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Mr. Jekon Edness
Senior Sports Development Officer

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Minister of Youth, Culture and Sports

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Dr. The Hon. Ernest Peets, JP
Minister of Youth, Culture and Sports

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Mr. Norbert Simons
Director – The Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation

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FOREWORD



Minister of Youth, Culture and Sports

Congratulations to the recipients of the National Junior Athlete Sponsorship Programme

On behalf of the Government and people of Bermuda, I am pleased to congratulate the 2021 recipients of the National Junior Athlete Sponsorship Programme.

This year we will reward 11 junior athletes, who have demonstrated tremendous potential within their respective sport and will continue their journey of representing Bermuda with dignity at the highest level in the future. You make us very proud, indeed.

We will also assist five National Sports Governing Bodies (NSGBs) with their efforts in developing the next generation of elite athletes through development camps featuring internationally renowned coaches.

This is a time when the country can acknowledge our junior athletes and reward them for their commitment to development. We do so to invest in their ability and in the hope of inspiring future elite athletes in Bermuda.

To our 2021 National Junior Athlete Sponsorship recipients, we encourage you all in your sporting journey to strive for excellence and join previous NJASP recipients such as Roy-Allen Burch (Olympian), Jesse and Alexander Kirkland (Olympians), Delray Rawlins (Pro Cricketer), Dominic Mayho (Pro Cyclist) and Kiera Aitken (Olympian) to name a few.

Lastly, I wish to thank and commend the dedicated, passionate staff of the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation for organizing this ceremony. We are extremely proud of our country's athletes and hope this programme demonstrates our commitment.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Dr. EP', written over a light blue background.

Dr. The Hon. Ernest Peets, JP
Minister of Youth, Culture and Sports



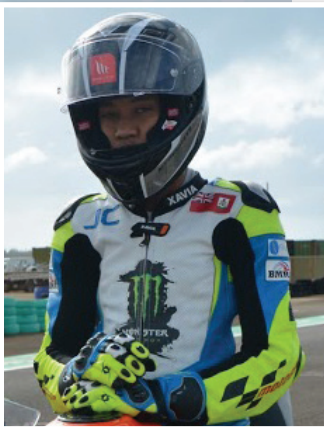
Bermuda Lawn Tennis Association

Antonio Warner

Our first recipient for a National Junior Athlete Sponsorship Award comes to us from the sport of Tennis. He is 14 years of age and attends Warwick Academy. He burst onto the international scene when he was crowned champion of the 12 & under division in the Sagicor COTECC Junior Tennis Tournament in St. Lucia and subsequently chosen to attend International Tennis Federation/Central American and Caribbean Tennis Confederation training camp in the Dominican Republic.

Our recipient intends to continue to take advantage of coaching provided on and off island with the intentions of one day representing Bermuda at Senior ITF events around the world.

To assist our recipient, the **Bermuda Lawn Tennis Association** has been granted a sum of **\$3,900** to **Antonio Warner** to train at the Sarah Vande Berg Tennis Center in Tampa, Florida.



Bermuda Motorcycle Racing Association

Jediah Cumbermack

Our next recipient for a National Junior Athlete Sponsorship Award comes to us from the sport of Motorcycle Racing. He is 15 years of age and attends Cedarbridge Academy. Our recipient has been on the fast track to success since he started riding at the Bermuda Motorcycle Racing Club's youth clinics at the Rubis Southside Raceway as an 11 year old.

Since then, he has exhibited many characteristics that will lead to continued success, such as: respect, discipline, determination and sportsmanship as he looks to one day race in the MotoAmerica Championships in the United States.

To assist our recipient, the **Bermuda Motorcycle Racing Association** has been granted a sum of **\$3,196** to **Jediah Cumbermack** to train and compete in the M1GP in California.



Bermuda Sailing Association

Sebastian Kempe

Our next recipient for a National Junior Athlete Sponsorship Award comes to us from the sport of Sailing. He is 15 years of age and attends the Royal Hospital School in England. Our recipient has demonstrated promise at a plethora of international events against high-level competition, including the Laser Radial at the UKLA National Championship where he placed 22nd in a field of 97 participants.

Our recipient has very lofty aspirations as he works towards attaining his goal of representing Bermuda at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, France.

To assist our recipient, the **Bermuda Sailing Association** has been granted a sum of **\$4,091** to **Sebastian Kempe** to participate in the Youth Sailing World Championship in Mussanah, Oman.

Bermuda Sanshou Association

Szaine Williams

Our next recipient for a National Junior Athlete Sponsorship Award comes to us from the sport of Martial Arts. He is 14 years of age and attends the Bermuda Institute. Our recipient has been active on the local combat scene since 2018 when he placed first at the Sanda Panda Youth Competition. Since then, he has been training consistently and making a name for himself with consistent performances locally and internationally.

