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'Engaging, Empowering & Inspiring Jamaicans'



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His Excellency The Most Honourable
Sir Patrick Allen, ON, GCMG, CD, KStJ
Governor-General

Message from His Excellency The Governor-General

The Governor-General's Programme for Excellence (GGPE) remains unrelenting in its mandate to diffuse the vision of excellence and commitment to nation building. The Programme has continued its journey of promoting service to country, embracing strong family values and promoting education as an avenue to a better Jamaican society, while recognizing individuals for outstanding service in these areas.

In 2019, the Governor-General's Achievement Awards (GGAA) acknowledged and recognized forty (40) Jamaicans who unyieldingly demonstrated commitment and outstanding service to our island. I commend our fourteen (14) Custodes who form the backbone of the GGAA. They, through the years, have been my eyes and ears in the parishes, unearthing candidates to be proffered for the Awards.

The I Believe Initiative (IBI) continues its focus on its objective of engaging, empowering and inspiring Jamaicans. Throughout the year, our IBI Ambassadors proudly continued to display their talents and support to the upliftment of Jamaica's social well-being through an increasing number of ways such as building early childhood educational institutions, representing the country at the UNESCO General Conference and expanding their reach through volunteerism across the island. Truly, we thank all stakeholders and sponsors for making the year 2019 a success.

As we look forward to another year, the Governor-General's Programme for Excellence will continue on its journey of *fixing what is wrong with Jamaica by using what is right with Jamaica*.



Ms. Sonja Simms, JP
National Coordinator, Governor-General's
Programme for Excellence

Message from GGPE National Coordinator

The Governor-General's Programme for Excellence (GGPE) was hugely successful in engaging, empowering and inspiring hundreds of Jamaicans in 2019. Through the various service-oriented undertakings of the I Believe Initiative (IBI) and the recognition platforms of the Governor-General's Achievement Awards (GGAA), persons were empowered to reach new heights in their own lives and in their efforts toward nation building.

The year was one in which over 270 IBI Ambassadors were deployed in service across the country (and in the Jamaican Diaspora); actively engaged in helping to build capacity in families through education and youth development activities and programmes. The value of the commitment for scholarships disbursed through our flagship Summer of Service Programme amounted to over \$17 million; benefiting twenty-four (24) students attending colleges and universities with full and part-time scholarships and book grants.

The administration and undertakings of the GGPE amounted to little over \$30m in 2019 and there is much more that we would have liked to do to recognize our trailblazing nation builders, and positively impacting families, youth and education. As we usher in 2020 with all its bright possibilities, we adjust our lens to focus the vision for a better and more successful year!

Meet the Advisory Board



His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen, ON, GCMG, CD, KSt.J
Chairman



The Advisory Board of the Governor-General's Programme for Excellence (GGPE) provides advice to the management of the Programme. Meeting annually, the Board gives strategic direction, guides quality improvement, and assesses the Programme's overall effectiveness. The National Coordinator is the Board Secretary.



Ambassador the Hon. Burchell Whiteman, OJ
Special Advisor to the Governor-General



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Meet the GGPE Management Committee



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Programme for Excellence



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The GGPE Secretariat:

The Governor General's Programme for Excellence (GGPE) Secretariat is tasked with the responsibility of managing the administrative functions of the Programme through the implementation of strategies, coordination of activities and the communication of information to various stakeholders. The Secretariat is also responsible for monitoring, evaluating and reporting to the Management Committee and the Advisory Board. The Secretariat is staffed with a National Coordinator, a Project Officer and an Executive Secretary.

Overview of the GGPE

The Governor General's Programme for Excellence (GGPE) is the civic initiative emanating from the Office of The Governor-General. It encompasses the awards-centric Governor-General's Achievement Awards (GGAA) and the service-oriented I Believe Initiative (IBI).



The Governor-General's Achievement Awards (GGAA)

The Governor-General's Achievement Awards is the rewards and recognition component of the GGPE. It began in 1991 to acknowledge Jamaicans thirty-five years (35) and older who were making substantial contribution to the nation and who had achieved greatly despite challenging socio-economic circumstances. The GGAA later expanded to recognize youth ages 18-35 years, for excellence in academia and exemplary social involvements, and now recognizes individuals in the Diaspora for their contribution to Jamaica and their host country.

