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VIRTUAL SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

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## Congratulations to our scholarship recipients.

Centennial Bermuda Foundation supports students pursuing a wide range of interests including the arts, business, vocational, postgraduate, medicine, law and other courses of study. We are committed to providing scholarships with a priority on financial need, in addition to academic merit. This commitment reflects our vision that there are equitable opportunities for people to lead purposeful lives, have financial security and enjoy a sense of belonging within the community.

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## SIR HENRY TUCKER UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded annually to a Bermudian pursuing undergraduate education overseas. The value of the Scholarship is BD\$30,000 for up to four years. Two Scholarships are offered annually.

This year's recipients are Maya Richardson and Ashlyn Lee.



**MAYA RICHARDSON**

Maya will study at the University of Surrey, in her first year of Veterinary Medicine & Science. She's driven by her love and admiration of animals and her interest in the sciences and hopes to practice small animal medicine with an interest in vet cardiology. She plans to return to Bermuda when she completes her degree to work for a vet before opening her own practice.

In her own words "I want to be involved in Bermuda's public school system by providing children positive, educational experiences with animals. I hope this inspires the next generation to understand, love and respect animals. I also aim to provide mentorship for students with an interest in veterinary medicine or related fields."



**ASHLYN LEE**

Ashlyn is beginning her studies at Howard University where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Math Education. From a young age she always loved mathematics and would help her friends and she felt great when they had 'an aha moment' and they understood the concept. After her bachelor's degree she would like to study a Masters in Mathematics or Education with a plan to return to Bermuda as a Math Teacher.

In her own words: "I believe educating and inspiring Bermuda's youth to be great is more rewarding than any financial gain. Having missed 4 months of school and restarting an academic year due to a concussion in 2019, I learned how success isn't just defined by your academics, but your mental and physical health as well. If one is neglected, you have not achieved true success."

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## SIR JOHN W. COX UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

Awarded annually to a Bermudian pursuing Postgraduate education overseas and is valued at BD\$30,000 per annum for up to four years.

This year's recipients are Nalani Dowling and Matthew Sinclair, each receiving a one year scholarship for their final year of studies.



**NALANI DOWLING**

Nalani is entering her final year of a Master of Fine Arts with a focus on Film, Television, and Digital Media at the University of Georgia. She graduated from Spelman College with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 2019. She has always loved to entertain and inspire others with her artwork and writing and directing for film and television. It gives her a platform to inspire people on a global scale and to

have a positive influence on future generations.

In her own words: "I hope to be one of many black women making strides through storytelling and to give other Bermudians a bridge into the industry. Nothing I have achieved has come easily or even been obtained on the first try. With the support of my community, my family, and my relationship with Christ I've come to believe that all things are possible. My life goal is to use my success to encourage and enable young creatives to pursue their passions, and uplift others through their gifts."



**MATTHEW SINCLAIR**

Matthew will continue his studies at the University of Limerick School of Medicine where he's in his fourth and final year of a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (BMBS). In 2012 he graduated from the College of William and Mary with a BSc Psychology.

His goal upon graduation is to pursue a career in primary care, with an emphasis on care of the elderly. His curiosity with the human condition, along with his desire to learn, to grow, and to serve has propelled him on his journey to pursuing a career in medicine.

In his own words: "Two years before medical school, living and working in L'Arche Cape Breton, a community where people with and without intellectual disabilities live together, was an immensely rich and gratifying experience. Friends there taught me that it did not matter so much what I did or what I planned to do, but instead about the importance and the value of being open and present. It is also where I cooked my first homemade pizza, a tradition that I have continued every Friday night for the last few years!"

## ELDON H. TRIMINGHAM BUSINESS POST GRADUATE STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded annually to a Bermudian proceeding with post graduate business studies overseas and is valued at BD\$30,000 per annum for up to two years.

This year's recipient is **Kristin Gibbons**.



