



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA

Ministry of Tourism & Transport, Culture & Sport



43RD ANNUAL

SPORTS AWARDS



**SPORT
MATTERS**

Rising to Greatness: Celebrating Excellence in Sport

SUNDAY 23RD MARCH 2024 AT 6:30PM

Hamilton Princess and Beach Club
Harbourview Ballroom

Premier's Message



The Hon. E. David G. Burt, JP, MP
Premier of Bermuda

Greetings on this special occasion as we gather to celebrate the very best of Bermudian sport.

The past year has been exceptional for Bermuda's athletes across multiple disciplines.

In cycling, we witnessed outstanding performances from Conor White, Gabriella Arnold, Kaden Hopkins, and Nicholas Narrayay, who all earned medals on the regional and international stages. Their success at the Pan American and Caribbean Cycling Championships is a testament to the strength of Bermuda's cycling programme and the talent we have here.

We also take great pride in the outstanding achievements of our para-athletes. Yushae DeSilva-Andrade's silver medal at the Parapan Am Games and gold at the World Boccia Cup showcased her exceptional, world-class skill. Yushae and Jessica Lewis then went on to represent our island on one of the biggest stages of all, the Paralympic Games in Paris. Their performances at the 2024 games were an inspiration to us all and to our future Paralympians and Olympians.

I had the honour of attending the closing ceremony of the 2024 Paralympic Games in Paris and was proud to see Yushae carry our flag across the stage in the Stade de France. This was an emotive and fitting symbol of the growing accomplishments and presence of Bermudian athletes on the world stage.

As the year drew to a close, Bermuda's cricket team gave us an exciting ending, winning the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Americas Sub-Regional Qualifier. This triumph was a significant milestone for Bermuda Cricket and something that should fill both the players and our island with excitement as they prepare for the next round of qualifiers ahead of the 2026 T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka.

These are just some of the incredible achievements our athletes have had throughout the year. Each year, as the Sports Awards draw closer and I look back on what Bermudians have accomplished in sports, locally and internationally, it gives me yet another reason to be proud to be a Bermudian. Our athletes continue to raise the bar, proving that our small island can achieve big things.

Premier's Message Continued

The Government of Bermuda will continue to do its part to support this. We remain committed to investing in sport at all levels. Through the Sport Investment Programme, we have provided crucial funding to National Sport Governing Bodies, ensuring our athletes have the resources to develop and compete.

Last year, we invested over \$1.8 million in high-performance, junior development, and coaching initiatives. This year, we will continue to execute and implement initiatives from our National Sports Policy, ensuring that sporting bodies have the assistance needed for the long-term development of Bermudian athletes. Our goal remains clear—to expand participation, foster talent, and elevate Bermuda's presence on the international stage.

As we celebrate our athletes tonight, let us also recognise the coaches, officials, volunteers, and families who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Their support is instrumental in shaping the success we honour this evening.

Congratulations to all of tonight's nominees and award winners. Your achievements are a source of national pride, and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for Bermuda's sporting community.

Sincerely,



The Hon. E. David G. Burt, JP, MP



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**Opening Remarks by the
Minister of Tourism & Transport,
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The Hon. Owen K. Darrell, JP, MP



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Congratulations
TO ALL RECIPIENTS



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