Annual Review for the year ending 2017

Diamond Jubilee

1987 - 2017

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THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD
The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award in the world’s leading achievement award for young people, bringing together practical experiences and life skills to create committed global citizens and equipping young people for life.

The Award is:

- Open to all young people aged 14-24, regardless of their background and circumstances.
- About personal development: it is a non-competitive, enjoyable, voluntary and balanced programme, which requires sustained effort over time.
- A non-format educational framework which can complement formal education or offer a substitute where formal opportunities are not available.
- A programme that enables young people to demonstrate self-development within an internationally recognized framework.
- Comprised of three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold - each progressively more challenging.
- Comprised of four sections: Service, Skills, Physical Recreation and Adventurous Journey, and includes a Residential Project at Gold level.

The unique strengths of the Award are that:

- It can be used by any group or organization working with young people. It offers youth agencies and organizations a way of gaining international accreditation for development activities with young people.
- It is based on enduring principals and robust methodology, but is flexible enough to be used with any group of young people, whatever their needs.
- It focuses not on external and universal standards, but on self-directed learning based on individual goals - any young persons can take part and achieve their Award, whatever their starting point.
- It is a low-cost intervention which uses existing youth development networks and infrastructure to reach young people. Each new leader trained to run the Award supports around twenty new participants to begin their Award.
- It is a locally adaptable programme, flexible enough to meet the objectives of local and national youth policy objectives.
- It is supported by an extensive global network that ensures its quality and provides access to youth development expertise, training and best practices.

Former Patrons

Our Patron
Her Excellency, The Governor General

Sir Gerald Cash 1987-1988
Sir Henry Taylor 1988 - 1992
Sir Clifford Darling 1992 - 1995
Sir Orville Tumquest 1995 - 2001

Dame Ivy Dumont 2002 - 2005
Sir Arthur Hanna 2006 - 2009
Sir Arthur Foulkes 2009 - 2014
“Father” of GGYA Steps Down
Sir Orville gave a decade of service

Tributes were paid to Sir Orville Turnquest at last year’s Annual General Meeting (AGM), as the nation’s fifth Governor General officially stepped down as chairman of the Board of Trustees.

“ I am honoured to follow Sir Orville as he did great things while on the board,” said incoming chairman, John Bethel Jr., in his first public address to the youth self-development programme.

Following the sudden death of Robert Nihon in 2007, Sir Orville stepped in for what was supposed to be a short stint, while a suitable candidate could be identified. The temporary” post lasted a decade.

“Sir Orville Turnquest has become synonymous with GGYA. He has been with us for many, many years. I call him the father of the GGYA,” SAID Jack Thompson, chairman of GGYA’s management council.

“There comes a time when you have to pass the baton on. We are indebted to him for the years, for his guidance, his leadership and his vision.”

Ironically, it was during Sir Orville’s time serving as Governor General in 1987, that the organization changed its name from the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award to its present moniker. Thus, as the one who approved the change, Sir Orville was the Award’s first national patron.

During his term as chairman, GGYA grew to became one of the largest and most vibrant organizations in the Americas Region. According to stats released in October 2016, by the Americas Awards, The Bahamas is second in the region in number of participants. Canada is first.

“This programme was designed to promote in young people a spirit of self-worth, of enterprise and of commitment to the betterment of our community,” said Sir Orville in his final, written AGM Address as chairman.

“It is therefore heartening to see young people who are susceptible to failing—instead, excelling and choosing positive and productive paths.”

Sir Orville noted that the organization’s 30th anniversary poses a fitting time “to focus and remind ourselves of the key role” GGYA has played in the lives of youth across the nation.

“It was a privilege and honor to serve as the patron and chairman of an organization unmatched among youth groups worldwide,” he said.

Sir Orville tendered his resignation “knowing that the programme continues to excel, and that it is in excellent hands for the future.”

Submitted by: Tosheena Robinson-Blair
30th Anniversary Messages

The Governor General

It is a very great pleasure to extend greetings to the Board of Trustees, the Management Council, and the National Director of the Governor General’s Youth Award (GGYA) on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of its establishment.

I am aware of the wonderful work undertaken by the GGYA over the years in fashioning the lives of young Bahamians, and the dedicated efforts made by the National Director and staff in planning and staging the various programs in which young people participate.

Over the thirty years of its work, it is interesting to note the strides made in positively impacting the lives of so many of our youth through engagement in the programmes which are geared to encourage high standards and propriety. Through participation in the GGYA activities, it is noteworthy that previous participants who are now adults, have taken that training with them as they now make valuable contributions to the development of our Nation.

With out a doubt, high appreciation is due to the hard work and dedication of those who administer and manage the various projects, brining them successfully forward for the benefit of The Bahamas as a whole.

As Patron, and in behalf of all Bahamians, I am delighted to extend congratulations and thanks to all who have assisted in maintaining the effective work undertaken by the GGYA. I am confident that, with the same level of dedication applied over the past years, the laudable work to which the GGYA is committed will continue, and even excel for the positive development of young people in this Nation.

I take this opportunity also to encourage all to support the work of the GGYA, and I pray that Almighty God will continue to bless and guide you in all these worthy activities.

Dame Marguerite Pindling, GCMG
Governor General

The Hon. Michael Pintard
Minister of Youth, Sports & Culture

The Governor General’s Youth Award Programme (GGYA) has played a pivotal role in nurturing and molding thousands of young Bahamians over the last thirty (30) years. On behalf of the Government and the People of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas I wish to congratulate the advisors, mentors, sponsors, parents/guardians, and patrons who have developed and sustained this incredible initiative.