Our recipient plans to continue developing his craft to be ready for the 2022 Junior World Wushu Championships and one day be accepted into a university with an established combat sports program.

To assist our recipient, the **Bermuda Sanshou Association** has been granted a sum of **\$2,891** to **Szaine Williams** to train at the United Martial Arts Training Center (UMATC) in Lubbock, Texas.



Bermuda Volleyball Association

Natalie Gazzard

Our next recipient for a National Junior Athlete Sponsorship Award comes to us from the sport of Volleyball. She is 15 years of age and attends Bermuda High School for Girls. Our recipient has demonstrated her natural ability since she began playing in middle school. Her consistent performances throughout the years has seen her represent the Junior National teams at the U-14, U-16 and U-18 levels.

In the near future, our recipient has aspirations to earn a spot on the Senior Women's National team and attain an athletic scholarship to continue her development.

To assist our recipient, the **Bermuda Volleyball Association** has been granted a sum of **\$3,091** to **Natalie Gazzard** to attend the JAX Beach Volleyball Camp in Daytona Beach, Florida



Bermuda Amateur Swimming Association

Finn Moseley

Our next recipient for a National Junior Athlete Sponsorship comes to us from the sport of swimming. He is 16 years of age and attends Plymouth College in the UK. He has represented Bermuda at the Carifta Games 2017-19 and CCCAN 2017-19 where he picked up a silver medal in the mixed 4x50 freestyle relay.

Our recipient intends to use the exposure he's gaining at Plymouth Leander swimming program to earn a scholarship into university in the US or UK to further his ambitions of representing Bermuda at the highest levels.

To assist our recipient, the **Bermuda Amateur Swimming Association** has been granted a sum of **\$2,698** to **Finn Moseley** to attend the Plymouth Leander Academy in Devon, England.





Bermuda Football Association

Caleb McDowall

Our next recipient for a National Junior Athlete Sponsorship comes to us from the sport of football. He is 17 years of age and attends Saltus Grammar School. Our recipient is a member of the U-20 National Team and currently plays with X-Roads FC senior team in the Premier division. He also holds a 'UEFA C' coaching license and is a current youth coach at BAA under the mentorship of Andrew Bascome.

Our recipient intends to use his passion to earn a scholarship to university to further both his football and academic ambitions. He is eligible to represent Bermuda for the 2023 U-20 World Cup qualifier where he is hopeful of making history with Bermuda.

To assist our recipient, the **Bermuda Football Association** has been granted the sum of **\$3,030** to **Caleb McDowall** to train at Watford Academy in England.



Bermuda Boxing Association

Kahlil Smythe

Our next recipient for a National Junior Athlete Sponsorship comes to us from the sport of boxing. He is 16 years of age and attends Cedarbridge Academy. Our recipient has been boxing for over 5 years and is well-rounded in both sports and academics, where he has consistently been on the honor roll. Currently, he is training at Controversy Gym under the watchful eye of Coach Leo Richardson as he prepares for future competition.

Our recipient has hopes of achieving a podium finish at the 2021 Caribbean Championships, which will allow him to gain the experiences to transition into the adult national team to compete in the AIBA world championship, Pan-Am and Commonwealth Games.

To assist our recipient, the **Bermuda Boxing Association** has been granted a sum of **\$3,520** to **Kahlil Smythe** to compete at the Arnold Classic in Ohio.



Bermuda Equestrian Federation

Kayla Bardgett

Our next recipient for a National Junior Athlete Sponsorship comes to us from the sport of equestrian. She is 17 years of age and attends Bermuda College. Our recipient recently spent the summer in the US training with Wendy Arndt where she increased her discipline, focus and confidence which has allowed her to raise to the top of the sport as a junior both locally and internationally.

Our recipient intends to continue her development in the US or Europe and has ambitions of representing Bermuda at the CAC Games in 2022. Exposure outside of Bermuda will provide her opportunities to learn from other riders as she hopes to one day compete at the Pan-Am, Olympic and World Equestrian Games.

To assist our recipient, the **Bermuda Equestrian Federation** has been granted the sum of **\$4,900** to **Kayla Bardgett** to train with Wendy Arndt in South Carolina.

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Bermuda Bicycle Association

Liam Flannery

Our next recipient for a National Junior Athlete Sponsorship comes to us from the sport of cycling. He is 17 years of age and attends Warwick Academy. He has been a top junior performer in local competition this past season, capping off 2nd place overall. He also represented Bermuda in the 2019 Jr. Caribbean Championships where he picked up a bronze medal.

