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The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation in conjunction with the Nassau, Bahamas Pan-Hellenic Council











**PRESENTS ITS** 

**26TH ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY** (VIRTUAL CEREMONY)



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

Saturday, June 11th, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

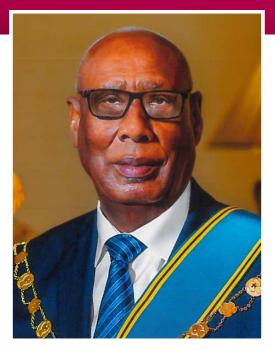
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HONOURING THE "WHO'S WHO" IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE BAHAMAS



GOVERNMENT HOUSE Nassau, Bahamas



**The Most Honourable Sir Cornelius A. Smith, O.N., GCMG.,** Governor-General Commonwealth of The Bahamas

I am delighted to extend greetings to the Co-Patrons, Chairman, President and Directors of the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation, and on the occasion of the 2022 National Primary School Student of the Year Awards.

I am aware that, over the years, the Foundation has recognized over two thousand eight hundred (2,800) primary school students for their academic excellence. This is indeed commendable, and I have no doubt that all Bahamians are grateful for the dedicated commitment which the Foundation continues to demonstrate.

Without doubt, the recognition of Students who display high standards in their academic studies is worthy of recognition and reward, inasmuch as they are being enabled to make effective and important contributions to the continued development of our Nation. As young people, it must always be remembered that our young people will eventually inherit the profound responsibility for the continued development of our beautiful Country. It is the duty of organizations like the Foundation, and others, to continue to contribute effectively toward ensuring the building of a better Bahamas for the good of all our people.

I am therefore very pleased to applaud this Foundation, as well as the parents and guardians, the teachers, and the community supporters for their untiring commitment to the success of the students generally; and in particular, to those being honoured today.

It is a pleasure to extend hearty congratulations to the honourees for the excellent and successful work undertaken, and I pray that Almighty God will continue to bless and guide their laudable efforts.



Commonwealth of The Bahamas



The Hon. Glenys Hanna-Martin, M.P. Minister of Education and Technical and Vocational Training

It is with much pleasure that I salute the profound vision of the Primary School Student of the Year Foundation (PSSOTY) to highlight the achievements of our most outstanding primary school students. The fact that you are now celebrating your twenty-sixth anniversary of this nation-building endeavour recognizing academic excellence, continues to generate goodwill nationally and create a stimulus for high performance.

Since 1997 more than 2,800 of the nation's best and brightest primary school students were recognized by the PSSOTY Foundation, awarding them with more than two million dollars in scholarships and prizes. I am extremely delighted that this programme is national in scope, as evidenced by the number of deserving family Island students whose lives were positively impacted after being awarded a scholarship. These and other awardees have proven that the PPSOTY Foundation is wise each year in singling out the nation's future leaders. Today, many former scholarship recipients are making their mark in the fields of health, law, education, banking, religion, and even politics. This is a programme that has proven most worthy

This year, apart from New Providence, nominees hail from eleven Family Islands competing for more than \$200,000.00 in scholarships and prizes. More importantly, no nominee will leave empty-handed. Each of the one hundred and two nominees will receive a minimum of \$1,000 scholarship.

The Ministry of Education and Technical and Vocational Training is gratified that the PPSOTY Foundation is a partner which embraces our goal to prepare our students to become productive citizens who are critical thinkers, innovative problem-solvers, and team players who are environmental stewards.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the one hundred and two nominees for their achievements thus far. Continue to focus on your academic excellence.

I encourage more corporate sponsors and others of goodwill to support our young people by supporting the PSSOTY Foundation. These nominees have exhibited resilience in excelling despite the challenges of the Corona Virus pandemic. These children are to be commended for learning and excelling academically in a virtual environment. They are proof positive of the immense potential of our nation's children.

I also salute parents, teachers, administrators and others who continue to light the path in support of our young people to reach their purpose in their academic journey.

Congratulations to all !



Mr. N. Vandyke Pratt Foundation Chairman

As we celebrate our 26th 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 26 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 two and a half years have presented formidable challenges for us in the Bahamas with the devastating effects of Hurricane Dorian on Abaco and Grand Bahama and the outbreak of the Pandemic of the Coronavirus. In the Foundation we were touched deeply as we lost two of the Foundation's Directors to the virus. Through it, all even in the midst of the valley of life's uncertainty, this program has persevered. 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. In spite of the residual effects of the pandemic and the winds of economic downturn looming, we remained 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 the impact of this program on the lives of thousands of students over the past 26 years, it is truly awe-inspiring. As we celebrate the 2022 nominees we have again reached a significant milestone as the corporate Bahamas, church, fraternal, civic, and individual sponsors have responded tremendously. Every nominee will receive a minimum of a one thousand dollar scholarship this year. My heartfelt thanks to this stellar team comprised of the Foundation's Board of Directors and Committee Members who worked asiduously to make this happen.

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.

To the Chairperson Mrs. Autherine 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.

We give special recognition to REV Cable Bahamas our Title Sponsor. REV has not only sponsored the winner's (\$7,000) 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 – 2022 \$2 Million Dollars in scholarships and prizes have been awarded to over 2,800 nominees an accomplishment we want to continue to build on.

Ultimately, I would like to congratulate all the 2022 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.



**Ricardo P. Deveaux, DHL** Foundation President & CEO

**"Excellence is not a destination; it's a continuous journey that never ends."** The 26th Annual Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Ceremony is truly a celebration of the successes of our students, who despites their age and the COVID pandemic, have proven that they are resilient, trailblazers, community activists, campus leaders, scholars, athletes and philanthropists. The past six years, they have prepared for this moment as they are being recognized as the BEST and BRIGHTEST primary school students in our Country.

Our nomination process began in October 2021, when we submitted our electronic packages to each primary school throughout The Bahamas. We are truly grateful to the 102 schools which took advantage of the opportunity to have their students recognized at the National level. We are excited to report that for the third consecutive year, our Foundation was able to secure **over \$200,000.00** in scholarships and an additional \$50,000.00 in prizes. Our 26th Awards Program will see, EVERY NOMINEE receiving a minimum of a \$1,000.00 scholarship. This means that ALL 102 Nominees are indeed WINNERS!!!!!

Achieving this phenomenal success was the result that our fraternal, civic, corporate and individual donors believed in our nominees and was determined to reward excellence at the primary school level. Special commendations goes out to Mrs. Autherine Turnquest-Hanna and members of her Distinguished Panel of Judges, who once again reviewed all of the application packages received and their tasks seriously to identify our winners. I also commend Mr. Philip Stubbs, CA – Former Managing Partner at Ernst & Young who served as this year's Chief Tally Judges and provided the official results of this year's Awards Program.

The vision to create an Awards Program to inspire students at the primary school levels has served as an excellent motivating factor for over **2,800 students** since this program was created in 1997. Indeed we have grown from 1997, when 31 students represented all New Providence schools to 2022, where 102 students represented Abaco, Andros, Berry Islands, Bimini, Cat Island, Eleuthera, Exuma, Grand Bahama, Inagua, Long Island, and New Providence.

We offer commendations to our corporate partners, school administrators and teachers, and parents and guardians who came together to ensure that excellence was rewarded at the primary school level.

Finally, This Awards Program is impacting lives in The Bahamas. We are grateful to the Former Nominees who continue to inspire us and give us hope that all is not lost in The Bahamas. You provide inspire to our nominees. To our 2022 Nominees, YOUR HARD WORK and commitment to excellence earned you a spot to be recognized nationally. We encourage you to continue on this road as you navigate high school and beyond.