Furthermore, I join my colleagues in saluting our young people who enrolled in the programme and embraced the life changing curriculum which groomed man leaders. GGYA has instilled values that foster wholesome living and deeper social and civic consciousness. The program by its very nature encourages and supports fitness and healthy living.

The international exchange component of this mentorship programme has broadened the perspective of participants and enlarged the worldview of our young leaders. This holistic programme touches almost every area of the lives of our children. The interactive nature of this initiative promotes camaraderie which has led to many lifelong friendships.

It is my prayer that more of our youths would enroll in GGYA and then consider carefully the important life lessons learnt and share them with their peers and wider society. It is my hope that more corporate citizens and graduates of the GGYA would contribute time and resources to expand the reach of this initiative, so that we can positively impact the lives of many of our youth who are idle outside of the structured school environment.

May God continue to bless your efforts as you improve our country.

The Hon. Jeff Lloyd
Minister of Education, Science & Technology

As the Governor General’s Youth Award (GGYA) proudly and delightedly commemorates its 30th Anniversary this year, I applaud the Ministry of Education, as well as the GGYA Management Council, for 30 years of dedication to providing such a quality extra-curricular venture for our students. For the past 30 years, GGYA has celebrated countless commendable achievements. During that time its enrollees have been afforded an opportunity to gain supplemental edification, exposure, and self-confidence through exciting undertakings such as travel, exploration, and competition. GGYA has also allowed at-risk students a chance at self-improvement, and I am sure they have all emerged from the program far more disciplined and enriched than before.

I applaud the involved teachers and participants for all of the hard work and dedication you have exerted over the years to this note-worthy venture. I advise you to keep in mind this practical reminder from famous philanthropist Walter Annenberg; “Many activities and team play participation will give you a training that will prove invaluable later on in life.” Parents, I also encourage you to continue to persuade your children to participate in beneficial ventures such as GGYA.

To all affiliated with the Governor General’s Youth Award: I extend my sincerest congratulations to you on your 30th Anniversary. Your rich history reflects a gradual and impressive increase in popularity, success, and prestige. It is my hope that the program will continue to achieve many more landmarks in the future, and I wish you every success as you endeavor to do so.
On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Governor General's Youth Award (GGYA) I would like to congratulate all who have participated and are participating in the program.

When it was restarted in 1987, as The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme (D of E), the name was changed to The Governor General's Youth Award in 1996, there were not many participants in the scheme and over the period of thirty years it has grown to just under two thousand training for the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. We have units in most of the schools in Nassau and in the Family Islands and we expect to recruit more this year.

When our name changed in 1996 the Governor General of the Bahamas at that time, Sir Orville Turnquest agreed to be our Patron and since that time every Governor of The Bahamas has served as our Patron for which we thank them. Some of them, on retirement, have also served on the Board of Trustees giving valuable advice and assistance.

To help guide the development of the organization and to raise funds for its continuous growth the Board of Trustees was appointed in 1987 and continues to oversee the GGYA today. Some of the present members of the Board have been on it for the thirty years of its existence. The Board has had four Chairman during this time, the late Robert Nihon, who was instrumental in the reincarnation of the scheme, Mr. Paul Sandford, Sir Orville Turnquest and myself.

At the same time the Board of Trustees was incorporated, the National Council was set up. Its purpose was to oversee the day to day running of the award scheme and they work closely with the National Executive Director. Chairpersons of the National Committee were Stephen Plakaris, Dr. Ellison Rahming, Bradley Cooper, Earl Alleyne, Commodore Leon Smith (retired), Dr. Earla Carey-Baines, Dr. Davidson Hepburn, Victor Chandler and the present chairman Jack Thompson.

An important part of the growth of the organization was the appointment of a National Executive Director to oversee the recruitment and training of volunteers, the addition of new groups to the award scheme, planning the many Bahamas Award Scheme Expeditions (BASE), and participation in the Caribbean Award Scheme Adventurous Journeys (CASC). We have been fortunate to have Miss. Denise Mortimer as only our second National Director. Through her efforts the group has grown to what it is now, she has participated in many international meetings, expeditions and presentations making us one of the premier Groups in our area.

We have been fortunate to have been visited by HRH The Prince Philip the Patron of the D of E, Princess Ann The Princess Royal, Prince Edward The Earl of Wessex and Prince Harry. They have all participated in award presentations and helping the Board of Trustees in their fund-raising events.

The GGYA is one of the outstanding youth organizations of our country and I congratulate each and every participant, National Council member and Trustee for making it the premier organization that it is.

Mr. John Bethell Jr.
Chairman
This year, we celebrate thirty (30) years of program’s existence in The Bahamas. Every day we are encouraged and inspired by the testimonials of young people who would have been impacted by the program. Young people are employed in every sphere of our country’s development boast of the Award and the positive influence it has had on their lives, at home, work place and in the community.

In this regard, I wish to thank the many persons who work tirelessly to ensure that the core values of the Award are embraced and diligently executed.

We are grateful to our patron Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling, Governor-General, Commonwealth of The Bahamas. Her support and encouragement has been a source of strength to us all.

I should also like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Sir Orville Turnquest, for many years of outstanding leadership and guidance to our Trustee Board. His years of service had been nothing short of exemplary. We all wish him well and God’s Blessings in the years ahead, as he takes leave from the Board of Trustees.

I am always grateful to Ms. Denise Mortimer for her fine leadership, passion and hard-work. Her staff should also be commended for their hard-work.

There are never adequate words to express to the depth of appreciation and gratitude to our many leaders, volunteers, parents and teachers for the overwhelming assistance with the Award.

**Mr. J.A. Thompson**  
Outgoing Chairman of the Management Council

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I am elated to serve as the Chairman of the GGYA Management Council and eager to continue giving valuable service to the youth of our country.