Our recipient intends to follow the pathway of previous junior BBA riders by attending university to further both his cycling and academic ambitions. Additionally, he will compete in his last year as a Jr. rider and looking forward to representing Bermuda at the NatWest Island Games, CAC Games and the Vuelta Independencia in Dominican Republic.

To assist our recipient, the **Bermuda Bicycle Association** has been granted a sum of **\$3,182** to **Liam Flannery** to participate at the UCI Jr. World Championships in Belgium.



Bermuda Basketball Association

Advanced Youth Development Clinic

Our next recipient for a National Junior Athlete Sponsorship Award is the Bermuda Basketball Association. With development of a broader range of junior athletes paramount, the BBA enlisted the services of Kentucky State University Head Coach Jamaal Jackson. Coach Jackson is known for up-tempo offense as KSU have been ranked in the top 3 of the SIAC Division during 3 of Jackson's first 4 seasons.

It is hoped that with the astute technical development of Coach Jackson, partnered with rigorous fitness sessions, participating junior athletes will have a better understanding of what is required to play at a higher level.

A sum of **\$4,405** has been granted to **Bermuda Basketball Association**, to hold the *Advanced Youth Development Clinic*, featuring Coach Jamaal Jackson.



Bermuda Cricket Board

Gary Palmer Batting Clinic

Our next recipient for a National Junior Athlete Sponsorship Award is the Bermuda Cricket Board. Batting development is key as the BCB look to develop technically sound batsmen for upcoming junior tournaments and beyond. Gary Palmer is a renowned batting coach that has worked with the likes of former England captain Alistair Cook and current England opening batsman Dominic Sibley.

The intention of the BCB is to enhance the technical development of National Youth Elite batsmen in preparation for future international competition. Development of a sound technique to combat all conditions is imperative for the future development of all local batsmen.

A sum of **\$5,400** has been granted to **Bermuda Cricket Board**, to hold the *Gary Palmer Batting Clinic*, featuring Coach Palmer and local coaches.





Bermuda Netball Association

Tracey Neville Workshop

Our next recipient for a National Junior Athlete Sponsorship Award is the Bermuda Netball Association. With a mandate to improve the quality of coaching and exposure of junior players to a standard that is necessary to compete on the world stage, enlisting the services of former Commonwealth Games winning coach Tracey Neville was necessary.

BNA plan to continue with the revamping of their national program and continue the partnership with England netball after the workshop. The aforementioned partnership can possibly create future opportunities for Bermudian athletes to attend overseas training camps, which will expose them to the semi-professional and professional teams in England.

A sum of **\$4,350** has been granted to **Bermuda Netball Association**, to host the *Tracey Neville Workshop*, featuring Coach Tracey Neville and Amanda Newton.



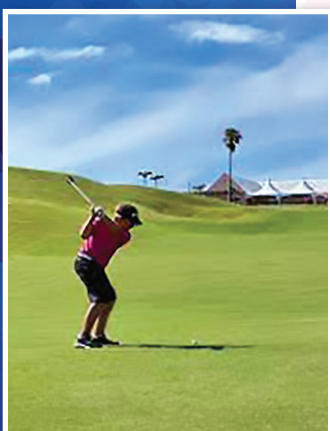
Bermuda Triathlon Association

Jack Maitland Camp

Our next recipient for a National Junior Athlete Sponsorship Award is the Bermuda Triathlon Association. With a target to improve the junior male and female triathletes between the ages of 14 - 18, the BTA have enlisted the services of Jack Maitland. A highly respected coach, Maitland was a major instigator and long-term head coach of the Leeds Triathlon Centre, which played an instrumental role in the successes of British elite triathletes Alistair and Jonny Brownlee, Vicky Holland and Non Stanford.

This camp is intended to be a long-term investment in youth triathlon development as the BTA look to keep junior athletes improving yearly whilst developing their ability to compete and represent Bermuda.

A sum of **\$3,878** has been granted to **Bermuda Triathlon Association**, to host the *Jack Maitland Camp* featuring Coach Maitland and local coaches.



Bermuda Golf Association

Titlelist Performace Institute (TPI) Camp

Our next recipient for a National Junior Athlete Sponsorship Award is the Bermuda Golf Association. The mandate of the BGA is to teach children the fundamental skills and rules needed to play the game, whilst providing them with access to professional coaching.

The BGA intend to enlist the services of local professionals to assist in delivering TPI training camps aligned with the BGA's Long Term Athlete Development Program, with hope of further developing junior golfers in preperation for representing Bermuda at various events such as: IMG Jr. World Championship, Optimist International Junior Championship and U.S. Kids Golf World Championship.

A sum of **\$1,500** has been granted to the **Bermuda Golf Association** to host the *TPI camp*, featuring local professionals.

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