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Programme of Events

WELCOME

Jekon Edness – Senior Sports Development Officer

REMARKS

Senator the Hon. Owen K. Darrell, JP – Minister of Youth, Culture and Sport

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Senator the Hon. Owen K. Darrell, JP – Minister of Youth, Culture and Sport

DINNER

CLOSING REMARKS

K. Charryse Bean, Director – The Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation

Names of Recipients

(BSA) – Brandon Adkins

(BBA) – Ralph Scott

(BBA) – Annabelle Miller

(BCB) – Luke Fulton

(BEF) – Cody Rego

(BFA) – Harry Twite

(BRFU) – Malachi Paynter

(BSA) – Sebastian Kempe

(BSA) – Kallan Todd

(BVA) – Makaylie Smith

(BBF) – Hilario Zapata

(NAAofB) – Phil Graves

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Flora Duffy Award – Nick Pilgrim

Foreword



Senator the Hon. Owen K. Darrell, JP
Minister of Youth, Culture and Sport

Congratulations to the recipients of the National Junior Athlete Sponsorship Programme

On behalf of the Government and people of Bermuda, I take this opportunity to congratulate the 2023 National Junior Athlete Sponsorship Programme recipients. The committee this year has selected sixteen recipients across the sporting spectrum. These junior athletes have demonstrated tremendous potential in their chosen sports. With the assistance of the Government, the people of Bermuda, their families, coaches and National sporting Governing Bodies, they will represent our country with dignity. For the second year, we will also present the Flora Duffy Award to assist a Bermudian athlete in the name of our sporting champion.

We take this time to acknowledge our recipients for their commitment and dedication to enhancing their skills. We must continue to invest and support you so that you become the next generation of elite sporting talent in Bermuda.

As you strive for excellence in all aspects of your journey and join the list of previous winners of this award, who have become Bermuda's sports heroes, we thank you for your commitment. Lastly, I extend my thanks and commendations to the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation staff for your continued dedication and passionate support of the development of youth and sport in Bermuda.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Owen K. Darrell'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Senator the Hon. Owen K. Darrell, JP
Minister of Youth, Culture and Sport

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Brandon Adkins

Bermuda Amateur Swimming Association

Brandon Adkins is 17 years of age and attends Baylor School in Chattanooga. Fresh from representing Bermuda at the 2023 Carifta Games where he achieved personal best in the 200m free (4th place), 400m free (4th place) and 50m backstroke. Brandon has demonstrated consistent progress and has his sights set on representing Bermuda at the 2023 CAC Games, 2023 Junior Commonwealth Games, and Youth Olympics.

To assist our recipient, the Bermuda Amateur Swimming Association has been allocated a sum of **\$2,769** for Brandon Adkins to attend a 4 week training camp at Baylor School with Coach Payton Brooks.

Ralph Scott

Bermuda Basketball Association

Ralph Scott is 15 years of age and attends Lakeland Christian High School in Florida. Ralph has made a huge step in his development by transferring to Lakeland where he is looking to maximize the next 3 years to possibly get scouted by university coaches. He has previous experience from attending the NBC Basketball Camp which saw him selected for the all-star game as well as created the pathway to attend Lakeland.

Attending the Point Guard College Basketball Camp will further assist Ralph with his development as well as prepare him to represent Bermuda during the U17 development tour in July.

To assist our recipient, the Bermuda Basketball Association has been allocated a sum of **\$3,029** for Ralph Scott to attend the Point Guard College Basketball Camp.



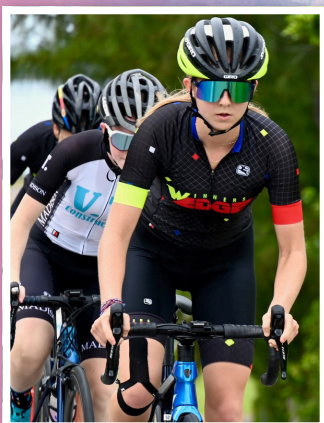
Annabelle Miller

Bermuda Bicycle Association

Annabelle Miller is 18 years of age and attends Bermuda High School. Annabelle is a transition athlete having spent her early years as a gymnast, which has given her the discipline and mental fortitude to be a competent cyclist. Her development pathway has prepared her to be highly competitive and extremely coachable, which has seen her win gold at the 2022 Jr. Caribbean Cycling Championships.

The 2023 international competition calendar for Annabelle will see her compete at the Intelligentsia Cup, Commonwealth Youth Games and Jr. Caribbean Championships.

To assist our recipient, the Bermuda Bicycle Association has been allocated a sum of **\$2,312** for Annabelle Miller to race at the Intelligentsia Cup in Chicago, which will prepare her to represent Bermuda at the Commonwealth Youth Games in Trinidad.