Eligibility for the GGAA centres on being a Jamaican, 18 years and older and not a holder of National Honours and Awards. Each age category is recognized accordingly:

- ✓ 18-24 - excellence in academia and service
- ✓ 25-35 - excellence in academia and service
- ✓ Over 35 - excellence in leadership and community involvement



The I Believe Initiative (IBI)

The I Believe Initiative was launched by Sir Patrick Allen in May 2011. The objective of the IBI is to motivate and inspire young people to believe in themselves, achieve their God-given potential and give service to their country. The Initiative seeks to achieve its Mission and Vision by creating, contributing and endorsing projects that fall under its pillars of 'Youth', 'Education' and 'Family'.



IBI Vision

Inspired and motivated young people contributing to the building of a prosperous and peaceful nation.



IBI Mission

To create pathways through partnerships and to promote programmes that restore hope and sound values in Jamaica's youth.



Mantra

Using what's right with Jamaica to fix what's wrong with Jamaica.

Both the I Believe Initiative and the Governor-General's Achievement Awards focus on nation building and service to country which led to the merging of both programmes and the birth of the Governor-General's Programme for Excellence (GGPE) in 2014. The GGPE continues to recognize and highlight Jamaicans who have been an inspiration to others and has provided a platform for the continued commitment to country, community and self through the various initiatives of the Programme.



GGPE 2019 Summary

Twenty-nineteen was a year of significant achievements for the Governor-General's Programme for Excellence (GGPE) at all levels. Our Patron, His Excellency the Most Honourable Sir Patrick Allen commemorated ten (10) years in office in service to the nation as Governor-General.

To mark his tenth (10th) anniversary in office, His Excellency shared the joy of service by pinning each Custos as an IBI Ambassador.

It was also a year where there was a new National Coordinator and change in Project Officer and Executive Secretary. The Honourable Garfield Green was welcomed as the new Custos Rotulorum for the Parish of Manchester and will take the GGPE baton from Custos Porteous who transitioned into retirement from public office.

Corporate sponsor, FLOW, also launched a charge to promulgate the IBI message on its electronic billboards in various locations across the island.

Throughout the year there was focus on strengthening the synergy of the GGAA and I Believe Initiative (IBI), around the central theme of *'Engaging, Empowering & Inspiring Jamaicans'*.

Also, during the year, forty (40) Governor-General's Achievement Awards (GGAA) were presented to outstanding Jamaicans for their contribution to nation building through volunteerism, service, and educational achievement. Thirty-six (36) of the awards were presented in the three (3) local county ceremonies and four (4) to diasporic Jamaicans from Canada, United States of America and the United Kingdom on the platform of the Biennial Diaspora Conference at the Jamaica Conference Centre, Kingston.

30

Engagement
Activities

40

Awards
Presented

39

Ambassadors
Inducted

29

Scholarships &
Grants Awarded

12

Projects
Endorsed



The GGAA - County of Surrey

Nine Recipients for 2019 Surrey GGAA

Nine outstanding Jamaicans from the parishes of the County of Surrey were selected for the 2019 Governor-General's Achievement Awards (GGAA), for sterling contributions to their communities and commitment to excellence in academia, leadership and service. The awards presentations were made in a ceremony at the Jamaica Conference Centre in Kingston, on April 25, 2019 under the theme, "Engaging, Empowering and Inspiring Jamaicans."

In and inspiring keynote address; Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen congratulated the awardees and used the platform to encourage all Jamaicans to follow their example of excellence and selfless service to community.

"Our award recipients inspired others by being successful volunteers and mentors. This is all about engaging individual. People who are engaged want to be part of something that is bigger, better and valuable. They want to make a difference in the lives of people in their communities. I want to say heartiest congratulations; you have done well," His Excellency articulated.

"I urge everyone here this afternoon to engage, empower and inspire others this year. Your life will be richer and you will be happier, knowing you have changed the life of someone else," the Governor-General stated.

The Kingston over 35 age group category recipient, Calvin Hunter Jr. who gave the response on behalf of the awardees, in his address expressed gratitude for the recognition, "We are happy that the work we have done in our communities, schools and churches and in our own lives is being recognized. While we continue to search for purpose in our lives, we have learned that change can only happen when ordinary people get involved and get engaged," he said.

