21 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY GRENED

Newsletter

October 2019

21 Students received their Annual Award from the Grenada Education and Development programme, GRENED, on Tuesday, August 27th 2019 with a ceremony at the Rainbow Inn, Grand Bras, St. Andrew.

On Tuesday, August 27th 2019, GRENED recognized twenty one (21) students for their achievements, and gave them their financial assistance package of tuition and transportation. Each child per annum will receive a total of \$1,500.00. This follows five years of being financially supported by GRENED throughout their secondary education and two years at the tertiary (college) level and their attendance in the GRENED Leadership and Development Seminars every month. Students hail from a number of different educational institution in various parishes of the island.

Families, students, friends of GRENED and community leaders gathered together for an official Scholarship Award Ceremony at Rainbow Inn in Grand Bras, St. Andrew. Our Board members came out in full support as well as past Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. Anthony Isaac. Ms. Gloria Thomas, present member of the Board of Directors, chaired the ceremony and encouraged students to not just come for finances sake but to stand out and make a difference in their vision for their life. Academics is not enough and there she took the opportunity to enlighten them on GRENED's mission and vision. Ms. Margaret Granger shared and inspirational congratulatory poem on GRENED for its' nobleness and it's impact in the lives of the families that we assist. "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest..."

- Benjamin Franklin



Left to right (Past chairman of the Board, Mr. Anthony Isaac, Executive Director of GRENED, Dr. Dessima Williams and Member of the Board of Directors, Mr. Denis Noel and Ms. Gloria Thomas at the back, with parents, students, volunteers, mentors and other invited guests at the Scholarship Award.

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Students with Ms. Jacqueline M. Baker and Executive Director, Dr. Dessima Williams at the event in September 2019

Motivational and Leadership Development Training Seminar

GRENED vision is that every child should have more than just academics; we are an education organization and by such GRENED makes sure that each child is enrolled in our Leadership Development Training Seminars, which is held every first, third and last Saturday every month; thus seeing massive change even in their academics.

On Saturday, 23rd GRENED held its first for the school term a motivational and leadership development training seminar with Ms. Jacqueline M. Baker, a motivational speaker from the US. The students hosted the event from chairing to the introductions of various important persons; poems were written and recited by students and indeed it was a success. The students had fun and was very interested in the organization of this event; this taught them great levels of responsibilities and enlightened them more on taking initiative and improvising. They are equipped to take on the world and we anticipate good change in their everyday lives as strong leaders and advocates for their nation.

Fundraising

GRENED embarked on a special fundraising effort on Friday, 21st June 2019 in form of a Rhum Runner Cruise. This is to support it's longstanding Scholarship Assistance Programme; GRENED has supported hundred of students over its existing 23 years; with the help of our past students and the local businesses we were able to have a successful Rhum Runner Cruise. Proceeds from this event supported 21 students financially.

Other donors and local business supported by contributing directly to the Scholarship Programme which abled us to make a our annual contribution of \$1,500.00 to each student and enroll them in our Motivational Leadership Development seminars so that they will have an overall learning and knowledge sharing experience in GRENED. and can be better equipped for this world as we know it.



Rhum Runner participants June 2019

<u>Graduates 2019</u>

- \Rightarrow Nazim Chasteau
- \Rightarrow Angel Andrew
- \Rightarrow Delroy Francois
- \Rightarrow Alana Beggs
- ⇒ Tlmon Perrotte
- \Rightarrow Nazin Francis

Congratulations to you students from GRENED; you have made yourself, your families and GRENED proud.

Nazim, Angel and Delroy are enrolled at the TA Marryshow Commmunity College for the next two years and will be support by this organization.

Alana and Timon since graduated college and is already employed at various institution. *GRENED secondary students* performed exceedingly well at the Caribbean Examinations (CXCs), sat nationally. Our best performers namely Nazim Chasteau, Valedictorian of his graduating class, honors in all subject areas, principal awardee and special awardee; He's vision is to become the best Engineer in the nation; he did eleven (11) subject and attained all eleven (11) with six grade I, four grade II and one grade III.



Angel Andrews, a debater from her now past school and Blue Ribbon awardee; she representative for her school in a debate in Peru; her field of interest is to become a Lecturer / professor, she also did eleven subjects (11) and received all eleven (11) with a five grade I, four grade II, and two grade III.

Delroy Francois received four out of five subjects all

grade II. A young man that is keen on becoming a Chef not just locally but internationally. He is also pursuing Information Technology in college.





GRENED has had two students

Timon Perrotte and Nazin Francis from the ter-

tiary level; T A Marryshow Community College; graduating with Associate Degrees in

lege; graduating with As Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration and another student Alana Beggs with a Diploma

in Hospitality Services.

Donors like you makes it possible for GRENED to continue in it's initiative towards these vibrant students, thus supporting the families and the nation.



Mainstreaming Ecosystem-based measures and Gender Equality solutions into Adaptation policies Workshop.



Administrative Officer and Programme Liaison at the EbA and Gender Equality Solutions into Adaptation policies workshop. Group 1 photo with our British Facilitator Mr. John, EbA representative., representative from Martinique, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Petite Martinique and Grenada.

The Ecosystem based Adaptation (EbA) workshop was held in Casteries, St. Lucia on Tuesday, 15th and Wednesday 16th October 2019. The purpose of that workshop was to educate participants of various countries within the Caribbean of Adaptation measures that can be put in place to eradicate or slow down the effects and impacts of the environmental issues due to climate change.

The EbA presented a toolkit that can

be used to assist in the preparation of writing projects in simplicity while addressing the various environmental concerns within the communities of the different countries while simultaneously address the Gender equality issues and solution into the adaptation policies. Allowing persons to see how it impacts women and children in particular.



First site with the IAF team; Simzville in Hope, St. Andrew's

Inter American Fund Field visit

The Inter American Fund invests in communityled development works. The organizations' holistic approach to sustainable development promotes and invests in citizen-led grassroots initiatives in Latin America and the Caribbean to help communities realize opportunities and solve their own problems.

On Wednesday, November 6th it held its first meeting in Grenada with CANARI and CPDC along with NGO's and CSO's that are community

based to discuss their plans for a project within the rural community; Grenville in particular. A follow up site visit followed by the two members of the Inter American Fund (IAF) on Thursday 7th November in several communities; Hope, Marquis, Soubise, Grenville, Telescope, Simon and Moyah. Observing the coastal erosion / sea level rise and social vulnerability of each community and their relocation; we also got to converse with fisherman within the association Mr. Lalgie about the challenges he experience when fishing especially with the sargassum sea weeds. The IAF team and other visitors assessed that it was a strong fact-finding day which yielded appreciation for many challenges associated with community vulnerability and resilience-building.