



**The Bermuda Foundation  
For Insurance Studies**  
*Scholarship Awards*  
*2015*

Monday, July 20, 2015  
5:00 - 7:00 pm  
O'Hara House, Hamilton, Bermuda

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*Welcome to  
Our 19th Annual  
Awards Presentations*

5:30 pm

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*Our 2015  
Scholarship Graduates  
with year scholarship awarded*



**Michael COLES**  
2010  
*Finance*  
*Northeastern University*  
*USA*



**Marieko PAUL**  
2013  
*Finance*  
*St. John's University*  
*USA*



**Brittany DEFRIAS**  
2010  
*Insurance & Risk*  
*Management*  
*St. John's University*  
*USA*



**Taliah SHAKIR**  
2012  
*Business*  
*Durham University*  
*UK*



**Kris FURBERT**  
2012  
*Business*  
*European School of*  
*Economics*  
*Spain*



**Denzel SIMONS**  
2013  
*Economics*  
*Florida International*  
*University*  
*USA*



**James GREGORY**  
2013  
*Finance*  
*Babson College*  
*USA*



**Elizabeth SOUSA**  
2012  
*Finance & History*  
*Northeastern University*  
*USA*



**Jack KEYES**  
2014  
*Finance*  
*Durham University*  
*UK*



**Christopher WRIGHT**  
2012  
*Economics*  
*Lancaster University*  
*UK*



## *2015 Scholarship Awardees*

### **BFIS SIGNATURE SCHOLARSHIP**

**REEM BUSHARA** - Freshman | Economics | McGill University, CDA

### **BFIS UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS**

**CHRIS ALEXANDER** - Sophomore | Accounting | University of Bristol, UK

**TARE BRANGMAN** - Senior | Insurance & RM | Georgia State University, USA

**TRACEY DESOUZA** - Junior | Insurance & RM | Georgia State University, USA

**ASHA FORD** - Junior | Insurance & RM | Georgia State University (Bermuda)

**ZACHARY FRIESEN** - Sophomore | Business | Trinity Western University, CDA

**CONOR LOHAN** - Freshman | Business | McGill University, CDA

**DANIEL OATLEY** - Freshman | Economics | University of Warwick, UK

**SARAH PEDRO** - Sophomore | Business | Acadia University, CDA

### **BFIS BERMUDA CAPTIVE CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP**

**MELANIE MENDONCA** - Sophomore | Business | U. of West of England, UK

### **BFIS COLONIAL GROUP INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**JULIA JUDD** - Junior | Accounting | Northeastern University, USA

### **BFIS HAMILTON INSURANCE GROUP SCHOLARSHIP**

**DOMINICK WRIGHT** - Junior | Insurance & RM | University of Pennsylvania, USA

### **BFIS VALIDUS SCHOLARSHIP**

**KYLE HARVEY** - Junior | Accounting | Wilfrid Laurier University, CDA

### **BFIS BRIAN R. HALL POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

**LAURA BURNS** - LPC | BPP Law School, London, UK



## **BFIS SIGNATURE SCHOLARSHIP**

### **REEM BUSHARA**

*Freshman | Economics | McGill University, CDA*

Reem graduated from Bermuda High School for Girls this year where she gained exceptional grades in her IGCSE and IB exams.

She had previously attended Somersfield Academy until 2011 and was a member of the Netball and Tennis teams at both schools as well as captaining the BHS Basketball team for the past two years.

She was a member of the BHS a Capella singing group and enjoys playing piano, having achieved Grade 3 level.

The past two summers Reem has been a private Math and English tutor and has also been a Girl Guide leader and Sunday School assistant.



## **BFIS UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

### **CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER**

*Sophomore | Accounting and Finance | University of Bristol, UK*

Chris transferred from Warwick Academy to Repton School in the UK in 2012, graduating in 2014. He then entered the University of Bristol to study Accounting and Finance and has found that this has piqued his interest in pursuing a career in the insurance industry. He plans to pursue his CA designation when he graduates in 2017 and gain experience in the UK before returning to Bermuda to work.

Chris is very keen on sports and enjoys football, tennis and skiing. He also plays squash and has coached at the BSRA in the last couple of years. Community work has included helping out at Meals on Wheels, KBB and at his church.



## **BFIS UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

### **TARA BRANGMAN**

*Senior | Insurance & RM | Georgia State University, USA*

Tare attended Berkeley Institute where she first developed an interest in insurance after a job shadowing opportunity at ACE.

She went on to Bermuda College where she gained her Associates degree in Risk Management & Insurance before transferring to Georgia State University as a Junior in 2014. This year she participated in the BFIS Intern programme, spending 2 weeks in Atlanta immersed in the insurance sector along with 3 other students.

