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GOLD AWARD CEREMONY

12th and 13th August 2020

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
Pembroke, Bermuda



“Congratulations on achieving your Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award. Each one presents its own challenges. Bronze because normally it is the first, for many it’s the most testing. Silver because normally it is the next step, the middle one so requires real grit and determination and Gold because it demands everything of you, perseverance, commitment, resilience and imagination.”

“Now that it is over, I hope you can savor that sense of satisfaction and also feel that it was an enjoyable experience as well as a worthwhile one but most importantly you should feel justly proud of what you have achieved. Welcome to that happy band of Award Holders, you will find us all over the world. I trust you feel that the Award has made a difference to you and that you will continue to make a difference to others around you. You will discover that the skills and experiences that you have gained will help you in the future and you are as we say, worldready. Congratulations to all of you. You have achieved what others only dream off.”

HRH Prince Edward, The Earl of Wessex KG GCVO
Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award Foundation & Chair of the International Council

(Quote taken from the HRH’s video message to the 2020 Awardees)



GOVERNMENT HOUSE BERMUDA

H.E. Mr John Rankin CMG
Governor and Commander-in-Chief



I am pleased to welcome you to Government House for the 2020 Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Bermuda Gold Award Ceremony.

Over the next two evenings we will celebrate 25 young people who have worked diligently to attain this Award. They have given up their free time and weekends as part of their journey to the Gold Award by committing themselves to either learning a skill, carrying out community service or developing healthy behaviours through physical recreation.

All of them have participated in Adventurous Journey expeditions to Zambia or the Bahamas and some have undertaken a Residential Project on board the Bermuda Sloop Foundation's Tall Ship, *Spirit of Bermuda*.

Whichever path they have taken to meet the criteria for the Gold Award, those we celebrate tonight are to be commended for their dedication, hard work and effort. They are fine examples to young people, both in Bermuda and worldwide, of the many benefits of participating in The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award.

I wish them well in their future endeavours and hope that the core values and principles which they have learned from participation in The Award Programme will stay with them throughout their lives.

WELCOME from the Chair...

It is a great pleasure to welcome you all to the 2020 Gold Award ceremony as we acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of twenty-five inspirational young people. Each of these men and women have achieved a Gold Award; the pinnacle of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme.

Achieving the Gold Award is the culmination of countless hours of hard work and commitment by the young men and women we celebrate today. The Gold Award recognises the efforts made over a lengthy period of time and Award recipients, their family, friends and supporters can and should be justifiably proud of their achievements. These twenty-five Gold Awardees have given close to 14,000 hours of community service to our community. I know this experience will contribute greatly to their individual growth and future success.



Participating in the Award is about more than learning valuable life skills. It is also about recognizing the importance and benefits that flow from service to the community. The emphasis of the Award is personal challenge and it is designed to be flexible, balanced and progressive with participation improving personal skills, physical fitness, community service and the promotion of individual and collective achievement. It is a programme that is not based on membership or competition, but rather on inclusion and voluntary participation, something that seems particularly pertinent in today's world.

All countries need citizens who are ready and willing to take on the challenge of making their home and communities healthy, fair, prosperous and vibrant. To do so requires people that are not afraid to try new challenges and who understand that they are part of a larger, interconnected community. Today's Gold Award recipients have shown all of that and more through their Gold Award achievements. Well done!

The Award's mission is to empower those who take part in the Award to become future leaders and true global citizens. As we see today, the Award in Bermuda develops well-rounded global citizens who take pride in themselves and their communities, thus supporting personal and academic attainment and contributing to the reduction of anti-social behaviours.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to those individuals that volunteer their time and commitment in Bermuda to deliver the Award. Without the countless hours of time devoted by our Award volunteers/assessors and staff, we would not be able to celebrate these achievements today. As with the Award's volunteers, we must also thank all those that support the Award financially. In particular, a grateful thanks to the Award's Gold Award Donor Partners: The Bank of Bermuda Foundation, Conyers and AXAXL Foundation for their support and generous donations.