Luke Fulton

Bermuda Cricket Board

Luke Fulton is 16 years of age and attends Riversdale School in the UK. Due to his height and ability, he has shown potential in becoming an international pace bowler. He is keen on furthering his bowling development to be able to consistently produce pace and accuracy.

The BCB has created a partnership with the Steffan Jones Pace Lab to develop Bermudian pace bowlers, to which they have selected Luke to be the pioneer of this partnership. Additionally, this training opportunity will aid his preparation to represent Bermuda at the ICC America U19 World Cup Qualifiers in August.

To assist our recipient, the Bermuda Cricket Board has been allocated a sum of **\$3,749** for Luke Fulton to attend the Steffan Jones Pace Lab.



Cody Rego

Bermuda Equestrian Federation

Cody Rego is 18 years of age and participates in the sport of equestrian. He is a previous NJASP recipient who continues to work through the hard grind to show his discipline and determination. Cody has become firmly established amongst his competitors which is evident with his 1st place at the WIHS Jumper Phase CALI. He is keen on representing Bermuda at the highest level of the sport, which aligns with the BEF goals.

To assist our recipient, the Bermuda Equestrian Federation has been allocated a sum of **\$3,000** for Cody Rego to continue to compete on the East Coast and transport his horse to competitions.

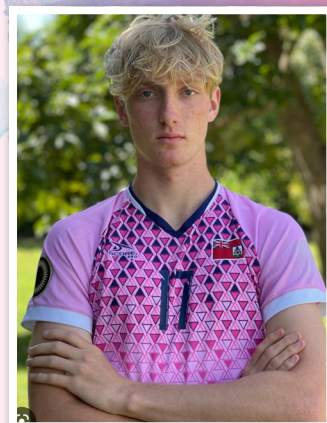


Harry Twite

Bermuda Football Association

Harry Twite is 17 years of age and attends Repton School in the UK. Harry recently made his senior debut for the Senior Men's National Team in a Nations League match against Guyana and acquitted himself well. His development is crucial to the Bermuda national team and the BFA are keen to fast track his development in preparation for future international competitions and possibly assist Bermuda at the next World Cup qualifiers in March 2024.

To assist our recipient, the Bermuda Football Association has been allocated a sum of **\$2,914** for Harry Twite to attend the Galacticos Soccer Camp in Liverpool.



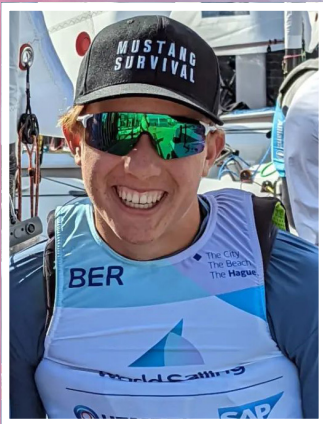


Malachi Paynter

Bermuda Rugby Football Union

Malachi Paynter is 17 years of age and attends Warminster School in the UK. Malachi's dedication to the sport has seen him become a crucial member of the men's Teachers Rugby team, as well as the U19 National Team. He has demonstrated enthusiasm for training and takes every opportunity to enhance his skills. The opportunity to participate in Jamaica will set Malachi on the pathway of possibly being scouted for university opportunities.

To assist our recipient, the Bermuda Rugby Football Union has been allocated a sum of **\$2,488** for Malachi Paynter to attend the U19 Caribbean Championship.

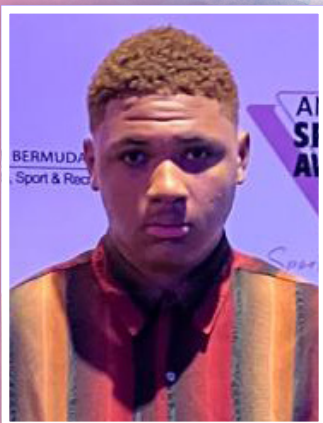


Sebastian Kempe

Bermuda Sailing Association

Sebastian Kempe is 18 years of age and attends the Royal Hospital School in the UK. With the assistance of the NJASP award Sebastian was the first Bermudian to win a gold medal at the Youth Sailing World Championships. He followed that up with another stellar performance at the 2022 Youth World Championship, where he finished 2nd. The BSA and Sebastian share the ambition of representing Bermuda at the 2024 Olympics in Paris, France.

To assist our recipient, the Bermuda Sailing Association has been allocated a sum of **\$5,707** for Sebastian Kempe to compete at the ILCA 7 Men's World Championships in Adelaide, Australia.



