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KHES ADDERLEY IS 2009 PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE YEAR



Nassau, The Bahamas, Tuesday 19th, May 2009. The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation, held its 13th Annual Awards Ceremony to recognize primary school students from grade six, who have been selected by their schools as the top achievers.

The students who have been dubbed “the best of the best” compete for the honour of being named Primary School Student of the Year by writing an essay; submitting: report cards from grades four, five and six; copies of awards, certificates, newspaper clippings; three (3) letters of recommendation; and a portfolio of approximately fifty (50) pages.

The Honourable Phenton Neymour, Minister of State in the Ministry of the Environment, was present and commended Mr. Ricardo Deveaux, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation, for having the vision in 1997 to establish such an organization in collaboration with the Bahamas Pan-Hellenic Council. The Minister expressed how proud he was of all of the students, particularly the young men, and those students from the Family Islands, who he said demonstrated that they have the ability to compete and do as well as their counterparts in New Providence. Minister Neymour commended all educators

whom he said do not get the glory, but make great sacrifices to help to shape our children daily. He urged parents to continue to support their children, and to teach them to uphold true Bahamian values.

Secretary of the Foundation, Dr. Keith Wisdom, indicated that Cable Bahamas was happy to be one of the sponsors of the event through its non-profit charitable funding organization, Cable Bahamas Cares Foundation. Dr. Wisdom said that Cable Bahamas' foundation was happy to have the opportunity to give back to the community in a productive way, and encouraged anyone requiring funding for youth programmes to complete an application at Cable Bahamas.

James Boyce, Primary School Student of the Year for 2008, spoke of his year as the winner of this award as being both exciting, and overwhelming. He told the honourees, that they were all winners for having gotten so far, and encouraged parents to spend quality time with their children, and to make the effort to support them through their educational journey, because it does pay off.

Finally the moment came to announce the winners which were as follows:

Runners Up:

3rd Place – Rebecca Henderson (Queen's College Elementary, New Providence)
\$3,000 scholarship winner

2nd Place – Charisma Sewell (Walter Parker Primary School, Grand Bahama)
\$3,000 scholarship winner

1st Place – Farion Cooper (Xavier's Lower School, New Providence) \$4,000
scholarship winner

Winner –2009 Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year – Khes Adderley
(Temple Christian Elementary School, New Providence) \$7,000 scholarship
winner

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