



Centennial
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2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

*When we dream big,
anything is possible.*



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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.

*Congratulations to our 2023
scholarship recipients!*

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 Catarina Garcia and Maya Leighton.

Catarina Garca

Catarina is studying Biomedical Sciences at University of Reading and wants to be able to make a difference in the healthcare system and improve the lives of people in Bermuda and globally.

In her own words:

"I view my education as a gift, one that is not only beneficial to me, but will one day be beneficial to many others."



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Maya Leighton

Maya is working toward a Bachelor of Science in Oceanography with a minor in Data Science at University of North Carolina, Wilmington. She has been working at the Bermuda Institute of Ocean Sciences in the Microbial Ecology Laboratory, and since 2021 has been devoted to a project about the ocean microbial community in the Sargasso Sea.

In her own words:

"It's been a long journey to get where I am today, in pursuit of post-secondary education. I followed my heart and never gave up on myself. I hope to go on to a PhD in Oceanography, work in renewable energy, help protect and preserve our oceans, and bring ocean-based solutions to Bermuda in light of the ensuing climate crisis."



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 Jordan De Shields and Katherine White receiving a four-year scholarship for their doctorate studies.

Jordan De Shields

Jordan is pursuing a Masters (MSc Actuarial Science) at City University of London, having achieved the highest cumulative GPA in his course at Kingston University for three consecutive years.

He was also an active student mentor and a consistent starter on the local Rugby and American Football teams.

In his own words:

"I believe that the future of International Business in Bermuda lies in the hands of our young people. My primary goal is to educate our students about the available career paths in the International Business sector and the steps required to achieve success in the industry."



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Katherine White

Katherine is embarking on a Masters (MSc) in Psychology of Education at University College, London. She has been working with Bermuda's Community Intellectual Disability Team (CIDT), providing person-centred quality support that empowers people with an intellectual disability to live an optimum life.

In her own words:

"I am deeply passionate about helping youth develop strong foundations and empowering them to thrive, particularly youth who may fall through the gaps of traditional education. I believe that every young person deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential and I want to encourage them to follow their passions despite what challenges they may encounter – just like I am following mine."



ELDON H. TRIMINGHAM BUSINESS POSTGRADUATE STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded annually to Bermudians proceeding with postgraduate business studies overseas and is valued at BD\$30,000 per annum for up to two years. This year's recipients are Owenea Roberts and Shane White each receiving a one year scholarship.

Owenea Roberts

Owenea is pursuing a Masters of Science in Accounting at St. John's University.

At school she made history as the elected President of the Student Government Association, being the first international student, first black woman, and youngest person to ever serve as President.

In her own words:

"I am a first generation college student and I plan to return to Bermuda, receive my CPA designation and work in the reinsurance industry to reach my career goal of becoming a Chief Financial Officer. I also hope to mentor young students who want to enter the business industry."



