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# *Creating A Legacy* **Our Journey Through Sports.**

Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

**Wyndham Grand Barbados,  
St Philip.**





# National Sports Council 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony

Wyndham Grand Hotel

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

## ORDER OF EVENTS

### OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

Masters of Ceremony - Cassandra Crawford & Shane Sealy

Youth Masters of Ceremony - Michael Elliott and Diara Springer

National Anthem

Welcome and Introduction – Masters of Ceremony

Invocation – The Reverend Canon Noel Burke

Welcome Address – Mr. McDonald Fingall, Chairman, NSC

Minister's Address- Hon. Charles Griffith, M.P, Minister of Youth,  
Sports & Community Empowerment

### PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

- Groundsman of the Year
- Youth Awards
- School Award
- Wesley Worrell Award
- Special Award
- Olympic Award

### LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

### ENTERTAINMENT

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# ORDER OF EVENTS

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- The Alvin Burgess / Sports Administrator Award
- Coach of the Year Award
- Team Award

## FEATURE ADDRESS (VIDEO)

Ambassador Obadele Thompson, OLY  
Andrea Blackett, OLY

## ENTERTAINMENT

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

- Junior Outstanding Sportsperson (Female)
- Junior Outstanding Sportsperson (Male)
- Senior Outstanding Sportsperson (Female)
- Senior Outstanding Sportsperson (Male)
- Emerging Athlete Award
- Minister's Award
- National Sports Personality Award

## ENTERTAINMENT

Vote of Thanks - Mrs. Rhea Mapp-Bynoe, Chairperson, Awards Committee  
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# SPONSORS



# Presentation of Awards

## GROUNDSMAN OF THE YEAR



### Mr. Christopher Hinds

Mr. Hinds was so outstanding in his preparation of the cricket grounds and pitches that he was selected to undertake preparation of key grounds for the Barbados Cricket Association (BCA) and the NSC Herman Griffith Finals. In addition, he also prepared grounds for international fixtures at Kensington Oval, namely the England Series and the Caribbean Premier League. Mr. Hinds also assisted in relaying the pitch at the Farmers ground in St. Thomas during 2024.

## YOUTH AWARDS



### Daniel Banfield - Surfing

At just 12 years old, Daniel continues to show exciting promise on the surf board. In 2024, Daniel won the U-13 Division of the Barbados Surf Pro in March and then was crowned the Under 14 Boys' Surfer of the Year Champion.



### Aaron Brathwaithe - Swimming

A young swimmer with lots of promise, 11 year old Aaron was the highest point achiever with 36 individual points at the 2024 Inter-Primary School Championships, showcasing his emerging swimming ability.



## **Janiyah Browne** - Chess

Janiyah made Barbados proud at several championships in 2024. She won a bronze medal at the Central American & Caribbean Youth Girls Under 10 in El Salvador and the gold medal at the 2024 Barbados Girls Under 12 Championship. She placed 14th at the 2024 Barbados Open Under 14 Championships.

At the 2024 Primary Schools Team Championship, she was Board 3 Prize Winner with a 100% score and member of the Champion Team from Charles F. Bromme Primary School.

Janiyah's Bronze Medal performance at the 2024 CAC Youth Championships conditionally qualified her for the Women's Candidate Master Title, making her the youngest Barbadian Player to do so. She also became the youngest female Barbadian player to earn a FIDE Rating at 10 years, 3 months, and 15 days. The Women's Candidate Master Title is the first of four steps towards the Woman Grandmaster title, once she achieves the qualifying rating for the award of the title.



## **Natarie Lavine** – Track and Field, Cricket and Football

12-year-old Natarie is a young man with immense sporting promise. In 2024, he was the NAPSAC U13 400 m and 800m champion, he was the Most Valuable Player (MVP) and scored the Most Runs in the NSC Herman Griffith Primary School competition and if that was not enough, Natarie was voted the Best Defender in the NSC BICO Primary School Football tournament.