In my role as Management Council Chairman, I intend to continue the work of my predecessors and ensure that the funds the GGYA receives from not only the government, but other donors, are spread as widely as possible to impact more and more of our young people.

Although GGYA has made efforts to include marginalized and at risk young people in the Award Programme, my main mandate will be to target them again and have a major push in those areas. It is important that we continue to assist in working with at-risk young men and women. Many of these young people can give back and really influence the people that they would have grown up with.

It is my goal to train a new generation who could be enthusiastic about perpetuating what has happened here. As we move on, we expect nothing but great things to happen.

I look forward to working with the present members of the Board of Trustees, Management Council, volunteers, participants and parents. We pray for God’s blessings upon our efforts to serve him and his people.

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**Past & Present Management Council Chairpersons**

- **Leon Smith,** Commodore (retired)  
  1995 - 2000

- **Mr. Stephen Plakaris,** 1987 - 1989

- **Mr. Elston Rahming,** 1990 – 1992

- **Mr. Bradley Cooper,** 1992 – 1994

- **Mr. Earl Abayne,** 1994 - 1999

- **Dr. Earl Carey-Baines,** 2000 – 2003

- **Dr. Davidson Hobburn,** 2004 - 2009

- **Mr. Victor Chandler,** 2010 - 2011

- **Mr. Jack Thompson,** 2012 - 2017

- **Archdeacon James Palacious,** 2018 – Present
National Executive Director Message

This is an exciting time to be involved in the Governor General’s Youth Award, whether you’re a participant or a volunteer. An anniversary is a time to reflect on the past and look to the future. The need for the Programme is just as important today as it was 30 years ago.

We should begin charting a course for future growth. I see more opportunities in the northern Bahamas. Looking to the future we’d like to see even more individuals who have benefited from the Programme return either as a volunteer, financial sponsor or both. GGYA is more than a tradition, it’s a lifestyle.

One doesn’t go from zero to thirty without recording a number of milestones. In 1990, The Bahamas was the first in the Caribbean to hire a national executive director, which was Janet Cartwright. His Royal Highness Prince Edward paid his first visit to the reinvigorated local Award Programme that year.

In 1992, the first batch of Gold Awards under the new Programme was presented. His Royal Highness Prince Philip came to town to bestow those honors. Growth continued that year with the establishment of the first Family Island units and first national family island adventurous journey, christened The Bahamas Award Scheme Expedition (BASE).

Two years later the DoE was the recipient of the Ministry of Youth’s, Outstanding Youth Programme Award. The very next year, in 1995, the DoE hosted the Caribbean version of BASE, drawing participants and volunteers from across the region to The Bahamas to attend the Caribbean Award Scheme Council (CASC) Annual General Meeting and Adventurous Journey.

In 1996, the Programme changed its name to its current moniker, the Governor General’s Youth Award with Sir Orville Turnquest as its patron. As a part of its face-lift, GGYA unveiled a new logo.

In 1997, the Programme’s outstanding achievement was again recognized by the Ministry of Youth. In 1999, GGYA held its first leaders conference and obtained full membership in the Duke of Edinburgh’s International Association in 2000.

GGYA experience a growth explosion in 2003, when for the first time the Programme registered 1,000 participants in a single year. The following year it opened its first office in Grand Bahama to further capitalize on its growth. In 2006, a young offenders unit was created to reach at risk youths.

Realizing the impact of the self-development Programme, in 2010, the government agreed to a multi-year partnership to provide critical financial injection via the Ministry of Youth, Sorts & Culture, in order to make the Programme more national and inclusive in scope.

In partial fulfillment of that mandate, GGYA awarded its first batch of medals to top special need students of Grand Bahama’s Beacon School in 2012.

In 2015, participants began to redefine the adventurous journey component. Breaking with tradition, GGYA recorded its first kayaking adventure (around New Providence) and the first cycling expedition (on Grand Bahama).

2016 saw 45 participants obtained their Gold Awards. We were able to established a unit in Spanish Wells at the Samuel Guy Pinder All Age School and re-established the unit at L.N. Coakley High School in Exuma.

Notable achievements for the year under review are:

- GGYA Chair elected Deputy Chair to Caribbean Award Sub-Regional Council (CASC) board
- Three volunteers nominated for Volunteer of the Year (one was runner up)
- BTC sponsor 10 Gold participants for the North Andros Unit to attend Bahamas Award Super Expedition (BASE)
- Approved by CASC to host Caribbean Award Sub-Regional Council Adventurous Journey 2018
- 31 received Gold Awards
- New Units: Education Alternative Learning Centre and Discovery Club
- Selected to be a part of the DofE International Award Foundation Communications Project
- 1,773 registered participants
- 239 Awards
- 68 Registered Units

The decline in registration and Awards can be contributed to completely reverting to the online record book and use of all the other digital tools.

It is only fitting to acknowledge the tremendous contributions to Mrs. Rosamond Roberts, Mr. Henry Curry, Mr. John Bethell Jr., Mrs. Nancy Kelly, Ms. Suzanne Black, Mr. Lawson Clarke, Ms. Elaine Gomez, Ms. Portia Sweeting, Mrs. Vivienne Missick, Mr. Alan Pinto and Mrs. Alicia Owens-Newton. They have all been involved with the GGYA for 20-30 consecutive years.

To the many others who continue to give of their time unselfishly - Unit Leaders, Adventurous Journey Panel members, Gold Award Holders Association, Management Council, Board of Trustees and GGYA Staff. - Many Thanks.
In June 1987, Commander David Newing, International Secretary from the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in London, met with officers from the Ministry of Labour, Youth, Sports and Community Affairs to discuss the re-establishment of the Bahamas Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme in The Bahamas. After much deliberation with the Minister at the time, the late Hon. Peter Bethel, the programme was given the green light by government. Since 1987, the Award programme has strictly adhered to the principles and structure outlined by its governing body, the International Award Association.

