay scholarship to attend the University of the West Indies where I completed a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a Minor in Psychology. Since university, I have been employed as an environmental educator. I am passionate

about environmental conservation, education, and stewardship. In my spare time run an environmental education blog called EcoTings and advocate for sustainable lifestyle changes, sustainable development & community service.

Being a Student of the Year nominee was certainly a catalyst to my ongoing successes. I wish all nominees the best in their future endeavors. Continue to succeed and keep your dreams and bright as your minds.



Anjelica Moncur 2002 – Semi-Finalist Carmichael Primary School (now Sybil Strachan Primary)

Associate Degree in Law
The College of The Bahamas (now University of The
Bahamas)
LLB in Law with Business
The University of Essex, London
Assistant Trader/Trading Analyst

21 years ago, I was a Semi Finalist in the 2002 Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program representing Carmichael Primary School. Currently, my daughter, Head Girl of Sybil Strachan Primary, is continuing a family legacy. Not only did I partake in this program, my sister, Tiffany Moncur was the 1999 Student of the Year. This is truly a generational path of excellence that we are embracing. Thus, it is truly an honor to admire and see the blessing of my daughter Alayah Pesoa be a nominee for the 2023 Awards Program. Her excitement and enthusiastic energy reflect how my experience started. In 2002, my primary school years I've been very active in extracurricular activities, sports, church, and the community. As for my daughter, she has expanded her potential future dream of a veterinarian branching out and being involved even more. Her talent is astonishing as a dancer being in competitions and active in cultural events

in The Bahamas. Her representation has a record of greatness. I do remember how exhausting all can be at such a young age with school, friends, fun times and creating that leadership role for others. As Head Girl of Sybil Strachan she has formed a legacy that is already inspirational to her peers in school. As she mentioned to me" the feeling knowing that the way you lead is noticed by the younger kids feels good. It lets me know that I'm doing my job right". Her note is powerful because that's a great feeling for any leader to have. So it's time for her to shine and embrace her experience for I am one out of many proud mothers here

As a former nominee and having my daughter as a current nominee in 2023, I would like to say thank you to Mr. Ricardo Deveaux and all the Board of Directors of The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation for maintaining this program giving children of generations a beautiful and memorable experience. The way that this program has grown tremendously is beautiful. The future is still bright and so is The Bahamas Primary school student of the year program.

I would like to give a bit advice to our 2023 Nominees, you are already a winner for just being at this Awards Ceremony, this is one hurdle over many more accomplishments that will triumph in your avenue. Just keep the momentum and mark this as a memorable childhood experience.



Michael Cooper
2005 – Third Runner Up
Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School

Currently: Electrical Controls Engineer Krones AG

When I was approached about writing this bio, for a few moments it took me back to the moment when I was being recognized as one of the top three grade 6 students in The Bahamas. I was nominated by my

WHAT A FORMER NOMINEE HAD TO SAY...

primary school, Mary Star of The Sea (Freeport, Grand Bahama) to represent amongst the best in the country.

This program exposed me to the importance of honoring and showing gratitude to those that strive to be the best. I want to spotlight Mr. Ricardo Deveaux, the mastermind behind this program who after almost 30 years of highlighting others and disbursing scholarships, deserves his honors and flowers. Student of The Year has had some of the most well-rounded Bahamians of a generation pass through its doors. It allows for those students to recognize, that though you may be the best where you are from, there is still always a work to do to become better. Proverbs 27:17 says that "People learn from one another, as iron sharpens iron". Student of the Year puts the sharpest with the sharpest. It puts you around others that have done amazing things already at a 6th grade level. It puts you in a position to get and be better by allowing one to see firsthand what peers at that age are achieving and striving for. My advice to any students nominated for this program: "Use the opportunity to meet the other young greats and keep in contact. Learn from one another. More than likely your paths will cross again if you continue to do what you did to be nominated here in the first place. Also, to remember Mr. Ricardo Deveaux as you continue to move forward. His dedication to service, giving back, education and excellence is one to be exemplified. I am truly grateful for the program and the scholarship that I received back in 2005 and could not have gotten there without the help and faith of family members and teachers.

I've gone on to do a few things in my life: going to the AIM program at Kettering University in the 11th grade (pre college admissions program), making the Bahamas Junior National Golf Team, graduating from Bishop Michael Eldon High School in Freeport, Grand Bahama as Head Boy & Salutatorian, graduating from Kettering University with a Bachelor's of Science in Electrical Engineering while holding multiple student leadership positions in college, becoming a Toastmaster, working with scholarship committees such as BCAS (Bahamas Collegiate Advancement Society), and most importantly enjoying life as a husband and father.

Thank You. Bahamas Primary School Student of The Year Awards Program for continuing to recognize "The Who's Who in The 242".

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Jonnalee McIntosh Coopers Town Primary School

Graduate: The University of The Bahamas Bachelor of Arts in Media Journalism (Distinction) -Class of 2021

Currently: Communications Specialist The Ministry of Education & Technical & Vocational Training

Fourteen years later, I am truly proud that I had the opportunity to be nominated for the 2009 Bahamas Primary School Student of The Year Award. Although several years have passed since then, the positive impact of this foundation, still lingers in my life.