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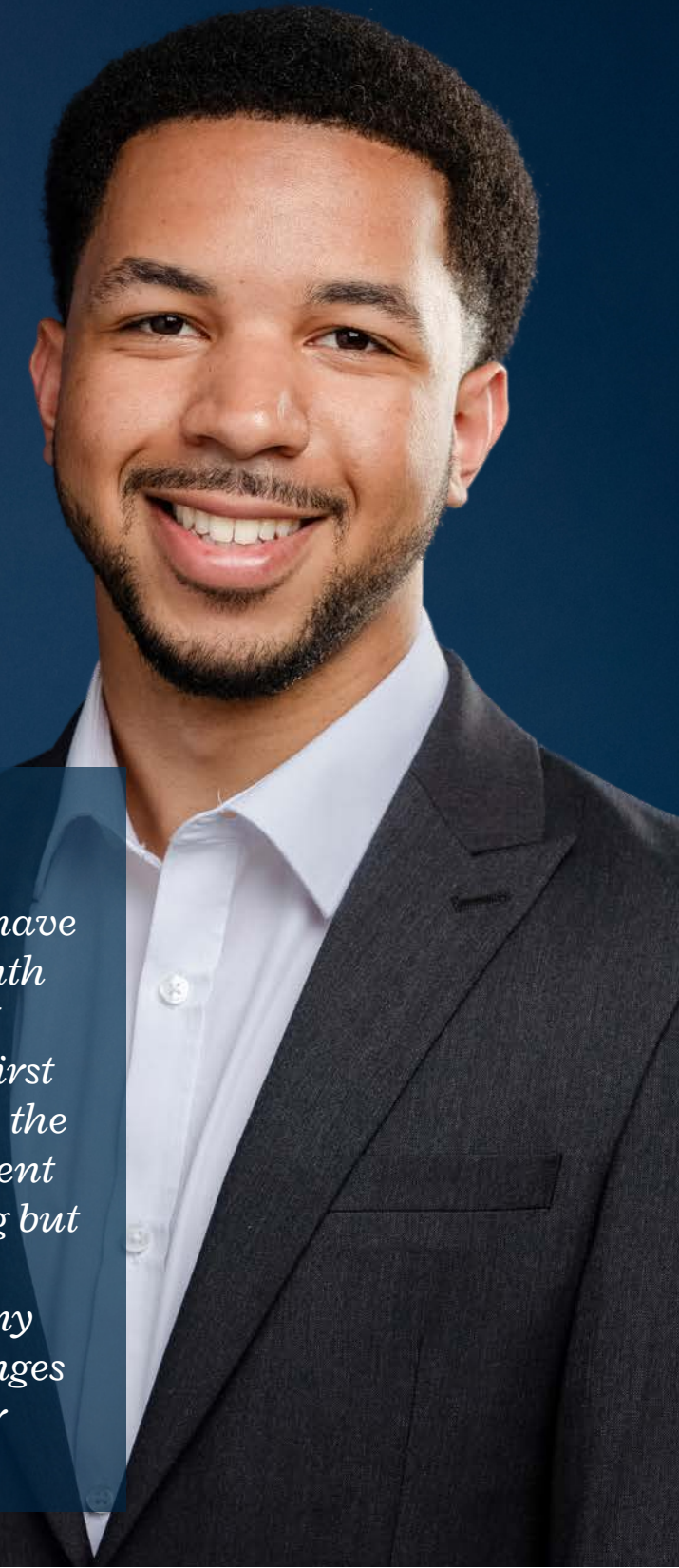
Shane White

Shane is pursuing his Masters in Finance (MSc) at University of Southampton. He considers his greatest achievement to be crafting a performance-worthy Bermuda cedar acoustic guitar from scratch, without carpentry skills.

Some tried to discourage him but with the support of those close to him, he persevered and succeeded.

In his own words:

"My academic, professional, and personal success thus far would not have been possible without this seven-month long project to hand make a guitar. I used it when I sang publicly for the first time on stage and when I looked into the audience, while holding an instrument built by my own hands, I felt nothing but joy and fulfilment. The experience allowed me to humbly understand my innate ability to conquer any challenges in my path, which will allow further success in my life."



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 Nathan Wilson.

Nathan Wilson

Nathan will study Electrical Engineering at University of Southampton, a field that intrigues him. He plays rugby at the national level, and also loves playing piano.

In his own words:

"Being in and winning the Mr. and Miss Cedarbridge Academy pageant has been an incredible growth experience and allowed me to break fears I didn't know I had, and to create tight bonds with peers I would never have imagined. Understanding that no person has it all figured out allows me to always accept and apply wisdom from others."



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 Gianna Lupparelli.

Gianna Lupparelli

Gianna is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Dramatic Arts - Performance, and a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Psychology at Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts, Brock University. On graduating high school she received the Warwick Academy Performance Award.

In her own words:

"Acting, shooting a film, or writing a story is about the journey of learning other perspectives, experiences, getting comfortable with being uncomfortable, and flaunting vulnerability to create something beautiful. In hundreds of ways, performing, storytelling, and creating art have saved me. I hope I can share my unique artistic expression to help and save others as well."



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. The Scholarship is valued at \$24,000 for two years.