To ensure the programme's success a workshop was conducted in August 1987, by Gillan Stevenson and Nick Gair from the International Secretariat. Membership opportunities were extended to many organizations including the Pathfinders, the Red Cross, Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, Boys Brigade, Junior Achievement and the Royal Bahamas Police Force Cadets.

Robert Nihon became the first chairman of the Bahamas Duke of Edinburgh's Award Committee. He remained in that position up to his death in 2007. Secretary for the committee was Rosamund Roberts, who still holds that post today.

Stephen Plakaris served as chairman of the National Council from 1987-1989. In 1988, Mrs. Roberts and Mr. Plakaris attended the International Forum meeting and the first, locally organized workshop for the Award programme was held, conducted by David Clarke.

In 1989 the Bahamas Duke of Edinburgh's Award staged its first fundraiser, a dinner and fashion show. The first Award ceremony followed a year later in 1990. Fourteen Bronze Awards and one Silver Award were presented to participants. Prince Edward was on hand for the event.

The first National Executive Director was appointed in 1990 in the person of Ms. Janet Cartwright.

The rest is history!!!
90's Programme

The Bahamas Dolphinarium, which is open to the public for a fee, is located in Nassau. It features a variety of marine animals, including dolphins and seals, which perform various tricks and displays. The facility includes an aquarium and a research center, and it is a popular tourist attraction.

Prince visits Blue Lagoon

In April 1990, Prince Edward visited the Blue Lagoon, a popular tourist destination on the island of New Providence. He was accompanied by the Duchess of Edinburgh, Princess Anne.

Eleuthera with storm repairs

In July 1990, the island of Eleuthera, which is located in the Bahamas, was affected by a severe storm that caused significant damage. The local community worked together to repair the infrastructure and restore the island.

Crocodile Dundee Wannabes

The Crocodile Dundee movie was released in 1986 and became a cultural phenomenon. The movie's success inspired many people to create their own versions of the character, including a group of young people in the Bahamas who created their own Crocodile Dundee characters.

More Young People look to GGYA

The Governor General's Youth Award is an annual competition that recognizes young people for their contributions to their communities. The award is sponsored by the Bahamas National Trust and is open to young people aged 14 to 25.

Beacon School kids make GGYA history!

