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### Grants

#### July

=> Area 4	\$300 000
=> Cumberland Basic School	\$200 000
=> Survivors Unlimited	\$300 000
=> Shortwood Foundation	\$130 000

#### October

=> Jamaica Paralympic Assoc.	\$330 000
=> Champion College	\$325 000
=> Flemmings Basic School	\$188 000

## THE ADRIAN WALLACE BURSARY RECIPIENT - *JOREL BELLAFONTE*



*Jorel Bellafonte*

### JOREL'S PROFILE

#### 2011

- 1500m gold Medallist (Boys and Girls Champs)
- 800m silver medallist ( Boys and Girls Champs)
- 1500m Carifta Silver Medallist
- World Youth Representative for the Cayman Islands

#### 2013

- 1500m Gold Medallist (Boys and Girls Champs)
- 800m Silver Medallist (Boys and Girls Champs)
- National Recorder Holder of 1500m & 800m for the Cayman Islands.

**CSEC Results: - 7 Subjects**

In 2006 the Foundation established the Adrian Barrington Wallace Bursary in memory of the founding director at his alma mater Calabar High School. The Bursary is awarded annually to a lower sixth form student who has excelled academically and in athletics. The 2013 recipient is Jorel Bellafonte.



(L-R) Guardian of Jorel; Albert Corcho, Principal, Calabar High School; Jorel Bellafonte; Caroline Mahfood, Exec. Dir. GKF and Vishwanauth Tolan, Junior Associate, ADP Managerial Trainee

## THE GRACE KENNEDY JAMAICA SCHOLAR, 2013 - *KEVAN TAYLOR*



*K*evan Taylor is from the parish of St. Catherine. He grew up in a Christian home with both parents, who helped to mold him into the young man he is today. We asked him to share a little about himself:

*I have always been a pleasant and friendly person who likes to be in a positive atmosphere. I enjoy helping others in whatever way I can. I get along with my peers, and I try to be respectful of others, especially my elders. I am also a hard worker, as I try my best to be successful in school, while taking part in other activities. I would like to consider myself a well-rounded person, as I am currently in the music ministry at church, where I serve in the instrumental band as a guitarist.*

Kevan attended Ardenne Preparatory School and then moved on to Meadowbrook High School where he sat his CAPE exams. He came first in the island for Geometrical and Mechanical Engineering Drawing in his CAPE II exams. He then matriculated to the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine campus in Trinidad. He is currently pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering.

We asked him how he felt about being the GraceKennedy Jamaica Scholar and what he intends to do in the future:-

*The GraceKennedy/Jamaica Scholarship has been a blessing to me, as it will allow me to preform at a much higher level.*

*I now have sufficient resources to help me get through. It is much easier to stay focused when you do not have to worry about how you are*

*going to pay for your studies. As it relates to the near future, I see myself as not only a Civil Engineer but as a nation builder, as I intend to*

*contribute to charitable groups such as the Grace Kennedy Foundation so that others coming up will have an opportunity to pursue their goals.*

## THE CARLTON ALEXANDER SCHOLAR, 2013 - KRISTOFF ELLIS



Kristoff Ellis describes himself as determined, humble and hardworking. He is quite an adventurous person, as well as a 'foodie'. He loves sports and planes.

When asked to tell us about his passions, he said the following:-

*As a teenager I started to develop an interest in anything technological, such as computers, phones and other gadgets. Growing up I started to like challenges. I'm a simple person and a man of few words.*

Kristoff attended both Meadowbrook High School and Jamaica College and now studies Hospitality and Tourism Management with a focus in Food Service Management. He is a member of the Rose Town Holiness Christian Church Youth Club and hopes to join Circle K in the near future. He also volunteers with the Jamaica College Robotics Team.

Kristoff commented that his main goal is to become a Restaurateur but until then he would like to become an Executive Chef. While working as a Chef he would like to attend an aviation school and become a commercial pilot.

He went on to share that, in his opinion, unemployment is a big issue in Jamaica and in the future he would like to help create job opportunities by opening a chain of restaurants.

