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2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

*When we dream big,
anything is possible.*



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The Centennial Bermuda Foundation is proud to announce the recipients of the 2024 Centennial Scholarships. In our unwavering commitment to fostering an equitable and accessible scholarship programme, we are delighted to support students pursuing diverse pathways in post-secondary education.

Whether it's Bermuda College, community colleges, vocational training, undergraduate, arts, or postgraduate degrees, our scholarship programme is designed to empower our recipients to Dream Big.

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.

Generally, we award scholarships on the following basis, taking into consideration students' budgets, any other scholarships awarded and the duration of their studies:

- Bermuda College - up to **\$15,000** for up to two years
- Community College - up to **\$35,000** for up to two years
- SkillUp - up to **\$35,000** for up to two years
- Undergraduate - up to **\$35,000** for up to four year
- Arts Degree - up to **\$35,000** for up to four years
- PostGraduate - up to **\$35,000** for up to four years

*Congratulations to our 2024
scholarship recipients!*

BERMUDA COLLEGE/COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP



Zha-Lei Looby

Zha-Lei will study Nursing at Bermuda College for two years and then plans to attend Wingate University to complete her degree with a specialisation in gerontological nursing and dementia. She is proud to have already completed the Certified Nursing Assistant programme at Bermuda College, while still in high school.

"I am a determined and optimistic person. I want to travel the world, and I have many hopes and dreams, and I also love writing poems. The sky cannot be the limit when there are footprints on the moon."



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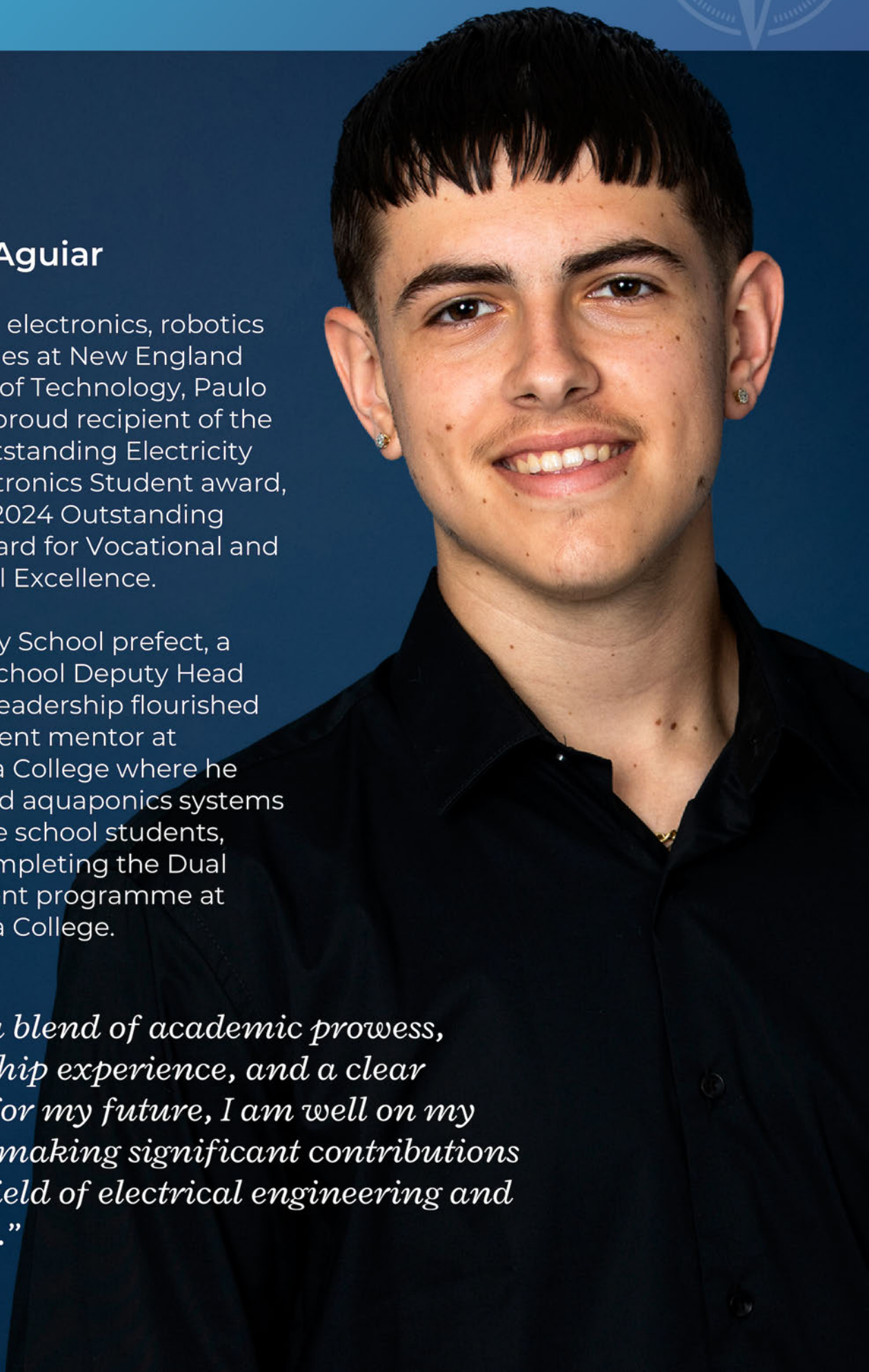