Kallan Todd

Bermuda Sanshou Association

Kallan Todd is 16 years of age and attends Cedarbridge Academy. He made history by winning 2 gold medals at the 2022 World Kickboxing & Karate Association (WKA) National Championships in Wales. He also won gold in both GLORY and K-1 rules categories for boys 16-17 years of age. As a NJASP recipient for the two years, he has certainly done Bermuda proud with his dedication and performances.

To assist our recipient, the Bermuda Sanshou Association has been allocated a sum of **\$3,751** for Kallan Todd to compete at the World Kickboxing and Karate Championships in Bali, Indonesia.

Makaylie Smith

Bermuda Volleyball Association

Makaylie Smith is 16 years of age and attends Berkeley Institute. Makaylie has shown much promise for the sport of volleyball and has developed her skills at the middle blocker and power positions. Her commitment to improving has seen her become named a co-captain of the youth team, where she demonstrates her leadership capabilities. Makaylie is expected to be a member of the Women's National Team for the upcoming NatWest Island Games and FIVB & NORCECA Championships.

To assist our recipient, the Bermuda Volleyball Association has been allocated a sum of **\$2,659** for Makaylie Smith to attend an overseas training camp in preparation to represent Bermuda.



Hilario Zapata

Bermuda Boxing Federation

The Bermuda Boxing Federation will enlist the services of Hilario Zapata, a Panamanian former two division world champion that competed from 1977 to 1993 and was voted into the Boxing Hall of Fame, in June 2016.

Under the collaborative direction of Mr. Zapata, trainer David Lovell and National Coach Jermel Woolridge, the BBF will conduct a competition specific camp in Bermuda for junior athletes ages 15-19 years leading up to the junior tournament in Georgetown, Guyana and future international commitments.

A sum of **\$3,374** has been allocated to Bermuda Boxing Federation, to host a 7 day intensive training camp featuring Hilario Zapata.



Phil Graves

National Archery Association of Bermuda

The National Archery Association of Bermuda is actively rebuilding their junior development programs as such will enlist the service of respective coach, Phil Graves. Graves is the owner and Certified USA Archery Level 4 Coach of Geneva Archery, which is a Target Archery Range focused on developing prospective archers.

With this collaboration, the NAAB intend to transition participating archers through the various stages of development, until they're elite level. Additionally, local coaches will also benefit with this partnership with further education on the latest technical advice and equipment to enhance performance.

A sum of **\$2,968** has been allocated to the National Archery Association of Bermuda, to host the Geneva Archery Camp, featuring Phil Graves.





Sportsways Camp

Bermuda Hockey Federation

The Bermuda Hockey Federation will partner with Sportsways Camp to deliver a week long training camp on island for their junior athletes. This sort of exposure has proven invaluable for the BHF athletes, as seen by athletes that have participated in the previous camps. The BHF have gained much needed momentum with their recent success and will be looking to build a sustained partnership with Sportsways to continue to develop their athletes.

In addition, juniors who have attended Sportsways camps in the past have gone onto to be an integral part of the BHF's junior program and mentor up-and-coming younger players. After the program, these players will be able to contribute and support the league with the knowledge gained from the camp.

A sum of **\$2,915** has been allocated to Bermuda Hockey Federation to host a training camp on island featuring Sportsways Coaches.



Americas Netball

Bermuda Netball Association

The Bermuda Netball Association aim is to provide additional coaching and training to their high-performance junior athletes so they can continue to develop their skills in target areas. With that in mind, the BNA enlisted the services of Americas Federation of Netball Association (AFNA).

Assistance from the Federation will aid in player development both physically and emotionally as they gain valuable training in preparation for international competition.

A sum of **\$2,541** has been allocated to Bermuda Netball Association to host a training camp on island featuring Americas Federation of Netball coaches.

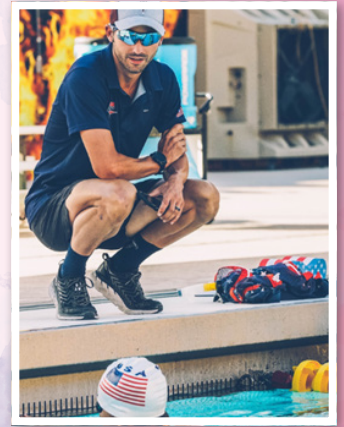
Parker Spencer

Bermuda Triathlon Association

With a target to improve the Youth Development Squad, the Bermuda Triathlon Association have enlisted the services of Parker Spencer. Coach Spencer is a USA Triathlon Level III Certified Coach and certified Exercise Physiologist through the American College of Sports Medicine that was voted USA Triathlon's Olympic Coach of the Year Award in 2022.

The aim of this camp is to continue to build on the success of the Youth Development Squad who placed 2nd overall at the 2022 Carifta Games with intensive training in preparation for the 2023 edition. The BTA are always looking to keep their junior athletes improving yearly whilst developing their ability to compete and represent Bermuda.