CONGRATULATIONS and May God bless you!!!

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

The Officers and Members of the Nassau, Bahamas Pan-Hellenic Council, partnered with the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation to host the 26th Annual Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program. Since 1997, when this program was created by the Nassau, Bahamas Pan-Hellenic Council, under the presidency of **Distinguished Charter President Dr. Ricardo P. Deveaux**, over 2,800 of the nation's BEST and BRIGHTEST primary school students have been recognized.

On this the 26th Annual Awards Program, I am pleased to salute individuals like: Soror Carol L. Smith and Soror Garnell Rolle (Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.); Soror Dr. Carolynn Hall-Knowles; Soror Anastacia Brown and Soror Myra Mitchell (Delta Sigma Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.); Soror Sharon Poitier; Soror Lisa Major and Soror Kenris Albury (Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.); Frater Ricardo P. Deveaux and Frater Shane Albury (Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.); and the Late Frater Phenton Neymour (Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.)who worked diligently over 25 years ago to create this program and served as the Founding Committee Members. I would like to personally take this opportunity to pay tribute to Frater Dr. Ricardo Deveaux; Soror Carol Smith and Soror Myra Mitchell, three of the Founding members who are still actively working and committed to its success, some 26 years later. Thank you for your service, the NPHC is indeed grateful.

The success of this program over these years was in part to the committed partnership of the Greek Lettered Fraternities and Sororities; corporate; civic and individual donors; the Ministry of Education and our private and public schools.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend commendation to our **Chairman Frater Vandyke Pratt** and members of the Foundation Board of Directors and Members of the Awards Committee who worked collectively to bring one of the premier awards schemes in this country. Truly it is commendable that for third consecutive year, each nominee will receive a minimum of a \$1,000.00 scholarship.

The Council offer congratulations to the parents, guardians, family members and the respective schools who were an integral part of the success of our 2022 Nominees. We would like to encourage you to continue to inspire our young scholars.

Finally, our 2022 Nominees, You are truly the future "movers" and "shakers" in our Bahamas. You made through the challenges of the last two years of the COVID pandemic; and you still came out shining, CONGRATULATIONS and may God continue to Bless you.





**Franklyn Butler** President & Group CEO Cable Bahamas

REV and The Cable Bahamas Group of Companies are extremely proud for the 4th consecutive years to be the title sponsor for The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Ceremony. This year brings our total cash sponsorship to more than \$65,000.00 over the years and this figure is completely separate from our in-kind donations.

We believe that the magnitude of our investment speaks to our belief in the work the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation does within our communities through the investment in our young people. We firmly believe that the future of our students is certainly worth our time, talent and resources as we seek to connect them and all Bahamians to the people, places and resources they love through being the leader in enabling connected lifestyles and experiences.

We commend the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation Team on their tireless efforts in rewarding and celebrating the best and brightest across our islands and we look forward to continuing to support this worthy cause for years to come.

We congratulate all of the awardees for their hard work, commitment and resolve to excel especially during this pandemic period and we are delighted to partner in making The Bahamas better, one student at a time.

REV, You and Us Together.



Jerlea Adderley Sts. Francis & Joseph Catholic Primary New Providence



**Zion Albury** Gregory Town Primary School Eleuthera



Tyrell Anderson, Jr. Burnt Rock Primary School Andros



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Zamere Davis Summit Academy New Providence



Elliot Ferdinard Sybil Strachan Primary School New Providence



**D'Naj Bethel** St. Cecilia's Catholic Primary New Providence



Melissa Beukes Lyford Cay International School New Providence





**Dezon Curry, Jr.** St. Andrew's Anglican School Exuma









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**K'Shawn Farrington** Walter Parker Primary School Grand Bahama







**Chasity Fawkes** Fox Town Primary School Abaco





































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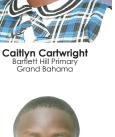


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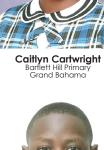
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**Ciana Hall** Charles W. Saunders Primary New Providence

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**Ronaisha Knowles** Moore's Island All Age School Abaco

**Danielle Maycock** 

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**Edajah Hanna** Gateway Christian Academy Bimini



K'Anya Henfield Freeport Primary School Grand Bahama



**Ryder Hill** Man-O-War Primary School Abaco



**Mya Johnson** Samuel Guy Pinder All Age School Eleuthera









Arianna Miller Queen's College Primary New Providence





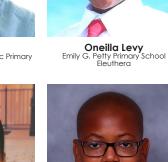
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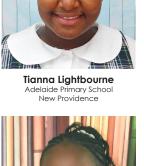




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**Israel McIntosh** Yellow Elder Primary School New Providence





Mikiah McIntosh Inagua All Age School Inagua























Breanna McHardy Claridge Primary Scho New Providence









Briana Moss Outten Christian Academy Grand Bahama Wilbur S.



**Emma Moss** Harbour Island All Age School Eleuthera



Karis Moss St. Thomas More Catholic Primary New Providence



Aniyah Musgrove Jordan Prince Williams Baptist School New Providence



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**Jaishon Pickstock** Bishop Michael Eldon Primary Grand Bahama



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Mataya Romer Stephen Dillet Primary New Providence



Kevanae Seymour Rev. Euthal Rodgers Primary Andros



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Kimora Strachan Sandilands Primary New Providence







Jayna Swain Grace Christian Academy Grand Bahama



































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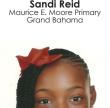
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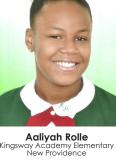






















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## 2022 TOP DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

We are pleased to salute the hardworking Foundation Directors and Committee Members who assisted the Foundation in achieving its RECORD BREAKING 2022 DEVELOPMENT GOAL.

The Foundation has set a Development Goal for each level: Foundation Director - \$5,000.00; Foundation Director Emeritus - \$2,000.00; Committee Member - \$1,000.00 and Junior Committee Member - \$400.00

TOTAL RAISED IN 2022 - \$205,000.00 - Scholarships & OVER \$50,000.00 - Sponsorship

HONOURABLE MENTION Dr. Ricardo P. Deveaux President & CEO \$65 000 00 - Scholarships \$8,000.00 - Sponsorship

Mr. Vandyke Pratt Chairman \$15,500.00 - Scholarships \$14,500.00 - Sponsorship

FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR Mrs. Maureen Tavlor Vice-President of Finance \$12,000.00 - Scholarships \$200.00 - Sponsorship

FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE OF THE YFAR FIRST RUNNER UP Mrs. Stankisha Pinder Vice-President of Communications \$9,500.00 - Scholarships \$1,000.00 - Sponsorship

FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR FINALIST Mr. André A. Moss Vice-President of Development \$7 000 00 - Scholarships \$1,500.00 - Sponsorship

Mrs. CC LaFleur Vice-President of Programs \$8,000.00 - Scholarships

Dr. Cindy Dorsett Vice-President of Operations \$4 500 00 - Scholarships \$1.000.00 - Sponsorship

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Dr. Shanel Adderley Vice-President of Administration & Corporate Secretary \$3,000.00 - Scholarships \$2,010.00 - Sponsorship

FOUNDATION DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR Mr. Samuel Evans, Director \$5,500.00 - Scholarships \$1,500.00 - Sponsorship

FOUNDATION DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR FIRST RUNNER UP Mr. Onassis Nottage, Director \$6.000.00 - Scholarships \$250.00 - Sponsorship