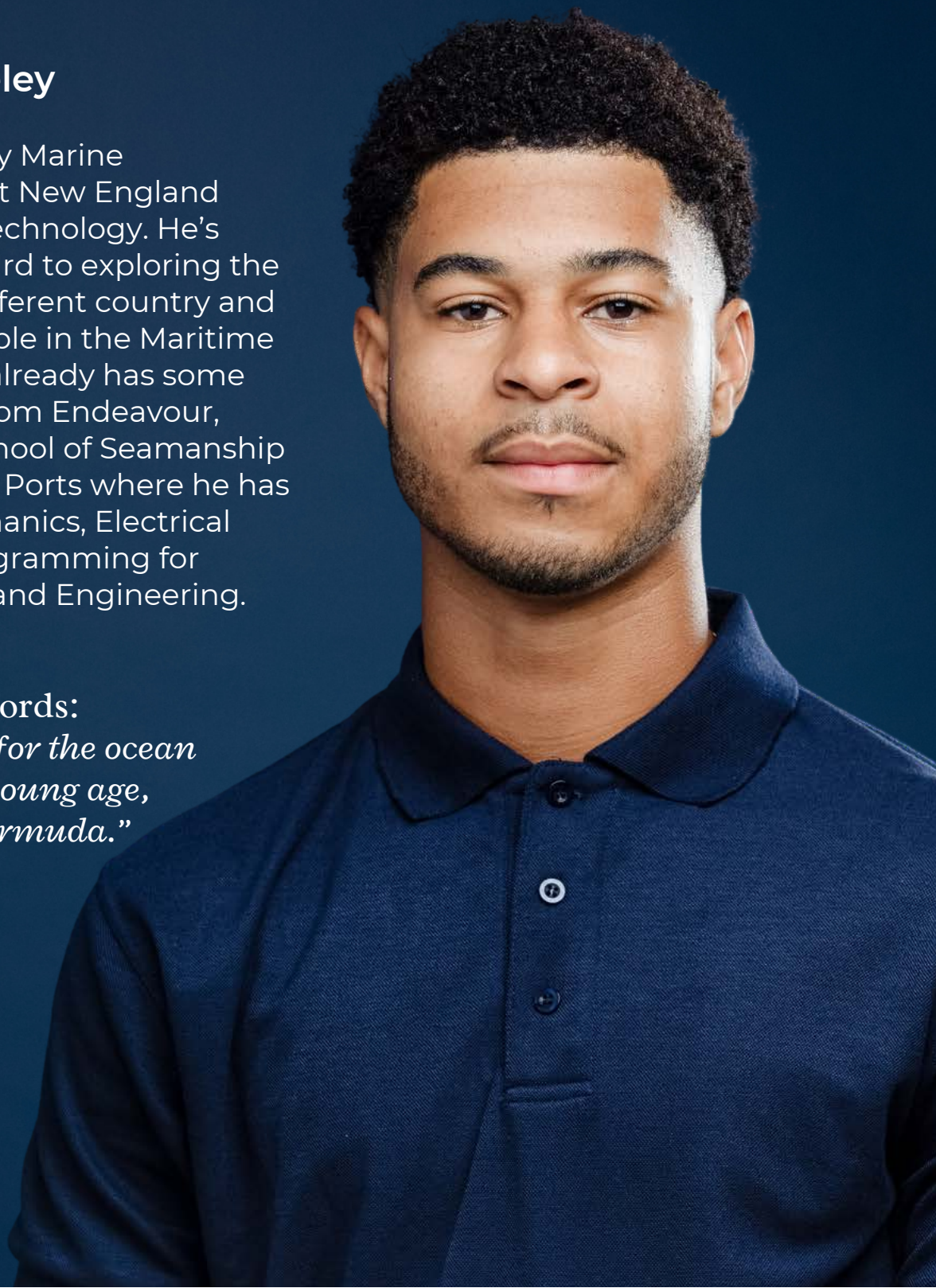
This year's recipient is J'kai Berkeley.

J'kai Berkeley

J'kai will study Marine Technology at New England Institute of Technology. He's looking forward to exploring the ocean in a different country and meeting people in the Maritime industry. He already has some experience from Endeavour, Chapman School of Seamanship and Marine & Ports where he has learned Mechanics, Electrical Systems, Programming for Technicians, and Engineering.

In his own words:

"My passion for the ocean started at a young age, fishing in Bermuda."



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.