In 1990, a group of Beacon School students was awarded the Governor General's Youth Award for their work in protecting the environment. The students were recognized for their efforts to clean up a local beach and raise awareness about the importance of conservation.
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1990 - Hiring of 1st National Executive Director; only country in the Caribbean to hire full time Award Director.
- Prince Edwards visits Bahamas.
1991 - Opening of 1st National Award Authority (NA) office.
1992 – 2nd National Director Executive appointed.
- First Gold Awards presented since re-starting and presented by HRH Prince Philip
- 1st Newsletter published.
- 1st Family Island units established.
- National Family Island Adventurous Journey began under the name of: The Bahamas Award Scheme Expedition (BASE).
- 1st time participating in Junior Junkanoo.
1993 - Bermuda Gold Award group takes part in BASE.
- HRH Prince Philip presents Gold Awards.
1994 – Adventurous Journey Panel appointed.
- Recipient of Ministry of Youth Outstanding Youth Program.
1995 – Hosted the Caribbean Award Scheme Council (CASC) AGM/Adventurous Journey for the first time.
- Gold Award Holders Association (GAH) established.
1996 – Name change/new logo/first GGYA booklet published.
1997 – Ministry of Youth Award.
- Prince Edward presents Gold Awards.
1999 - GGYA Leaders’ 1st conference.
- Scotland group from Dundee participate in BASE.
2000 – Granted full membership in the Duke of Edinburgh’s International Association
- Attended Forum in South Africa.
2001 - Prince Edward presents Gold Awards.
- HRH Prince Philip attends function at Lyford Cay
2002 – Development Officer hired.
- Part-Time Development Officer on Grand Bahama in place.
- 1st Adventurous Journey Sailing venture to six Bahamian Family Islands.
- Award group from Saskatchewan, Canada take part in BASE.
- Recipient of Special Projects Grant.
- Family Island Coordinators appointed (volunteers).
- GAH attends International Gold Event in Canada.
2003 – First International Review.
- GAHA re-established after 6 years absence.
- Hiring of two GAH as Part-Time Field Officers.
- Over 1,000 persons registered for GGYA; largest numbers in history of the program.
- 1st Americas Region Representative appointed.
2004 – Opened GGYA office on Grand Bahama Island.
- Gold Award Holder received Ministry of Youth for Outstanding Community Service.
- Silver awardees receive award for Outstanding Youth in Education.
2005 – 31 received Gold Award; largest number to date.
- Hosted Caribbean Award Scheme Council (CASC) for second time.
- Ministry of Education Award.
- GAH attends International Gold Event in Hong Kong and 2nd Americas Region representative.
- 30% increased in participants.
2006 – Young offenders unit begins.
- 72 at risk youth receive Bronze Award.
- New Patron.
- National Council Chair elected Chairman of the CASC Council.
- 1st ever “Camp In” held in New Providence & Grand Bahama.
- Web page set up.
2007 - 20th Anniversary of the Governor-General’s Youth Award Programme.
- First set of commemorative stamps issued.
- The Earl of Wessex visits Bahamas; rally at Government House.
- Sailing Adventurous Journey to five Bahamian Islands.
- Awards up 27%.
- Chairman of National Council attends International Council (IC) meeting in UK.
- 1st AIDS/HIV Awareness Day.
- GGYA Logo Competition.
- 2nd time participating in Junior Junkanoo.
2008 – Sir Orville appointed Chairman of the Board of Trustees.
- New Coordinator in Grand Bahama.
- New Providence hires full time Field Officer.
- 1st ever “Adventure Game” in New Providence.
2009 - The Earl of Wessex presents Gold Awards
- Face book set up.
- 1st ever Special school register.
- International Award Special Project Grant
- New Patron
2010 – New Look for GGYA logo.
- Mr. Victor Chandler new Chairman for the National Council.
- GAH attends International Gold Event in Kenya and 3rd Americas Region representative.
- 3rd time participating in Junior Junkanoo.
- Mr. Jack Thompson new Acting Chairman for the National Council.
2012 – Hosting CASC 2012 for the 3rd time.
- 43 received Gold Award; largest number to date.
- New Chairman.
- 10th participation in the International Forum.
- Beacon School receives first Bronze Awards.
- Recognition Awards.
2013 – Silver recipients up 50%
- 17% increase in volunteers
- Award ceremonies on New Providence, Abaco, Grand Bahama and Andros
- Retained Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award Foundation
2014 – Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award Review – Secured license
- Secured Government funding for fourth year – Gold Initiative Partnership
- Third in new participants joining for the region
- Two Gold Award Holders (GAH) attended the International Gold Event – South Korea
- GAH elected Americas Region Youth Rep. – fourth time
- 1,909 Registered – that’s an increase of 11%
- 612 Awards presented – increased by 19%
- Second bi-annual Bahamas Gold Event
- 5 New Units – C.H. Reeves Junior School, New Providence Classical School (New Providence), Alpha Omega Christian (Freeport), Agape Christian Academy (Abaco) and Deep Creek Middle School, (Eleuthera)
2015 – Overall Participation – 1928
- New Entrants – 1581
- Awards – 808
- 60 Units
- New Units: A.F. Adderley Junior, S.C. McPherson Junior, L.W. Young Junior, H.O. Nash Junior (New Providence), & Sister Mary Patricia High (Freeport)
- The Princess Royal, Princess Anne, & Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling, Governor General presented Gold Awards
- Berry Islands gets first Awards
- New Field Officer for New Providence
- Online Record Book & Award training continued
- First kayaking adventure around New Providence Island
- First cycling expedition on Grand Bahama
- Bahamas Award Super Expedition (BASE) returns to San Salvador Island after 10 years
- Bahamas 4th in the Americas Regional in participation and Awards that includes 17 countries (Canada, Belize and USA are ahead). Bahamas leads Caribbean countries.
2016 – 1,937 Registered – that’s an increase of 6%
- New Unit: Samuel Guy Pinder All Age School (Eleuthera)
- GAH receives the Prime Minister’s Award Cup for Outstanding Youth
- 10th Royal Visit from The Earl of Wessex who presented Gold Awards
- The Earl of Wessex visit Abaco
- Sir Orville Turnquest retirees as GGYA Board of Trustees
- New Chairman Board of Trustees – Mr. John Bethell Jr.
- National Executive attends IC Meeting in Buckinghamshire, U.K.
- On-line Learning Hub
2017 – GGYA Chair man elected Deputy Chair to Caribbean Award Sub-Regional Council (CASC) board
- Three volunteers nominated for Volunteer of the Year (one was runner up)
- BTC sponsor 10 Gold participants for the North Andros Unit to attend Bahamas Award Super Expedition (BASE)
- Approved by CASC to host Caribbean Award Sub-Regional Council Adventurous Journey 2018
- 31 received Gold Awards
- New Units: Education Alternative Learning Centre and Discovery Club
- Selected to be a part of the DoE International Award Foundation
- Communications Project
- 1,773 registered participants
- 239 Awards
- 68 Registered Units
**2017 Stats**

**Participation**
A young person ‘actively participating’ is defined as a young person currently pursuing his/her Award by undertaking regular activities for at least one section of the Award. This includes all new entrants and those who previously joined the Award, even if they have not yet achieved the Level of Award they are currently pursuing.

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**New Entrants**
This includes:
- Direct Entrants – Starting programme for first time
- Continuing Participants – Achieved a previous Award but moving to the next Award level

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### Reaching Young People From Diverse Backgrounds

This include targeted persons and those that participated in GGYA.

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Around the Archipelago

Impacting the lives of very young Bahamian continues to be the GGYA mandate. Many of the Family Islands volunteers, including Grand Bahama, continued their quest to reach the youth on their respective islands.


Award presented include 31 Gold, 62 Silver and 128 Bronze. However, there were 18 who did not turn in their information but completed all of the requirements.

Grand Bahama has the second largest number of units and participants. These units had 29 supervisors and located at the following schools: Bishop Michael Eldon High School, Eight Mile Rock High School, Genesis Academy, Jack Hayward Jr., Jack Hayward Sr., Lucaya International School, St. George’s High School, St. Paul’s Methodist, Sister Mary Patricia Russell Jr., Sunland Baptist Academy, and Tabernacle Christian Academy.

Although Abaco has three units, only one remained active with 30 participants and four volunteers. The units included: Patrick J. Bethell High School, Forest Heights Academy and S.C. Boole High School.

Eleuthera has 17 volunteers responsible for 89 participants. Units included Central Eleuthera High, Harbour Island All Age School, North Eleuthera High School, Preston H. Albury High School and Samuel Guy Pinder All Age.

The islands of Andros had 70 participants involved from four units: BAMS, Mangrove Cay High School, North Andros High School and South Andros High School. They had seven volunteers and completed the information for Awards.