Kristoff shared the following when asked about being selected as a Grace Kennedy scholar:-

*First of all I would like to thank the GraceKennedy Foundation for selecting me to receive the Carlton Alexander Scholarship. This scholarship has pushed me to work even harder than before and will allow me to start saving for aviation school.*

In our final moments he shared the following: -

*Whatever dreams you have for the future, do not let it just be a dream, make it a reality. Anything you want in life, go for it and never give up!*

## THE RAFAEL DIAZ SCHOLAR, 2013 - O'SHANE ALLEN



O'shane Allen is currently a student in his second year at The University of the West Indies, Mona. He is pursuing a Bachelors of Science degree with a major in Banking and Finance and minors in Economics and Management Studies.

O' shane is the 2013 Rafael Diaz Scholar in Business and a graduate of Jamaica College.

We asked him to share a little about himself:-

*I am a person with a great interest in business and technology. My love for business has helped me to take on new challenges. I am a person from a very humble background and it has contributed to my thirst for success. I am not privileged and that has driven me to always work hard.*

He reminisced about an event that has fuelled his passion to succeed. He remembers, as a young boy, his mother writing a letter to herself about one of her dearest hopes - seeing her first child becoming a 'success'. This letter, he says, is what helps him to strive for his goals.

A lover of music and sports, O'shane understands the importance of 'down-time' and not always working. This coupled with his strong belief in faith and prayer has helped him thus far to attain the things he has set out to achieve.

O'shane is a youth advocate and serves as a member of the National Youth Council of Jamaica. He is also involved in the Banking League, League of Economists and Faculty of Social Sciences Honours Society at The UWI.

We asked him to share how he felt about being selected as the Rafael Diaz scholar:-

*I was so overjoyed when I was advised that I had been given the Rafael Diaz Scholarship in Business and felt so grateful. I did not have any other way of paying my fees so this came as a blessing. It has also given me a new sense of endearment and courage to press even harder on my path to success.*

O'shane continues his march onwards, reminded that there is always more to be done, living by the words of his old school's motto: - *Fervet Opus In Campis (Work is burning in the fields.)*

## THE DOUGLAS ORANE SCHOLAR, 2013 - *TARAN SEABOURNE*



Taran Seabourne is the proud recipient of the GraceKennedy Douglas Orane Scholarship for 2013. He is the third son in a humble family of five boys and grew up in Burnside Hill in West Rural St. Andrew. He attributes his success to the close guidance of his mother and the diligent support of his father, which fostered a healthy spirit of sibling academic rivalry among the boys. He is a steadfast believer in the saying that success can be achieved through diligence, determination and dedication.

Red Hills Basic, Red Hills Preparatory and Red Hills All Age School marked the beginning of his academic journey, though Taran admits that he was never completely academically oriented and enjoyed playing football. A past time easily achieved as he lived directly in front of a football field.

Interestingly, He graduated from Ardenne High School with eight distinctions at CSEC and CAPE. He now studies Electrical Engineering at the University of Technology, Jamaica.

Taran is very big on community development and advocacy and, as such, is a member of the Burnside Hill Youth Club. Volunteerism is also important to this young man and he gives his time freely to the Red Hills Primary School, assisting with marking books and coaching the Junior School Challenge Quiz Team. His love of sports has not diminished and he now plays football with the Red Hills Football Club, continuing in his belief that being well-rounded is key.

When asked to speak about the GraceKennedy Scholarship program, he had these words: -

*The Douglas Orane Scholarship gave me the opportunity to commence my degree. Without this award I would have had to defer beginning my degree to another semester. The Douglas Orane Scholarship primarily covers my tuition, however the assistance, guidance and encouragement given to me by the warm staff of the Grace Kennedy Foundation was very instrumental in my success. I greatly appreciate all their support.*

He went further to comment on his expectations and said:-

*The Douglas Orane Scholarship will give me the opportunity to make my dreams accomplished goals. It will cover a massive amount of University expenses, reducing the economic burden that would otherwise be held by my parents and myself and facilitate the smooth completion of my degree. Additionally, being a Grace Kennedy Foundation Scholar will motivate me to be the best me that I can be.*

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## THE UTECH SCHOLAR, 2013 - *BRANDEICE BARRETT*



*B*randeice Barrett describes herself as a proud country girl. She grew up in Dumfries, a small, rural community in the parish of St. James.

