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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 2026 Centennial Scholarships. In our unwavering commitment to equitable and accessible scholarships, 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 Bermudians 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
- Undergraduate - up to **\$35,000** for up to four years
- Arts Degree - up to **\$35,000** for up to four years
- PostGraduate - up to **\$35,000** for up to four years
- SkillUp - up to **\$35,000** for up to two years

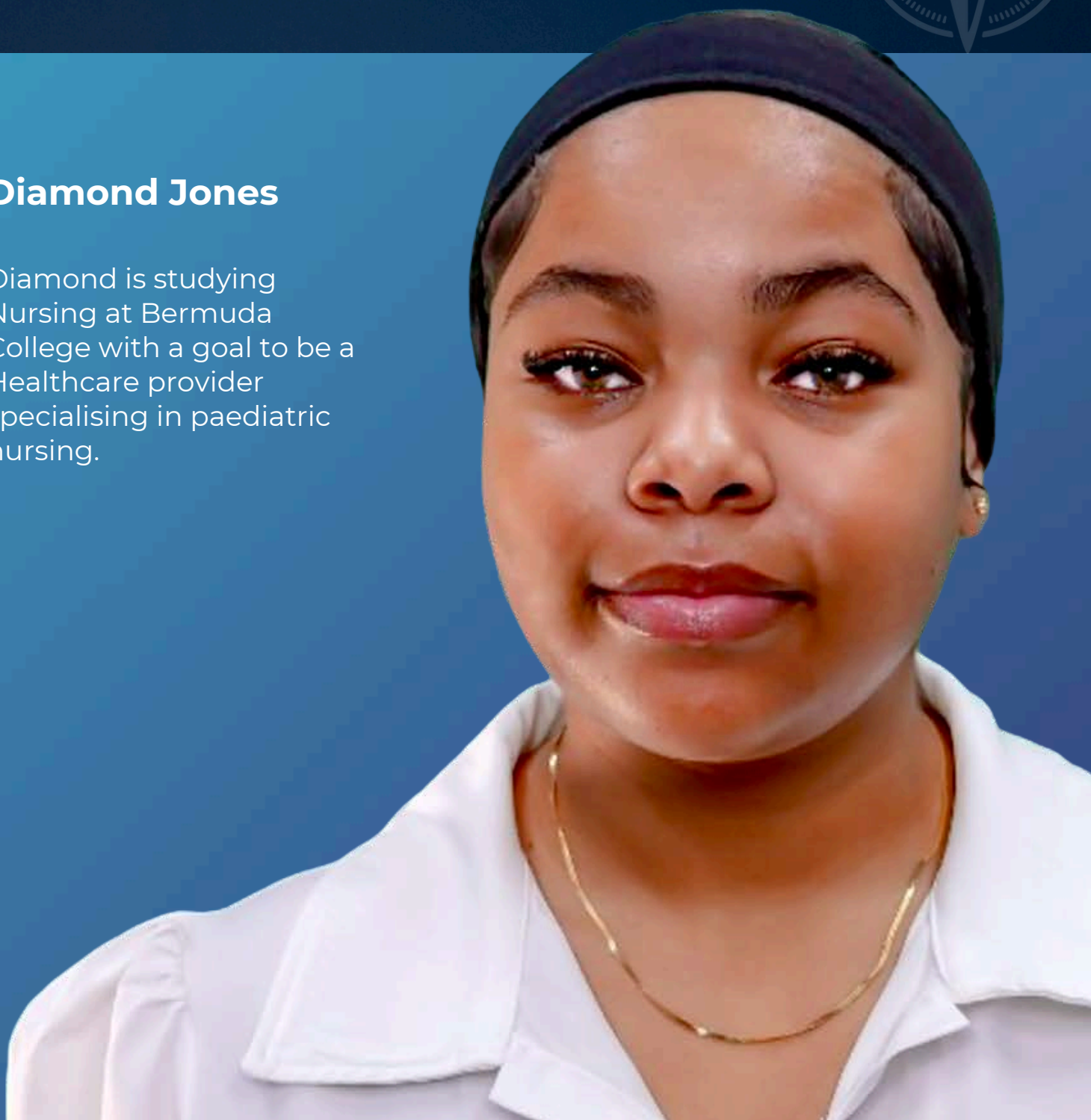
*Congratulations to our 2026
scholarship recipients!*

BERMUDA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP



Diamond Jones

Diamond is studying Nursing at Bermuda College with a goal to be a Healthcare provider specialising in paediatric nursing.