PHOTO CAPTION: Their Excellencies Sir Patrick Allen and Lady Allen share a photo moment with Honourable Custodes (seated from left to right) Patricia Marshall-Dunwell, Lincoln Thaxter, Marcia Bennett and Steadman Fuller, along with sponsors and 2019 GGAA Awardees.



The GGAA - County of Cornwall

Fourteen Recipients for 2019 Cornwall County GGAA

14 individuals from the County of Cornwall were recipients of the Governor-General's Achievement Awards. The recipients were recognized for their achievements and voluntary contributions to their communities and country. The parishes of Trelawney, Westmoreland, St. Elizabeth and Hanover produced three awardees each, while the other two recipients were from St. James. They were honoured in a ceremony at the Grand Palladium Hotel on May 30, under the theme, "Engaging, Empowering and Inspiring Jamaicans".

Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen in his keynote address stated that the awardees selfless contributions will have a, "rippling effect" on Jamaica and its people. "Our recipients stand in the West as beacons of hope and waves of transcendence who believe in their capacity and their potential," the Governor-General stated.

"I am pleased to say that the recipients of this year's GGAA have engaged in social consciousness of those around them and, in turn, have not only elevated themselves, but have brought others along the way," His Excellency added.

"Through this programme, we are strategically setting out to influence the lives of our awardees. Your acknowledgement this afternoon is well earned and well deserved," His Excellency stated.

The Honourable Dr. David Stair, Custos of Hanover; charged the awardees to strive to become leaders who will continue to serve their fellow countrymen so that we can all enjoy a better society.

PHOTO CAPTION: Their Excellencies Sir Patrick Allen and Lady Allen (seated centre) are joined for a photo moment by Honourable Custodes (seated from left to right) Beryl Rochester, David Stair, Hartley Perrin, Conrad Pitkin. 2019 Awardees and representatives of awardees also share in the moment behind.



The GGAA – County of Middlesex

Twelve Recipients for 2019 Middlesex County GGAA

Twelve of Middlesex's best citizens were presented with the 2019 Governor General's Achievement Awards for Excellence for beating the odds, going above and beyond self to serve others and for excelling in their academic pursuits. Three awardees each were presented from the parishes of Clarendon, St. Ann and St. Catherine, while two were presented from the parish of Manchester and one from the parish of St. Mary.

The presentations were made in a ceremony at the Wembly Centre for Excellence on June 24 in Clarendon under the theme, "Engaging, Empowering and Inspiring Jamaicans".

In addressing the awards, Sir Patrick Allen lauded the recipients, saying, "While it is true that these ceremonies identify a small number of so-called 'performers', the impact of their achievements spreads far beyond the audiences gathered."

The Reverend Ann Marie Richards, who's Stars of Hope Programme has been making an impact on the parish of Clarendon; caught the attention of the audience as her story of triumphing the odds to achieve excellence was read.

Richards has taken more than 30 students under her roof, caring for them until they have found their wings to go after their dreams. Her own life story saw her coming from a family torn apart, leaving her begging on the streets at age seven – an experience which now sees her battling for the vulnerable in the parish.

PHOTO CAPTION: Their Excellencies Sir Patrick Allen and Lady Allen (seated centre) are flanked by (from left to right) Honourable Custodes Jeffrey McKenzie, Garfield Green, William Shagoury, Norma Walters, and representing Hon. Custos Errol Johnson, Ms. Maxine Marsh. Standing are GGAA awardees for the respective parishes for the County of Middlesex.



The GGAA - Diaspora

Four Recipients for 2019 GGAA-Diaspora

Four volunteers from Jamaica's three main Diaspora regions were awarded with the 2019 Governor-General's Achievement Awards-Diaspora, during the 8th Biennial Jamaica Diaspora Conference held at the Jamaica Conference Centre on June 10. Present to collect their awards were: Miss Cherie Johnson for the under 35 Age Group Category from the United Kingdom; and Mr. Wayne Golding, Sr. and Mr. Paul Barnett for the over 35 Age Group Category from the United States and from Canada, respectively. Collecting her award in absentia was Mrs. Erma Lewis for the over 35 Age Group Category from the United Kingdom. There were no recipient for the under 35 Age Group Category Award for the United States and Canada.