The one unit in the Berry Islands was located in Bullocks Harbour at the R.N. Gomez All Age School. There were 21 participants with one volunteer.

Inagua also had one unit that continued to remain active with the work of three volunteers. Located at the only school on the island, the Inagua All Age School has 16 participants. Three received their respective Awards.

Joining the GGYA ranks of units again were the two schools on Long Island. These were located at the North Long Island High School and in the south at N.G.M. Major High School. There were two volunteers in the North, supervising 16 participants. Down south, 27 participants had five advisors.

The popular activities on all the Family Island included environmental and conservation service projects, music, arts and crafts and drama for skills. Soccer, swimming, cycling, fitness and volleyball for physical recreation.

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New Board of Trustee Chairman pays courtesy call on the Governor General

On going Partnerships

Marathon Bahamas Student Runners

International Coastal Clean-Up (ICC)

YOUTH MARCH

HIV/AIDS AWARENESS
Training

Critical to the Award success is training and developing its leaders and volunteers. Training enables volunteers to effectively deliver and support the Award, thus facilitating participation of more young people.

GGYA volunteers are always encouraged to take advantage of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Learning Framework and nearly 100 persons utilized the online learning hub, (OLH), last year.

The online courses are free of charge for all persons volunteering for the Award Programme. There are a total of 13 modules and each volunteer has a choice of courses they wish to complete.

The modules can be accessed at www.awardcommunity.org

Face-to-face training exercises, such as the one which followed the AGM meeting, enhances the digital learning experience.

Thirty volunteers from Grand Bahama, Inagua, Eleuthera, Exuma, Andros and Abaco participated in the American Heart Association, (AHA), Life Savers Course with CPR training and an Adventurous Journey Course at the Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture Conference Rooms

Twenty-eight Volunteers completed the highly recognized AHA course under the guidance of Mr. Terrance Arnett. This course covers two days of intense training and covers areas such as: First Aid Basics, Medical Emergencies, Injury Emergencies, Environmental Emergencies, Preventing Illness and Injury, First Aid Resources and CPR & AED.

Taking part in the adventurous journey review were thirty Leaders. The instructor for this course was Mr. Lawson Clarke. Main topics were: Expedition, Safety & Emergency procedures, Land Navigation, Selection of Equipment & Its Care, Camp Craft, Role of the Supervisor, Assessment, Explorations and Codes.
Awards
In a brief ceremony took place in the ballroom of Government House on Mount Fitzwilliam, 31 Gold Awards were presented by her Excellency, Dame Marguerite Pindling, Governor General. However, a total of 49 qualify for their Gold Awards. These high achievers participated in activities such as hiking, kayaking, cycling, environmental projects, skills such as music, drama and programs such as junior achievement, technical cadets and youth endowment.

To qualify for the Gold, the Award highest level, participants must complete 12 month of service, skill, and physical recreation if they are Silver recipients.

Participants qualifying for the Silver and Bronze Awards totaled one hundred & ninety. There were one hundred twenty-eight Bronzes and sixty-two Silvers.

Some of the activities chosen were judo, swimming, ceremonial drilling, choir, animal care and working with the elderly.

Bronze recipients had to be 14 years and 6 months to achieve their Award. Persons completing the Silver level, who were Bronze Awardees, had to complete their activities in 6 months minimum.

All participants have until their 24th birthday to complete one, two or three Awards.

Participants from Patrick J. Bethell High School (Abaco), North Andros High School, Inagua All Age School, A.F. Adderley Junior School, Anatol Rodgers High School, Aquinas College, C.I. Gibson High School, C.R. Walker High School, C.V. Bethel High School, Doris Johnson High School, Government High School, Jordan Prince Williams, Leadership Academy, Lyford Cay International, Nassau Christian Academy, Queen’s College, RBDF Rangers, S.C. McPherson Junior School, St. Anne’s High School and St. John’s College (New Providence); St. George’s High School, Bishop Michael Eldon School, Lucaya International School and Sunland Baptist Academy (Grand Bahama) Units qualified for their respective Awards.
Bahamas Award Super Expedition (BASE)

The 2017 Bahamas Award Super Expedition, BASE, was held on the island of Grand Bahama, June 29th to July 8th catering to Silver and Gold participants only. An exploration section was added this year that took place in the Lucayan National Park.

There were thirty-three Gold participants and twenty-eight Silvers. Sixteen supervisors accompanied the group that consisted of five members of the RBDF.

Code name “Lucayan Trails”, all persons travelled to Grand Bahama onboard the M/V the Mailboat, departing June 29th, arriving on Friday June 30th.

The base camp was located at the Jack Hayward Junior High school, located in Freeport. Preparation for the expedition and exploration as well as the opening, closing and variety show took place at the base camp.

The four day Gold expedition on foot began on Monday July 3rd, ending Thursday, July 6th. Their route included all of the east section of the island that encompassed the areas of the road to Water Cay, Freetown, High Rock, and section of the old US naval base.

The Silver groups began their trek in Freetown, hiking along the coast to Pelican Point. Their expedition covered three days.

The Gold service project took place at the Grand Bahama Children’s Home on Friday, July 7th. They were involved in removing damaged building materials and in house cleaning initiatives.

At the end of the expedition supervisors/assessors had to certify that a satisfactory level of knowledge had been reached in these subjects, the necessary number of practice journeys had been completed and the participants were properly prepared for the qualifying journey.

Training
Training courses at BASE focused mainly all aspects of the adventurous journey.
Topics included:
- Understanding of the Adventurous Journey.
- First Aid and emergency procedures.
- Necessary equipment and its use.
- Route planning.
- Navigation.
- Camp craft, including food and cooking.
- Team building and leadership training.
- Observation and recording.
- Understanding the impact of the journey on the environment.
- Appreciation of the culture within the journey’s environment.

