

# BERMUDA NATIONAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

*(Kionje Somner)*

Mr. Minister, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen; our next recipient for a National Junior Sponsorship Awards comes to us from the sport of Track & Field Athletics.

He is sixteen (16) years old and attends Berkeley Institute. During the 2013 track and field season, our recipient competed in the 34<sup>th</sup> Carifta Games in the 100 and 200 metres. He has been competing in track and field since 2010. This young man's athletic ability was clearly evident during the Bermuda School Sport Federation (BSSF) Track & Field Championships where he qualified for the 2014 Carifta Games in Martinique.

He has aspirations of competing in the 2014 CAC Junior Championships in Mexico and the 2015 Junior Pan American Championship in Edmonton, Canada.

To assist with the development of our recipient, the **Bermuda National Athletic Association** for **KIONJE SOMNER** has been granted the sum of **\$4,252.00** to attend the National Training Center in Florida, provide accommodation, airfare with a coach and pay for his food and transportation as indicated in the application.

# **BERMUDA BASEBALL FEDERATION**

*(Braxton Stowe)*

Mr. Minister, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, our next National Junior Sponsorship Award recipient comes to us from the sport of Baseball. He is sixteen (16) years old and attends Trinity-Christian Academy.

Our recipient has been playing baseball since 2008. In 2009 he represented Bermuda in the regional championships in Curacao. During the 2010 season he was selected to play in Tournament in Florida for the top 10 teams in the league.

Our recipient plans to graduate from high school and attend a division one (1) college in the United States. He also plans to be the first Bermudian to play baseball professionally.

To assist our recipient with his development the **Bermuda Baseball Federation** has been granted the sum of \$3,475.00 for **BRAXTON STOWE, JR.** to have Private Batting & Coaching sessions, participate in one (1) S.F. Bandits Tournament and purchase equipment as indicated in the application.

# **BERMUDA TRIATHLON ASSOCIATION**

*(Tyler Smith)*

Mr. Minister, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, our next recipient for a National Junior Sponsorship Award, comes to us from the sport of Triathlon.

He attends Somerfield Academy and is fifteen (15) years old.

Our recipient is a naturally gifted athlete that prides himself on hard work.

He has been involved in triathlon for the past four (4) years and has developed his skills and fitness to race at the Junior Elite Level. During the 2013 Tokio Triathlon, our recipient exited the water with Olympian Tyler Butterfield.

Our recipient plans to represent Bermuda in 2014 Youth Olympic in China, compete at the ITU World Junior Elite Championships in 2015 and represent Bermuda at the 2016 Commonwealth Games in Australia.

To assist our recipient with his development, the **Bermuda Triathlon Association** has been granted the sum of **\$3,749.00** for **TYLER SMITH** to attend the USA Triathlon Elite Camp and the 2014 Canadian Junior Elite Championships, provide camp and championships fees and provide transportation as indicated in the application.

# BERMUDA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

*(Jai-zel Smith-DeShields)*

Mr. Minister, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen; the next Sponsorship recipient is fifteen (15) years old, attends Berkeley Institute and comes to us from the Sport of Football.

He is a member of the Bermuda Football Association's National Academy. He represented Bermuda at the 2013 Inaugural Concacaf Under 15 Championship. He has won both Under 16 League and Knock-Out Championships with his club team North Village Community Club and his school Berkeley Institute.

He has plans to represent Bermuda in the Under 16 National Team to play in Mexico City, compete with the Under 17 National Team during the 2014 CFU Concacaf and secure a collegiate football scholarship.

To assist with the development of our recipient the **Bermuda Football Association** has been granted **\$5,200.00** for **JAI-ZEL SMITH DESHIELDS** to attend the IMG Soccer Academy for three (3) weeks as indicated on the application.

# **BERMUDA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

*(Kumari Tannock)*

Mr. Minister, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen; our next recipient comes to us from the Sport of Basketball. He is fourteen (14) years old and attends Warwick Academy.

He is a member of Warwick Academy Middle School Basketball Championship team. He is also a Bermuda School Sports Federation's All-Star MVP. He has represented Bermuda at the Global Cup International Basketball Championships in Orlando, Florida. In November 2013, he won the Coach's Choice Players Award during the NBA Miami Heat Wolfpack Basketball League.

Our recipient plays to continue to develop his skill, win the school championship, represent Bermuda at a National Level and be selected by a Division (1) one University in the United States.

To assist our recipient with his development, the **Bermuda Basketball Association** has been granted the sum of **\$5,000.00** for **KUMARI TANNOCK** to assist in the payment for three (3) weeks of training at the IMG Basketball training camp as indicated in the application.

# BERMUDA AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

*(Jesse Washington)*

Mr. Minister, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen; our final National Junior Sponsorship Award recipient is fourteen (14) years old and attends Warwick Academy.