### KRISTIN GIBBONS

Kristin is continuing her studies for an MBA in Marketing at Keiser University having graduated in 2019 with Summa Cum Laude distinction with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management and then worked in the Governance, Risk, and Compliance department of a fintech stock brokerage in the United States. She aspires to keep working in the compliance and

regulatory sector, bringing her knowledge back to Bermuda.

In her own words: "My team members and I built out the first Fraud Operations Department of the company. I have also held a volunteer position at the American Cancer Society for over five years. To give back to the local community, I hope to work with the Ministry of Education to incorporate real-world financial literacy classes into the primary and secondary education systems."

## JOHN D. CAMPBELL ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded annually, this scholarship provides financial support of BD\$30,000 per annum over a period not exceeding four years to a student who is proceeding with undergraduate studies in the arts on a full time basis outside Bermuda.

This year's recipient is **Onuri Smith**.



### ONURI SMITH

Onuri recently graduated from Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts Sixth Form College with a Distinction in Dance and will now study a Bachelor of Musical Theatre at Italia Conti Academy of the Arts. He hopes to work in West End and Broadway, performing on cruise ships and tours worldwide.

In his own words: "I hope to create initiatives that will greatly benefit Bermuda in the future such as a Performing Arts training program."

I pride myself in being more than a performer. Outside of the theatre, I love to invest my time in community service and leadership and I thank incredible organisations like The Future Leaders and Rotary where I have gained invaluable life skills. I use various forms of art to convey important topics and meaningful messages to inspire others and invoke deeper self reflection."

## PHILIP BUTTERFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

The Philip Butterfield Public School Scholarship is awarded annually. The purpose is to provide financial support to a student who graduated or is graduating from a Bermuda public high school and wishes to further their education at an overseas university. The scholarship is valued at BMD\$30,000 per annum for up to four years.

This year's recipient is **Seon Tatem**.



### SEON TATEM

Seon is starting his first year of Law at the University of Buckingham. He chose this degree because it is comprehensive and far reaching and he has a love for advocacy. He aspires to make radical change in the community.

In his own words: "After these studies I wish to serve my community with all that I have. I am passionate about unity, therefore, peace and the wellbeing of my community as a whole is what continues to fuel my unwavering desire to succeed."

## VOCATIONAL, TECHNICAL & TRADE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for young Bermudians to encourage them to undergo a technical or vocational training programme overseas. The focus is to pursue a vocation that is practical and needed in Bermuda including the trades, hospitality, mechanics, piloting, nursing, culinary arts, caregiving, landscaping, cosmetology or hairdressing. The Scholarship is valued at \$24,000 for two years.

This year's recipient is **Yunique Caines**.



### YUNIQUE CAINES

Yunique will pursue an Associate Nursing Degree at Calhoun Community College to become a Registered Nurse. She chose this degree because she has been a nursing assistant for the last nine years and can combine her experience with her passion for helping people.

In her own words: "I aspire to obtain all of the skills that I need so that I can be a great nurse. A life goal that I am now able to achieve, is going back to school and becoming a 'better me'. A little saying that I always tell myself; "It's never too late".

## CHAIRMAN'S AWARDS FOR SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

Centennial Bermuda Foundation Chairman's Awards for Scholastic Achievement are granted annually. Their purpose is to provide financial support for one academic year to students who are pursuing a degree overseas. This year Centennial offers two awards. The Chairman's Awards are valued at BD\$20,000 each.

This year's recipients are Yanni Gibbons and Lashuntae Dill-Assing.



### YANNI GIBBONS

Yanni is continuing her studies in Psychology with a Minor in Criminal Justice at Temple University to achieve a Masters in Therapy and Counseling. She hopes to be a child therapist to contribute to creating a Bermuda where people are supported during their mental health struggles and never feel ashamed of it.

In her own words: "Psychology has been a saving grace for me. Not only did psychology help me understand myself, but I'm also more empathetic and aware of those who suffer mentally. The evolution of how we treat individuals with intellectual and mental disabilities has made astounding strides however I want to push our community to be more supportive, with recognition and respect for those living through these obstacles daily. We need to remove the stigma of mental disability and should never treat anyone as less than us."