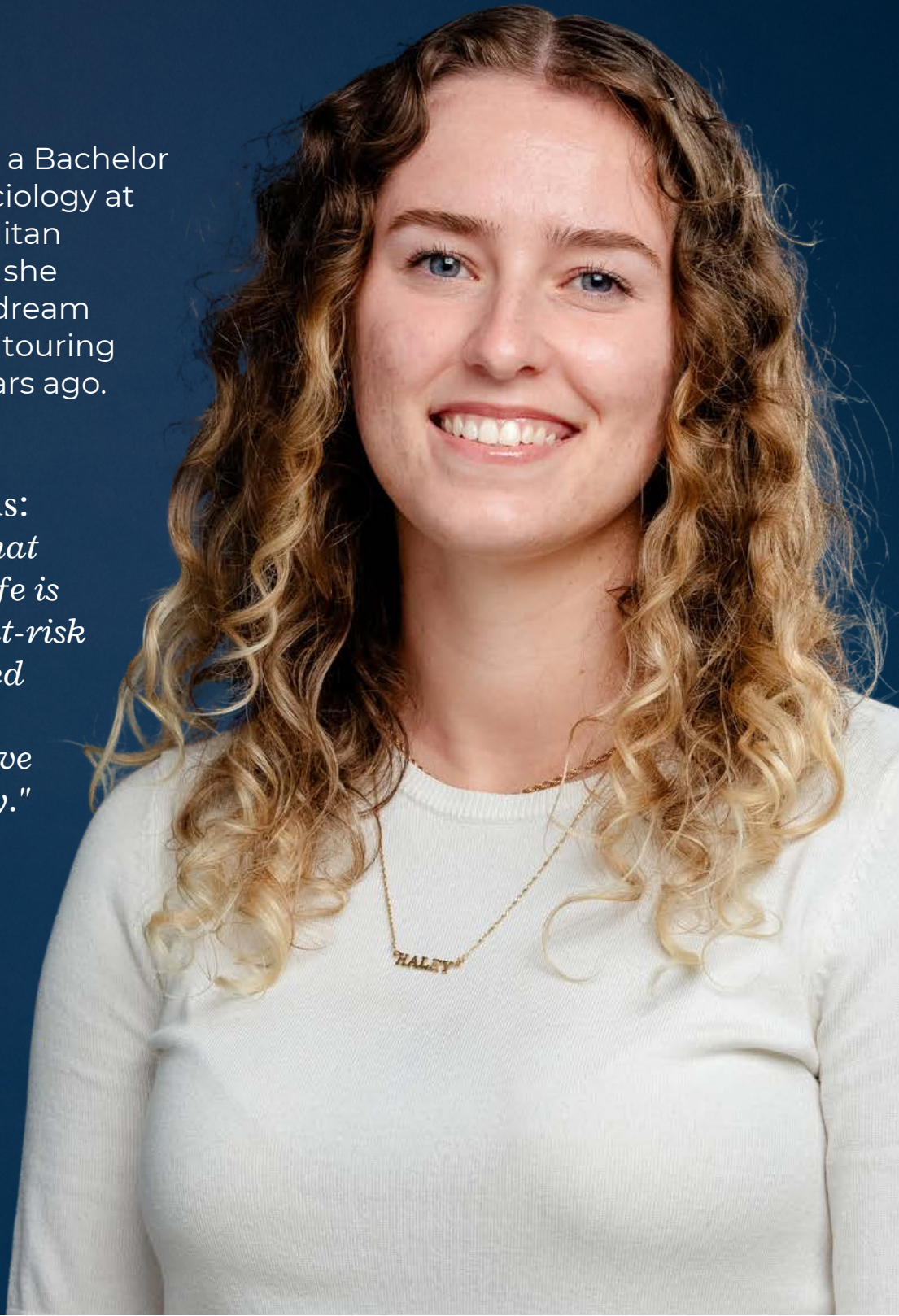
This year's recipients are Haley Davis and David Simmons.

Haley Davis

Haley is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Sociology at Toronto Metropolitan University, which she describes as her dream school, since first touring the campus 4 years ago.

In her own words:

"I truly believe that my purpose in life is to advocate for at-risk and marginalised groups and to encourage positive change in society."



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David Simmons

David is embarking on a four-year degree of Global Development Studies at the University of the Fraser Valley. He was a Raleigh Bermuda Project Manager for five years and is passionate about Bermudians seeing a future in our island.

In his own words:

"I hope to gain experience and knowledge of innovative ways to help guide Bermuda into the future. I will continue to work on myself and become a valuable member of our society."