Participants hailed from the islands of New Providence, Grand Bahama, Inagua and Andros.

Special guest speakers included Mr. Shennan Rolle, Principal of Jack Hayward Jr.; Mr. Preston Cunningham, Administrator of Local Government and Mr. Harvey Roberts, East End Grand Bahama Administrator.
International Events

Caribbean Award Sub-Regional (CASC) Expedition/AGM

The 2017 CASC adventurous journey was held in Guyana, July 20th to August 9th. Under the theme: The legend of the Eleven Giants, CASC 2017 offered those attending a challenging yet unique and an exciting adventure. In addition to the four days/three nights adventurous journey, additional activities involved the following:

- Training courses in first aid, CASC assessor’s training, flora and fauna and watermanship
- Jungle Orientation Course
- State reception
- Interfaith service
- Cultural show
- Open and closing ceremonies

The five day exploration/expedition activities were:

- A study of conservation/field work at Iwokrama rainforest.
- Exploration of the Canopy Walk way.
- Exploring the flora and fauna peculiar area.
- Exploring Moco and Kumu Falls and exploring the Guyana Brazil Border.
- Investigation the Indigenous Tribes that inhabit the north Rupununi.
- The community service took place at Guyana’s Red Cross Convalescent Home.

Participants and supervisors attending this year’s CASC hailed from The Bahamas, Barbados, Cayman Islands, St. Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago, Grenada and the host country Guyana. Representing The Bahamas GGYA were ten Gold participants, two volunteers in training and two persons for staff duties.

CASC began thirty-eight years ago to give post Gold participants opportunities to stay involve. Since then, CASC offers Silver and Gold levels ventures, award leaders training, Gold residential project and community service.

Next year’s CASC will be held in The Bahamas, July 27th to August 12th.
CASC AGM

2017 CASC AGM was held in Guyana July 22nd at Guyana Marriott beginning at 9am. Countries present included the seven attending CASC expedition/exploration in addition to St. Vincent & the Grenadines and Bermuda. The major topics were the following:

i) NAO Reports
ii) Legality of CASC Organization.
iii) International/Regional events.
vi) Appointment of Committees and three were re-established:
   - CASC Strategic Plan
   - Reconstruction of CASC Adventurous Journey
   - Finance & Fundraising.
(v) The following countries were elected to serve as CASC Executives officers: Chair-Barbados, Deputy Chair - Bahamas, Secretary - Barbados and Treasurer - Guyana.

Americas Regional Conference

Americas Regional Conference was held July 23 - July 26 in Guyana also. **Main Discussions were:**

- State of the Nation
- International Association Strategy
- Role and Engagement of NAOs under the MOU
- Research Projects
- Three funds & Future Grand Aid Scheme
- IGE- Czech Republic Oct 28 to Nov 1
- Digital Agenda- ORB Next Generation
- Licenses and sub licenses
- Quality assurances for Award Units
- Virtual Award Units.

- **Presenters included:**
  - DOE International Award Secretary General- Mr. John May.
  - Americas Regional Director– Major David Clarke
  - USA Award CEO - Elizabeth Higgins-Beard
The International Council, (IC)
The IC meeting of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme was held in Prague, Czech Republic on during November 1-3, 2017. Representatives present hailed from Australia, Finland, Hong Kong, Ghana, Sri Lanka, Canada, Bermuda, Barbados, host country Czech Republic, and The Bahamas. Also present were, HRH The Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, Chairman of the DOE International Award Foundation Trustees; Mr. Gregory Belton, Chairman of the DOE International Award World Fellowship; Secretary General, of the DOE International Award Foundation; Mr. John May, and Chairman of the DOE International Award Council, Lord Boateng, who chaired the meetings.
The sessions covered a number of issues concerning the Award Programme, but the most pressing matters was based on developing the Award Programme to deliver non formal skills to prepare young people of generations to come. Hence, key points that came out of the meeting were as follows:

- Reducing the age of participation of the Gold level to prevent delay in Award completion.
- Revising the name “Residential” Project to something that does not imply social bias and negativity.
- Implementation of the Award Programme through sports and recreation centers.
- Implementation of the Award Programme’s key elements at tertiary level.
- Implementation of methods that recognize/honor long/noble service to the Award Programme.
- Aggressive use of the ORB in order to keep up with the digital age.
- Marketing ideas that would reflect and ensure the “global” and “diverse” image of the Award Programme worldwide.

These key points were just among a few of the topics covered. The overall outcome and result of these matters will, after careful consideration and trial implementation, be presented at the next Award Forum in Ghana.

The opportunity to attend the IC Meetings allow an in-depth look at the decision making process of the Award Programme and its future planning. What is also key to point out is the importance to youth, namely, Gold Award Holders, to attend and observe these meetings, and offer contributions of how the Award Programme can succeed moving forward. These contributions are always invaluable, and lend ear to measures that benefit individuals involved in the Award Programme in making it the programme of choice for young people.

Representing the Bahamas at the IC and IGE events were Ms. Arvis Mortimer, Mr. Clifton Francis and Mrs. Jacquetta Maycock.
International Gold Event (IGE)

Under the theme: “Engaging a younger generation in our sustainable future”, the International Gold Event (IGE) 2017 took place in Prague, Czech Republic from the 24th – 30th October 2017. The International Gold Event (IGE) is a global leadership programme for the immediate next generation of key decision makers and influencers within The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award worldwide. IGE 2017 brought together some 90 participants from all over the world to develop character and leadership skills and provide opportunities to contribute to the development of policy and practice throughout the Award family. IGE 2017 was the vehicle that helped delegates to facilitate their own contribution to the Award and give them the chance to meet, exchange ideas and establish sustainable networks of emerging leaders who will contribute to the future development of the Award locally, nationally and internationally.