Cherie Johnson was awarded for her extensive work in helping at risk young people and working with the police to provide mentoring and advocacy to families involved in a criminal lifestyle. Wayne Golding, Jr. has led and participated in many lobbies in Washington D.C and the White House to expose the positive contributions of Jamaica and Jamaicans. Paul Barrett was awarded for his outstanding service in assisting youths in education and leadership development. Since 1993, he has helped over 200 Jamaicans and Afro-Caribbean students gain admission to tertiary institutions and where necessary, assisted with food and clothing. Mrs. Erma Lewis has been giving back to Jamaica for the past 20 years. She has mobilised funds and materials for the hospital and infirmary in Portland and to date, has raised more than £3 million in cash.

Governor General Sir Patrick Allen says the recipients embody values that will inspire and encourage other Jamaicans.

PHOTO CAPTION: Their Excellencies Sir Patrick Allen and Lady Allen (centre) are flanked by (from l-r) JN Bank Manager in Birmingham, Mr. Leon Hamilton (collecting on behalf of awardee, Mrs. Erma Lewis), Ambassador of Jamaica to the United States, Ambassador Audrey Marks; awardee, Mr. Wayne Golding, Sr.; Jamaican High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, His Excellency Seth George Ramocan; awardees Ms. Cherie Johnson and Mr. Paul Barnett; alongside Jamaican High Commissioner to Canada, Her Excellency Janice Miller.

The I Believe Initiative (IBI) In Action

Miss World Pinned 'I Believe Initiative' (IBI) Ambassador



Miss World 2019, Toni-Ann Singh, was inducted as an Ambassador of the I Believe Initiative. The induction and pinning ceremony was conducted by the Governor-General in a Courtesy Call at King's House on Monday, December 23rd. His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen noted that Miss Singh was fit to represent the service oriented initiative owing to the nature of her voluntary project at the Women's Centre Foundation in St. Thomas.

(From left) His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen, with the newly inducted IBI ambassador and Miss World 2019 Toni-Ann Singh.

IBI Ambassador & Festival Queen Launches Environmentally Friendly National Project



IBI Ambassador and Miss Jamaica Festival Queen 2018, Ackera Gowie launched her national project, EcoMoney, at the St. Mary High School on Thursday, February 7, 2019. Aimed at pulling communities together across Jamaica to both preserve the environment while increasing youth-based economic development, EcoMoney turns non-biodegradable waste into profit through up-cycling, also known as creative reuse. In this process, useless or otherwise unwanted products are transformed into new products of better environmental value. The overall vision of EcoMoney is to create partnerships between the private and public sectors to engage communities to play their part in creating a cleaner Jamaica.

(From left) Mrs. Juliet Sadaar, Principal, St Mary High School; Ackera Gowie, IBI Ambassador and Miss Jamaica Festival Queen 2018; Mrs Danielle Harris-Drysdale, Mr Scheed Cole, and Mr Demerce Guscot.

IBI Ambassador Amanda Fraser: Acts of Grace



Acts of Grace, represents a charitable movement started by IBI Ambassador Amanda Fraser in 2015. In 2019, Fraser's Acts of Grace was tasked with the mandate of completing thirty (30) humanitarian based activities before her 30th birthday. Among the list of projects carried out last year include raising funds for the construction of a house in conjunction with Food for the Poor; raising over three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the purchase of school computer equipment; a blood drive; and a beach clean-up.

IBI Ambassador Amanda Fraser and volunteers of Acts of Grace conducting a beach clean up as one of thirty (30) charitable activities executed in 2019.

The I Believe Initiative (IBI) In Action

IBI Ambassadors Among Youth Delegation at 'I Am Able' Conference in Antigua & Barbuda



IBI Ambassadors Mr. Alex Sterling (Executive Director of JAYECAN) and Ms. Michelle Thomas (Attorney-at-Law) were among the Commonwealth Youth Council (CYC) delegation which facilitated the 'I am Able 2' Conference in Antigua and Barbuda from December 3rd to 5th, 2019. The conference was hosted by the Commonwealth in partnership with the local government and the Commonwealth Youth Council to promote practical steps which countries can take to improve prospects of education, employment, health and mobility for persons with disabilities.

IBI Ambassadors Michelle Thomas (second from left) and Alex Sterling (right) share a photograph with conference delegates.