"For a long time, I knew I wanted to work in healthcare, but I wasn't sure which area of nursing was right for me. As I gained more experience working with children, I realised how much I enjoy being around them and helping them learn and grow. That's what led me to combine my love for nursing with my passion for working with children - and pursue a career in paediatric nursing."

BERMUDA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP



Jaela Medeiros-Symonds

Jaela is studying Nursing at Bermuda College with a goal to be a registered nurse (RN) and midwife, supporting women and babies through one of life's most important moments.



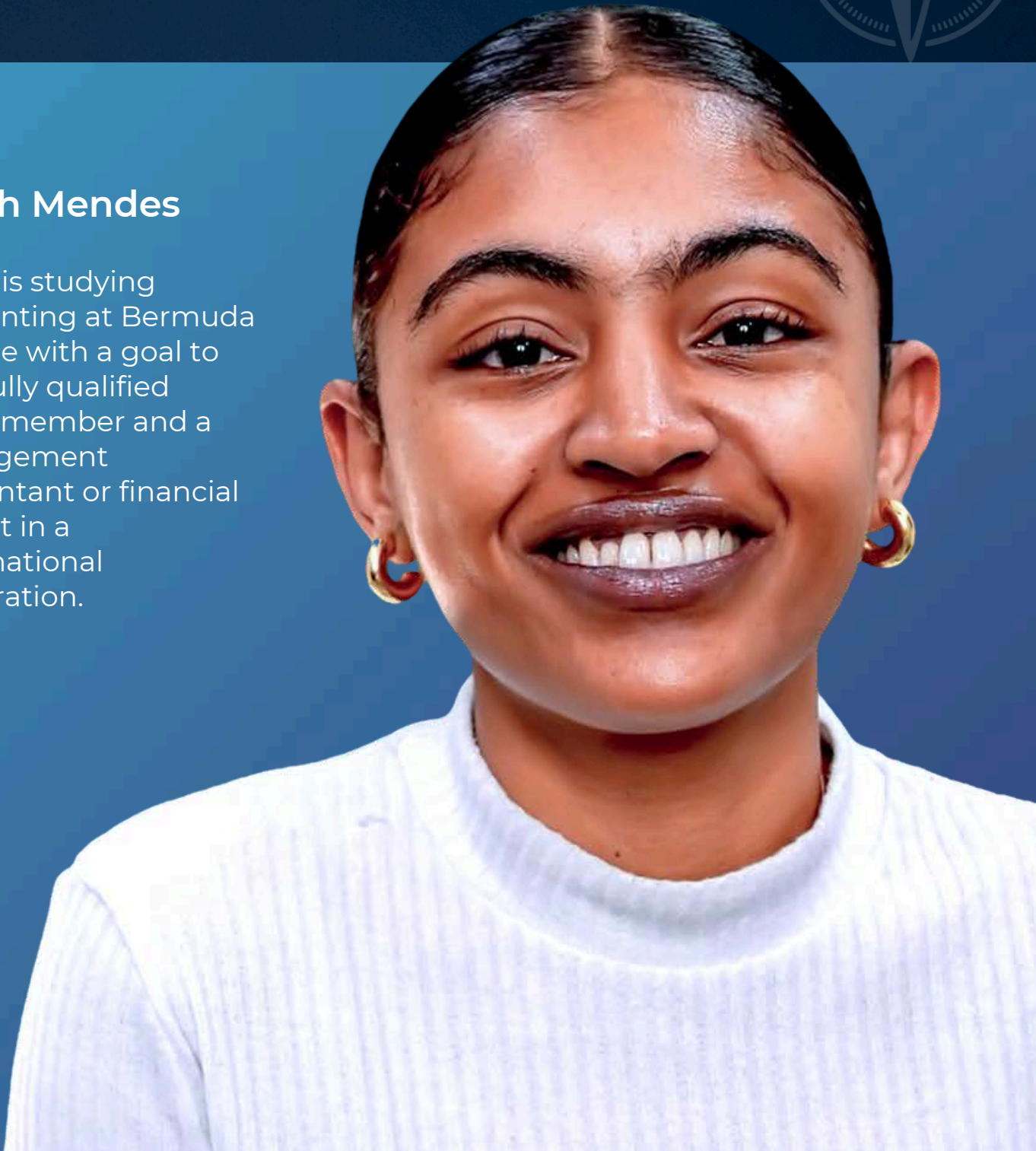
"I am a kind, caring, and hardworking person who is always striving for success. One of my biggest goals is to become a midwife - I love helping people, especially mothers and babies, and I find it so rewarding to care for others when they need it most. I plan to become a Registered Nurse first, and every class I take brings me one step closer to the career I want. Winning this scholarship means so much to me."