This will be the second time that his association's has nominee our recipient for this award. He is truly a junior elite athlete and has represented Bermuda at a number of international swimming events. In 2012 he was selected the Junior Male Athlete of the Year.

Our recipient won medals while competing in the 2013 Carifta and CISC Games. He must impressive performance was achieved when he won a silver medal at the Canadian Age Group Championship. Our recipient plans to medal at the 2014 Carifta Games, the 2014 CISC and qualify for the Youth Olympics. He also plans to qualify for the FINA Junior World Championships.

To assist our recipient in his development the **Bermuda Amateur Swimming Association** has been granted the sum of **\$4,693.00** for **JESSE WASHINGTON** to attend the Canadian Age Group Nationals, provide for accommodation with a coach and pay for food as indicated in the application.

# BERMUDA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## MAYA PALACIO

Mr. Minister, distinguished guests, ladies and gentleman, our next recipient comes to us from the sport of **Field Hockey**. She is seventeen (17) years of age and attends Cedarbridge Academy.

This talented, passionate athlete has thrived in the sport of field hockey locally and abroad. Only six years into her craft, Maya has celebrated a nomination for the Bermuda Sports Award, won the most improved women's award and has been charged with leading her fellow hockey enthusiasts in her role as Captain for her club team. Maya is known as a prolific goal scorer and her awareness for goals has placed her on the scoresheet against formidable international competition. Maya currently holds roster positions for both the junior and senior Bermuda National teams—a feat achievable by very few. Despite the hours of dedication required to recognize improvement, Maya always finds time to volunteer with junior leagues and hockey camps. In the forefront for Maya is securing a scholarship to a Division I field hockey powerhouse. With Maya's talent, intelligence, dedication and confidence we are excited at what the future holds for this young Bermudian.

Mr. Minister, distinguished guests, ladies and gentleman the Bermuda Hockey Federation for **MAYA PALACIO** has been granted the sum of \$3,295.00 to

attend the Sportways Hockey Camp, purchase equipment and provide transportation as indicated in the application.



# **BERMUDA CRICKET BOARD**

## **TRE MANDERS**

Mr. Minister, distinguished guests, ladies and gentleman, our next recipient comes to us from the sport of Cricket. He is nineteen (19) years of age and attends Itchen Six Form College.

Tre blasted on to the senior cricket circuit with an impressive debut with the National Senior team competing in the ICC World Cricket League with a solid 64 helping to secure victory over the Italians. To further substantiate his ICC stance, young Tre scored a formidable 45 not out and hauled 7 wickets versus Denmark to do his part in securing victory. His tremendous play was rewarded with the prestigious MVP award. Tre has represented and flourished at multiple levels, having represented Bermuda internationally in U13s, U15s, U17s, and currently in the U19 division. Tre's consistent results with both bat and ball resulted in his selection to compete in the ICC Americas U19 All-Star Team. His batting exploits have thrilled onlookers locally with an electric century for the cup holders Somerset Cricket Club in the annual Cup Match Classic. Tre has laid the foundation for securing his life sporting dream which is to become a full-time professional cricketer in the UK County Circuit.

Mr. Minister, distinguished guests, ladies and gentleman, the Bermuda Cricket Board for Tre Manders has been granted \$4,375.00 to attend training & coaching sessions

at the prestigious “home of cricket—Lords,” purchase equipment and provide transportation as indicated in the application

# BERMUDA BICYCLE ASSOCIATION

## GABRIELLA ARNOLD

Mr. Minister, distinguished guests, ladies and gentleman, our first recipient comes to us from the sport of **Cycling**. She is seventeen (17) years of age and attends Warwick Academy.

Our recipient has been a podium staple within the sport of cycling. Her dominance of multiple cycling disciplines has been impressive and a testament to her hard work, focus, and commitment to excellence. Her cycling prowess has resulted in her securing the Bermuda Junior National Championship title for three consecutive years in all four cycling disciplines (mountain biking, road racing, time trialing, and criterium). Her sporting pursuits for the immediate future include continuing her competitive cycling collegiately with a successful qualifying bid resulting in successful outcomes for both the 2015 NatWest Island Games and the 2015 Elite Caribbean Cycling Championships.

Mr. Minister, distinguished guests, ladies and gentleman, we are pleased to assist this phenomenal junior rider and consummate young leader with her development. The Bermuda Bicycle Association for Gabriella Arnold has been granted \$1,655.00 to attend the USA Cycling Talent ID Camp, including accommodations, camp fee, equipment and transportation as indicated in the application.

# BERMUDA EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION

## RILEY CORREIA

Mr. Minister, distinguished guests, ladies and gentleman, our next recipient comes to us from the sport of Equestrianism—**Show Jumping**. She is sixteen (16) years of age and attends Pickering High School.