We asked her to share a little about her experience growing up: -

*I enjoyed growing up in small, slow paced community because I had time to be a child and also gained an appreciation of my heritage, as many generations of my family were all in one place. However, due to the financial strain in most families, it was not often that people from my community finished high school or even went on to University, but I always dreamed of making my own path and never settling. Growing up in a working class family, which consisted of my mother and four other siblings, was not easy, but I was always happy. I was also a very introverted child, a book worm, so to speak. School was my niche, or so I thought, and I felt the need to focus on that solely. During my primary school years, my teachers encouraged me to join the Speech Choir, and I did that from then until high school. I grew to love music and so, whilst at high school, I started playing the saxophone and little by little I broke out of my cocoon.*

*My mother worked hard in ensuring that I had access to everything that I needed and I in turn worked to ensure that her sacrifices were not done in vain. I had a strong maternal figure in my life and she taught me so much. She was always giving to others in our community and she taught us that no matter how in need you think that you are, there is always someone that is in a far worse position so, always help those that you can. I learnt to be thankful and to never give up.*

Brandeice now studies Chemical Engineering at the University of Technology, Jamaica and is a graduate of Montego Bay High School for Girls. She is currently a member of the UTech Advent Fellowship and Achemes - the Chemical Engineering Club. She hopes to join a Rotaract Club soon.

We asked her to share her experience being a GraceKennedy scholar:-

*The UTech Open Scholarship is the answer to a seven year long prayer. I took last year off to work so that I could save enough to continue my education but I was not able to save enough and only started back school this March. I came to school by faith this year and being the recipient of this years' scholarship makes me feel as if I am on the right track to fulfilling my purpose. I am now able to continue school with out the tremendous stress of tuition fees. I am extremely grateful for this opportunity.*

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## THE BRUCE RICKARDS SCHOLAR, 2013 - TUHRAN MCLAREN



Tuhran McLaren is a 21 year old, third year Pharmacy student at the University of Technology, Jamaica. He is a proud graduate of Kingston College.

Tuhran is from a single parent family and grew up with five (5) siblings.

We asked him to share a little about his formative years and the person he has become:-

*Growing up I was considered an introvert, sometimes a bit shy and reserved but not afraid to speak up when it mattered. My friends tell me that I'm reliable and trustworthy, someone they can approach for advice on personal or other issues.*

*I believe in second chances, and I believe in giving persons the benefit of the doubt. I am a strong willed and God-fearing person who strongly believes in the principle of hardwork and perseverance. I'm goal-oriented and self driven. I pride myself on being punctual. I love to laugh.*

Volunteerism is very important to him and he serves as a member of the University of Technology Rotaract Club, a voluntary arm of the Kingston Rotary Club. He has worked on numerous community activities, such as, fundraising projects geared towards helping abandoned children at the St. Augustine Boys Home. He has also assisted at the Golden Age Home and Sophie's Place.

When asked to comment on the impact of his scholarship:-

*The GraceKennedy Bruce Rickards Scholarship has given me more reason to appreciate the contributions of others towards my career development. The fact that GraceKennedy has recognized my work is greatly motivating and inspiring. The personal development gained is immeasurable. I am now a GraceKennedy scholarship ambassador and am proud to represent a company that believes and invests heavily in nation building.*

The Bruce Rickards Scholarship finances his tertiary education and Tuhran is pleased that GraceKennedy believes in his dream of becoming a pharmacist.

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## THE EDNA MANLEY SCHOLAR (MUSIC), 2013 - *MAKIRI WHYTE*



*M*akiri Whyte is the 2013 recipient of the Edna Manley Scholarship. He is currently a student of music and has been interested in the area since age five. He harnessed this particular talent in the church and at school.

Having completed his primary education Makiri was offered a space at the Wolmer's Trust School for Boys. While at Wolmer's, he was involved in the Cub Scout movement and represented his school in Barbados at the Cub Scout Cuboree. He was also involved in the following clubs and societies: Cadets, Choir, the School Band and Interact Club. Makiri also served as a Prefect.

While being involved in his school community, Makiri still kept an eye on the books, as he completed 8 CXC/CSEC subjects and 6 Units of CAPE. Now at the Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts, he is pursuing a Bachelors Degree in Jazz and Popular Music and is also the leader of the Phuzzion Band.

Though very busy with school and musical engagements, Makiri finds time to give back to his community and church. He engages other youngsters in an after-school assignment program and a music program to teach interested persons.

When asked about the scholarship and its personal impact, Markiri said the following: -

*'I am very grateful. This scholarship is heaven sent, one that has lifted many financial strains from my parents. It has enabled me to function with confidence knowing that my place in school this year is secure. I will work hard to keep my scholarship.'*

Makiri wants to become an ambassador for his family, community and country.