Since representing Coopers Town Primary School in the 2009 Bahamas Primary School Student of The Year event, I began my secondary education at Sherlin C. Bootle High School, and later attended St. Francis de Sales Catholic School. I received outstanding national examination results on the island of Abaco and nationwide, with 6 A's and 1 B in the BJC examinations and 10 passes in the BGCSE examinations, which included 3 A's and 3 B's. After graduating from St. Francis de Sales Catholic School with honours in June 2015, I began pursuing a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Media Journalism at the University of The Bahamas.

In April 2021, amid the fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic, I graduated from the University of The Bahamas with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Media Journalism with distinction. Currently, I work in the Communications Section of Ministry of Education and Technical and Vocational Training. I am happy that the work I do now is a perfect balance of two things that I have always been passionate about - Education and Communications. The recognition that I received from The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation encouraged me to continue excelling in my studies and in life. It has also encouraged my peers to do well and inspired younger students at my former school to excel. I wish to thank President of The Bahamas

Primary School Student of The Year Foundation, Dr. Ricardo Deveaux, board of directors, and committee members for their dedication each year to conducting an annual search aimed at "Honoring the 'WHO'S WHO' in Primary schools in The Bahamas."

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Gervez Hamilton

Currently: Graduating Senior Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting (Honours) University of South Florida

I still remember that day like yesterday. A young 11-year-old boy nervous, waiting to see if his hard work would be rewarded on the highest stage and excited for what the future may hold. Little did he know that this one experience would shape and define his life forever. The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program has helped me and changed me in more ways that I could imagine. This program transformed a young boy into an ambitious, goal oriented, and striving young man. The Primary School Student of the Year Program was my first taste of excellence as it proved that hard work would always be rewarded, which ignited a fire in me to keep going and chasing greatness in my educational and personal endeavors. Through the Awards Program, I was also able to make lifelong relationships with peers who continue to shine and do great things and who to this day still push me to be my best.

The motivation that the Student of the Year Awards gave me allowed me to be where I am today, a university graduate on his way to pursuing a double masters with his dream job waiting for him after graduating. I would like to thank Mr. Ricardo Deveaux for the opportunity to not only participate, but also allow my family to give back as we gave out a scholarship in the 2015 Awards Ceremony.

I would like to commend all of the students chosen to represent their various schools and would like to encourage them to continue striving for greatness, as this is only the beginning for them in a long journey of success. I would encourage you all to firstly live in the moment and enjoy this experience because there is certainly nothing like it. Although you may be anxious and nervous to find out who will be the next Student of the Year, be thankful and proud of yourselves for the amazing things that you have already accomplished at such a young age and be happy that you get to not only represent yourself, but your families, schools, and islands on the biggest and brightest stage.

Furthermore, remember this day and use it as fuel as you enter high school to re-ignite that flame as you shine your light and create your destiny. The quote "Students of Today, Leaders of Tomorrow" is a true testament to this program and to each individual who has been a part of this great program and I look forward to hearing about the great things that you do after this Program.



Dr. Brendan T. A. Toote 2007 - 7th Place Finalist Uriah McPhee Primary School

Currently: Physician, Dept. of Anesthesiology & Critical Care Princess Margaret Hospital

It's hard to believe that 16 years have passed since I was a part of the Bahamas Primary Student of the Year Awards Program. In 2007, it was the first year that each school was eligible to nominate only one student, and this made being chosen to represent Uriah McPhee Primary School an even greater honor. The evening of the awards ceremony will forever be engraved in my memory. At the

height of the experience was celebration and a sudden realization of what hard work and endurance can accomplish in the midst of daunting challenges, if you have grit and dogged determination to press on to reach your goal.

The many months of preparation creating the portfolio, refining my approach, and bringing together photos from every aspect of my life, was particularly enjoyable and an experience that I relish to this very day. In fact, I still have my portfolio as a keepsake. Reminiscing, I can still feel the swelling anticipation and anxiety of that moment as I hoped to hear my name. Upon hearing my name, I was utterly relieved and unusually happy. As a pre-teen who participated among so many other students, it felt special to be seen, heard, acknowledged, and valued by those who taught and nurtured me, and whom I will always admire. My selfesteem was remarkably boosted and suddenly, nothing was impossible to achieve. Indeed, the sky was the limit! I didn't realize it then, but in hindsight, when I received that award, I wasn't the only person who had won. Behind each and every student that walks across that stage is a team of parents, grandparents, siblings, teachers, friends, a church, a community and, sometimes, an entire island, backing the contestants, supporting them in some aspect of their journey.

I was recently going through the 2007 booklet and it's amazing how many nominees I am still in contact with and that's probably my favorite part, the lifelong connections that were forged and sustained through the years. Some I've met as I completed my Bachelor's Degree in Biology at the College of The Bahamas, others during medical school at the University of The West Indies in Trinidad, and some even during my travels to places like the U.S. and U.K. Presently, I am working towards becoming a board-certified anesthesiologist and pain medicine physician.

My advice to current and future nominees would be to first, revel in your success; too many times we get caught up in preparing for the future, that next "big goal", that we forget to enjoy what's happening in the moment. Secondly, as you enter high school, use this opportunity as the impetus that fuels your upcoming achievements. Lastly, acknowledge that sometimes in life there will be setbacks. however, what's fundamentally important is that you always get back up on your feet and continue moving forward. Congratulations and I wish you al I the best!

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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
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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	\$50,000.00
2020	\$141,000.00	\$40,000.00
2021	\$162,500.00	\$40,000.00
2022	\$205,000.00	\$50,000.00
2023	\$246,000.00	\$50.000.00
TOTAL:	\$2,060,250.00	\$504,950.00

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