FOUNDATION DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR FINALISTS Mr. Leonard Sands, Director \$5,500.00 - Scholarships

> Ms. Linda Wallace, Director \$4,500.00 – Scholarships \$750.00 – Sponsorship

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

FOUNDATION DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR HONORABLE MENTION Mr. Dave Forbes. Director \$2 000 00 - Scholarships \$1,000.00 - Sponsorship

FOUNDATION DIRECTOR EMERITUS OF THE YEAR Ms. Myra Mitchell Vice-President Emerita \$4.500.00 - Scholarships \$3,065.00 - Sponsorship

FOUNDATION DIRECTOR EMERITUS OF THE YEAR FIRST RUNNER UP Mrs. Cyndi Williams-Rahming Chairman Emerita \$5,000.00 - Scholarships

FOUNDATION DIRECTOR EMERITUS OF THE YEAR FINALISTS Ms. Tanva Woodside Vice-President Emerita \$2,500.00 - Scholarships \$1,000.00 - Sponsorship

> Dr. Beverton Moxey **Director Emeritus** \$3,000.00 - Scholarship

Ms Valerie Dean Vice-President Emerita \$2,500.00 - Scholarships \$775.00 - Sponsorship

FOUNDATION DIRECTOR EMERITUS OF THE YEAR HONOURABLE MENTION Ms. Carol L. Smith Vice-President Emerita

Mr. Ivan PJ Deveaux, Esq. JP & Chief of Staff \$5,000.00 - Scholarships \$3,200.00 - Sponsorship

COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE YEAR FIRST RUNNER UP Ms. Adrianna Knowles Senior Development Officer \$5,500.00 - Scholarships

SECOND RUNNER UP Ms. Octavia Dean McIntosh Senior Programs Officer \$5.000.00 - Scholarships

COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS Ms. Keesha Bethell Senior Communications Officer \$1,000.00 - Scholarships

> Mrs. Allison Levarity Senior Development Officer \$2,500.00 - Scholarships \$500.00 - Sponsorship

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Ms. Samantha Anderson Senior Programs Officer \$3,000.00 – Scholarships

Mr. Cerio Rolle Senior Operations Officer \$1,000.00 - Scholarships \$2,475.00 - Sponsorship

Mrs. Patrice Green Special Assistant to the President \$2.000.00 – Scholarships \$350.00 - Sponsorship

> Mr. Giovanni Clarke Development Officer \$2,000.00 - Scholarships

Mr. Greg Smith, II Programs Officer \$1,500.00 – Scholarships \$500.00 - Sponsorship

Mr. Danavio Neely Programs Officer \$2,000.00 - Scholarships

#### COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE YEAR HONOURABLE MENTION Ms. Bernadette Cooper

Office Assistant \$1,000.00 - Scholarships \$225.00 - Sponsorship

Ms. Annika Bain Programs Officer \$1,000.00 - Sponsorship

Mr. James Bellozier Loaistics Officer \$1,000.00- Scholarship \$300.00 - Sponsorship

Ms. Colette Knowles Programs Officer \$1,000.00 - Scholarship \$200.00 - Sponsorship

Mr. Jaydian Miller Programs Officer \$1.000.00 - Scholarship \$500.00 - Sponsorship

Mrs. Paula Strachan Programs Officer \$1,000.00 - Scholarship \$300.00 - Sponsorship

COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE YEAR SPECIAL MENTION Mrs. Terah Sweeting Programs Officer \$500.00 - Sponsorship

Mrs. Slyvia Bodie Mitchell Special Assistant to the President \$500.00 - Sponsorship

\$1,500.00 - Sponsorship

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

COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE YEAR Senior Special Assistant to the President

\$1,525.00 - Sponsorship COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE YEAR

## PROUD MOMENTS FOR OUR FORMER NOMINEES



Congratulations to our **1998** - **13th Place Finalist Senator the Honourable Barry Griffin Jr.** who was elected Vice-President of The Senate. Senator Barry became the youngest individual elected as Vice-President of the Senate. Senator Barry represented St. Thomas More Catholic Primary in the 1998 Awards Program.



Congratulations to our **2004 Nominee Dr. Amy Andrea Mackey-Moss**. Dr. Mackey-Moss was selected as the Princess Margaret Hospital – 2021 Distinguished Intern of The Year Recipient. She represented St. Francis de Sales Catholic Primary School in the 2004 Awards Program.



Congratulations to **2021 – First Runner Up Grayson Roberts** on capturing the Government of The Bahamas Ministry of Youth Sports and Culture 2021 Rising Star Award in Education.



Congratulations to our **2009 Semi-Finalist Sujith Swarna**. Sujith began his Medical Studies at SUNY Stony Brook School of Medicine. Sujith graduated from Emory University with Honours (Magna Cum Laude) with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology. He represented Agape Christian School in Abaco in the 2009 Awards Program.



Congratulations to **2017 – Third Runner Up Yoshi Moxey**, a student at Genesis Academy and the 2021 recipient of the National Youth Award in the area of Arts & Culture.



Congratulations to 2017 – 20th Place Finalist Nigel Forbes Jr. who won a Gold Medal in the Boys 15 – 17 200 M Butterfly and a Silver Medal in the Boys 15-17 4x100m freestyle relay team at the 2022 CARIFTA Swimming Games



Congratulations to our **2002 Nominee Leonardo** Ferguson. Leonardo is the Supervisor, Internal Audit, Colina Holdings Bahamas Limited, and was selected as the Distinguished Internal Audit Manager. He represented Yellow Elder Primary in the 2002 Awards Program.



Congratulations to our **2019 - Second Runner Up Tia-Isabella Adderley** who represented Team Bahamas at The Carifta Swimming Championship 2022 held in Barbados and won an individual Bronze Medal in the 200 Breaststroke. Tia-Isabella represented Summit Academy in the 2019 Awards Program.

## PROUD MOMENT'S FOR OUR FORMER NOMINEES (WEDDINGS & BIRTHS)



Preparatory Academy in the 200 Awards Program.



Congratulations to our **2004 Nominee Tenaj Rolle** and her husband Jamal Rolle on their marriage. The former Tenaj Colebrook represented Stephen Dillet Primary in the 2004 Awards Program.



Congratulations to our **2004 Nominee Kenreah Brown** on her engagement to Gerrard Russell. Wishing them all the best as they begin the next part of this journey. Kenreah represented Bahamas Academy in the 2004 Awards Program.



Congratulations to our **2006 Nominee Chavez Parker** and his wife Garrett Parker on their marriage. Chavez represented Grand Bahama SDA Academy.



We extend best wishes to Dominic and 2003 Nominee Meghan Mitchell (the former Meghan Bethel) as they begin their new life together. Meghan represented Xavier's Lower School in the 2003 Awards Program.



Congratulations to the 2001 Finalist Roosevelt R. Rolle Jr. and his wife Allana Rolle on becoming proud parents to a son.

## SALUTING OUR FORMER NOMINEES - CLASS OF 2021



#### Kaitlyn Archer 2015 Finalist

Cutor Initiality Kaitlyn Graduated From St. Anne's High School with High Honours. She received her High School Diploma with Distinction; At graduation, she received the following Awards: High School Diploma with Distinction; Honour Roll; Prefect Award; Merit Prize; Subject Award in Office Procedures; Head Girl Award; and Female House Captain Award. She is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management at The University of The Bahamas. Kaitlyn represented St. Anne's Primary School in the 2015 Awards Program.