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PHOTOGRAPHS WITH OUR 2013/14 SCHOLARS!



## GRANT FEATURE - CUMBERLAND BASIC SCHOOL



Caroline Mahfood (Centre) and Jullian Marriott (Right) with the staff and children of Cumberland Basic School

Jullian Marriott, an employee of GraceKennedy, approached the Foundation to assist Cumberland Basic School in Portmore. We interviewed her on the process.

**How did you find out about the GraceKennedy Foundation?**

*I found out about the Foundation through the Grace Kennedy website and the updates on Cybervillage.*

**Why did you approach the GraceKennedy Foundation?**

*I decided to approach the GraceKennedy Foundation having read the stories about their work across the island. My son attends Cumberland Basic School, so I knew of their dire need for new furniture.*

**Describe the process of approaching the Foundation?**

*The process of approaching the Foundation was very easy. Firstly, I spoke to Erica Fagan who walked me through the procedures. The Principal completed a grant form and the Foundation did their assessment, our school qualified, and they helped with a grant of \$200,000.*

**How do you feel having approached the Foundation?**

*I was ecstatic when I first got the news. Seeing the children's faces and understanding the gratefulness felt by the other parents warmed my heart. It was a good deed that would surely go a long way.*

*The school had been transformed drastically. The good work of the GraceKennedy Foundation should be talked about more because it is really making a difference in people's lives. Our children's learning will be greatly improved because of the grant. On behalf of the entire Cumberland Basic School family I would like to say a very special thank you to the GraceKennedy Foundation!*



Children at Cumberland Basic School enjoying their new furniture

## GRANT HIGHLIGHTS



Flemings Basic School Grant -

3 computers and a printer



Area 4 Police Civic Committee Grant - Funding scholarships for 96 needy students who live in the Area 4 Region, comprising the divisions of St. Andrew South, Kingston Central, Kingston Western, Kingston Eastern, St. Andrew South and St. Andrew Central. 2013 marks the 4th year of the GraceKennedy Foundation's title sponsorship of the activity. Special thanks to GraceFoods and Western Union for providing tokens for the students.

GraceKennedy Chairman, Douglas Orane, O.D. presented an inspiring speech at the ceremony. Click on the link below to read: -

[Douglas Orane Speech, Area 4 Police Civic Committee](#)



GraceKennedy Foundation funds webinars to provide training for teachers, counsellors and other professionals on issues of loss, grief and violence affecting youth. (Left - Right) Simone Clarke-Cooper, GraceKennedy's Corporate Communication Manager; Hilary Wehby, Director, GKF; Lorraine Jones, Executive Director, Survivors Unlimited, the organization that received a \$300,000 grant to host the webinars; and

Erica Fagan, Project Officer, GKF.

For more information email, [gkfoundation@gkco.com](mailto:gkfoundation@gkco.com)



Cumberland Basic School Grant -

Playground Equipment

**STAFF FEATURE - *MATTHEW COLE***

**Matthew Cole, Accountant, GraceKennedy Foundation**

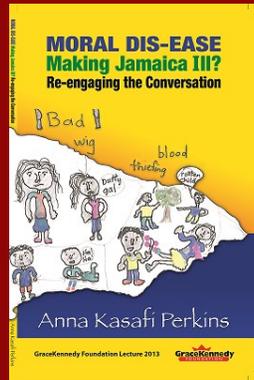
In this quarter's feature we focus on Matthew Cole, the Accounting Officer for the Foundation.

Matthew has been with the Foundation for five and a half years.

He is a member of several professional organizations including the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), and the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Jamaica.

Matthew is a past student of St. Jago High School, Glenmuir High School, Exed Community College and The University of the West Indies, Mona. He is a lover of nature, music of all genres, most sports, reading, travelling and movies. He has seven children; five adults and two minors.