Paulo Aguiar

Studying electronics, robotics and drones at New England Institute of Technology, Paulo was the proud recipient of the Most Outstanding Electricity and Electronics Student award, and the 2024 Outstanding Teen Award for Vocational and Technical Excellence.

A Primary School prefect, a Middle School Deputy Head Boy, his leadership flourished as a student mentor at Bermuda College where he presented aquaponics systems to middle school students, while completing the Dual Enrollment programme at Bermuda College.

“With a blend of academic prowess, leadership experience, and a clear vision for my future, I am well on my way to making significant contributions to the field of electrical engineering and beyond.”



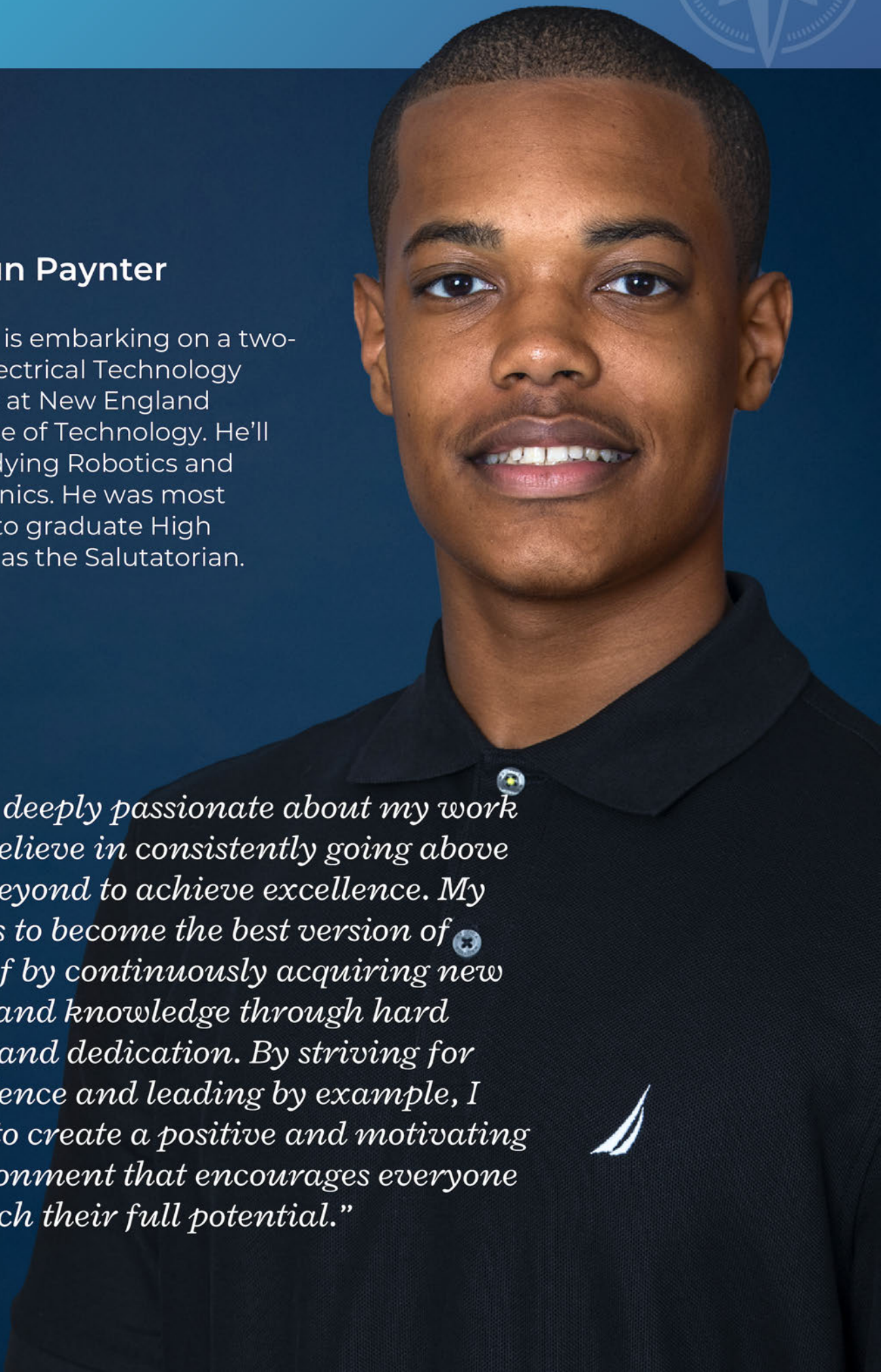
BERMUDA COLLEGE/COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP



Jaysun Paynter

Jaysun is embarking on a two-year Electrical Technology degree at New England Institute of Technology. He'll be studying Robotics and Electronics. He was most proud to graduate High School as the Salutatorian.

"I am deeply passionate about my work and believe in consistently going above and beyond to achieve excellence. My goal is to become the best version of myself by continuously acquiring new skills and knowledge through hard work and dedication. By striving for excellence and leading by example, I hope to create a positive and motivating environment that encourages everyone to reach their full potential."



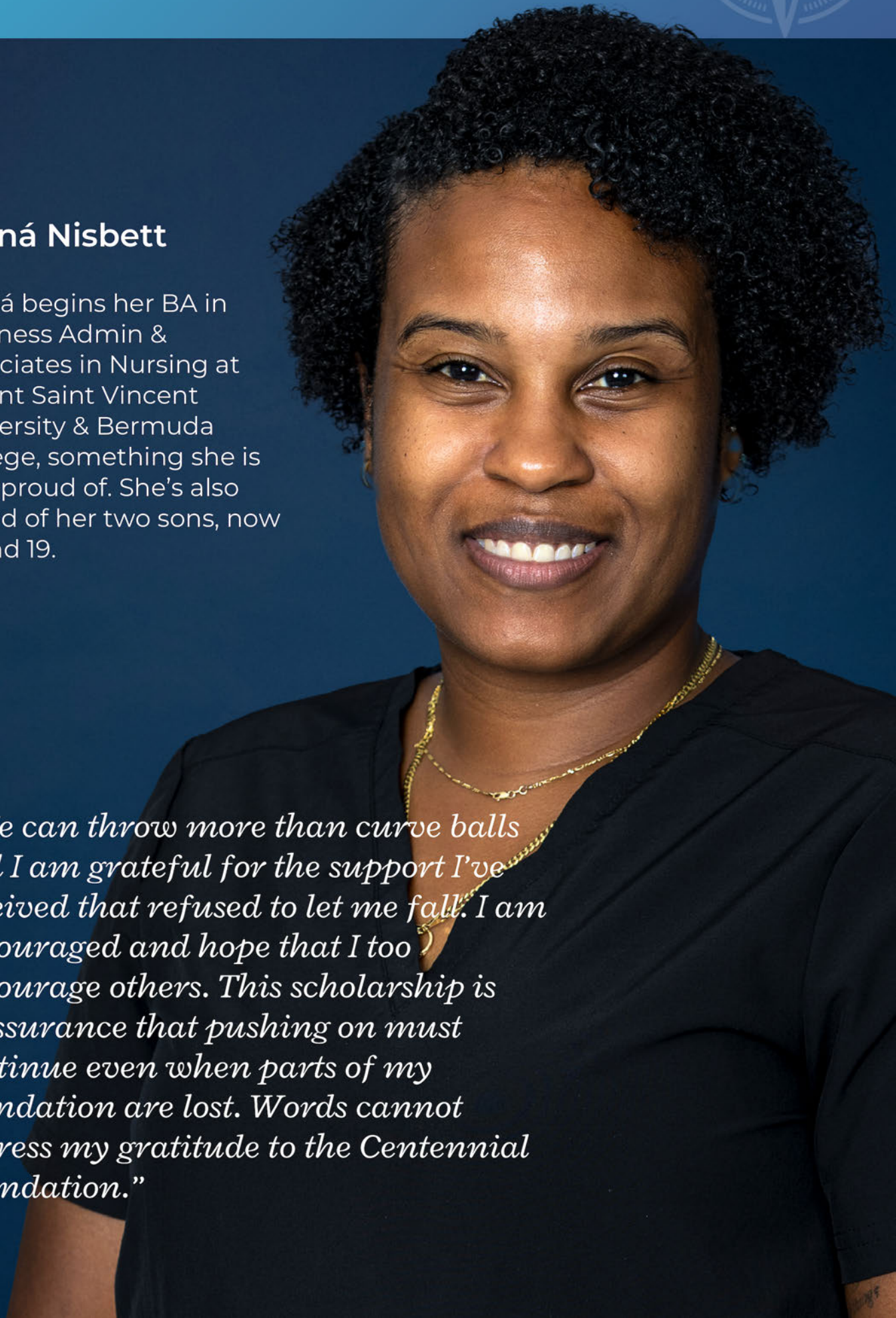
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Chiná Nisbett