Jamaice Bazilio-Rolle 2010 Nominee Jamaice graduated with DISTINCTION from The University of The Bahamas with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting with a GPA of 3.71. She was among the TOP TWO students in the field of Accounting. During her tenure at UB, she was working in an accounting firm. Upon graduation, she got promoted to an Audit and Assurance Associate. She is currently in the process of preparing for her Certified Internal Audit cartification. She represented R. N. Gomez All-Age School in the 2010 Awards Program.



2015 Semi-Finalist Bryson graduated from Sunland Baptist Academy and received the Technical Drawing Award; Christian Values Award and the Head Boy Award. He obtained 7 BGCSEs. He is pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering at The University of The Bahamas. Bryson represented Freeport Gospel Chapel School in Grand Bahama in the 2015 Awards Program.



Jelissa Bocage 2015 Semi-Finalist Jelissa graduated from St. Anne's High School as Valedictorian. She received her High School Diploma with Distinction; William Thompson Memorial Prize; Prefect Award; Outstanding BGCSE Results 2020; Best Overall Female Graduate; Subject Prize in English Literature; French and Business Studies. She is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Finance with a minor in Business Management at. Talladega College. Jelissa represented Columbus Primary School in 2015 Awards Program.

Wilton Cartwright

Wilton Carteringine 2015 – Finalist Wilton graduated from Bishop Michael Eldon School with a CGPA 3.85. He recently completed his Freshman year at Philander Smith College, where is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. He represented Freeport Primary in the 2015 Awards Program.



Anthaya Charlton 2015 – Second Runner Up Anthaya Graduated From St. Augustine's College with High Honours. She recently completed her Freshman year at The University of Kentucky. She represented the Sts. Francis & Joseph Catholic Primary School in the 2015 Awards Program.



Dariq Chase 2015 – Fourth Runner Up Darig graduated from Aquinas College with a CGPA 397. He recently completed his Freshman year at St. John's University where he is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. He represented Oakes Field Primary in the 2015 Awards Program.



Kaysheena Collins 2010 Nominee Kaysheena graduated from The University of The Bahamas with her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing with HONOURS (December 2020) and completed her Nursing Council's Final Examination in December 2021. She is now Registered Nurse Kaysheena Collins. Kaysheena represented the Weyms Bight Primary, Eleuthera in the 2010 Awards Program.



Xander Constantakis 2015 – Semi-Finalist Xander graduated from N. G. M. Major with a CGPA 3.60. He recently completed his Freshman year at Dalhousie and is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Science. He represented Mangrove Bush Primary in the 2015 Awards Program.



Dr. Mica Cunnigham 2006 – Second Runner Up Dr. Mica graduated from the University of The West Indies, School of Medicine, Jamaica, Mona. She served as the 2021 Graduating Class President. She is currently in her first year of internship at The Princess Margaret Hospital. She represented Xavier's Lower School in the 2006 Awards Program.



2006 – 10Th Place Finalist Dr. Sumarah graduated from St. George's University with a Doctor of Medicine degree with honors. She would like to become a Cardiologist. She represented Mangrove Bush Primary, Long Island in the 2006 Awards Program.



Sharico Farquharson 2015 – Semi-Finalist Sharico graduated from Central Eleuthera High School with a CGPA 3.72. He recently completed his Freshman year at the University of The Bahamas. He represented Emma E. Cooper in the 2015 Awards Program.



Diana Ferreira 2008 – 13th Place Finalist Diana graduated with HONOURS with a Bachelor of Laws Degree from The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados. She graduates with an Associate of Arts Degree in History with Honors from The University of The Bahamas. She represented Queen's College – Primary in the 2008 Awards Program.



Makaylin Forbes 2015 – Nominee Makaylin graduated from Tabernacle Baptist School with a 3.57. He recently completed his Freshman Year at Indiana Tech and is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering. He represented Tabernacle Baptist School in the 2015 Awards Program.



Dr. Kwame Glinton 2006 – Nominee Dr. Glinton graduated with his PhD in Inorganic Chemistry from Oklahoma State University. He represented St. Cecilia's Catholic Primary School in 2006.



Tiffany Hanna 2011 Semi-Finalist Tiffany graduated from Wagner College with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics with Honours (Summa Cum Laude). Tiffany graduated with the most prestigious award (Donald W. Spiro Award) at Wagner College and also received the North East Athletic Conference (NEC) Student Athlete of the Year Award. She is presently in her first year of the PhD program in Economics at Fordham University in New York.



Damari Johnson 2015 - Semi-Finalist Damai graduated from North Eleuthera High School as Deputy Head Boy and Salutatorian. He received the National High School Diploma; Community Service Award; Attendance Award; Outstanding Effort in: Civics; Mathematics; Biology; Carpentry & Joinery; and Religious Studies. He obtained 6 BGCSE's and attained 2 A's and 4 C's. Damar is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Information Systems at The University of The Bahamas. Damari represented North Eleuthera Primary School in Eleuthera in 2015 Awards Program.



 
 Tayler Johnson 2015 – Finalist

 Tayler graduated from Aquinas College with Honours. She received her High School Diploma, graduating with a CGPA 3.81; Outstanding Scholastics Achievement in Information Technology and Hospitality; participation in Red Cross; UNESCO Eco Club and Business Z Club. She is pursuing Bachelor's Degree in Human Resources Management at The University of The Bahamas. She recently completed her Freshman year.

### SALUTING OUR FORMER NOMINEES - CLASS OF 2021



**Caithlyn Knowles** 2011 - Nominee Caithlyn graduated from The University of The Bahamas with a Bachelor of Education in Secondary Mathematics with Honours. While at UB, she was inducted into the National Society of Leadership and Success and was a President's List Scholar. She is currently a Math Educator at the Ministry of Education. She represented Carmichael Primary School in the 2015 Awards Program.



Elizabeth Ryan Knowles 2015 - Fifth Runner Up 2013 - Fifth Runner Up Elizabeth graduated from West Carteret High School with the Academic and Character Achievement Award. She has maintained a 4.00 GPA throughout all of her high school. She completed her Freshman year as an Honour Roll Scholar and is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology at North Carolina State University in Raleigh NC. She represented Hope Town Primary in the 2015 Awards Program.



Samaiya Lundy 2015 - Student of the Year Samaiya graduated with First Class Honours from Sunland Baptist Academy. She was a Principal's List Scholar, President of the AKA's 20 Pearls Program; Secretary of the SBA Interact Club and Alumni and Youth Mentor for the Sister Cities International Youth Leadership the Sister Cities international routin Leadership Program. She will be attending Oberlin College and Conservatory in Ohio to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Performing Arts. She represented Sunland Baptist Academy - Primary in the 2015 Awards Program.



Mikayla Marshall 2012 - 22nd Finalist Mikayla graduated from Bryan College with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. She graduated Summa Cum Laude. She represented Agape Christian School in the 2012 Awards Program.



Teja Amari Munnings Ieja Amari Munnings 2015 – Third Runner Up Teja graduated from Queen's College with High Honours. She sat and passed 14 BGCSE's in Grade 11 and received: 5 Xs; 5 Bs and 4 C's. She recently completed her Freshman Year at Spelman College as an Honour Roll Scholar where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Pre Med at Spelman College. She represented St. Thomas More Catholic Primary School in 2015 Awards Program.



Sanae Murray 2021 - Semi-Finalist

Sanae graduated from Central Abaco Primary School. She received the 2021 Student of the Year Award; Vice Principal List Award; Overall Top Student in class; 2nd Place Top Student in Grade 6; 1st Place Subject Awards in Mathematics; Religious; Art; English Language; Social Studies and Science and Most Outstanding in Spanish. She entered Grade 7 in September 2021.