Tare is a member of the Caribbean Student Association at GSU and has joined Beta Gamma Sigma as well as Golden Key International. She plans to complete her CPCU designation and has her sights set on becoming an underwriter.



## **BFIS UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

### **TRACEY DESOUZA**

*Junior | Insurance & RM | Georgia State University, USA*

Tracey attended Berkeley Institute before going on to Bermuda College to take the first two years of her degree. She will enter Georgia State University as a Junior this fall, studying Risk Management & Finance under the 2+2 programme GSU has with Bermuda College.

In her spare time Tracey tutors high school students, assisting them with math and accounting homework. She is also a Sunday School teacher and a mentor, helping young students with their reading skills.



## **BFIS UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

### **ASHA FORD**

*Junior | Insurance & RM and Finance | Georgia State University in Bermuda*

Asha attended Warwick Academy before graduating from Monteverde Academy in Florida and taking her Associates Degree at Bermuda College where she will now be studying for her undergraduate degree in Risk Management and Insurance through the Georgia State University distance learning programme.

As she works full-time and has a family, Asha does not have much time for community service, but has assisted at Windreach, helping with fund-raisers and animal welfare. She also enjoys dance and has formed her own dance group, which meets to practice twice a week. She also assists at a school PTA and in what little spare time she has drives a taxi.



## **BFIS UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

### **ZACHARY FRIESEN**

*Sophomore | Business | Trinity Western University, CDA*

After graduating from Warwick Academy in 2014, Zachary entered university in British Columbia where he was selected to participate in a third-year business study-abroad course in Europe this spring. Following on from that he was selected to participate in the 2015 BFIS Bermuda Intern Programme for three weeks this summer.

Zachary is a keen footballer, having captained North Village as well as playing on his school team. He enjoys acting and music, playing piano, saxophone and drums. He set up his own screen-printing business in 2013 and has worked at a variety of summer jobs including construction. He has volunteered with the Salvation Army and travelled overseas on earthquake relief, helped in Lionfish culling and organised Amnesty International events.



## **BFIS UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

### **CONOR LOHAN**

*Freshman | Business | McGill University, CDA*

Conor attended Somersfield Academy and went overseas in 2012 to complete his secondary education at the Hotchkiss School, where he achieved Honors.

He is a keen sportsman and has played baseball as well as soccer in Bermuda and at Hotchkiss where he was captain of their junior varsity soccer team.

Conor is a keen pianist and has passed all ABRSM up to Grade 4 and while at Somersfield he enjoyed acting in a variety of plays. He has gained his Duke of Edinburgh Silver and volunteered at a youth centre, helped build a school in the Dominican Republic, assisted at an after-school reading programme and helped at Meals on Wheels.



## **BFIS UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

### **DANIEL OATLEY**

*Freshman | Economics | University of Warwick, UK*

Daniel graduated from Saltus this year with straight As for his IGCSE's and top marks for his AP exams.

A keen sportsman, Daniel has competed in Track and Field at the Carifta Games for the past 2 years. He has also competed twice and won once in the Cross Country Championships here and in Jamaica, as well as competing overseas in cycling as a member of Bermuda's Junior National Team.

In 2014 he competed in Public Speaking in Hong Kong. He has been a swimming instructor and this summer is a research intern at an investment company. Daniel also volunteers weekly for the Salvation Army.



## **BFIS UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

### **SARAH PEDRO**

*Sophomore | Business | Acadia University, CDA*

After graduating from Bermuda High School for Girls in 2014 with excellent IGCSE and IB grades, Sarah entered Acadia University in Nova Scotia where she is thoroughly enjoying all her courses, in particular the accounting courses.

Her sports interests include volleyball which she started at BHS, and she is currently captain of a university intramurals team. Sarah also enjoys sailing, having learned to sail a 420 dinghy at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club. While in Bermuda she volunteered for Tomorrow's Voices and YouthNet and is currently an Acadia Student Ambassador for prospective students.



## **BFIS BERMUDA CAPTIVE CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP**

### **MELANIE MENDONCA**

*Sophomore | Business | University of West of England, UK*

After graduating from Warwick Academy in 2013, Melanie went to the University of Western Ontario. However, on developing an interest in insurance, she transferred to a UK university for a more focused degree in Business Management, which includes work placement. For the past two summers she has interned at an insurance company and is studying for her Associates in Insurance.

Melanie's interests include football, dance and drama and she is currently part of the UWE dance squad which includes competing all over England. She has taught in Sunday school and plans to become a Big Sister when she has completed her studies.



## **BFIS COLONIAL GROUP INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**

### **JULIA JUDD**

*Junior | Accounting | Northeastern University, USA*

After graduating from the IB program at Bermuda High School for Girls in 2011, Julia attended Bermuda College for two years in order to gain a better understanding of where her career focus should be. She graduated from the College with distinction and transferred to Northeastern University in 2014.