Chiná begins her BA in Business Admin & Associates in Nursing at Mount Saint Vincent University & Bermuda College, something she is very proud of. She's also proud of her two sons, now 17 and 19.

"Life can throw more than curve balls and I am grateful for the support I've received that refused to let me fall. I am encouraged and hope that I too encourage others. This scholarship is reassurance that pushing on must continue even when parts of my foundation are lost. Words cannot express my gratitude to the Centennial Foundation."



SKILLUP SCHOLARSHIP



Zyare Outerbridge

Zyare will study a two-year programme of Business and Fitness at the Royal National College for the Visually Impaired. He was proud to walk across the stage to accept his High School Diploma.

"My disability could have easily made me unhappy, but I have not let it define my life. I've lived my life just like anyone else without a disability would. I've played football, cricket, basketball, and I even ran track until I was injured while playing in a football tournament. I have a passion for fitness and my goal and dream is to one day own my own gym."



UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



Desmond Crockwell

Embarking on Business Management and Marketing studies, Desmond plans to attend Oxford Brookes University, UK. Desmond is proud to have graduated the International Baccalaureate Diploma programme (IB) this year.

"The IB has prepared me mentally for further education, and it took a lot of sacrifice, which was worth it in the end. I plan to balance my educational journey with my football journey, as football is my passion. I am excited to see new places, experience new cultures and interact with people from different backgrounds. This will allow me to gain new perspectives on situations and keep myself open-minded."



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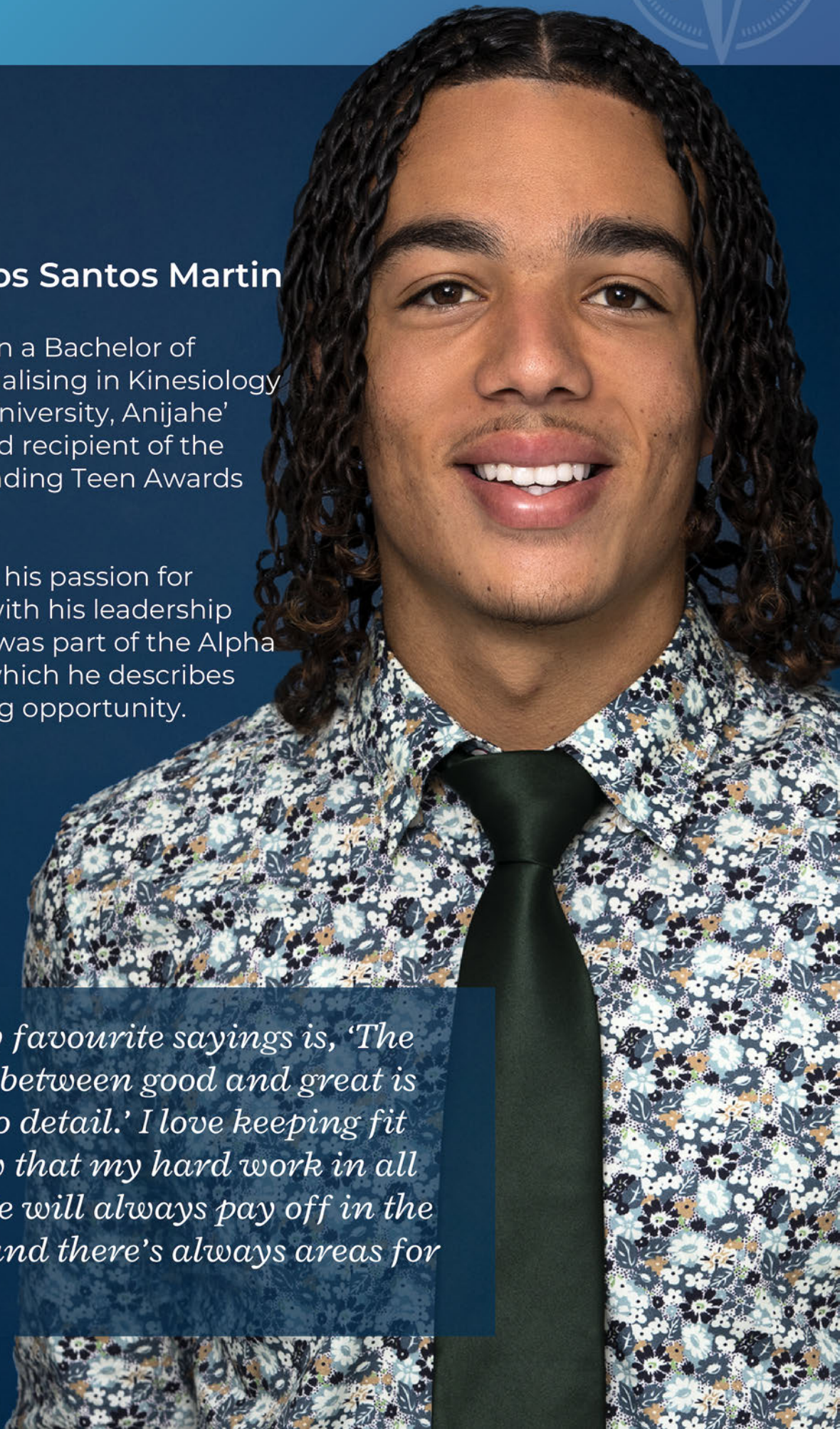