## **Yele Renwick-Williams** -Triathlon, Aquathlon, Athletics and Swimming

Multi Sport 11 year old, Yele Renwick-Williams has been very impressive in his chosen disciplines at the national and regional level:

Carifta Triathlon- boys 11-12 1st -Gold ,Carifta Aquathlon- boys 11-12 1st - Gold, Barbados National Triathlon 2024- 11-12 Super sprint 1st, Athletics: Primary School Cross Country 2nd ; My Lord's Hill Community 2Km- 1st ; Coverley 5Km U12-1st, Swimming:Primary Inter-School Swimming Championship 3rd ; Member of Seaside Aquatics record breaking 9-10 boys relay team.

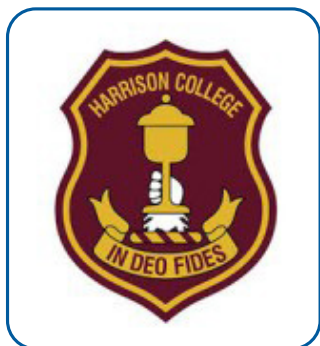
## PRIMARY SCHOOL AWARD



### West Terrace Primary School

The lads and lasses from St. James were large and very much in charge of excellent Primary schools performances in 2024. They underlined their class by placing third (3rd) in the NSC BICO Football competition and winning the NSC Herman Griffith Cricket competition. They also emerged as the NAPSAC Boys Champions. Certainly much to celebrate at the West Terrace Primary School.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL AWARD



### Harrison College

The Crumpton Street institution was impressive across a variety of sporting disciplines in 2024.

At the Barbados Secondary Schools Athletics Championships, the Boys team placed 2nd, Girls Team 4th and they went on to win Championship in Basketball, Volleyball, Cross Country, 1st Form Netball and there were the 2024 Inter-Secondary School Swimming Champions.

The students from Harrison College were outstanding on the field of play at secondary school sports in 2024, and deservedly earned the Secondary School Award.

# THE WESLEY WORRELL AWARD



## **Antwahn Boyce-Vaughn**

- Paralympic Athlete

Antwahn Boyce-Vaughn, competed at the Paris 2024 Games and holds the classification of S9. At those games he completed a new Personal Best (PB) and National Record of 34.28secs in the 50M Freestyle swim and finished 7th.

Antwahn was very satisfied that he improved his time in the freestyle swimming event, and wants to continue improving to get even better. He is truly motivational and inspirational to all.

# SPECIAL AWARD



## **Niall Reid- Stephen** - Football

Niall lived up to his reputation as a prolific and dangerous football striker in 2024. He scored 10 goals in 8 matches for the Barbados National team. He later joined Appalachian FC of the National Premier Soccer League in the US, scoring two goals against Charlottetowne Hops FC in the semi-finals, to secure the victory and advance to the conference championship match. A week later, Reid-Stephen moved to Asheville City SC of USL League Two. He debuted for the club in the conference quarter-final match against NONA FC.

Niall later signed with professional USL League One club Tormenta FC. To cap a great year, Niall led the UWI Blackbirds Team to the inaugural Prime Minister's Cup and was named the Most Valuable Player (MVP).

# OLYMPIC AWARDS



**Tristan Evelyn** - *Track & Field*



**Sada Williams** - *Track & Field*



**Jack Kirby** - *Swimming*



**Matthew Wright** - *Triathlon*

# LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



## **Rawle Decoursey Batson** E.M, J. P.

Mr. Rawle Batson was born on July 3rd, 1935 at Lakes Folly, the City. He was educated at St. Mary's Boys School, Arlington High School and the Combermere Secondary School.

His life long activities has been with the military, the community and sports. He started in the Cadets at Combermere and was a member of the Barbados Cadet Corps 1951-1953 and the Barbados Regiment 1953-1975. He was also a member of the Jaycees 1969-1977, dedicated to training, development and leadership of young people, before becoming President of the Bridgetown Jaycees Chapter in 1974. In 1976, recognition came from the highest level (JCI) Jaycees International, where he was made a JCI Senator and Life Member.