DONALD P. LINES AWARD FOR SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

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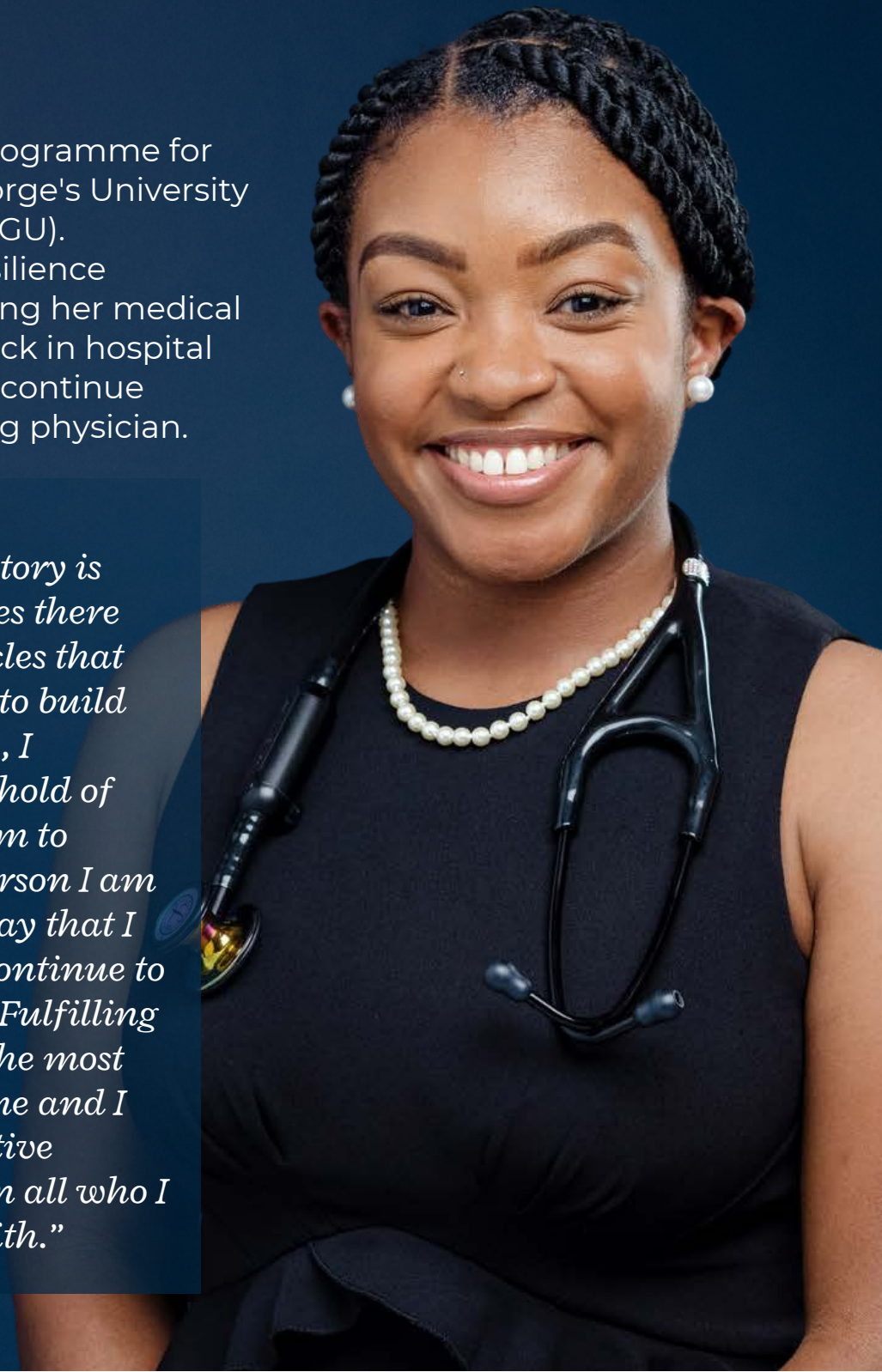
This year's recipient is Jade Richardson.

Jade Richardson

Jade is in a six year programme for Med School at St. George's University School of Medicine (SGU). She showed great resilience successfully completing her medical school exams while sick in hospital and is determined to continue growing as an aspiring physician.

In her own words:

"Everyone's success story is different and at times there will be several obstacles that one must encounter to build character. Therefore, I embrace them, take hold of them, and allow them to shape me into the person I am meant to be. Every day that I live on this earth, I continue to keep my goals alive. Fulfilling my life's purpose is the most important thing to me and I want to make a positive lasting impression on all who I come into contact with."