BERMUDA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP



Kyrah Mendes

Kyrah is studying Accounting at Bermuda College with a goal to be a fully qualified ACCA member and a management accountant or financial analyst in a multinational corporation.



"I think globally, even though I'm starting locally. I've always been fascinated by how businesses connect countries, cultures, and economies - and I believe that's exactly where the future of accounting is heading. Winning this scholarship feels like a massive weight being lifted off my shoulders. It feels like validation - proof that someone believes I belong in the global business world, even though I'm coming from a more modest background."

BERMUDA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP



Cani O'Mara-Hinds

Cani is studying Plumbing Technology at Bermuda College to establish his own plumbing business.



"I am a curious and determined person who likes to learn new things and improve myself whenever I can. One of my biggest interests is motorcycles and scooters. I enjoy learning how they work and making upgrades to improve their performance. Working on vehicles has taught me patience, problem-solving, and the importance of paying attention to small details. I know that success doesn't happen overnight, so I try to keep improving step by step."

ARTS DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP



Keimya Smith

Keimya is studying Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre at AMDA College of Performing Arts. She wants to perform on Broadway and win a Tony Award.



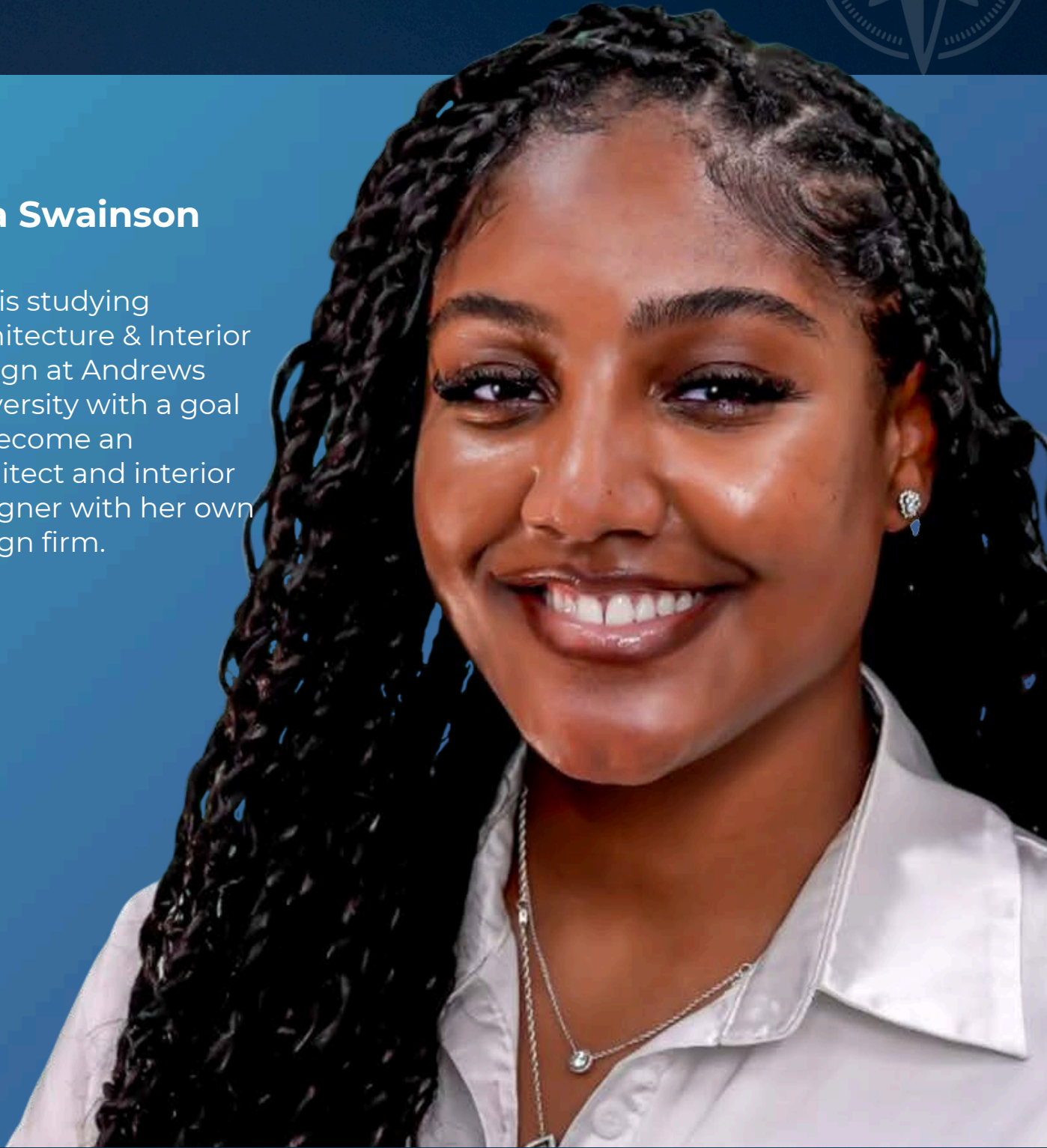
"Musical theatre has always been a part of who I am. As a toddler I was obsessed with musicals, spending hours memorising every song, scene, and line from my favourite shows - starting with Disney's Frozen and growing into a love for Broadway productions like Hamilton. This scholarship reminds me that people believe in my talent, my goals, and the value of pursuing a career in the arts. It gives me the confidence to keep chasing the dream I've had since I was a little girl."