Finally, to all the mentors, teachers, Award Leaders, volunteers, donors, supporters and friends, a big thank you for your faith in The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, Bermuda and your enormous contribution to its success.

Sincerely,

Jovanna Douglas

Council Chair, 2018 - Present

GOLD AWARDEES 2017 - 2019

MACY AICARDI

I am a tri-holder for the International Award and completed my Qualifying Journeys in different countries – Wales, Bermuda and Bahamas (Nassau and Cat Island). Each of these locations provided different terrain and different people to experience the expeditions with. I loved being able to be outdoors exploring with great people. I am pursuing an undergraduate degree at the University of British Columbia hoping to major in Geography and minor in Economics. All of my favorite memories from D of E include the people I met. ***“My engagement in my personal activities and during the adventurous journeys throughout my Bronze, Silver and Gold awards has filled my teenage years with positive memories. I attribute the Award to helping me become a well-rounded and appreciative individual.”***



K'ARI BEAN

I am a Tri Award Holder and have also completed both levels of the Bridge Awards. At present I am a Leader/ Assessor in Training for the Award in Bermuda. I am currently studying Marine Biology with a focus in coral restoration at The Bermuda College. My favorite part of the Award was completing my Residential Projects while in Zambia, Africa. It allowed me to fully immerse myself in a community that was not my own and see how other people from different places work together to complete common goals. This program was great and offered me many life lessons, I would advise anyone considering becoming involved with the Award to do so. Throughout my journey the Award has helped me to connect with new people, learn more about myself, and break boundaries that I never knew I had. ***“I’d rather attempt to do something great and fail, than to attempt to do nothing and succeed.”— Robert H. Schuller***



BRYANA BELL

I am a Bronze and Gold Awardee. I completed the Gold Level of the Award as a Police Cadet and came in as a direct entrant. I am currently a Leader in Training working with the Gold level participants in the U Sail Bermuda sailing programme and also a Silver level joint group who will be doing a qualifying journey on the Spirit of Bermuda. After I complete the LIT program I hope to volunteer with the program wherever I can. I honestly love every component of the Award and would gladly do it all over again. However, the Adventurous Journey and the Residential Projects are where I experienced and learned many new skills and ideas. I graduated from The Bermuda College in May 2020 with an Associate in Science with Merit and will be attending Queen Mary University of London to complete an undergraduate degree in Biology. Being involved in the Residential Project section of the program and also walking through nature reserves solidified my interest in the area of working with animals and conservation. ***“Why not? What do you have to lose when there is so much to gain from experiences?”***



CAMILLE CHIN-GURRET

I am a Bronze, Silver and Gold Award holder. Currently, I am studying Business at University of Exeter in England and I am in my second year. My favorite component of taking part of the Duke of Edinburgh Programme are the Adventurous Journeys. Doing my Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Silver and Gold Award my expeditions have walked all over our beautiful Island. Despite living in Bermuda my whole life, people may say our Island is small however it is not there were so many amazing places I had never discovered before doing the Award. Without the Award, I would not have gone camping in Hog’s Bay Park, walked the Railway Trails in Somerset, eaten s’mores underneath the stars and had countless other experiences. My advice for young people considering getting involved with the Duke of Edinburgh programme is ***“they should 100 percent take part in this wonderful programme and I highly recommend for them to get involved.”***



JAIR EVE

I am a tri-holder for the International Award. I completed my Gold Qualifying Journey and Residential Projects in Zambia, Africa summer 2019. The Adventurous Journey was the best part of doing the Award because I had a lot of fun doing something that I would never have done otherwise. I will be studying Actuarial Science at Bermuda College starting fall 2020. As a young person who is starting the DofE - I would tell them that even though it is a lot of work, it all pays off in the end and once you are finished you will look back and see what a great job you have done. My involvement with DofE has impacted my sense of philanthropy by branching out and helping to coach my boyhood football club Dandy Town at the youth level, as well as feeding less privileged people dinner at the Salvation Army. ***“If you’re afraid to fail, then you’re probably going to fail” - Kobe Bryant***