Zachary Pierre 2011 – 23rd Place Finalist Zeona aduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy in May, 2021, from Temple University in Philosophy in May, 2021, from Temple University in Philosophia, Pennsylvania. He was named a University Scholar. During his time in university, he volunteered at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, served as a Peer Mentor in the TU Philosophy Department, and was Captain of the Temple University E-Sports Team. He represented St. Andrew's School in 2011 Awards Program.



Deroan Pinder 2015 - Semi-Finalist Deroan graduated from Charles W. Saunders School with a CGPA 3.65. He recently completed harsa majoring in Accounting. He represented Charles W. Saunders Primary School in the 2015 Awards Program.



Tenaj Pinder 2011 Semi-Finalist Tenaj graduated from Dalhousie University with a Bachelor of Commerce Degree in Accounting. She is an Account Administrator with Marsh McLennan in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Tenaj represented St. Francis & Joseph Catholic Primary in 2011 Awards Program.



Arthur Rahming 2015 - Semi-Finalist Arthur graduated from St. Augustine's College with a CGPA 3.86. He recently completed his Freshman year at Philander Smith College where he is majoring in Civil Engineering, He represented St. Cecilia's Catholic Primary School in the 2015 Awards Program.



Chloe Reckley 2021 - Semi-Finalist

2021 – SemI-Finalist Chloe graduated from Long Bay Primary School. She received the 2021 Student of the Year Award; Principal's list (above 60% in every subject); Honor Roll and Conduct and Citizenship Award. Chloe also received the Top Student Award in: Bible; Math; English Language; Social Studies; Science and Reading. She entered Grade 7 at Long Bay School in September 2021



**Clishae Sands** 

2011 Semi-Finalist 2011 Semi-Finalist Clishae graduated from The University of Buck-ingham, Buckinghamshire England with Bachelor's of Law – LLB (HONS). She is current-ly studying at The University of Buckingham and is pursuing her Masters of Law (LLM) Degree. Clishae's career goal is to become a Corporate Attorney. Clishae represented Emma E Cooper Primary, Eleuthera in the 2011 Awards Program.



Cavan Sargent 2015 – Semi-Finalist Cavan graduated from Huntley Christie High School with a CGPA 3.68. He represented Mastic Point Primary, Andros in the 2015 Awards Program.



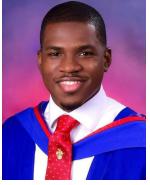
**Baygan St. Claude Out Notice** Maygan graduated from The University of the Bahamas with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Biology with a minor in Chemistry (Distinction). Maygan received the following awards at gradua-tion: Chemistry, Environmental and Life Sciences Award for Academic Excellence (Top Student in Academic Unit) and the Portia M. Smith Memorial Award for Bachelor of Science in Biology Minor Chemistry (Top Student in Degree Program). She represented Treasure Cay Primary in Abaco in the 2011 Awards Program.



Latrell Symonette 2015 – Nominee Latrell graduated from South Andros High School with a CGPA 3.24. He recently completed his Freshman year at Bahamas Technical & Vocational Institute and major in Electrical Engineering. He represented High Rock Primary, Andros in the 2015 Awards Program.



Dr. Brendan T. A. Toote 2007 - 7th Place Finalist Dr. Toote completed his Medical Degree at The University of the West Indies, School of Medicine. Dr. Toote, represented Uriah McPhee Primary School in the 2007 Awards Program.



Dr. Donovan Williamson 2008 - 22Nd Place Finalist Donovan received his Medical Degree at The Iniversity of the West Indies, School of Medicine Dr. Williamson represented C. W. Sawyer Primary School in 2008 Awards Program.

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Anyana Woodside 2011 - 8th Place Finalist Anyana graduated from Liberty University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and a Minor in Apologetics and Cultural Engagement. She graduated with Honours. She represented Nassau Christian School in the 2011 Awards Program.

## DISTINGUISHED PANEL OF JUDGES 2022



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Dr. Vashti Darling St. John's College New Providence 1997



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New Providence 1999

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Anna Albury

Hope Town Primary

Abaco 2011

New Providence 2003





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Shirdat Jadoo Maurice Moore Primary Grand Bahama 2005



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Donovan Butler Xavier's Lower School Sunland Baotist Acade Grand Bahama 2015 New Providence 2014



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#### **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 was established in 1997, over 2,800 primary school students have been recognized and over \$2 Million Dollars in scholarships and prizes presented. The 2022 Totals: \$205,000.00 in scholarships and \$50,000.00 in prizes (Airline tickets, trophies, medals, computers, donation of books and other prizes) Grand total: over \$2.2 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



## History

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 2h022, Oaktree Medical Center and Fidelity Bank Bahamas joined as Major Sponsors and investment over \$10,000.00. They were joined by Scotiabank and an anonymous donor investing over \$10,000.00 each towards the scholarship in 2022.

#### 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.



## SALUTING OUR FORMER NOMINEES - CLASS OF 2022



Cherinique Anderson 2016 - Semi-Finalist 2016 - Semi-Finalist Chernique graduated from Anatol Rodgers High School with Honours. She was a member of the Anatol Rodgers Honour Society. She will be attending University of Missouri St Louis (UMSL) to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. She represented Cleveland Eneas Primary in the 2016 Award Program.



Ethan Bain 2013 - 6th Place Finalist

2013 - 6th Place Finalist Ethan graduated from the College of Charleston with a Bachelor of Science in Economics with Honours - Summa Cum Laude (3.93 GPA). He was unanimously awarded the Franchon Morrow Condon Outstanding Economics Student Award. The recipient of the award is selected by the faculty in the Department of Economics, based on individual achievement and demonstrated academic excellence. Post-graduation. He will begin his professional career as a Baseball Operations Fellow with the Chicago White Sox in Chicago, Illinois. Chicago, Illinois.



Mason Baker 2016 - Finalist Ason graduated from N. G. Major High School with a CGPA 3.4. He plan to attend North Carolina State University to pursue a Bachelor's Degree. He represented Margrove Bush Primary in the 2016 Awards Program.



Isaac Barr 2016 - Semi-Finalist Isaac graduated from Huntley P. Christie High School, Andros with a CGPA 3.54. He plan to attend Nova Southeastern University to pursue a Bachelor's Degree. He represented Mastic Point Primary in the 2016 Awards Program.



Delvonae Beckles 2012 - Semi-Finalist

2012 – Semi-Finalist Delvonae graduated from Spelman College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. She graduated Summa Cum Laude with a CGPA 391. She was a member of the Spelman College Glee Club, the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students (MAPS), Tri Beta National Biological Honors Society, and the Spelman College Pre-Alumnae Council (PAC). After gradu-ation, Delvonae plans to attend medical school to become a Pediatrician. She represent Baptist Academy in the 2012 Awards Program.



Astra Bowlin 2017 - Semi-Finalist 2017 - Semi-Finalist Astra graduated from Bhamas Academy SDA as the Valedictorian. Due to her outstanding academic performance, she skipped Grade 7 and wend tirectly into Grade 8. She is taking 9 BGCSE's in this sitting. She is the Senior Class Vice-President. She has maintained Honour Roll Status. She represented Carlton Francis Primary in the 2017 Awards Program



Anthony Burrows Antmony Burrows 2016 – 17th Place Finalist Anthony graduated from St. Augustine's College with his High School Diploma with a Grade Point Average of 34.3. He will be entering his Fresh-man year at the University of Missouri-St. Louis in the Fall 2022. He has been accepted to the Honors College. He will be a member of NCAA Tennis Team (Tritone). Eall 2022 Use will be receiving Team (Tritons) - Fall 2022. He will be receiving a Tennis Scholarship. He represented St. Francis & Joseph Catholic Primary School in the 2016 Awards Program.