Anijahé dos Santos Martin

Embarking on a Bachelor of Science specialising in Kinesiology at Western University, Anijahe' was the proud recipient of the 2024 Outstanding Teen Awards for Sports.

It recognised his passion for sport along with his leadership qualities. He was part of the Alpha Beautillion, which he describes as an amazing opportunity.

"One of my favourite sayings is, 'The difference between good and great is attention to detail.' I love keeping fit and I know that my hard work in all areas of life will always pay off in the long run, and there's always areas for growth."



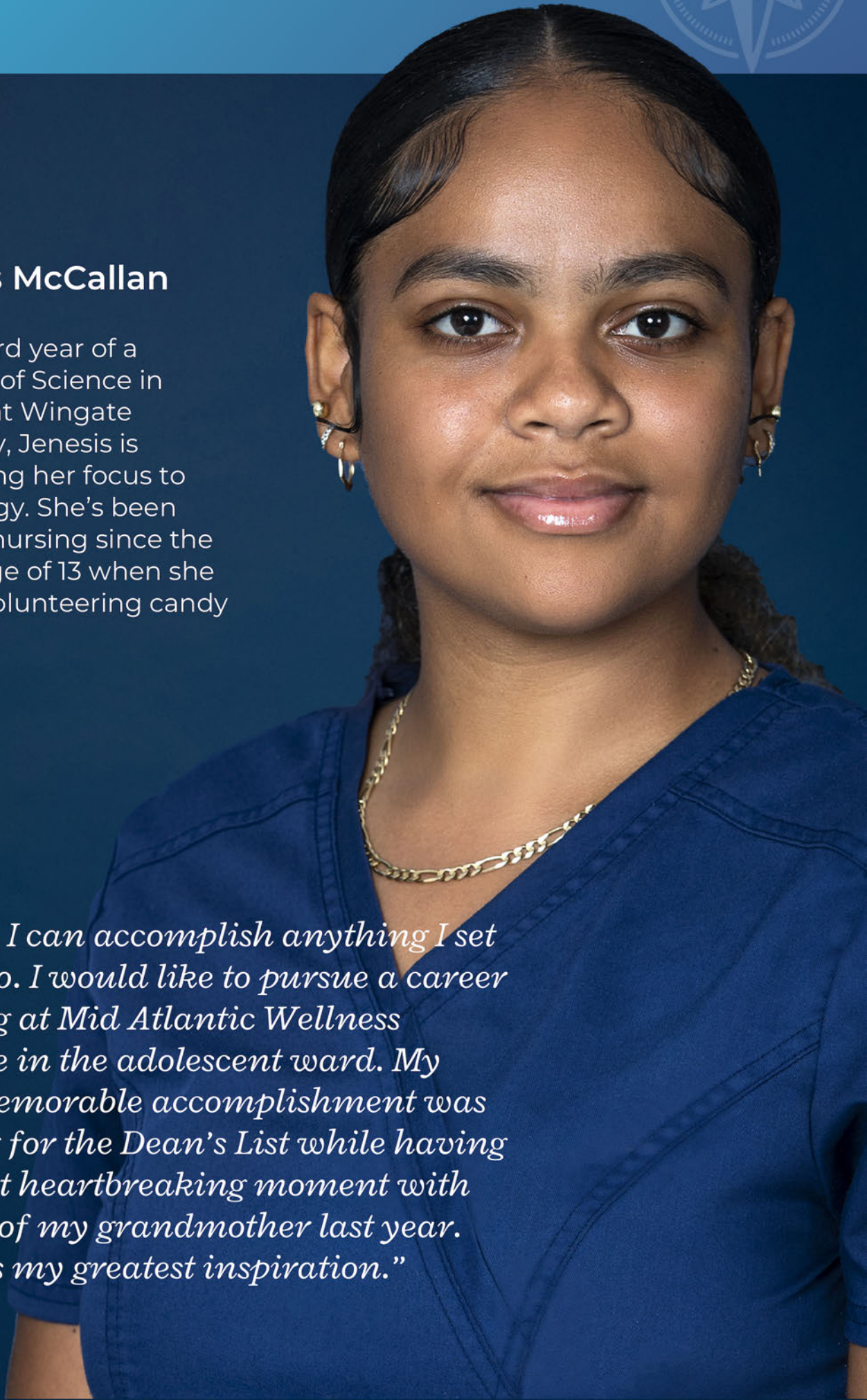
UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