Riley's consistent podium finishes locally and abroad are a testament to her hard work and passion for the Equine sport. This stellar student athlete hoisted the Shalimar Trophy for accumulation of points in a season, and the BHPA Trophy for her respective division. In Canada, where Riley is based to further her riding career, this Bermuda Ambassador graced the pages of In Gate magazine for her stellar achievement with Perfect Timing for their win in the Ontario Horse Jumping Association for Equitation Rider of the Year. Despite the hours of work honing her craft this phenomenal athlete achieved 4 A \*stars, 4A's and a B in her IGCE's just prior to relocating to Canada. On the horizon for this young jumper are the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair (for 2014) and the opportunity to qualify for the North American Young Riders, representing Bermuda in 2015.

Mr. Minister, distinguished guests, ladies and gentleman, the Bermuda Equestrian Federation for Riley Correia has been granted the sum of \$6,056.00 to attend the Kentucky Summer Festival Horse Show and the Royal Winter Fair National Championship Horse Show as indicated in the application.

# **BERMUDA JUNIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION**

## **WALKER CAMPBELL**

Mr. Minister, distinguished guests, ladies and gentleman, our next recipient comes to us from the sport of Golf. He is fifteen (15) years of age and attends Hilton Head Preparatory School.

Young Walker has set his sights on a golf scholarship to a top division I college and has diligently chartered an impressive award bearing course to achieve his goal. Through practice, dedication, and perseverance Walker has celebrated top tournament results. 2013 was a stellar year for Walker as he was crowned the 2013 Bermuda Junior National Champion, recognized international acclaim with victory at the International Junior Golf Tour Event (in his age division) at Oyster Reef, South Carolina, and achieved runner-up honors in the HSBC/BBJGA International Classic. Eager to replicate or even more impressive to surpass last year's achievements Walker is seeking to capture the title in upcoming events such as International Junior Golf Tour, Future Collegians World Tour with the ultimate purse—for now—securing a college scholarship.

Mr. Minister, distinguished guests, ladies and gentleman, to assist in his development, the Bermuda Junior Golf Association for Walker Campbell has been granted \$3,540.00 to benefit from Full Tournament Observation and half of his training and coaching as indicated in the application.

# **BERMUDA NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

## **ASANTE CHAPMAN**

Mr. Minister, distinguished guests, ladies and gentleman, our next recipient comes to us from the sport of Netball. She is sixteen (16) years of age and attends Thomas Knyvett College.

Asante's aerial displays of impeccable timing have catapulted her into the World netball stage, despite her young age. Having recognized success locally early she has mirrored that same success on the England stage and has progressed steadily securing a screening for inclusion in the England National Squad—a tremendous accomplishment. 2013 saw Asante receive the Bermuda Sports Awards Special Recognition Award; Young Sports Personality of the Year (Spelthorne District); a nominee for Sports Personality of the year for Surrey County; Head Girl of her current high school, a rigorous process where her passion, abundant leadership qualities, academic standing and pleasant spirit set her apart from the 200 applicants; and selection to the Bermuda National Team (versus Canada), U21 Bermuda National Team (U21 World Netball Championships) and Kensington Academy Netball Team. Despite the training hours and physical commitments to refining her craft, this phenomenal student athlete accumulated over 120 volunteer hours as a candy striper since 2012 during her brief returns home.

Mr. Minister, distinguished guests, ladies and gentleman, as Asante endeavors to be a permanent fixture in the Kensington Premiere Squad with the ultimate prize of securing a netball scholarship at a UK University, we are thrilled to present the Bermuda Netball Association with the sum of \$2,800.00 earmarked for Asante Chapman to attend the Americas Federation of Netball Association (AFNA) in August and the purchase of equipment and transportation as indicated in the application.

# BERMUDA SQUASH RACQUETS ASSOCIATION

## DYLAN PRATT

Mr. Minister, distinguished guests, ladies and gentleman, our next recipient comes to us from the sport of Squash. He is fourteen (14) years of age and attends Warwick Academy.

Dylan

Dylan has stamped his mark in squash—despite his tender age. Over the past three years in the Digicel Junior National Squash Championships he has flourished and won in multiple age divisions. In 2010 he scored an impressive feat winning both the Under 11 and Under 13 divisions. In 2011 and 2012 he repeated as Under 13 Champion with an astounding runner-up achievement in the Under 15 division. He mirrored his tournament success by recording equally impressive finishes at the Junior Caribbean Area Squash Championships with fourth place finishes in 2011 and 2013 and the podium top prize in 2012. Dylan's consistent progress and commitment to refining his craft has positioned him as the strongest player of his age division in the last four years. He will look to impress and conquer on his home soil this summer in the Caribbean Junior Championships, improving on last year's fourth place finish.

Mr. Minister, distinguished guests, ladies and gentleman, the Bermuda Squash Racquets Association for Dylan Pratt has been granted the sum of \$1,885.00 to assist with personalized training and coaching sessions, attend the Canadian

Junior Open, provide accommodations and purchase a new racquet as indicated in the application