ARTS DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP



Zea Swainson

Zea is studying Architecture & Interior Design at Andrews University with a goal to become an architect and interior designer with her own design firm.



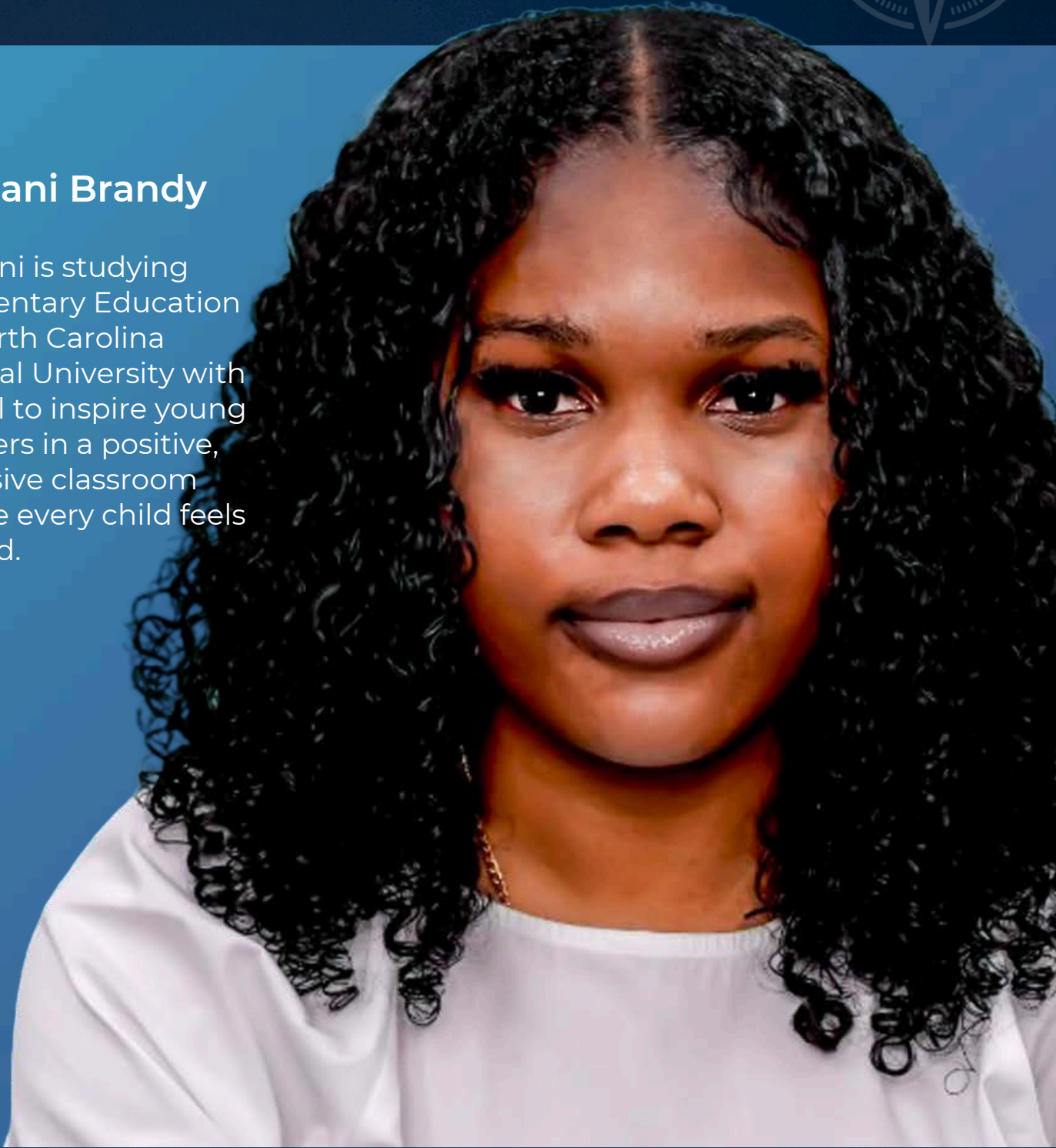
"I am a creative, determined, and community-minded individual who is passionate about design and its ability to improve people's lives. Winning this scholarship means a great deal to my mother and I - her love, sacrifices, and constant support have played a major role in my journey. This scholarship encourages me to continue pursuing my goals with confidence and to make the most of the opportunities ahead."