She is a keen sailor as well as representing Bermuda in international rowing regattas, and has also taken maritime navigation and diesel engines courses. She has worked at Ernst & Young and at Butterfield Bank as a student intern, as well as volunteering for the Hospital Auxiliary of Bermuda and at Windreach. She enjoys solving problems and working with numbers.



## **BFIS HAMILTON INSURANCE GROUP SCHOLARSHIP**

### **DOMINICK WRIGHT**

*Junior | Insurance & RM and Finance | U. of Pennsylvania, USA*

Dominick attended Warwick Academy for several years before transferring to Hotchkiss in 2009. Following graduation in 2013 he entered the Wharton School of Business.

Outside of his educational pursuits, Dominick enjoys soccer and played for Hotchkiss as well as recreationally at university. His community service has included working for the Red Cross in Philadelphia and also tutoring young students at a school in West Philadelphia.

Dominick describes himself as self-driven with a love of learning - he is always looking for ways to acquire experience and skills relevant to his career interests.





## **BFIS VALIDUS SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Kyle HARVEY**

*Junior | Accounting | Wilfrid Laurier University, CDA*

After attending Warwick Academy for 3 years, Kyle transferred to Rothesay Netherwood School in New Brunswick, graduating in 2013. He went on to attend Wilfrid Laurier University, being placed on the Dean's list last year, and will graduate in 2017 with a degree in Accounting.

Kyle enjoys playing football, and played on the RNS team as well as a provincial team in New Brunswick. He enjoys theatrics, and has had roles in several plays. He helps to tutor students in math, is a note-taker for students with disabilities, and helps new students settle in during orientation week. Of special note is his involvement in a 'Trick or Eat' programme during Halloween, where students collect canned goods for a food bank.



## **BFIS BRIAN R. HALL POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Laura BURNS**

*LPC | BPP Law School, London, UK*

After attending Bermuda High School for Girls, Laura graduated from Lakefield College School in Ontario and went on to take her undergraduate degree in legal studies at University of Warwick and an MSc in Management. After taking a year out to travel she is returning to gain her legal qualification at BPP Law School.

Laura's interests include horse-riding, track and field, tennis, field hockey and volleyball, some competitively, some recreationally. Community service has included volunteering for Hiking Drakensberg (assisting a group of young burn victims), teaching children volleyball and raising money for pro bono legal work, plus volunteering at SPCA and Windreach. She gained her Duke of Edinburgh Silver which requires many hours of community service.

*Our Continuing Scholars*  
*with year award commenced and current academic year*

Lydia BARIT 2014 . . . . .Senior | Mathematics | Washington & Lee University, USA  
Ciara BURROWS 2014 . . . . .Sophomore | Legal Studies | University of Waterloo, CDA  
Matthew COELHO 2014 . . . . .MSc | IT | Dalhousie University, CDA  
Brittney FERREIRA 2014 . . . . .Sophomore | Economics | University College London, UK  
Latonia FRAY 2013 . . . . .Sophomore | Economics | Drexel University, USA  
Hannah GIBBONS 2014 . . .Senior | Economics & Legal | U. of California Berkeley, USA  
Shane HOLLIS 2014 . . . . .Senior | Actuarial Science | Georgia State University, USA  
Cara JOHNSTON 2014 . . . . .Senior | Accounting | University of Exeter, UK  
Tyler KERR 2014 . . . . .Junior | Finance | University of Western Ontario, CDA  
Carmela ROBINSON 2014 . . . . .Sophomore | Insurance & RM | Temple University, USA  
Iman SMITH 2013 . . . . .Junior | Business | Nottingham Trent University, UK  
James SPENCE 2014 . . . . .Sophomore | Mathematics | University of Warwick, UK

*Scholars continuing under other funding*

Megan BERRY 2012 . . . . .Senior | Comparative Studies | University of Exeter, UK  
Magic BOYLES 2012 . . . . .Senior | Insurance & RM | St. John's University, USA  
Amanda BROWN 2012 . . . . .Senior | Economics | Boston College, USA  
Chelsy FURTADO 2012 . . . . .Senior | Accounting | Acadia University, CDA  
Nikki-Lynn MARSHALL 2011 . . . . .MSc | Global Business | Pepperdine University, USA  
Aaron PHILLIPS 2013 . . . . .Senior | Business | Manchester Met. University, UK  
Emily POTTS 2011 . . . . .MSc | Computer Science | Uppsala University, Sweden  
Chelsea SMITH 2013 . . . . .Junior | Business | U. of Western Ontario, CDA  
Yuki SUN 2013 . . . . .Senior | Actuarial Science | Heriot Watt University, UK

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