IBI Ambassador Brithney Clarke Crowned Miss Global Jamaica 2019



The 22-year-old University of the West Indies Integrated Marketing and Communication student won the Best in Evening Gown award and J\$3 million in cash and prizes. Brithney was one of the favourites for the crown. In the Top Five segment, she made a strong impression during the question-and-answer exchange.

Brithney went on to represent Jamaica at the Miss Global International pageant held at the Montego Bay Convention Centre in Rose Hall, St James, on September 28th, 2019 where she was 2nd runner-up.

(From left) Mr. Lachu Ramchandani, Chairman of Miss Global International and IBI Ambassador, poses with fellow IBI Ambassador, Ms. Brithney Clarke

IBI Ambassador Sujae Boswell presents at UNESCO General Conference



On November 20, 2019, IBI Ambassador and Youth Advocate, Mr. Sujae Boswell made a presentation on youth advocacy and development in Jamaica at the UNESCO General Conference in Paris. Sujae attended the conference alongside fellow Jamaican, Mikiela Gonzales.

Mr. Sujae Boswell at the UNESCO General Conference in Paris

Trailblazing IBI Ambassadors 2019

IBI Ambassadors Among 19 Jamaicans Awarded the 2019 Chevening Scholarships



Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen (centre) greets the four IBI Ambassadors. L-R are Odayne Haughton, Najuequa Barnes, Abraham Simmonds and Tishauna Mullings.

Four (4) IBI Ambassadors were among 19 Jamaicans awarded 2019 Chevening Scholarships to study in the United Kingdom. The Ambassadors visited King's House on a Courtesy Call on Friday, August 23. Observing that obtaining the Scholarships came with great academic input and involvement in social and volunteer activities, The Governor-General told the students he was very proud of their achievements. He expressed confidence that they would build capacity and return to Jamaica stronger to give back more. The scholarship recipients paid tribute to the impact of the IBI Programme on their respective lives in generating a passion to help other young people improve themselves. Each of the Ambassadors is involved in a youth-related project and they provided The Governor-General with a brief update on the current status of their activities.

Youth Inspiring Positive Change Jamaica - Commonwealth Point of Light 115



Mr. Neville Charlton being presented with his award by the British High Commissioner in Jamaica, His Excellency Asif Ahmad.

On November, IBI Ambassador Neville Charlton was awarded the Commonwealth Point of Light 115 by Her Majesty The Queen. The presentation was made in Jamaica by the British High Commissioner on behalf of Her Majesty.

Having founded Positive Change Organization in 2012, Neville has grown an army of 1,500 volunteers island wide who use their volunteering experience as a platform into the world of work. Working with NGOs and youth groups across Jamaica, Neville mentors young people in gender equality, conflict resolution and developing a culture of peace in volatile urban centres.

IBI Ambassador Dr. Janet Dyer Conferred Honorary Doctorate



GGPE Management Committee Member and IBI Ambassador, Dr. Janet Dyer in September, was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Divinity and Ministry degree from Anderson Theological College, USA.

Dr. Dyer has been an IBI Ambassador since 2014, and is a 2009 GGAA recipient. She continues to impact the nation's youth through her work as Managing Director of the HEART Trust/NTA.

This adds to her other two academic doctoral degrees.



Summer of Service (SOS) Programme

Their Excellences Sir Patrick Allen and Lady Allen (centre), Custodes, Sponsors and SOS 2019 recipients.

The SOS Programme 2019

Twenty-four (24) tertiary-level students have received financial assistance totaling over 17 million dollars in the seventh annual Summer of Service Programme. The financial assistance included full three and four-year scholarships and grants to the University of the West Indies (Mona Campus), Northern Caribbean University, the University of Technology, the Caribbean Maritime University, St Joseph's Teachers' College, The Mico University College and the Moneague College.

At the August 20th presentation ceremony at King's House, Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen congratulated the award recipients for their volunteerism, for showing they cared about others and that they were willing to make sacrifices to help others and themselves succeed.

The students worked in seven (7) parishes across Jamaica for eight (8) weeks during the summer in a variety of projects. These included: soliciting some \$700,000 to cover camp expenses for fifty (50) young people in volatile areas, tutoring students in mathematics, working at state-operated children's homes and golden age homes, providing creative learning activities for children with disabilities, and providing Back-to-School supplies.