Jenesis McCallan

In her third year of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Wingate University, Jenesis is sharpening her focus to psychology. She's been keen on nursing since the tender age of 13 when she started volunteering candy striping.

"I know I can accomplish anything I set out to do. I would like to pursue a career working at Mid Atlantic Wellness Institute in the adolescent ward. My most memorable accomplishment was striving for the Dean's List while having the most heartbreaking moment with the loss of my grandmother last year. She was my greatest inspiration."



UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



Kyiah Robinson

Kyiah will study a four-year Childhood Studies degree at University of Essex, UK. She was most proud to be the Deputy Head Girl at The Berkeley Institute and she felt the school's mission, to help students lead 'full and purposeful lives' aligned with her own values. Her goal is to become a Child Psychologist.

"The Danish proverb, 'What you are is the world's gift to you; what you do with yourself is your gift to the world' is the philosophy I strive to live by. For me, this means using my strong work ethic, leadership skills and desire to make a meaningful impact to give back to my community in Bermuda. I hope to mentor young students, empowering them to identify their own gifts and find ways to uplift those around them."



UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



Sakai Newman

Studying Computer Science at Newcastle University, Sakai is entering his senior year and is already giving back to the community. While studying, he has been teaching code to Middle School students and he will lead practical sessions next year in university.

He is proud to have been selected by the Bermuda United World College National Committee to attend United World College Thailand, where he completed his International Baccalaureate (IB).

"I am passionate about introducing younger students to coding and computer science. As a peer mentor and university demonstrator, I enjoy teaching programming and inspiring the next generation to explore the exciting possibilities in this field."



ARTS DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP



Mya Butterfield

Mya is in her third year of a Bachelor of Arts degree in Media Production at Toronto Metropolitan University with a keen interest in Radio Broadcasting and Investigative Journalism. She intends to continue to a Masters in Journalism.

She is proud to receive this Centennial scholarship, which she describes as one of her greatest accomplishments thus far in life, one that has impacted her greatly.

"My passion for the Arts has been with me since my adolescent years and pursuing higher education has been my priority for as long as I can remember. I am grateful for the opportunity to continue my studies and hope to pay it forward through my creative abilities."



ARTS DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP



Layla Williams

Entering her junior year at Boston's Emerson College, Layla is studying a Bachelor of Arts in Visual Media Arts Production. She has a background in painting, dance and videography and her degree involves filmmaking practice and media studies.

"When I placed first in the Harvey Cooper Award and sold my first painting it was a point of realisation for me that I can find success in art making. I use it as a reminder to create from my heart, and the art will reach people. Now I have the opportunity to be immersed in the film industry in Boston and Los Angeles, I see my dreams coming to fruition."