### LASHUNTAE DILL-ASSING

Lashuntae recently graduated from Bermuda College with an Associates in Science and will now pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) at Delaware State University.

In her own words: "I choose nursing to be able to continuously make a difference in individuals' everyday lives. My career choice is so much more than nursing. I hope to one day be able to travel as a nurse and help people in countries less fortunate than ours."

## DONALD P. LINES AWARD FOR SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

The Donald P. Lines Award is granted annually. The purpose is to provide financial support for one academic year to a student pursuing a degree overseas. The Donald P. Lines Award is valued at BD\$20,000.

This year's recipient is Jyhair Tucker-Bell.



### JYHAIR TUCKER-BELL

Jyhair is in his senior year at Florida International University, pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering. After completing his studies he intends to return to Bermuda to further develop the islands' waste-water management infrastructure.

In his own words: "I believe that Bermuda's future strongly depends on preserving and utilizing our natural resources effectively."

## FINANCIAL SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP

Offered as a commitment to advancing and developing Bermudians within the financial services industry in Bermuda this scholarship is granted annually and is valued at BD\$20,000, disbursed over the final two years of University.

This year's recipient is Nadir Young.



### NADIR YOUNG

Nadir recently graduated from Bermuda College with an Associate of Arts degree in Business Administration and will pursue a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting at Acadia University. He chose the degree because of its versatility and opportunities it brings, especially in Bermuda, to work in International Business. He aspires to be a Chartered Professional Accountant in

one of the 'Big 4' accounting firms and then pursue a career in the reinsurance industry.

In his own words: "I am passionate about the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bermuda organization. I know what it's like to be a young male growing up without a father in your life. Having the opportunity to have a Big Brother helped me to mature, take care of my community and show me the importance of male mentors. After I complete my studies, my goal is to become a Big Brother so I can give back to the community that helped me become the person I am today."

## CENTENNIAL TRUST SCHOLARSHIP

The Centennial Trust Scholarship is offered to a student pursuing undergraduate studies overseas. It provides financial support of BD\$12,000 per annum for up to four years.

This year's recipient is Cusheah Smith.



### CUSHEAH SMITH

Cusheah will be pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Kettering College. She chose nursing as a career path to help and improve the community's quality of health. After her studies she wants to establish her own clinic with affordable medical care, advising and teaching families more about healthcare.

In her own words: "Volunteering at the Lorraine Rest Home solidified my passion for work in the medical field. I love science fiction books and helping out wherever I can in the community."

## JOSEPH C. H. JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP

The Joseph C. H. Johnson Scholarship is awarded annually to a student who is in their final year of secondary school in Bermuda and is valued at BD\$30,000 per annum for up to four years. Candidates are nominated by their school Principal. One candidate is nominated from each school. The successful candidate must proceed with undergraduate studies on a full-time basis at Bermuda College or an overseas university approved by Centennial Bermuda Foundation.

This year's recipient is Andreaz Glasgow (The Berkeley Institute).



### ANDREAZ GLASGOW

Andreaz will pursue a Bachelor of Business in Marketing & Management at Long Island University. He chose the programme because he sees Business and Marketing going hand in hand. He sees marketing as the most influential division of a business, providing crucial information for key business decisions and contributing to clear direction and business targets. He aims to own

a consulting firm and will stay involved in the community, giving back philanthropically in the education sector.

In his own words: "I truly do like to live the best life possible. I stay grounded, humble, and aware. Winston Churchill said, 'Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.' While I never define my obstacles as failures, I mark my success by my repeated perseverance through adversity."

## JOSEPH C. H. JOHNSON NOMINATION AWARDS

The Joseph C. H. Johnson Nomination Awards are presented annually to students who have been nominated by their school Principal for the Joseph C. H. Johnson Scholarship. The value of each award is BD\$1,500.