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 Cassandra Da Ponte.

Cassandra Da Ponte

Cassandra is in her third year at Birmingham City University, studying a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Business Management. She intends to return to Bermuda upon graduating, to achieve accounting designations, CPI or CFA, while mentoring students with a similar career aspiration.

In her own words:

"I encourage individuals to work hard and never give up, patience, persistence and perseverance is an unbeatable combination for success."



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 Azari Easton.

Azari Easton

Azari is pursuing a Computer Science degree at Dalhousie University. As Captain of the Bermuda Robotics Team she led the team in an international global robotics competition in Switzerland.

In her own words:

"I am passionate about robotics and aspire to one day lead a team in creating something truly extraordinary, all while embracing my love for travelling the world."



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 Mishale Corday (Bermuda Institute).

Mishale Corday

Mishale is studying Clinical Laboratory Science at Howard University.

In her own words:

"My smile comes with a story. It has been very important to me to remain steadfast and humble throughout my journey. Even on those days that I have felt like giving up, I dig deep and spark that inner drive and determination that I have been purposed with. My mom has always instilled in me, "God will never bring you to something and not take you through it!" Beating the odds has truly given me a fire inside to succeed and become the difference-maker that I know I can be!"



JOSEPH C. H. JOHNSON NOMINATION AWARD

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\$3,000.

This year's recipient is Kesay Bell (CedarBridge Academy).

Kesay Bell

Kesay will study Marine Science at Bermuda College. It's her passion and she has always loved the ocean and animals.

In her own words:

"I was accepted into the Junior Volunteer Program and BAMZ in 2022, it's my most memorable accomplishment. I would do anything to make our country be known, whether it is through my track and field, which I love with a passion, or marine studies, which has my heart."



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This year's recipient is Elia Rocha (Mount Saint Agnes Academy).

Elia Rocha

Elia is pursuing a Bachelor of Science Diagnostic Radiography at University of Plymouth. She graduated Mount St Agnes with the Principal's Achievement Award for Perseverance and the Board of Governors Incentive Award.

In her own words:

"I am a hardworking and driven individual who isn't afraid to face challenges. I pride myself on my strong organisational skills and try to be organised in every area of my life. I love meeting new people and learning about their lives and their backgrounds. I can almost always find common ground with strangers, and I like making people feel comfortable in my presence."



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This year's recipient is Kaliyah Lee-Tucker (Warwick Academy).

Kaliyah Lee-Tucker

Kaliyah will study Law at Manchester Metropolitan. She was acknowledged for her work and contribution when she received the CPA Outstanding Student Award for leadership skills, school spirit and academic excellence.

She loved dancing hip-hop and tap with United Dance Productions (UDP) to clear her mind and express herself. She also set up a very successful thrift store as a fundraiser for the school's Prom Committee.

In her own words:

"The most memorable group I've been a part of was the Human Rights Committee at school. This is what originally sparked my interest in law."



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This year's recipient is Sierra DeSousa (Bermuda High School for Girls).

Sierra DeSousa

Sierra will study Criminology and Criminal Justice at University of Leeds. For her extended essay for the IB Diploma Program, she researched and wrote the 4,000-word assignment about the physics of Blood Spatter Analysis, using artificial crime scenes to collect data for investigation.

In her own words:

"I aspire to be an example for others around me and to become a better person everyday through kindness and mindfulness. I am a singer, a teacher, a helper and most importantly, I am always willing to try new things. I have never backed down from a challenge and I never will."



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This year's recipient is Lara Pitcher (Saltus Grammar School).

Lara Pitcher

Lara is pursuing a Computer Science degree (BSc.) from Kean University. She is equally passionate about the Performing Arts and intends to include aspects of the arts in her life alongside her interest in Computer Science.

In her own words:

"My most memorable accomplishment is learning to play Corelli's La Folia on my violin and performing it during a solo concert. Performing Arts, be it acting, singing, violin or anything else, is not just part of my life, but a part of who I am as a person. Performing has taught me valuable skills and has shaped who I am to this day."



SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

In addition to Centennial's traditional scholarships and awards we are pleased to offer two Special Recognition awards.

This year's recipients are Quadre Emery (BD\$12,000 for one year) and Razi Garland (BD\$10,000 for one year).