Training topics included:
- Skills Development part 1, 2 & 3
- Project Concepts and the Field Visits

The ‘Skill Development Training – Part 1’ was conducted by Mr. John May. He facilitated the session on “Action Centered Leadership”. Mr. May told the groups they were placed in would be a family until the completion of the conference. Within the groups, the facilitators explained the John Adair model of ‘Action Center Leadership’. The groups also participated in several team building activities that aims to build unity and comradery.

Mr. Clifton Francis is pictured front row 2nd right of HRH The Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex
Treasurer's Report

The year 2017 has been a good year for the GGYA Programme. We were able to meet all our financial obligations in a timely manner. We have been challenged with some new members enrolling online and not paying promptly, but it did not hamper our work.

Ministry of Youth

The Ministry was very supportive to us again in 2017. The amount received helped with the short fall that was anticipated and experience from the northern islands. For some time now the northern region has been experiencing a downturn in its economy. The onslaught of the previous hurricane did not help the already depressed situation. Many islands are facing some difficult times financially; however, the funds received from the government have been able to assist.

Appeal & Donations

At the presenting of this report, the amount received in 2017, for our appeal letters of 2016 is down. We have fallen short of the amount received for 2015 by approximately 9k. All of our major donors made good their commitment to the Programme. There are one or two account receivables still outstanding.

Participant Registration

Payments from participants have been down and dropped slightly from the 2016 figures. The greatest drop from participants was in the BASE receipts. In cases where the participants are unable to pay, it's the GGYA's position that subsidies are made available for these individuals. Effort in 2018 will be made to target the northern Bahamas with the assistance of the TK Grant.

Expenses

All effort was made to keep spending in check, and over all we did relatively well.

Bank charges continue to rise and RBC has stopped paying interest on our one interest bearing account. Effort to get some conclusion on that has been futile to date; however, we must continue. Another option is to consider moving our funds to an income generating account elsewhere.

Stipends were increased last year; hopefully we would see greater return on that additional investment this year. Getting and maintaining adequate and proficient volunteers is proving to be a challenge which is being experience by just about all youth organizations in the country.

Many thanks to all our trustees, management councils, volunteers, sponsors and parents. Without you we would not have been able to accomplish what we have achieved over the past year. Continue to do well.

Everette Z. Mackey
Treasurer

Golf Tournament Check Presentation
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GGYA Gold Award Holders Remembers :

Mr. Jason J. Curry

August 10th, 1979 - April 25th, 2017

It was during his high school years, he became interested in the Governor General's Youth Award Programme. This Programme soon became his new found love. Because of Jason’s love of youth development and empowerment, he dove head first into his role as leader and completed the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. He was past President of the Gold Award Holders Association, past Chairman of the Adventurous Journey Panel and former member of the GGYA Management Council. Jason was passionate about youth and the potential that they possessed. He was a patriot in all sense of the word and such he sought to tap into the lives of all that he came in contact with. His affiliation with this programme afforded him the opportunity to travel most of the Caribbean Islands.

Remembering

Mrs. Leslie Adderley

1957-2017

Mrs. Leslie Adderley former GGYA unit leader at Jordan Prince Williams from 2002-2013. Mrs. Adderley was a dedicated and dependable woman who took great pride in mentoring our future generation. She was always seen with a smile on her face.
## 2016 Americas Regions Statistics

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**AMERICAS TOTAL NAO** | 18,224 | 19,941 | 5,889 | 7,064 | 3,287 | 3,876 | 58,281 | 58,093 | 0% |
2017 Units & Volunteers

New Providence

A.F. Adderley Junior
Mr. Kirkland Charles
Ms. Kellie Brown
Ms. Kendelyn Pennerman

Akhepran International Academy
Mrs. Lenora Hawk
Mr. Sanchez Moss

Anatol Rodgers High School
Mrs. Elaine Vilsaint
Mrs. Shandale Grant

Aquinas College
Ms. Renee McSweeney
Mr. Brian Tappin
Ms. Dwayneisha Henderson

Bahas Baptists Community College
Bernard Road Church of God

Champions Mentorship BFMI
C.H. Reeves Jr. School
Ms. Kesten Timothy
Mr. Henry Curry

C.I. Gibson High School
Mrs. Anishka Johnson
Mr. Donald Johnson

C.R. Walker High School
Mr. Alan Pinto
Ms. Wilma Dares
Mrs. Jovette Ferguson
Mr. Carlos Pupo Pupo

C.V. Bethel High School
Mr. Terez Rolle
Mrs. Charissa Miller
Ms. Anya Mills
Ms. Gillian Thompson
Mrs. Rayshell Rolle

C.W. Saunders High School
Discovery Club
Mr. Staffon Evans
Mr. Javen Roker

Doris Johnson High School
Mrs. LaTanya Rolle-Louis

Education Alternative Learning Centre
Ms. Leila Smith

Government High School
Ms. Monique Cooper
Mr. David King
Mrs. Diane Saunders

H.O. Nash Junior
Mrs. Cora Ching-Hanna

Hope Academy
Mr. Christie Hart
Ms. Tiffany Bethell

Jordan Prince William High School
Ms. Delia Peart
Mr. Leon Smith

Kingsway Academy
Ms. Marilyn Fagan
Mrs. Sophia Sterling
Ms. Nathalya Pratt
Mr. William Wolf

Leadership Academy
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