NKOSI EDWARDS

As a Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) International Award Holder, I have continued to give back to the community by engaging in various community service activities locally in Bermuda. Philanthropy is most rewarding; giving of oneself for the benefit of others, I find really serves as fulfilling me personally as I learn from the experience and feel wonderful for having made a difference. The DofE has especially impacted on me, enhancing my ability to relate better with others from various diverse and cultural backgrounds. This is a critical skill that I am able to utilize and make tremendous contributions within any learning, career pathway and social environment. My personal quote, ***“Giving up is not an option; being prepared for all eventualities is imperative and can happen if you have a positive mindset – belief and self-determination”.***



ERIK FREDERICK

I’m 19 years old and am currently at Wilfrid Laurier University studying Environmental Studies. I am a tri-holder for the International Award. My Bronze and Silver levels were completed at my high school Award Center – Saltus Grammar School. At the Gold level I came into the Open Award – DeNavigators. The Gold Qualifying Journey and Residential Project took place in Nassau Bahamas and Cat Island in 2018. My favorite part of the Gold Qualifying Journey on Cat Island was on the first day when ***“one of my team members from Bahamas, pointed out the benefits of appreciating and enjoying nature and the journey in it.”***



RONEE JENNINGS

I am a tri-holder for the International Award, and I also have achieved the Bermuda Bridge Awards Levels 1 and 2 while in Middle School. I am currently pursuing an Associate’s Degree in the Arts at The Bermuda College. Whether it is playing an instrument, giving back to the community, dancing or performing, nothing can prepare you for the physical endurance that these adventurous journeys have. Nothing can quite prepare you for the endless walking with such heavy bags but the one thing you’ll never forget is the new fun memories with friends that you create. ***“People learn in lots of different ways, but experience is the best teacher.”***



NATALIE LIGHTBOURNE

I am a tri-holder for the International Award. In 2020/2021 I will be going to the University of Plymouth to study Anthropology. After traveling to Zambia summer 2019 to complete my Gold Adventurous Journey and Residential Projects, I had the privilege to have first-hand experiences in the local villages and be able to witness how the locals live and interact with each other whilst incorporating their traditional cultural practices in the times of great urbanization. The Award has allowed me to have a greater appreciation for cultures, the past and present and how we as human beings need to cherish the world around us. My decision to study anthropology, is basically because of the Award. Throughout my DofE experience I have always loved the adventurous journey. It is the sole reason I have completed all three awards. There is something magical about camping and going through a rough but exciting few days with your friends. Being able to work together, cook together, camp together and overall having an amazing experience that I will never forget.



JESSIE MARSHALL

I am a tri-holder for the International Award. In fall 2020 I will start a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sports Science at St Mary's University, UK. I have developed life skills, enjoyed amazing experiences and made lasting friendships. My fondest memory of my Duke of Edinburgh experience was on my Gold adventurous journey in Zambia. We were all feeling so tired, not speaking at all, we just wanted to get to Wildtracks Lodge, our final destination. Suddenly three young children, about 4 years old, popped out of a house opposite us and started edging their way towards us doing a traditional Zambian dance, which we joined in and they loved it. They brought smiles to our faces and gave us a little burst of energy, which pushed us the last few miles to the end of our adventurous journey.



EMMA MAYOR

I am a tri-holder for the International Award. I will be studying Dental Hygiene and Therapy at Newcastle University in the UK fall 2020. I loved all of the different aspects of the Award program. It was great being able to meet new people from different schools through the Gold Award. Our friendships grew throughout the brutal 6 a.m. training sessions, 4 - day practice journeys, and of course, our final expedition in Zambia. ***“Live in the moment.”*** While on the adventurous journey I witnessed the poor dental health of the children in Zambia and this helped me realize how wealth can affect health. This increased my interest in wanting to help communities in the future as it is an occupation which improves people's self-image, confidence and is a large contributing factor to every community's health.