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



Armani Brandy

Armani is studying Elementary Education at North Carolina Central University with a goal to inspire young learners in a positive, inclusive classroom where every child feels valued.



“Education has always been important to me because I believe it has the power to change lives and create opportunities. Throughout my academic journey, I have remained focused on my goals while balancing responsibilities and overcoming challenges. Being awarded the Centennial Bermuda Foundation Scholarship is a tremendous honour and a life-changing opportunity.”

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



Kanon Gibbons-Lewis

Kanon is studying Education-Learning Support at Oakwood University with a goal to create positive learning experiences for young people to reach their full potential.



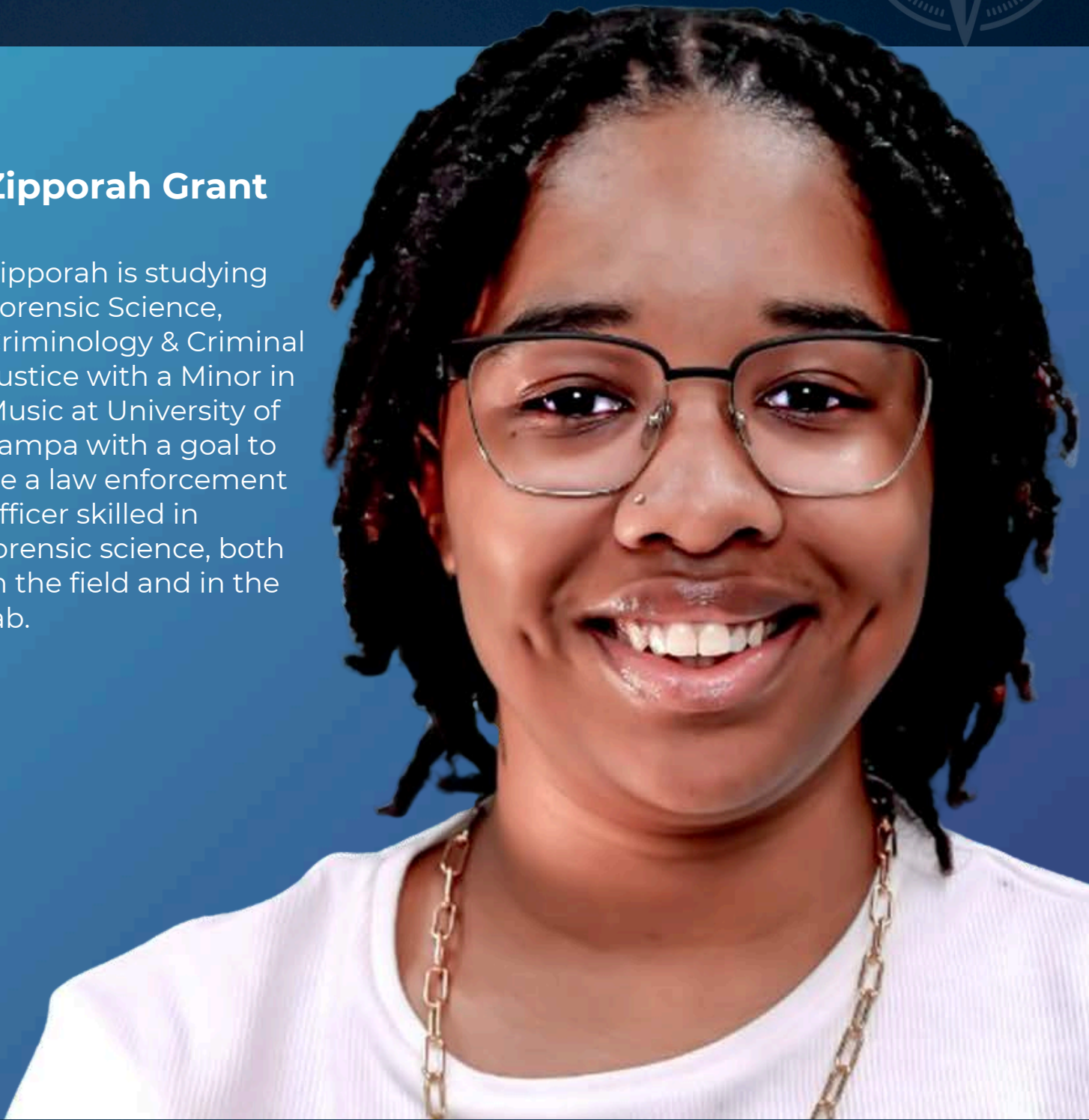
"I value faith, service, leadership, and lifelong learning. I believe that everyone has unique gifts and talents, and I try to use mine to make a positive impact wherever I can - whether through student leadership, community service, church involvement, or mentoring younger students. Receiving this scholarship is truly an honour and a blessing. It reminds me that hard work, dedication, and service to others are valued."