**Paige Cartwright** 2012 – 17th Place Finalist Paige graduated from The University of The Bahamas with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biochemistry with a Grade Point Average 3.49. She represented Morrisville Primary School in the 2012 Awards Program.



Brian Carey 2016 - Finalist Brian graduated from St. Augustine's College. He represented St. Thomas More Catholic Primary School in the 2016 Awards Program



Taliah Cooper 2009 - Finalist Taliah graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from The University of The Bahamas. Taliah was initiated into the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She was a member of the UB Chapter of Education Awareness Society. She represented St. Anne's Catholic Primary School, Eleuthera in the 2009 Awards Program.



Dania Curry 2016 – 21st Place Finalist Dania graduated from S. C. Bottle Senior High School, Abaco. She presented Fox Town Primary in the 2016 Awards Program.



Brayden Dam

Brayden Dam 2016 – 3rd Runner Up Brayden graduated from Polk State Lakeland Collegiate High School, Lakeland, Florida. He graduated with a weighted GPA 4 385. He will be attending The University of Florida and will be pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. During his senior year he was named Polk County Boys Swimmer of the Year for 2021 and be broke the 26 wear of City of Lakeland 100 he broke the 26 year old City of Lakeland 100 YD Breaststroke record in November 2021. He represented Agape Christian School in the 2016 Awards Program.



Aidan Deal Aidan Deal 2016 – 10th Place Finalist Aiden graduated from St. Anne's School with a Grade Point Average of 3.635. He was the school's Head Boy and placed 4th in the Gradu-ating class. He 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. His awards were: Academic Excellence Award for earning 5 or more A's in BJC's; Proficiency Prize Award; Inter-House It's Academic Champion Award: St. Ambrose Guild GPA Award: Merit Award, St. Ambrose Guild GPA Award; Merit Prize Certificate and Academic Honour Roll Certificate. He represented Simms Primary, Long Island in the 2016 Awards Program.



Vania Deal 2016 - 16th Place Finalist Zorio – Totri Frace Finansi Vania graduated with High Honour from Nassau Christian Schools. She was recognized by the Ministry of Education – Examination Session for capturing 10 A's in her BGCSE's in Grade 11. She represented Nassau Christian Schools in the 2016 Awards Program



2007 - 34th Place Finalist Aisha graduated from the University of The Bahamas with a Bachelor's Degree in Tourism Management. She represented St. Francis de Sales, Abaco in the 2007 Awards Programs.



O'nishka Fowler 2011 Nominee O'Nishka graduated from The University of The Bahamas with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She represented Faithway Christian Academy in the 2011 Awards Program.



Paris Knowles 2000 - Nominee Paris graduated from Barry University with her Master of Science Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. She represented Harbour Island All-Age School in the 2000 Awards Program.



Danelle Gibson 2016 - Semi-Finalist 2010 - Serint-rmainst Danelle graduated from St. Andrew's Anglican School in Exuma. She was an honouree in the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. - 2022 Honours Day Program. She represented St. Andrew's Anglican School in the 2016 Awards Program.

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Garnell Gibson 2011 - Nominee Garnell graduated from The University of The Bahamas with a Bachelor of Business Adminis-tration with a Major: Business Management and Minor: Span-ish. She represented Woodcock Primary School in the 2011 Awards Program.



Yannik Gibson 2016 - Finalist Yannik graduated from Bahamas Academy SDA with a CGPA 3.70. He plans to attend Howard University to pursue his Bachelor's Degree. He represented Bahamas Academy in the 2016 Awards Program.



Adria Knowles 2010 - Nominee Adria graduated from The University of the Bahamas with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She represented High Rock Primary School, Andros in the 2010 Awards Program.



Torii Knowles 2016 - Finalist 2010 – Finalist Torii graduated from Central Eleuthera High School with a CGPA 3.7. He served as Head Boy. He received 10 BJCs and 3 BCCSEs. This Principa''s List Scholar received over \$50.000 in Academic Scholarships. He represented Emma Cooper Primary in the 2016 Awards Program.



Kageon Neily 2016 – Fifth Runner Up. Kageon graduated from Queen's College with a CGPA 3.98. He served as the Assistant Deputy Head Boy. He plans to attend the University of South Florida to pursue his Bachelor's Degree. He represented Temple Christian Primary in the 2016 Awards Program.



Rhyan Rigby 2012 - 16th Place Finalist Rhyan graduated from Dickinson College with her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Politic Science and Spanish. She represented Tambearly School in the 2012 Awards Program



Erica Roberts 2016 - Finalist Erica graduated from Berean Christian School in Florida. She won the Ambassador's Award and Erica gra The Top Math Award. She plans to attend Palm beach State College to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology or Forensic Science. She represented Man-O-War Primary in Abaco in the 2016 Awards Program.



**Rebecca Roberts** 2016 - 12th Place Finalist Rebecca graduated from Kingsway Academy with a 4.00 CGPA. She served as 2021/2022 Head Girl, Senior Prefect, and has maintained Head Gin, Senior Prefect, and nas maintained Principal's List status throughout her high school years. She will be attending Florida Gulf Coast University to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing. She has received a scholarship to fund her studies abroad. Rebecca represented Genesis Academy in the2016 Awards Program.



Antonia Rolle 2016 - Semi-Finalist Antonia graduated from Queen's College. She will be attending the University of The Bahamas in the Fall 2022 and will be majoring in Accounting with a minor in Economics. Antonia represented James A Pinder Primary School in Abaco in the 2016 Awards Program



Bynaj Rolle 2016 – Finalist Bynaj graduated from Mary Star of the Sea Academy, Grand Bahama as Valedictorian. She graduated with a CGPA of 3.91. In Grade 11. she received 4 BGCSE: Mathematics - A; EnglishLan-guage - A; Physics - A and Chemistry - A. She was selected as the 2022 Valedictorian of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. – Honours Day Convocation. She will be pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Sciences with a Pre-Pharmacy concentration at Texas Souther-InUniversity. Thomas Freeman Honours College. She represented Mary, Star of the Sea Academy in the 2016 Awards Program



Olga Roussos Uiga Roussos 2016 Semi-Finalist Olga graduated from Florida Virtual School with a CGPA 4.0. She was selected by The U.S. Department of State (U.S. Embassy) as a 2021 Youth Ambassador. She will be attending Lynn University in the Fall 2022 and will major in Com-puter Science. She represented Eagles Academy in the 2016 Awards Program.



Danitra Sargent Danitra Sargent 2012 - Semi Finalist Danitra graduated from the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Arkansas, USA, She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a CGPA 3.7 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. She was a member of Beta Beta National Biological society, Ozarks Biological Society, Presidents List, and Deans List. She was accepted into Internship at Arkansas Children's Hospital. She represented C. W. Sawyer Primary School in the 2012 Awards Prooram. School in the 2012 Awards Program



Nadja Simon 2012 - Student of the Year Nadja graduated from Lipscomb University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology, Honors College. She has been accepted into the Master of Science Degree in Biomedical Sciences for Fall 2022. She represented Genesis Academy in the 2012 Awards Program



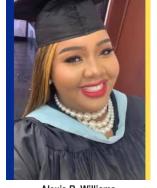
Caden Smith 2016 - Second Runner Up Caden graduated from St. Anne's High School with Distinction (4.00 CGPA) and as the Head Girl. She received a Full United World College Girl. She received a Full United World College Scholarship to attend the East Asia Campus in Singapore. She will pursue a degree in Communications and Marketing with a minor in Political Science. She established the Bahamas Red Nose organization in 2015 and it continues the students of gandilands Primary School. She also provide breakfast and now healthy snacks for the students of Sandilands Primary School. She also provided food parcels to families in need throughout the pandemic.