JADA OUTERBRIDGE

I have achieved my Bronze and Gold Level of the International Award. I am currently studying Business Administration at Johnson & Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island. My favorite memory from Gold DoFE was when it was the first day of the walk on Cat Island, Bahamas and my knees were already giving in, and the group I was with were really caring and helped me out the whole way and made sure I was ok and really worked as a team to help me with my injury. I had such a great experience because not only was I able to travel to a place I had never been to before, I was also able to meet people from multiple Caribbean islands such as Cayman Islands, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana, and St. Lucia. All the people I met I still talk to today via social media. ***“This was a trip I will never forget.”***



SIERRA PACHECO

I am a tri- holder of the International Award. My favorite part of the Award was the Adventurous Journey as it allowed me to bond with my group members and develop teamwork, leadership and communication skills. I will be studying Forensic Science at the University of Kent, in the UK. Being involved with the Award has helped me to become independent and work well with others in environments that are unfamiliar. For the Gold Adventurous Journey, we traveled to Zambia. Travelling through this foreign country on our own allowed us to develop the trust and understanding of each other to help us work well and successfully complete the Journey.



CRISTIN RAYNOR

I earned my Bronze and Gold level of the International Award. I completed my Gold Qualifying Journey and Residential Projects in Nassau and Cat Island in the Bahamas 2018. My favorite part of the Award was my Gold Adventurous Journey and Residential Projects. I was able to interact with people I had never met before and it was an eye-opening experience. It made me realize how privileged I was and how much I take for granted. I thoroughly enjoyed being in a new surrounding area with new landscapes and new plants. My advice for the young people who are considering to be involved with the DoFE program is that, if you have the chance to do it, DO IT! Romans 5:3-4 ***“We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope.”***



JORDYN RICHARDSON

I am a tri-holder for the International Award, and I also have achieved the Bermuda Bridge Awards Levels 1 and 2 while in Middle School. I completed an Associates of Arts degree in Psychology with Distinction and graduated from high school as the valedictorian within one month of each other. I am currently attending Ohio State University where I am working towards a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and Neuroscience. My fondest memory from the DofE is working with others, especially people that I didn't know. When I was in the Bahamas, it was nice to be able to explore a new place with new people and to go through struggles together. This helped to develop my teamwork and communication skills. The Award has taught me that ***"sometimes when you put yourself aside you will grow in ways that you didn't know that you needed to grow."*** Through the Award, I learned to develop my complete self through each of the components.



BRIANNA SIMMONS

I am 19 years old and am going into my second year at Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree Marine Biology. I am a tri-holder for the International Award, but I also have achieved the Bermuda Bridge Awards Levels 1 and 2 while in Middle School. I am currently a Leader in training and working towards becoming an Assessor. My favorite part would have to be the adventurous journey for the laughs and jokes, but it also taught me the importance of working with others. Doing my Silver on the Spirit of Bermuda and then travelling abroad to Nassau and Cat Island, Bahamas for my Gold Award gave me the opportunity to be more engaging with others and learn about different people. This program opened me up to experiences that I never would have thought to be possible for me otherwise and it gave me the ability to gain confidence in myself. ***"Even on your worst day you could be someone's best hope"***



CONOR SINCLAIR

I am a tri-holder for the International Award. I graduated from Mount Saint Agnes Academy high school with Honors of Distinction and was the recipient of the Canada's Governor General's Academic Bronze Medal. I attend the University of Notre Dame studying Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics (ACMS). Go Fighting Irish! I enjoyed every moment of my DofE experience but my favorite was the time spent in the Bahamas summer 2018. There was something extraordinary about the beauty of Cat Island and the challenges we faced along the way, especially that tough third day of hiking. I have made friends for life. DofE allowed me to develop into a well-rounded person through engaging in the personal activities and adventurous journeys. It encouraged me to take part in activities that I otherwise would have shied away from. The Award pushed me to go outside my comfort zone and gave me confidence. I am proud to join my three older siblings who also achieved Gold.