This year's recipients are Areena Brown (CedarBridge Academy), Jayden Coleman (Bermuda Institute), G'zai Dyer (Warwick Academy), Jalen McLarty (Saltus Grammar School), Darius Mills (Somersfield Academy), Kristiana Smith (Mount Saint Agnes Academy) and Miniya Wainwright (Bermuda High School for Girls).



### AREENA BROWN

Areena will pursue a Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Psychology at St. Mary's University. She chose a psychology degree because she is interested in the human mind and human behaviors. She would like to help solve the mental health stigma that exists worldwide.

In her own words: "People who struggle with their mental health deserve help, not to be mistreated and disrespected. I have absolutely fallen in love with writing and have written a play called 'Lamb'. While this doesn't exactly match up with my desire to heal people, one day I will be able to write a book or play on the issues and help that way."



### JAYDEN COLEMAN

Jayden will study a Bachelor of Accounting at Oakwood University. He chose this degree because he enjoys working with numbers, being organised, and handling money.

In his own words: "After my studies I plan to return home, find a job, and find ways to help boost Bermuda's economy. My life goal is to travel the world. One of my favourite quotes that I live by is from the writer, Orson Scott Card. He said, "The wise are not wise because they make no mistakes, they are wise because they correct their mistakes as soon as they recognize them."

## JOSEPH C. H. JOHNSON NOMINATION AWARDS



**G'ZAI DYER**

G'zai will pursue a Bachelor of Science in Adult and Mental Health Nursing at the University of Birmingham. She chose this line of nursing to deepen her knowledge so that she can help the wider community. She aspires to be a mental health advocate especially for black women, while challenging racial discrimination in the medical field in Bermuda and overseas.

In her own words: "My most memorable achievement was receiving an award as Head Candy Stripper and being the Sports Leader at Warwick Academy. I also received the Pembroke Rotary Club Award for community service and graduated with the IB Female Sports Award. My life goal is to go to medical school and pursue a career in Obstetrics and Gynaecology."



**KRISTIANA SMITH**

Kristiana will study Kinesiology at St. Francis Xavier University. She chose to study Human Kinetics because she wants to have an impact on people's life and body to help them heal. She plans to one day own her own physiotherapy practice.

In her own words: "I want to be the reason that someone wakes up feeling amazing, I want to help people stay in good health. I am extremely passionate about community service as I feel that it is important to give back. I participate in community service such as feeding programs and community events. A life goal is to graduate university with a master's degree and open my own physiotherapy practice."



**JALEN MCLARTY**

Jalen will pursue a Bachelor of Computer Engineering at the University of North Carolina in Charlotte. For as long as he can remember he has always had an interest in technology and how it works.

In his own words: "I have always taken apart my Xbox, Wii or Nintendo 3D to see how it all works and I have built my own computer. In my career I want to help further the development of technology."



**MINIYA WAINWRIGHT**

Miniya will study a Bachelor in Fine Arts at Savannah College of Art and Design, with a focus on Art Therapy. She chose this because of the way art has allowed her to express herself, helped her develop confidence and ability to cope in life.

In her own words: "I want to come back to Bermuda and bring art therapy into the schools, or to open my own practice. It's my life goal to always continue creating. I want my profession to always be something that I love and for it to have a positive impact on others."



**DARIUS MILLS**

Darius will study a Bachelor of Kinesiology at Acadia University. He wants to become a physiotherapist and own a gym. It will give him the ability to help people improve their health, wellbeing and quality of life and help to change people's lives for the better.

In his own words: "I am extremely outgoing, sports oriented, and enjoy helping others. I love to give back to my local community as they may pay it forward to others."

Centennial Bermuda Foundation is an independent, philanthropic foundation, providing scholarships to individuals and grants to a wide range of nonprofit groups in Bermuda. Over the years, the foundation has given in the region of \$75 million to support projects both large and small, and now provides approximately \$2.6 million in grants and awards up to \$950,000 in scholarships annually.



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