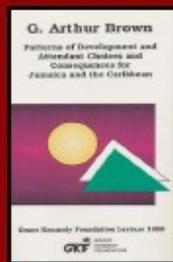
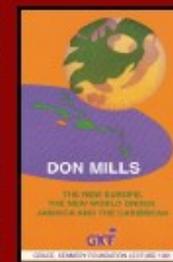
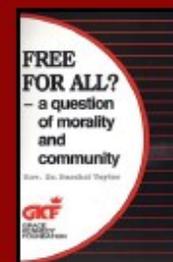
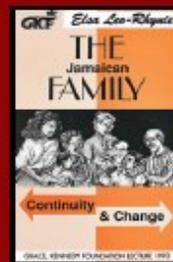
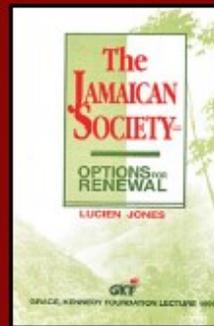
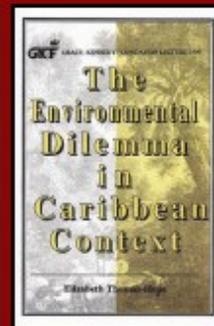
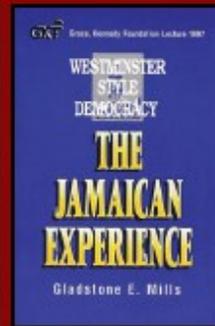
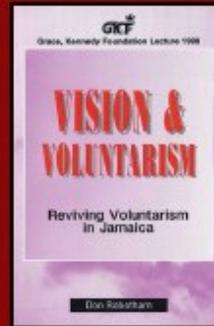
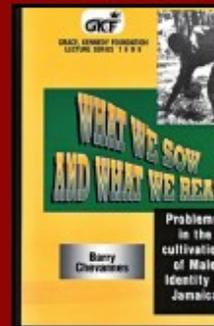
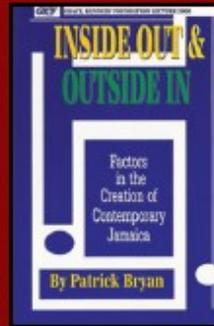
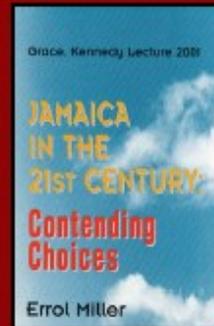
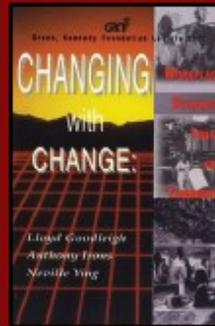
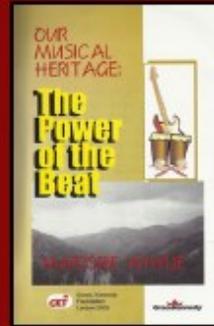
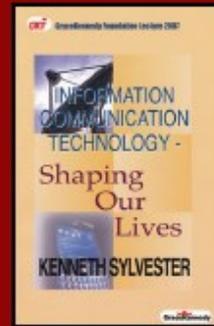
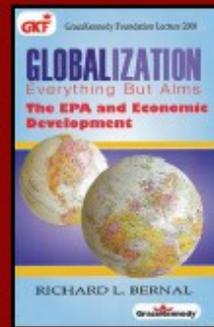
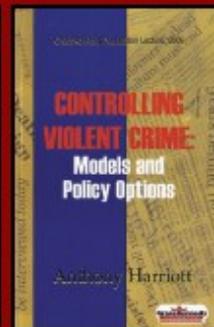
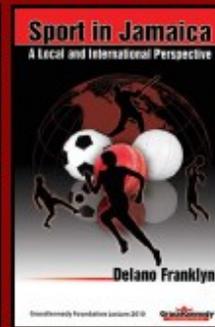
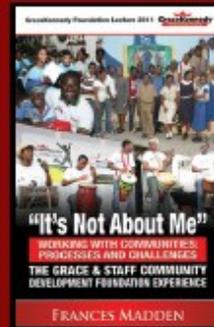
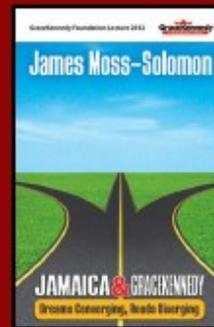
He describes himself as an avid Pan Africanist and emphasized that his lifestyle and spiritual outlook is Rastafari.



The GraceKennedy Lecture Series serves as a catalyst for discussion and debate!

The 2013 Lecture was presented by Dr. Anna Perkins. The presentation was entitled 'Moral Dis-ease: Making Jamaica III? Re-engaging the conversation on Morality'. You may click the image above to see this lecture.

For more information on all the lectures please click on the images to the right.



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