His involvement in three (3) sports Weightlifting, Bodybuilding and Horse Racing has been stellar:

During the late 1960s, he served a member and Assistant Secretary for the Barbados Amateur Weightlifting and Bodybuilding Federation for a number of years.

From 1985, he not only served as Coach, Manager and Official Delegate for the Barbados Amateur Bodybuilding Federation, but was elected President in 1987. He acted as President of the Central American and Caribbean Bodybuilding Federation for 1 year in 1989. He received the IFBB certification and registration, and was appointed to be a Judge at all National and International Championships.

A memorable and historic moment came in 1989 under his leadership, when at the World Championship and IFBB Congress in France, Barbados as a National Team won 1st place Mr. Universal title.

Mr. Batson has been involved with the Barbados Turf Club for 54 years from 1971 to Present. He served in various official capacities of assignments and appointments with the racing administration. Serving as Patrol Judge, False Start Judge, Assistant Clerk of Scales, Parade Ring Assistant, Clerk of the Scales, Parade Ring Official, Assistant Starter, Starter, Track and Paddock Manager.

He also served as the Manager and coordinator of the 1st Sandy Lane Gold Cup and its race day activities and was also an Owner, Breeder and Horse Trainer. A Life Member of the Barbados Thoroughbred Breeders Association, Mr. Batson is a founding member and official of the West Indies Thoroughbred Racing Association and is not only a Director of the Barbados Turf Club but is its current President. He has received many Awards from the Barbados Turf Club including The Golden Horseshoe of Merit.

Just a few days short of his 90th Birthday, Rawle Batson has shown that he is a multi-dimensional character and professional personality, whose life, dedication, work, have been exemplary in the military, community and sporting endeavours. He is truly an outstanding individual who has helped to shape the development of sports in Barbados.



## SPONSORS AWARD



### **Barbados Bottling Company Limited – Powerade/Dasani Brands**

BBC Ltd – Powerade/Dasani Brands continue to enhance the development of sports in Barbados. Their sponsorship encompasses conditions that help member clubs financially and also greatly assisted the Barbados Football Association (BFA) with hosting the Premier League. In addition to their consistent and ongoing sponsorship of the BSSAC Championships, the Powerade/Dasani Brands have supported local secondary school swim meets with tents and drinks.



### **Co-operator General Insurance**

Despite the challenges in the Insurance industry, Co-operators General Insurance has sought to continually give back to sports and youth development. In 2024, in addition to sponsoring the Co-operators General Insurance Schools U19 Basketball competition, they also sponsored other sports-related organizations and events in Barbados, including the Barbados Amateur Bodybuilding and Fitness Federation and the Barbados Amateur Basketball Association (BABA).



## Diamonds International

Excellent sponsorship of sports events over the years, Diamonds International sponsorship of the Barbados Surf Pro for the past 3 years has helped to add significant value to the event and assisted with Sports Tourism.



## Western Wholesale

Keen on supporting the development of youth and sports, Western Wholesale certainly has been living up to its Corporate Social Responsibility. They sponsored several National Sports Council (NSC) school sports tournaments, in addition to the NSC's Summer Camp and Fun Day. Additionally, they underlined their sponsorship value, by assisting with sponsoring the popular NSC's Christmas Wonderland event.

# MEDIA AWARDS



**Kenmore Bynoe** - *Nation News Photo Journalist*

A veteran photo journalist Kenmore, was highly commended for his photo journalism of many sports in 2024. His dedication and professionalism to the craft, was commended by various National Associations, leaving lasting memories in the minds of sportsmen, their families and fans.



**Anmar Goodridge-Boyce** - *Caribbean Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)*

Anmar Goodridge-Boyce was outstanding in journalism in 2024. He provided extensive coverage of the Barbados Secondary School Athletic Championships (BSSAC) and then attended the 2024 Paris Olympics providing television and press coverage for the Olympic Broadcasting Service (OBS). Anmar also hosted a Television show for the ICC Mens T20 World Cup in July 2024.