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



Zipporah Grant

Zipporah is studying Forensic Science, Criminology & Criminal Justice with a Minor in Music at University of Tampa with a goal to be a law enforcement officer skilled in forensic science, both in the field and in the lab.



“Although I can sometimes come across as shy, I have a very competitive side that quickly emerges when it comes to sports or playing video games with my brother! Winning this scholarship serves as a reminder of how hard I have worked throughout my life and encourages me to keep striving toward my goals. I am incredibly grateful, and truly thankful for this opportunity.”

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



Landen Grayston

Landen is studying Biomedical Science at University of Guelph with a goal to be a doctor dedicated to diagnosing and treating patients and making a meaningful difference in their lives.



"I am genuinely fascinated by the human body and how it works. Learning about the complexity of biology and medicine has only strengthened my desire to keep expanding my knowledge. Winning this scholarship means a great deal to me. Beyond the financial support, it's a reminder that the hard work I've put into my academics has been recognised. It motivates me to keep pushing myself, and one day I hope to give back to others through my career."

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



Nazari Mienzer

Nazari is studying Kinesiology at Western University with a goal to be a Pediatric Occupational Therapist.



"I am a proud graduate of The Berkeley Institute, where I had the privilege of serving as Deputy Head Girl and Gold House Vice Captain. Dance has always been a huge part of who I am. I've called United Dance Productions my second home since I was three years old. Winning this scholarship means more than financial support. It is a reminder that my community believes in me and is willing to invest in my future."

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



Shavon Nisbett

Shavon is studying Marine Biology at Nova Southeastern University with a goal to explore different careers in marine sciences and find a specialisation.



"I am generally a quiet, humble person who likes to stay to himself, but I am no longer afraid to grasp positive opportunities that come my way. I am always grateful, even for the little things in life. Being awarded this scholarship means the world to me. This scholarship will allow me to focus on getting more from my education and pursuing my goal."

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



Callahj Simons

Callahj is studying Law with Business at University of Essex with a goal to establish a legal agency specialising in employment and contract negotiations, after joining the Bermuda Bar.



"I recognise that there are systemic issues - such as case backlog and insufficient legal representation in specialised areas of law - that are becoming increasingly difficult to resolve in our judicial system. Being recognised as the International Women's Day Teen of the Year is a moment that symbolises the impact I have made as an advocate, but there is so much more I would like to accomplish with a legal degree for underrepresented communities in Bermuda."

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



Dashaun Smith-Davis

Dashaun is studying Data Science at Ontario Tech University with a goal to build a career in Bermuda's finance and technology industry.