Quadre Emery

Quadre is entering his final year of a Bachelor of Science at Nova Southeastern University and aspires to go on to Graduate School for Medical Physics. Once licensed as a Medical Physicist in the United States he would like to complete a residency at Bermuda's hospital. He is a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

In his own words:

"My most memorable accomplishment was being invited by my Professor to be a student researcher on a project to determine the rarest colours on Earth."



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Razi Garland

Razi is embarking on a BSc. Psychology degree with St. John's University. He puts a lot of passion into everything he does, which was demonstrated in his most memorable accomplishment, competing in the 2023 Carita Games.

In his own words:

"Competing in that atmosphere was exhilarating and a huge step outside of the level of competition that I'm used to in Bermuda. The experience helped to shape my goals and I'm forever grateful. Since Middle School I went through a shift from not being too interested in people, to realising you can't get through life without valuable people around you."





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CENTENNIAL SUCCESS COACH PROGRAMME

We are proud to welcome Centennial's first Success Coaches, who will offer mentorship and guidance to first-year scholarship students. The more a student can settle-in to their studies and develop a sense of belonging, the greater their success will be throughout their academic journey.

Thank you and we welcome the following coaches to Centennial.



CENTENNIAL SUCCESS COACHES

TANYA BHANDARI

Executive Coach, Untangled International (entrepreneur)

Tanya has an extensive background in coaching, mentoring, and training, coupled with a knowledge of Canada's post-secondary education system as her country of origin.

KRISTA BARNES

Director of Communications & Sustainability, Liberty Group Limited

Krista has independently overcome learning disabilities (identified late in her secondary schooling) and now enjoys a successful career after earning a post-secondary degree. She recognises the significance a mentor can offer.

TIFFANY PAYNTER

Executive Director, OutBermuda

Tiffany has natural interpersonal skills for connecting with others and her long, non-traditional path to achieve her undergraduate degree, now inspires and guides others on the journey.

CHRISTA SCHWEIZER

VP, Legal Counsel, Butterfield Bank

Christa has benefited greatly from mentorships during her academic and professional endeavours, and she now chooses to provide others with similar guidance and support.

JONATHAN BEARD

Retired

Jon's experience and passion make him well-suited as a mentor, as he possesses the necessary expertise and a solid dedication to developing relationships and making ongoing contributions to student education.



CENTENNIAL SUCCESS COACHES

CAMILLE CREARY

Family Preservation Social Worker, Dept. of Child & Family Services

Camille was a past recipient of a BOBF Scholarship, and understands the challenges our students face, personally and through her professional experience.

WESLEY HALL

English Teacher and M2 Advisor, Clearwater Middle School

Wesley was involved in peer mentorship in university, and has been an advisor for more than five years. He demonstrates an invaluable ability to foster growth in diverse areas.

UNEAKA DANIELS

English Language Arts Teacher, Port Royal Primary School

Uneaka brings significant value as a success coach, engaging students and establishing rapport with them. Her unique nurturing qualities can offer extra support to a special group of students.

AARYN CIMINO

Secondary English Teacher, Mount St Agnes

As an upper school teacher at MSA, Aaryn understands the importance of college readiness, and has valuable experience motivating students, and skillfully transforming conflict into learning opportunities.

KRISTEN ALEXANDER

VP, Human Resources & Operations, Aeolus Capital Management Ltd.

Kristen is passionate about mentorship and is eager to share her time and experience to impact others. She has a deep understanding, knowledge and experience of mentoring.



CENTENNIAL SUCCESS COACHES

SAMANTHA NEARON

Patient Representative & Clinical Admin. Asst., Bermuda Cancer and Health Centre

Samantha is committed to the Bermudian nonprofit community and eagerly volunteers her time and talent. She is on non-profit boards, she initiated the Under 40 Philanthropy Group, and is involving millennials in Civic and Community Engagement to contribute to the betterment of Bermuda.

TIFFANY WHITTER

Educational Therapist, Sandys Secondary Middle School

Tiffany is an education specialist in the public school system and specialises in therapeutic trauma and crisis intervention.

LATISHA LISTER

Executive Director, Employee Assistance Programme

Latisha has initiated an internship programme at EAP, where she has mentored students, and she is a WeSpeak Coach. She is committed to empowering young people in personal and professional development.

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 \$4 million in grants, and awards up to \$950,000 in scholarships annually.



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