

PRESS RELEASE Wednesday, February 19th 2020

GRENEDED Has Completed Disbursement of \$32,000.00 to Rural Families in Support of their Children's Education for 2019-2020.

With disbursement of \$14,250.00 on Wednesday February 19, to 15 rural families, the Grenada Education and Development Programme, GRENEDED, completed its financial contributions for educational scholarships for the academic year 2019 – 2020. A total of \$32,000.00 has been awarded to leading students this year.

Over the past two decades, GRENEDED has been assisting students to attend secondary and tertiary institutions with tuition, exam and graduation fees; uniforms, meals, transportation and other urgent day to day needs of students. GRENEDED continues to support students attending eight different educational institutions in three parishes. In just over a year from now, GRENEDED will be celebrating 25 years and is anticipating a greater number of students coming into the programme. We look forward to 2021, our 25th year.



Chairman Cosmos Joseph (seated with glasses) and other Board members, Executive Director, parents, school representative, potential partners and others at our Scholarship Award Event. 19 February 2020.

Parents and guardians of twenty-one students, five boys and sixteen girls, were given financial award packages. The Chairman of the GRENEDED Board of Directors, Mr. Cosmos Joseph presided over the handing out ceremony. He first invited those present to observe a minute silence to pay tribute to Denis Noel, OBE, who, until his passing on Friday, 7th February was an active board member. Continuing with his remarks, Chairman Joseph encouraged parents and guardians to support their children to achieve academic excellence and to begin to hone their leadership skills with GRENEDED's support. Executive Director, Dr. Dessima Williams thanked all present and expressed the hope that students continue to excel with the financial and general developmental support they receive. Other members of the Board present were Mrs. Gloria Thomas-Samuel, retired social worker and Mr. Lennox Andrews, economist and enterprise manager. Mr. Lester Blache of the St. Andrew's Anglican Secondary School, SAASS, attended on behalf of the Principal, Mrs. Dianne Abel-Jeffrey.

In its 23 years of financial support and developmental services, GRENEDED has seen hundreds of students through its programme, many of whom have improved themselves and gone on to play leadership roles in their families as well as in Grenada and beyond. These include public servants, teachers, diplomats, medical doctors and a veterinarian.



Mrs. Gloria Thomas-Samuel presenting a gift to Mr. Lester Blache who represented the Principal of the St. Andrew's Anglican Secondary School. Looking on were Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. Cosmos Joseph and Executive Director Ms. Dessima Williams.

GRENEED aims to attach students to the love and pursuit of excellence. This is exemplified by Nazim Chasteau, 2019 Valedictorian of his graduating class in Grenville Secondary School, GSS, who received honors in all of his eleven CXC subjects sat as well as being the 10th performer in the Caribbean and the top one in Grenada in Building Furniture Technology. He is attending TA Marryshow Community College, TAMCC, with GRENEED's continuing support. Angel Andrews, also now at TAMCC, was a keen debater who represented St. Andrew's Anglican Secondary School (SAASS) in a debate in Peru, South America, and was successful at all eleven of her CXC subjects. Delroy Francois, also successful at CXCs, is pursuing an Information Technology degree at TAMCC and is keen on becoming a chef at the international level while Alana Beggs graduated from TAMCC with a Diploma in Hospitality Services in 2019. Among GRENEED's rising leaders this year is the captain of the volleyball team at GSS and the captain of Mt. Rose Seventh Day Adventist School's netball team as well as several other outstanding cricketers, footballers, and of course, academic performers.

GRENEED students also receive exposure to additional academic enrichment, conflict resolution and dialoguing for peaceful change, public speaking training and exposure to theatre of the oppressed and more. This year the programme will offer further exposure to climate change and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's). Sessions are generally held twice monthly with local professionals and has included field trips to St. George's University. Swimming classes have been featured. Hospitality was provided by Rainbow Inn Ltd and gift items by Days for Girls International.

The public is invited to join GRENEED this year, to offer Saturday classes, to serve as mentors and other volunteers, to become donors and advocates and to offer technical capacity building support for the organization. Contact: phone +1 473 442 6277 or +1 473 423 5124, website: www.grened.net or Facebook page: GRENEED Grenada.