EMILY SINCLAIR

I am a tri-holder of the International Award. I am currently at Saint Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. I am doing a Double Major in Psychology and Women's and Gender Studies. As cheesy as it may sound, every aspect of the DofE Award programme was my favorite. Obviously, there were some events I enjoyed more than others. I loved staying with the Zambian village; teaching the Bermudian culture to the students at the school; trekking through the mountains and getting lost in the tall grass. I enjoyed sleeping without a tent and sleeping under the stars. I loved diving into the cold water of the waterfall for the container filled with soda. I appreciate the opportunity of travelling to Zambia and creating friendships. ***"Duke of Edinburgh has helped shape my life through volunteering/community service and physical activity. Three years after travelling to Zambia, I still want to go back and volunteer in the community."***



Approximately
11,000 locals
have participated in
The Bermuda Award
since 1967

FINN SMITH

I am a tri-holder for the International Award. I completed my Gold Qualifying Journey and Residential Projects in Zambia, Africa summer 2019. I graduated from Trinity College School in Port Hope, Ontario. I was awarded the Trinidad-Tobago Spirit of the Caribbean Cup at my graduation and was awarded an Academic Scholar from TCS. I will attend Concordia University, Montreal in the fall 2020 to pursue a major in Political Science.



ROBIN STEMPEL

I have completed all Bronze, Silver, and gold levels. In fall 2020 I will be going to High Point University, in North Carolina to study Biology. I want to do research in the field of diseases and future solutions to combat these issues. Although I thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of the Award, my favorite part had to be service as I was able to spend 3 years volunteering at the SPCA animal shelter. The Award has taught me the importance of teamwork which has strengthened my desire to work in a lab that will also need the same collaboration that our adventurous journeys required. My advice to a younger person considering doing the Award is: "Whenever I talk to students doing bronze, I always tell them to keep going through the levels because at the end it is so worth the hard work the Award requires. ***Go for Gold!***"



JEVON TALBOT

I am a Direct Entrant at the Gold level. I am currently a Leader in training and working towards becoming an Assessor. I graduated from The Bermuda College May 2019 with an Associate's Degree in Business Administration. I am in the process of starting my own business as an Entrepreneur. My favorite component of the Award was developing my physical skills because it had given me that extra push to better myself physically and improve on my fitness. Participating in the DofE Award has allowed me to meet new people and help me develop better social skills that I can use going forward in my future endeavors. My advice for young people considering their involvement with the DofE programme is to ***"Keep an open mind, try to see the Award for what it is and the opportunities that come from it."***



ROBERT THOMAS JR.

I am a Bronze and Gold Awardee. In addition I achieved both levels of the Bermuda Bridge Award while in Middle School. My favorite component of the program was the Residential Project because I was able to help my community in a field that I love. In fall 2020 I will be attending Valor University in Ohio to study Law. The DofE helped a lot with my problem solving skills and quick processing of situations. I would advise that every young person embark upon DOE because you build strong relationships and obtain lifelong skills. ***"Be the change you wish to see in the world"***



IZIAH TUCKER

I am a tri-holder for the International Award, and I also have achieved the Bermuda Bridge Awards Levels 1 and 2 while in Middle School. I will be attending the Bermuda College fall 2020 to study Culinary Arts and then plan to attend Roger Williams University, Rhode Island to study Fitness and Environmental Science. I wish to help eradicate the invasive lionfish from our waters so I enjoy diving among our reefs to find and catch them. I joined the Duke of Edinburgh programme because I thought it would be a good experience and good to learn something new. I enjoyed the physical recreation component the most because I love athletics. It was easy to continue doing what I love while also completing the Duke of Edinburgh requirement.