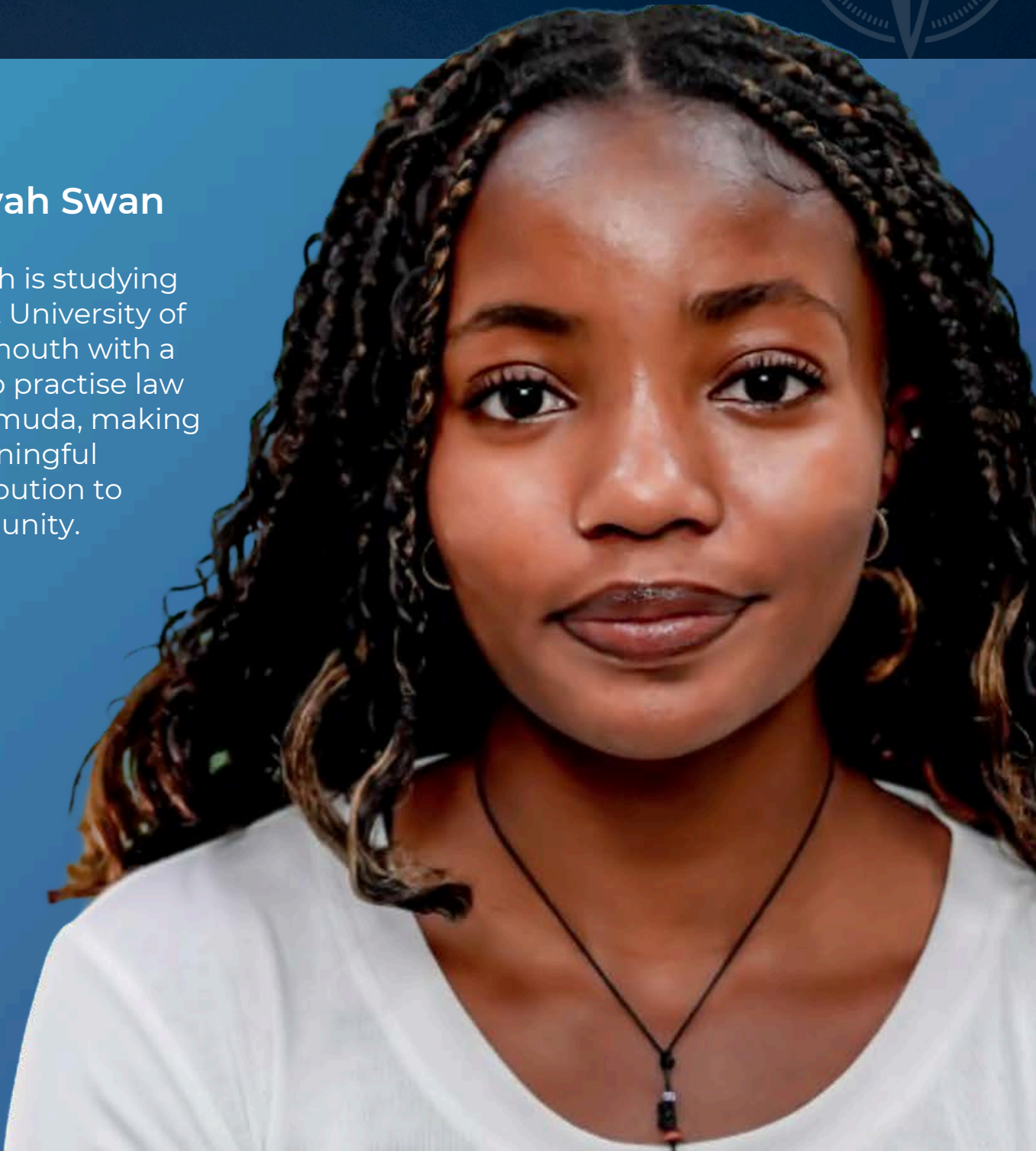
"I carry great pride in being Bermudian - all of my accomplishments would be impossible without the support of my community, and because of that, I will ensure that my efforts aim to benefit people both in Bermuda and globally. Winning this scholarship is certainly one of my greatest achievements. For me, it represents the culmination of all my academic efforts and my own personal growth, which has brought me to this moment."

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



Muryah Swan

Muryah is studying Law at University of Portsmouth with a goal to practise law in Bermuda, making a meaningful contribution to community.



"I'm very outgoing and a lot has changed in these past few years - I really like who I am now. I have learnt what I love about myself and the things I love to do, while also knowing what my flaws are. Winning this scholarship means everything to me - it dictates my future. I'm so grateful, and it shows me that everything does pay off when you want something for yourself."

POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



Nasya Burgess

Nasya is studying Veterinarian Medicine at North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine with a goal to return to Bermuda as a mixed animal veterinarian, open an affordable veterinary clinic and advocate for stronger animal welfare legislation.



"I am a hardworking, compassionate, and resilient individual who is passionate about serving both animals and people. Pursuing a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree comes with significant financial challenges, and at times I have worried that I may have to put my dreams on hold. Yet through every obstacle, I have remained faithful, believing that God would provide."

POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



Joshua Correia

Joshua is studying Medicine at St. George's University School of Medicine with a goal to be an emergency physician and contribute to healthcare education in Bermuda.