T'ron Strapp 2016 - Semi-Finalist T'Ron graduated from Aquinas College with a CGPA 3.88. He plans to attend Hofsta University Garvin Tynes Primary School in the 2016 Awards Program.



Kentin Wallace 2012 - 19th Place Finalist Kentin graduated from Central State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Finance. He graduated Summa Cum Laude with a CGPA of 3.98. Kentin has maintained President's List status throughout his four years in University. He represented Burnt Rock Primary School in the 2021 Awards Program.



Alexis R. Williams Alexis R. Winnams 1998 - Finalist Alexis graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from The University of The Bahamas. She was a member of the UB Chapter of Education Awareness Society. She represented C. W. Sawyer Primary School in the 1998 Awards Program.



Dana Woods 2006 - Finalist Dana graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Primary Education from The University of The Bahamas. She was a member of the UB Chapter of Education Awareness Society. She represented C. W. Sawyer Primary School in the 2006 Awards Program.

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Winner – \$7,000.00 – REV / Cable Bahamas First Runner Up – \$6,500.00 – Oaktree Medical Center Second Runner Up – \$6,000.00 – Fidelity Second Runner Up – \$6,000.00 – BOSS

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\$2,000.00 Scholarship - (16 Nominees) Arawak Port Development We Buy U Sell Kiwanis Club of Nassau AM The MedNet Group of Companies Fidelity Bank Bahamas Corner Bank Glinton Sweeting O'Brien Fidelity Bank Bahamas RuBis Bahamas Ltd. Commonwealth Bank Ltd. Eugenia Butler (Former Nominee) Dylan & Aryanna Bowe Sharon Wilson & Co. Harriet Darling Memorial J. S. Johnson & Company Ltd. Freeport Oil Company (FOCOL) Ltd.

#### FINALISTS

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## WHAT A FORMER NOMINEE HAD TO SAY ...



2016 – Finalist Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Academy Grand Bahama 2022 Honour Graduate Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Academy 2022 Valedictorian, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Eta Psi Omega Chapter - Honours Day Convocation

In 2016, I had the wonderful honor and privilege to be a part of the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Ceremony, representing Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Academy (MSSCA). The weekend was an amazing experience that I remember quite thoroughly; I was bestowed a medal by the Governor General, Dame Marguerite Pindling and won a \$1,500.00 scholarship for high school. I also met some new friends with whom I still keep in contact. I am grateful that I received the honor of being a Finalist. It is because of the foundation, that I was motivated and had the desire to continue excelling throughout my high school tenure.

Since my time in the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program, I have accomplished a myriad of achievements that would not be possible without support from so many and the grace of God. I received a 1270 on the December 2021 SAT, 4 A's on English Language, Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics BGCSE. 10 BJC- 9A's (English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, General Science, Health Science, Spanish, Social Studies, Religious Studies, Technical Drawing) & 1B (Craft). I also received a National Honorable Mention for BJC Results in 2019 and the most Outstanding BJC Results at MSSCA (2018 & 2019). Most recently, I have been named the Valedictorian of the 44th Honours Day Programme of the Eta Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Not only have I received academic achievements, but also, leadership roles such as President of the MSSCA Student Council, Immediate Past-President and Director of the Anchor Club of MSSCA, and Secretary of the 20 Pearls program of the Pi Upsilon Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alphas Sorority, Incorporated.

To the current nominees for the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation, I encourage you to not let this honor be the end of your journey. Instead allow this to be the beginning of your many triumphant endeavors and when you succeed, remain humble and resilient when you face some of life's toughest obstacles. Congratulations for being selected as a nominee for the 2022 Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year and may God bless you all!



Oscar LB Moore 1998 - Nominee Excellence in Academics Winner T. G. Glover Primary School New Providence Currently: Engineer, Google LLC

No man is an island." - John Donne 1624

When I reflect on the blessings in my life, many, if not all the memories circle back to the helping hand of a teacher, the guidance of a counselor, the encouragement from my parents, and the helpful advice from my friends. I owe all the successes in my life and career to the incredible people around me and the community from which I came.

My nomination for the second inaugural Bahamas Primary Student of the Year Award (1998) was completely out of my hands; I recall vividly the morning my 6th-grade teacher, Mrs. Turner, sweetly but authoritatively told me I would be representing our school in the award ceremony; most importantly with the honor of meeting the Governor-General of The Bahamas. Mrs. Turner, like all the teachers who took me under their wings at T.G. Glover Primary, only ever pushed me to success. and much like before, I trusted her guidance. As a child, I was terribly shy, and the thought of meeting the Governor-General in front of other successful students (who most certainly must be smarter

than me!) shook my self-esteem. Mrs. Turner could sense my emotions before I timidly expressed them. Her reassuring hand on my shoulder and supportive smile were all I needed to step forward confidently and accept an award for Excellence in Academics.

With the many steps, I've taken since, including walking the stage to accept my B.Sc in Computer Science at Trent University (Ontario, Canada), working as a management consultant for PricewaterHouseCoopers (London, UK), and currently a Customer Engineer at Google (Miami, FL) I recall often the encouragement and confidence I gained being recognized as a Student of the Year from my school of T.G. Glover. Where some may think a good education is only available to the privileged, I am an example of what can be gained at any school; with the right attitude and great teachers. I encourage all the primary school students to stick closely to your teachers, and absorb as much as you can. Every step you take is one on the journey of your success



2002 – Student of the Year Queen's College – Primary New Providence Bachelor of Science, Economics (Honours) The University of Pennsylvania Currently. Partner, Marlin Capital Partners 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. dre

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 all the 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's 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, as long as you dare to dream and work hard towards your dreams, you have already won.



Sen. the Honourable Barry N. Griffin, Jr. 1998 - 13th Place Finalist St. Thomas More Catholic Primary School New Providence Currently: Attorney at Law / Entrepreneur / Vice-President of The Bahamian Senate. He is the youngest individual appointed as the Senate Vice-President in The Bahamas.

Being nominated as an outstanding primary school student was a highlight of my academic career. As a young person, it felt great to be honored for my hard work and achievements. It pushed me to keep striving and to keep doing well.

Since that time, I had gone on to do well in high school, graduating at the top of my class and then to matriculate into college and graduate school, again continuing to perform at the highest levels. Presently, I am a corporate attorney and entrepreneur and strive to give back to my community as best I can.

To the young people being nominated this year, I say congratulations! Use this honor as a stepping stone and a propeller to keep you moving forward and moving higher. I say continue to work hard and give your all and never rest on your laurels. The race is a marathon and not a sprint. I wish you the best of luck!

Congratulations!

## WHAT A FORMER NOMINEE HAD TO SAY...



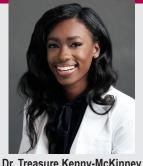
Cerio Rolle, CISA 2002 – 6th Place Finalist **Carlton Francis Primary** New Providence Currently: Senior IT Internal Auditor Colina Insurance

In 2002, I was nominated by Carlton E. Francis Primary School to represent them in the Bahamas Primary Student of the Year Foundation program. When I was selected, I was elated to be chosen. My parents and I gathered all the documents and pictures and put together a portfolio that highlighted my primary school career. Based on the portfolio we were able to put together I was excited to enter and be a part of the proaram.