The Award Programme impacted me because now I am much more driven to help others. In Zambia, it made me proud to give back to the school by building them a desk. It felt good to help the children. I would like to continue volunteering for work experience. ***"No matter what the haters say or do to me, I will always rise up!"***



AMIRH WADE

Hi my name is Amirh Wade. I'm 18 years old and I am currently an IB 1 student Waterford Kamhlaba of Southern Africa. I am a tri-holder for the International Award, but I also have achieved the Bermuda Bridge Awards Levels 1 and 2 while in Middle School. My favorite component of the Award program was community service. My advice for young people would be to definitely stay open minded and be prepared to push yourself physically, mentally and emotionally as you obtain the various Awards. My personal mantra is **"like wildflowers; you must allow yourself to grow in all the places people thought you never would."** -E.V



TREIANA ZUILL

I am a tri-holder for the International Award. At present I am a Leader/Assessor in Training for the Award in Bermuda. I recently graduated from the Bermuda College attaining an Associate's of Arts and Science with a concentration in Biology. In the fall of 2020 I will be attending Flagler College, St. Augustine, FL, where I will complete two years of study and earn an Undergraduate degree in Coastal Environmental Science pursuing my passion for the environmental sciences earning up to the Doctorate level. My fondest memory of the program was our 4 day hike in Zambia Africa. Personally, it was one of the most mentally and physically challenging things I have experienced. Completing this journey took a lot of self-motivation and drive and I was extremely proud that we as a group were able to persevere through it. Participating in the Duke of Edinburgh program has in many ways influenced my life and the decisions I have made for my future. **"Something that this program has taught me is that with an open mind, adventurous heart, and dedication to the things you want to achieve, nothing can stop me from being happy and successful."**



I came back from the Zambia trip and decided to volunteer for the Award so that I can inspire younger kids to do what I did because I am a Tri-Award holder and to give them the boost to give them the experience of what I experienced. Even though it is hard, it is an amazing opportunity to meet new people, to try new things and broaden your horizons. If I get a chance to give another child that experience, then that is my goal.

K'ari Bean, Zambia 2019

The Award currently operates in more than 130 countries & territories

The Award has over 1.3 million participants worldwide

Throughout all the challenges in the terrain, injuries and uncomfortable situations, I am glad that I was able to make it through. I appreciate my group, Rakers #6: Joshua King (Trinidad and Tobago), Shaquille Thomas (Barbados), Akilah Jordan-Watson (Barbados) and Ronee' Jennings (Bermuda/Skiles Monsters and Ghost Group), for all they did over the four-day qualifying journey.

Brianna Simmons, Bahamas 2018

For our Silver Adventurous Journey, we did an exploration. I prefer an exploration over an expedition because I get to spend more time exploring things related to my purpose instead of walking or journeying. I would much prefer to spend more of my time working than traveling because our bags are very heavy and difficult to carry."

Jordyn Richardson, Bahamas 2018

The Award has over 180,000 volunteers who support participants worldwide



ZAMBIA 2017

Adventurous Journey Assessor, Mwaba Mwila shared this about Emily Sinclair, “Emily displayed resilience and courage throughout the AJ. She was a constant source of emotional support for her team and kept them smiling even in the toughest times. One of my memories of Emily on the AJ was when the team got lost on the way to their Checkpoint at Fort Elwes, they followed their escape route and found their way to camp. I remember vividly upon hearing the assessors voices it was Emily who unzipped her tent and ran out to greet us with a smile. She was covered knee high in mud, sore feet and looked like she had the roughest day on earth, but still with a welcoming smile.

Zambia 2017



Duke of Edinburgh has helped shape my life through volunteering/ community service and physical activity. Three years after travelling to Zambia, I still want to go back and volunteer in the community.

Emily Sinclair,
Zambia 2017





BAHAMAS 2018



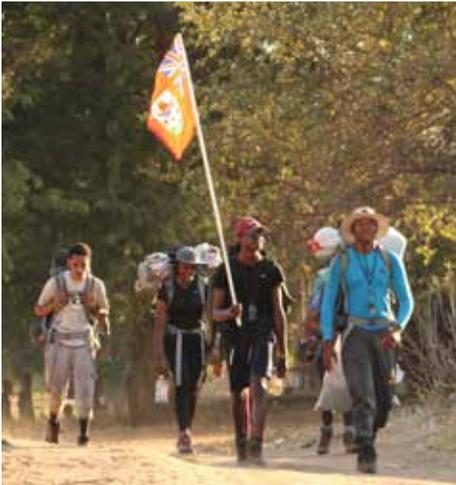
“ My experience on my Silver Adventurous Journey was amazing due to the people and the learning experience. There were so many once in a life time opportunities that we experienced. ”