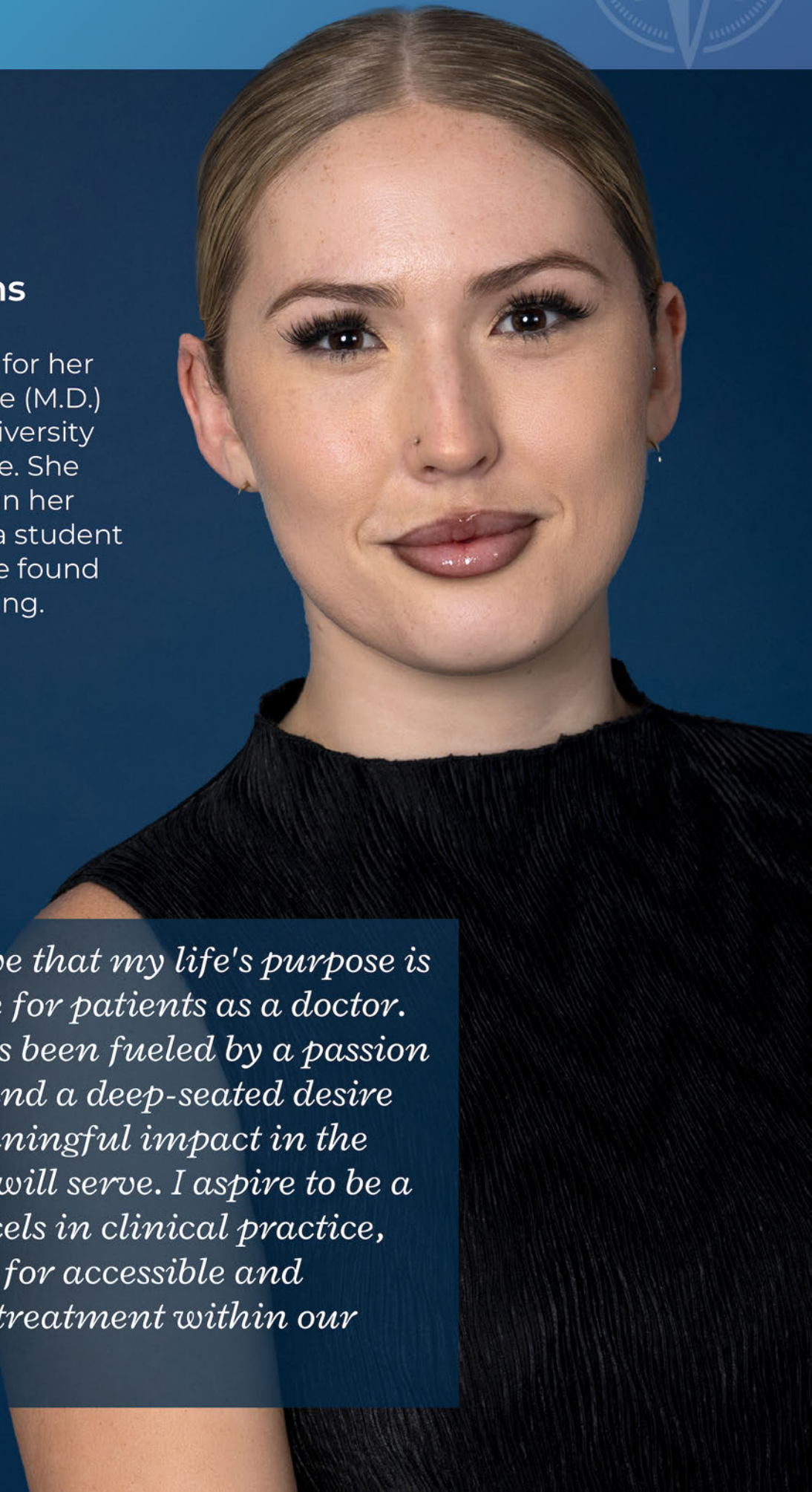
POSTGRADUATE DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP



Storm Gibbons

Storm is studying for her Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) at St. George's University School of Medicine. She takes great pride in her previous work as a student mentor, which she found incredibly rewarding.

"I firmly believe that my life's purpose is to provide care for patients as a doctor. My journey has been fueled by a passion for medicine and a deep-seated desire to make a meaningful impact in the lives of those I will serve. I aspire to be a doctor who excels in clinical practice, and advocates for accessible and intersectional treatment within our community."