When the day came, I was prepared and excited to see what was in store. I saw all of the students prepared and ready in their uniforms and fresh haircuts and hairstyles. As the night went on the students' names were called and I was anxious as I was uncertain I would be selected to win an award. When my name was finally called as the 6th runner up, I was ecstatic. As I walked across the stage, I felt proud to represent my school and my family. This experience motivated me to continue to excel.

Since then I have attended the College of the Bahamas and transferred to Taylor University. I completed my Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. I previously worked at KPMG Bahamas where I attained my Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) designation. Today I am an IT Audit Specialist. I am currently a Senior Internal Auditor at Colina.

The Student of the Year experience was a good one that helped to push me to achieve and showed me that working towards being your best will be rewarded. My advice to the nominees is to focus on being the best student, athlete, musician, artist or whatever you put your mind to. These go a long way in being the best you that you can be.



2004 – Nominee St. Thomas More Catholic Primary School New Providence Currently: Audiologist, Owner of Bahama Hearing Clinic Academy for Women Entrepreneurs (AWE) 2021 Graduate

Being a part of the Bahamas Primary School Student Of The Year program pushed me to believe in my potential to excel and increased my self-confidence. It was a symbol of encouragement and appreciation by the wider community. Observing other well rounded students motivated me to work harder and achieve more going forward. This program made us all aware of our potential to do great things in the future, within our communities and professionally.

I am a 2010 graduate of St. Augustine's College who continued on to higher education. I received a bachelor's degree in psychology from College of St. Benedict and eventually a doctoral degree in audiology from The University of North Texas.

My advice to the 2022 nominees is to always believe in your own capabilities to achieve more despite failures or setbacks. No one else will do that for you. Passion, hard work and persistence are key contributors to accomplishing great things. Maintain a positive and encouraging support system to help keep you focused.



2000 – 3rd Runner Up Valter Parker Primary Grand Bahama Currently: Commercial Trading Operator Shell Western Supply and Trading

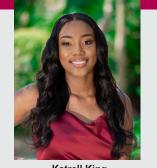
To have been selected to represent Walter Parker Primary School as a nominee of the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program was truly an honor.

I recall how proud my parents were when we found out they were to accompany me at Government House to meet the Governor General. What made this occasion even more remarkable was my placing in the top 5 of nominees. This was truly a highlight as I was not only able to bring recognition to my school but to the entire island of Grand Bahama whom I recall was so proud of my achievement.

This top 5 placement afforded me a partial scholarship which I used toward my high school education at Sunland Baptist Academy. From there I went on to pursue my Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engineering at Kettering University, followed by a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Toronto some years later.

I am now married with a beautiful baby boy and employed at Shell Western Supply and Trading as a Commercial Trading Operator.

My advice to this year's nominees is to not be afraid to try new things and keep asking questions.



Katrell King 2015 – Semi-Finalist Carlton Francis Primary New Providence Currently: Freshman, The University of Miami Double Major: Marine Affairs & Ecosystems Science & Policy and a Minor in French - GPA 3.80

For me, being a Semi-Finalist in the 2015 Student of the Year awards was a catalyst to my success throughout high school and beyond. I was able to complete my high school education at Queen's College where I kept up the momentum of working hard in school, sports, and overall being a well-rounded student. Since receiving the honor in 2015 I've kept on the Honor Roll/Principal's List throughout high school, I was recognized by the Ministry of Education for receiving 5+ As in the national BJC examinations and 8+ As in the BGCSE exams, and I was one of the 2021 Bahamas National Merit Scholars.

Now I'm in my freshman year of university, where I am a member of several student organizations, and I was on the Provost's Honor Roll for my first semester. My advice to the Class of 2022 nominees is to stay consistent. Receiving this nomination is a sign that you've been working hard throughout your primary school years, so make sure to keep it up when you get into high school and further. Always remember to put God first, apply yourself, and do your best in whatever it is that you do.



2016 - Semi-Finalist Uriah McPhee Primary School New Providence Currently: Graduating Senior, Queen's College CGPA: 3.92

It was six years ago that I was selected to represent Uriah McPhee Primary School in the 2016 Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program. I was where you currently are, I remember the honor and prestige I felt to be nominated and represent my school. I also remember the fear of wanting to do well and make my school and my family proud. I want to tell you; you are truly a testament to your accomplishments and your nomination shows just how hard you worked with in your primary years. It was truly an honour to have been identified as one of the best and brightest students to represent my school. I was selected as a 2016 Semi-Finalist and awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship.

This is your foundation; it is your base line to greatness. No matter what, know that you made it this far because you are great, and you are destined for greatness.

I am currently a senior at Queen's College, and I am a part of the Comet's graduating class of 2022. Since my time as a nominee, I have achieved 5 A's, 3 B's in my BJC between grades 8 and 9. 6 A's 1 B and 1C in my BGCSE in 11th grade and an SAT score of 1310. I have also achieved the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award.

As I prepare to graduate from high

school, I am looking forward to

continue to achieve my academic

goals by pursuing my Bachelor's

To the current nominees, as you

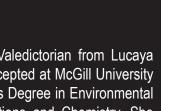
prepare for high school, I would like

to encourage you to build on the

#### SALUTING OUR FORMER NOMINEE - CLASS OF 2022

#### Amelia Baptista 2015 - 8th Place Finalist

Amelia graduated as Head Girl and Valedictorian from Lucava International School. She has been accepted at McGill University for the Fall 2022 to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science, with a minor in Communications and Chemistry. She represented Bishop Michael Eldon School in the 2015 Awards Program.





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## YEAR IN REVIEW 2021-2022



Chelsea Smith attended the Martin Luther King Jr. Global Youth Leadership Conference with Harry Johnson - President & CEO, Martin Luther King Monument Memorial Foundation, Washington, DC, and Ricardo Deveaux - President & CEO, Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation.



Foundation Chairman Vandyke Pratt was a Guest on Immediate Response with Spence Finlayson, ZNS Radion 1540 AM.

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The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation receives its Certificate of Registration as a duly registered Non-Profit Organization in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas with effect from the 28th day of January 2021, pursuant to the Non-Profit Organizations Act, 2019 (No. 25 of 2019).



Dwight Strachan of the Morning Blend - Guardian Radio 96.9 displays the International donation from Noahs Ark Publishing - "Kids Journal Through COVID 19".



Chelsea Smith with Dwight Strachan



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Chelsea making a presentation to the Their Royal Highness Duke and Duchess of Cambridge



Chelsea Smith - 2021 Student of the Year



Chelsea Smith with the Major Donors



Chelsea making a presentation to the Governor-General



Chelsea making a presentation to the Hon. Minister of Education



Chelsea Smith the Prime Minister and the Minister of Education



Chelsea Smith with the Prime Minister & Foundation President



Grayson Roberts - 2021 First Runner Up



Chelsea Smith with the Foundation Board Directors



Chelsea Smith with the Minister of Education Hon. Jeff Lloyd; Cable Bahamas CEO Mr. Franklyn Butler and Past Winners - Hayley Wilson and Remington Minnis

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1997	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
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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	\$50,000.00
2020	\$141,000.00	\$40,000.00
2021	\$162,500.00	\$40,000.00
2022	\$205,000.00	\$50,000.00
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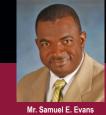


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