The SOS Programme: Results to Date

Since its inception in 2013, beneficiaries of this programme have commented that as a result of the SOS experience, positive values such as determination and persistence have been ingrained. Moreover, they have stated that these values have been transferred into how they are pursuing their educational goals and that in spite of the challenge of doing both, remain committed to volunteerism.

\$55.7 mil

Investments to date

87

*Scholarships issued
to date*

\$17.3 mil

Investments in 2019

24

*Scholarships & Grants
issued in 2019*

Youth Consultative Conference (YCC) 2019

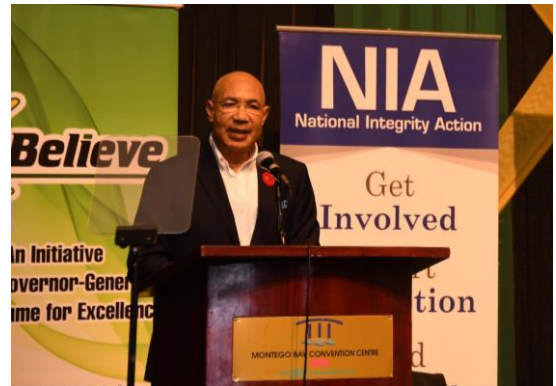
On November 6th the Montego Bay Convention Centre in St. James again played host to the Governor-General's I Believe Initiative (IBI) National Youth Consultative Conference (YCC). This, its ninth (9th) staging, focused on the growing issue of human trafficking.

Governor-General, Sir Patrick Allen while delivering his Remarks underscored the challenges young people face in the digital, modern world but offered encouragement to the over one thousand (1000) attendees and counselled vigilance in wake of the rise in cases of human trafficking. The Conference, he explained, was an opportunity to learn and better equip delegates with valuable information. Keynote speaker Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Carl Berry provided a global perspective on the issue of trafficking; while United Nations Human Trafficking speaker, Ms. Shamere McKenzie, joined Senior Lecturer Dr. Leith Dunn and Bellevue Hospital psychologist, Mr. Andre Davis for a riveting panel discussion marked by audience interaction. National Integrity Action (NIA) representative, Ms. Jamie-Ann Chevannes, also engaged the gathering by painting a Jamaican picture of human trafficking and integrity.

Presentations on the day were made to Governor-General's Achievement Award (GGAA) essay winners Ms. Marisha Williams, Ms. Mikalyia Miles and Ms. Zawardi Thelwell who secured the first, second and third place prizes, respectively. Williams, Miles and Thelwell were nominees from the 2019 cohort of the GGAA who had submitted essays on the topic of human trafficking earlier in the year. The essays were then adjudged by members of the National Taskforce against Trafficking in Persons (NATFATIP) who eventually selected the winners.

On hand to partake in the day's sessions and activities were parish custodes; National Rapporteur on Human Trafficking in Jamaica, Mrs. Diahann Gordon Harrison; Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Science, Energy and Technology (MSET), and Chair of the National Task Force against Trafficking in Persons (NATFATIP), Mrs. Carol Palmer; and other distinguished guests.

The National Youth Consultative Conference is an annual event which targets youth between 17 and 35 years of age and provides a forum for constructive dialogue toward empowerment and development.



His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen delivers opening remarks at the Youth Consultative Conference



Attendees at the 2019 Youth Consultative Conference (YCC)



Student attendees at the Youth Consultative Conference (YCC)

Youth Consultative Conference 2019



Keynote speaker, Deputy Superintendent of Police Carl Berry, engages the audience at YCC 2019.



Conference panelist and human trafficking advocate, Ms. Shamere McKenzie, poses with His Excellency.



Custos Rotulorum for the Parish of St. James, Bishop the Hon. Conrad Pitkin, presents GGAA Essay Competition winner, Ms. Marisha Williams, with a prize.



Student delegates at the 2019 Youth Consultative Conference.

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As a person who has always been interested in the eradication and awareness of Human Trafficking, I was thoroughly intrigued and pleased with the fact that the Governor-General and his team recognised the need for this theme especially with the current economic climate. I very much liked that there was a strong woman who has experienced the terrible act and was there to shed some light on the graveness of the situation.