Amirh Wade, Bahamas 2018





ZAMBIA 2019



“ The Zambia trip was monumental for me. I didn't realise how much of an impact the Award can make on an individual. After returning to Bermuda I signed up to be a volunteer and am now a Participant Rep. on the Award Council. ”

Treiana Zuill, Zambia 2019



MEASURING the Award's Impact

	Impact Measures	Outcomes for Young People
	Improved educational attainment	Confidence
	Improved employability and sustainable livelihoods	Ability to manage feelings
	Improved health and well-being	Resilience and determination
	Increased participation in civic life	Building relationships and leadership
	Social inclusion	Creativity and adaptability
	The environment	Planning and problem-solving
	Gender equality and the empowerment of women	Civic & Intercultural competence
	Reduction and prevention of violence, conflict resolution and peace-building	Personal and social well-being
	Reduced reoffending (recidivism) rates	Communication

LOCAL IMPACT
2020 Gold Awardees
Volunteer Hours
13,661+

Minimum number of hours donated to our community by young people participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme in Bermuda. Most participants exceed the minimum requirements of the Award and continue with their weekly activities & community service year-round.

“Through the Award I volunteered at Northlands Primary as a mentor to P6 students and with Tomorrow's Voices, working with children who have autism. Working with young kids has helped me work on my patience and enabled me to see the world differently.”

K'ari Bean, Gold Award 2019

“For the volunteering segment of the Award, I participated in the Candy Striping programme at the hospital. This has allowed me to experience a side of my community I wouldn't have otherwise, as well as the impact that participating in this programme has on many people. Over this time, I have learned that it doesn't take much to give back to your community and that doing so really opens your eyes to the small ways you can have a positive impact on another's life.”

Treiana Zuill, Gold Award 2019



YOU CAN make a difference...

IN THE LIVES OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Young people are facing unprecedented challenges, making the Award more relevant and important than ever. It helps them emotionally and physically. As the world's leading youth achievement award, we equip young people aged 14 to 25 with the skills, experience and confidence to successfully navigate adult life.

The Award builds the character and attitude that research shows businesses prioritise over academic results. No other programme offers the same range of experiences and opportunities. We need your help to extend the DoFE to all young people, from all backgrounds – to benefit both them and the wider community. Your support, either as an individual, team or through your business can help us to transform lives.

PERSONAL & CORPORATE DONOR LEVELS

Friend of The Award	up to \$5K
Bronze Award Partner	\$5K to \$10K
Silver Award Partner	\$10K to \$15K
Gold Award Partner	\$15K +
Title Partner for Specific Programmes & Special Events	requirements vary

BENEFITS OF PARTNERSHIP: TRANSFORMING LIVES

As an Award partner you will receive regular Award Newsletters and recognition on the Award's Website as a Friend of the Award, Bronze Award Partner, Silver Award Partner or Gold Award Partner. As a Gold Award Partner you will also receive placement on all our marketing material and social media platforms.

GET INVOLVED AND VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are always welcome to join the Award Family. Give back and reap the rewards of donating your personal skill sets and expertise to help enhance the development of young people across Bermuda. Volunteer opportunities are available in the following areas:

- Programme Supervisors, Award Leaders & Assessors Office
- Administration & Event Volunteers
- Council Committee Members:
 - Public Relations & Communications
 - Standards & Training
 - Alumni & Friends
 - Events & Fundraising

I have volunteered for the Award ever since I got my Gold. It was a commitment I made and I really enjoy helping out. The Award gives the participants and volunteers a lot of different opportunities such as meeting new people, traveling to new places and experiencing new things. I never thought I would have the opportunity to learn how to sail with the 2020 Gold participants. The Award helps people to connect with one another and gives them a different outlook on life. It teaches you to be resourceful and think outside the box and gives you a new sense of self and really shows you what you are capable of doing. Anyone can benefit from the Award whether it is a participant or an Award Leader.