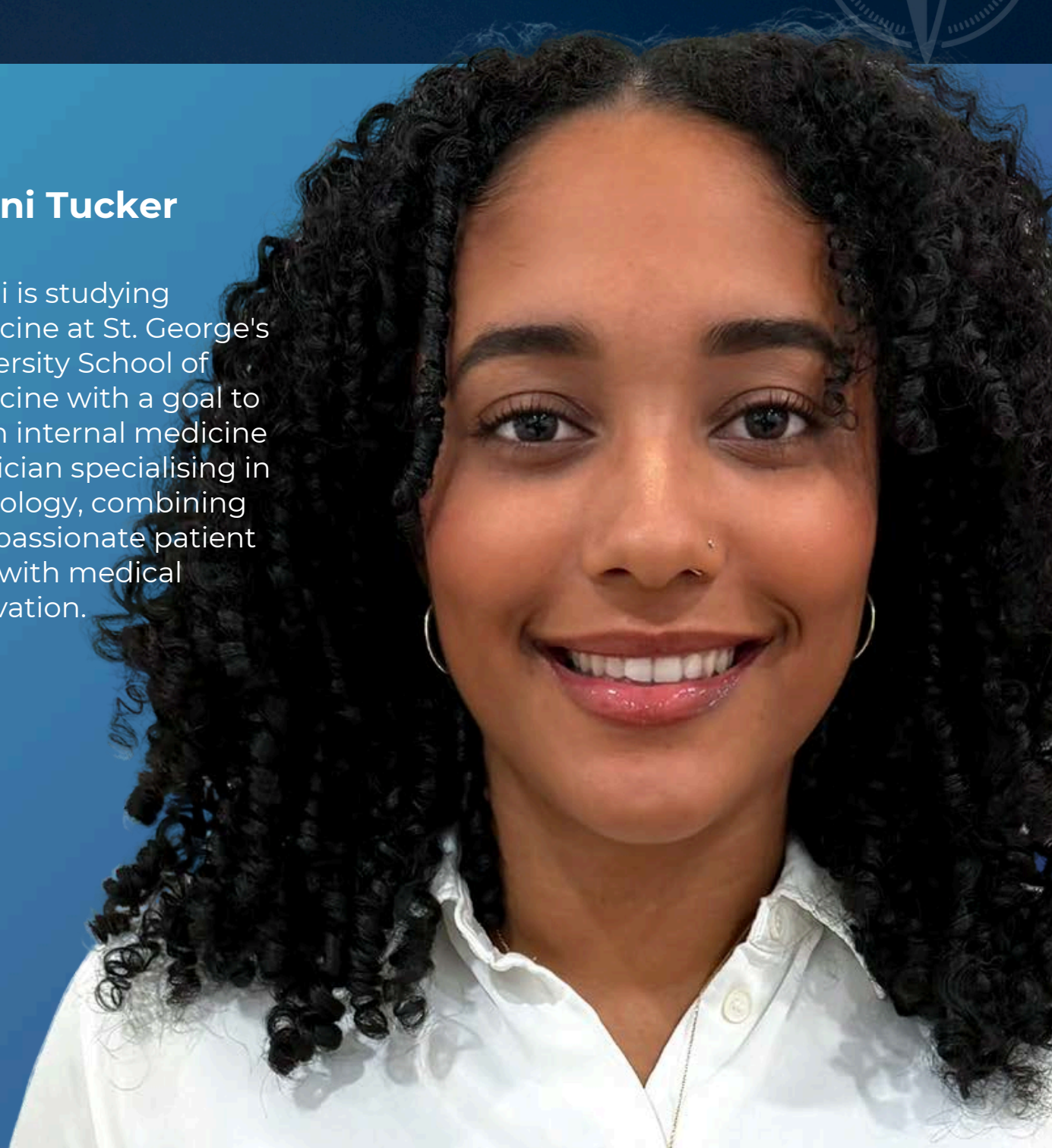
"My life has always been about community. Whether through healthcare, volunteering, education, community theatre, or other local initiatives, I have always enjoyed being involved and finding ways to contribute. Receiving this scholarship was one of those rare moments where I was able to stop and reflect on how far I've come and how many people have helped me along the way."

POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



Shani Tucker

Shani is studying Medicine at St. George's University School of Medicine with a goal to be an internal medicine physician specialising in cardiology, combining compassionate patient care with medical innovation.



“Winning this scholarship is a full circle moment for me. After losing my brother, I found a deeper purpose in pursuing medicine and helping others through some of the most difficult moments in their lives. This scholarship represents more than financial support - it's a reminder of the journey that's brought me here and the people who have supported me along the way. I am incredibly grateful and honoured for the opportunity to continue pursuing my goals.”



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CENTENNIAL SUCCESS COACH PROGRAMME

Now in its fourth 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.



2026 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. Since inception, 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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