- Aleisha Henry, UWI Student



IBI Ambassador, Daren Miller, engages His Excellency in a conversation.



I Believe Initiative Luncheon

Twenty-two (22) nation builders individuals were pinned as I Believe Initiative (IBI) Ambassadors at the 2019 staging of the IBI Luncheon at the Spanish Court, hosted on the 14th of November. At the ceremony, projects from the three (3) counties were selected for presentation. There was one project from the parish of Trelawny representing Cornwall; one project from the parish of Manchester representing the County of Middlesex and two projects from Kingston representing Surrey.

Mr. Errol Campbell from Trelawny gave a tear jerking presentation on his early childhood education project “*Educating Trelawny*”. Ms. Amanda Fraser also elaborated on the far reaching effects of her “*Acts of Grace*” project in communities across the parish of Manchester. While Dr. Tameka Stephenson-Harris who has embarked on multiple projects throughout her two year stint as an IBI Ambassador, expounded on how she is using her vocation as a medical doctor to deliver free healthcare in her native Greenwich Town community. Mr. Daren Miller, the other Surrey County presenter, showcased his project “*Zoom & Focus: Advocacy through Photography*”.

Ms. Janee Harris and Ms. Christina Blake who were Summer of Service (SOS) scholarship recipients were among those inducted and were given the opportunity to present on their voluntary service undertaken in the SOS Programme.

The newly inducted Ambassadors spanned nine (9) parishes and are from various age groups, professions and studies. The total number of ambassadors now stand at two hundred and seventy four (274), representing all fourteen parishes across the island, and the diaspora.

PHOTO CAPTION: His Excellency (c) stands among newly pinned IBI Ambassadors and GGPE National Coordinator. Seated from l-r are Honourable Custodes Walters, Shagoury, Green, Rochester, Bennett, Thaxter, Marshall-Dunnwell, Pitkin and McKenzie.



GGPE Stakeholders' Reception

In appreciation of the stakeholders and sponsors of the GGPE, Their Excellencies hosted a reception at King's House. Here are the highlights:



Their Excellencies greet Senior Custos the Hon. Marcia Bennett, Custos Rotulorum for the Parish of St. Thomas.



Her Excellency Lady Allen greets Mrs. Patricia Smith, CEO, First Regional Cooperative Credit Union, and husband.



GGPE Project Officer, Mr. Andwayne Davis with IBI Ambassadors Mr. Glendon Martin, Ms. Tricia Grier (former Project Officer), Mr. Alex Sterling and Mr. Dwayne Gutzmer.



His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen engages Mr. Ian Kelly and Mr. Derrick Cotterell, both of Derrimon Trading, for a conversation.



His Excellency engages in a conversation with National Coordinator, Ms. Sonja Simms, and CEO, Institute of Law and Economics / IBI Ambassador, Mr. Dwayne Gutzmer.



Mr. Stephen Price, Country Manager, FLOW Jamaica, smiles for the camera. Also seated is Mrs. Danah Cameron, Group Public Relations Manager of Jamaica Broilers Group.

2019 General Highlights



His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen pins Dr. Lisa Walker and husband, Dr. Peter Walker as IBI Ambassadors at the ASI Campus Ministries Day, held at King's House.



Lady Allen addresses students at Read Across Jamaica Day - at the Holy Family Primary and Infant School in Kingston, with support of the IBI.



Her Excellency Lady Allen and the GGPE National Coordinator, attends the annual Greenwich Town Health fair hosted by IBI Ambassador Dr. Tameka Stephenson-Harris.



CMU Summer of Service (SOS) IBI Scholarship. Custos Fuller (c) is joined by Kinshasha Johnson (l) and Joelle Silvera (r) who are the scholarship recipients.



IBI Ambassador Neville Charlton (c), Mrs. Rose Miller (l) of the JN Foundation and Ms. Sonja Simms (r) - GGPE National Coordinator at the 2019 Positive Awards.



Her Excellency the Most Honourable Lady Allen (c) at the annual Vision Mission Health Project with the Issa Trust Foundation, alongside IBI Ambassadors.

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| ✓ University of Technology, Jamaica | ✓ Sandals Montego Bay & Sandals Inn |
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| ✓ Moneague College | ✓ National Baking Company |
| ✓ Caribbean Maritime University | ✓ YAAMAN Adventure Park |
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