Jevon Talbot, *Gold Award 2018*



HISTORY of the Award



The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award was founded by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, in 1956, in conjunction with Kurt Hahn, the German educationalist. Both were concerned that young people's development was lacking in certain key areas, and they resolved to create a programme that would be a 'do-it-yourself kit in the art of civilised living'.

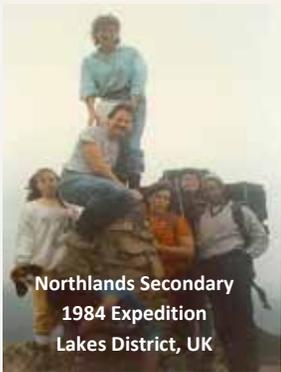
The subsequent spread of the Award across the globe is testament to the universal appeal of the programme, and the vision of its founder. However, even HRH admits that this took him by surprise:

"When the first trial of the Award was launched in 1956, no one had any idea quite what would happen. In the event it was an instant success, and the Award has been growing and expanding worldwide ever since."

HRH The Duke of Edinburgh has remained committed to the Award since its birth over 50 years ago. He continues to be involved, particularly in recognising the achievements of Award participants and the adults who support them. To find out more about HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, visit the official website of the British Monarchy.

<p>1956 Founded By:</p>	 HRH Prince Phillip The Duke of Edinburgh	 Dr. Kurt Hahn German Educationalist & Developer of International Youth Programmes	 Lord John Hunt 1953 Leader of the First Team to Conquer Mt. Everest
<p>Original Programme Purpose and Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  To engage young people struggling with social integration after WWII  Available to boys only, ages 14 – 18  Activity Components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rescue & Public Service Training ○ Expedition ○ Pursuits & Projects ○ Fitness 			
<p>1958</p>	<p>Similar programme started for girls</p>		
<p>1980</p>	<p>Age limit for participants increased to 25 years</p> <p>Revised Activity Components</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Community Service  Personal Skills  Physical Recreation  Adventurous Journey 		

HISTORY of the Award in Bermuda

1967	Bermuda Chamber of Commerce (the “Jaycees”) introduce The Award to Bermuda with HE The Governor serving as Patron <ul style="list-style-type: none">Participants became involved mainly through:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Boy ScoutsRangersYouth Ministry
1969	Bermuda’s first Bronze & Silver Awards were presented to local youth participants
1973	 <p>Bermuda’s First “homegrown” Gold Award participants received their awards at Buckingham Palace from HRH Prince Phillip</p>
1975	Adopted by the local school system – starting with Northlands Secondary, Saltus and Whitney Institute
	 <p>Northlands Secondary 1984 Expedition Lakes District, UK</p>
1988	Open Award Unit started at The Angle Street Youth Centre
1997	“New Start” DofE young offenders programme launched at Ferry Reach Co-Ed Correctional Facility
2012	“BRIDGE” Award pilot programme started at Whitney Institute Middle School



“As a young man, achieving the Duke of Edinburgh’s Gold Award gave me strong sense of accomplishment and the exciting opportunity to meet HRH Prince Phillip himself. The charity work I engaged in through the Award helped to develop my sense of community service, something that I continue with more than two decades later. The expedition allowed me to find and push my physical and mental limits, which laid a foundation for my adult life, both professionally and personally; and the friends I completed the programme with are still great friends today.”

MICHAEL BRANCO, JP, MBA (far right in photo)
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- Girl Guides
- Masterworks Foundation
- Bermuda National Trust
- BHB Pink Ladies
- Beyond Fitness
- Bermuda Squash Association
- Bermuda Rowing Association
- Church Girls Brigade
- Greenrock
- Masterworks Foundation
- Sea Cadets
- Windreach Recreational Village
- Bermuda Cricket Board
- Bermuda Football Association
- Bermuda Rugby Association
- Boy Scouts
- Outward Bound Bermuda
- Dolphins Swim Club
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