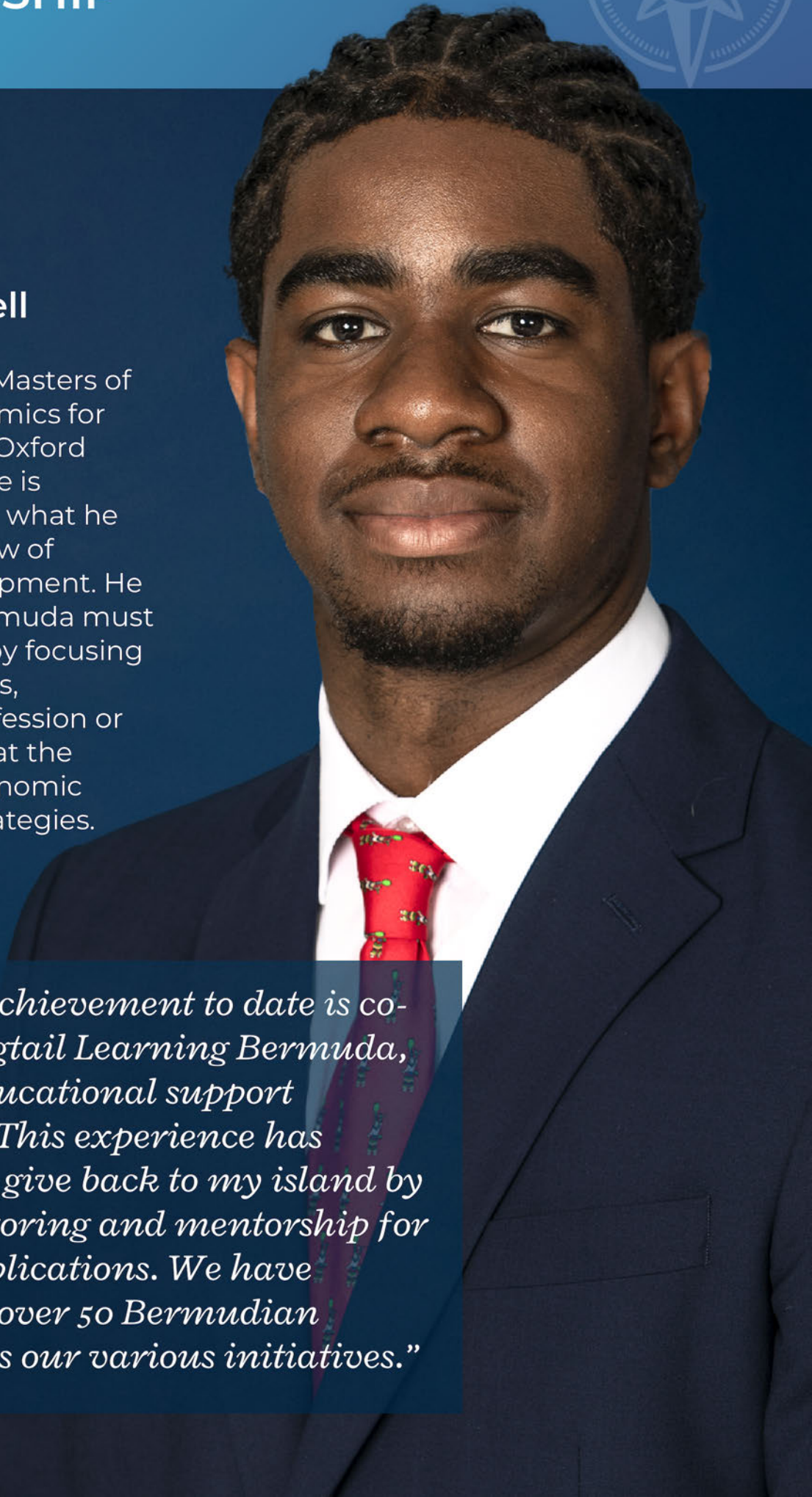
POSTGRADUATE DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP



Ywione Darrell

Embarking on a Masters of Science in Economics for Development at Oxford University, Ywione is passionate about what he calls a holistic view of economic development. He believes that Bermuda must strike a balance by focusing on all Bermudians, regardless of profession or education, to be at the centre of our economic development strategies.

“My greatest achievement to date is co-founding Longtail Learning Bermuda, a free local educational support organisation. This experience has allowed me to give back to my island by organising tutoring and mentorship for university applications. We have engaged with over 50 Bermudian students across our various initiatives.”





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CENTENNIAL SUCCESS COACH PROGRAMME

Now in its second year, the Centennial Success Coach programme offers mentorship and guidance to first-year scholarship students. The more a student can settle into their studies and develop a sense of belonging, the greater their success will be throughout their academic journey.

This year we hosted a successful training session with Senior Program Manager at PeerForward Tim Spicer (pictured front row, centre) to kick off the 2024/25 programme.



2024/25 CENTENNIAL SUCCESS COACHES

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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 over \$90 million to support projects both large and small, and now provides approximately \$4 million in grants, and awards up to \$1 million in scholarships annually between new and returning students.



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