A sum of **\$3,041** has been granted to Bermuda Triathlon Association, to host the Youth Development Camp featuring Parker Spencer and local coaches.



William Moore

Bermuda Motorcycle Racing Association

With a working partnership with 2B Motorsports, the BMRA Youth Program's main objective is to assist athletes with the transition from local racing to international racing series in North America and Europe. To meet this objective, the BMRA will use the services of Coach William Moore.

Coach William Moore Sr "Drill Will", is a highly experienced motorcycle coach with over a decade of experience in coaching both adults and youth riders. His unique approaches make learning enjoyable and engaging, and he is dedicated to helping his students achieve their maximum potential as riders.

A sum of **\$2,750** has been granted to Bermuda Motorcycle Racing Association, to host the 2B Motorsports Camp featuring William Moore.



Nick Pilgrim



Flora Duffy Award

INTRODUCTION

The Flora Duffy Award will be made available through the National Junior Athlete Sponsorship Committee, to assist a Bermudian athlete who is not receiving elite athlete assistance. This contribution is intended to provide training/competition inducements to a promising athlete, who is likely to achieve elite athlete status at senior level given their continued participation and commitment to their sport.

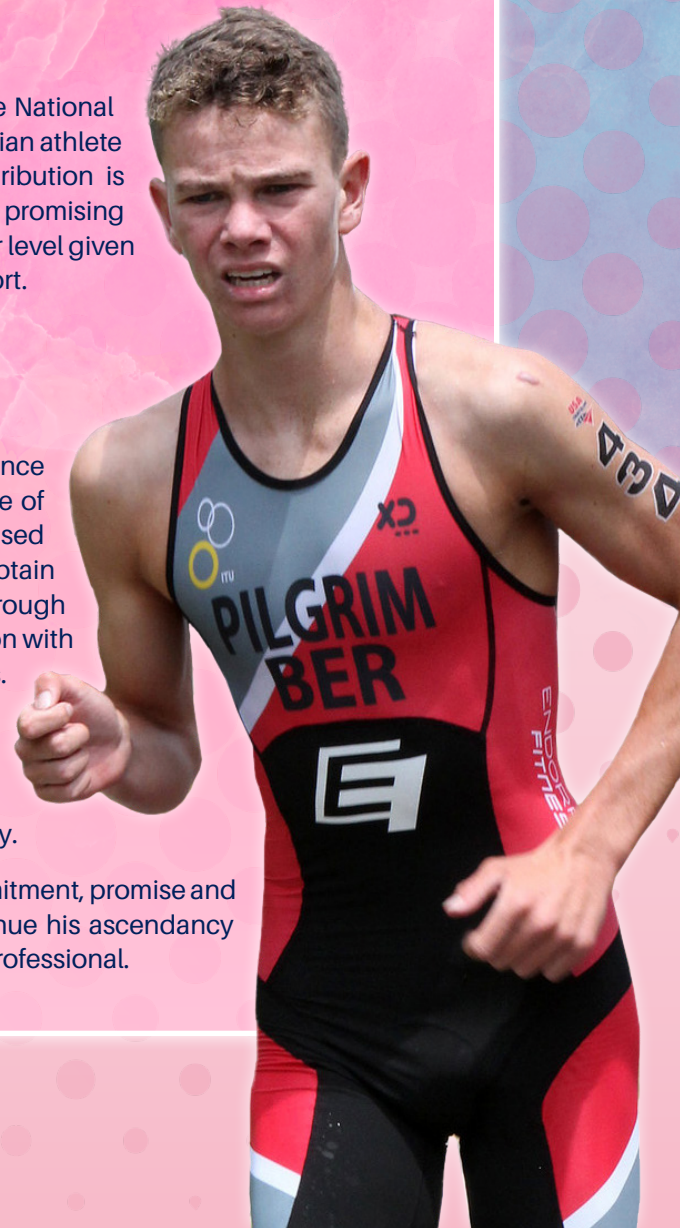
Nick Pilgrim

BERMUDA TRIATHLON ASSOCIATION

Nick Pilgrim has been competing in the sport of triathlon since he was 8. From the age of 13 trained under the guidance of Michael Harlow of Endorphin Fitness, a triathlon team based in Richmond, USA. Nick's primary objective this year is to obtain as much race practice as possible at the elite level through attendance at Continental Cup races in the Americas region with a view of qualification for Under 23 World Championships.

Over the next three years Nick is hoping to develop his standing in the senior ranks. He is now old enough to compete in the Olympic distance and will be doing his first race at this distance at the CAC Games in El Salvador in July.

Although still young, Nick Pilgrim has demonstrated commitment, promise and achievement in his respective sport as he looks to continue his ascendancy through the triathlon ranks and represent Bermuda as a professional.





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