**Morissa Lindsay** - *Barbados Today*

Morrissa had excellent and consistent photo journal coverage of a range of sports in 2024. She was highly commended especially for her journalism of Surfing and Beach Wrestling in particular.

# THE ALVIN BURGESS AWARD / SPORTS ADMINISTRATOR



## **Dr. Raymond Forde**

Dr. Forde served as the president of the BTA for approximately 25 years. In 2010, the International Tennis Federation (ITF) awarded Dr. Forde the prestigious "Award for Services to the Game." He was one of only three administrators worldwide to receive this honor that year. In a testament to his lasting legacy, the National Tennis Centre in Wildey was officially renamed the Raymond Forde National Tennis Centre in 2024. This honor reflects his instrumental role in enhancing the facility and promoting tennis across the island. Forde was pivotal in expanding Barbados' junior tennis programs, providing young athletes with opportunities to develop their skills and compete at higher levels. Under Forde's leadership, the BTA organized numerous local coaching and officiating courses, contributing to the professional development of individuals involved in the sport.

# COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD



## **Fitzgerald Carter** – *Football*

Fitzgerald coached, nurtured and trained the Barbados Under 14 Boys National Team which won the 2024 CFU U14 Challenger Series Tier II in Trinidad and Tobago, with six (6) consecutive wins enroute to the championship win.



## **Corie Elcock** – *Chess*

Corie coached the Charles F. Broome Primary School Team to win the 2024 Primary Inter-School Team Chess Championships with a perfect score, winning each match played 5-0. He also coached Queens College to win the 2024 Secondary Inter-School Team Championships, placing 1st in the Under 20 and Under 15 Divisions, and 2nd in the Under 13 Division.

At the individual player level, his students produced 15 Gold, 17 Silver, and 10 Bronze medals in domestic competitions, including National Champions for Boys & Girls Under 08, Girls U10, Boys & Girls Under 12, Girls Under 14, Boys Under 16, and 20 Age Categories.

At the regional level, he was the Head Coach for the Barbados Contingent to the 2024 Central American & Caribbean Youth Championships in San Salvador, El Salvador, where Barbados Bronze Medaled in the Girls Under 18, 16, and 10 Age Categories and his student Janiyah Browne, the Under 10 bronze Medalist, conditionally qualified her for the Women's Candidate Master Title, making her the youngest Barbadian Player to do so. She also became the youngest female Barbadian player to earn a FIDE Rating at 10 years, 3 months, and 15 days, beating the previous holder of that honour, Woman FIDE Master Hannah Wilson, by two months.



## **Kent Hall – Football**

Kent Hall breathed new life into football development and growth as Head Coach of the Barbados Senior Mens Football Team. In 2024, during his tenure, Barbados gained promotion to League B of the CONCACAF Nations League and were unbeaten in that League.



## **Dexter Toppin - Cricket**

Coach Dexter Toppin led the Barbados Under-17 cricket teams to a historic double victory in the Cricket West Indies (CWI) Rising Stars tournament, securing both the 50-over and two-day titles.

***Congratulations!***

# TEAM AWARDS



## Barbados Women's Lawn Tennis Team

The young ladies of the team played exceptionally well and helped Barbados to gain promotion to Group 2 of the Billie Jean King Cup in Trinidad and Tobago.



## Barbados Under 14 Boys National Football Team

Caribbean Football Union Tier II champions. They won with six (6) consecutive wins and possibly the first championship wins since the 1970s for Barbados.



## Carifta Triathlon and Aquathlon Team

The 34-member triathlon and aquathlon won their 3rd consecutive CARIFTA on home soil in August 2024. With 4 age groups contested, the team amassed 9 individual golds, 5 silvers and 3 bronze medals. Their success was sealed by winning the mixed team relay as well.

# JUNIOR OUTSTANDING SPORTSPERSON AWARD (FEMALE)



## **Gabrielle Birmingham** - *Football*

Gabrielle, scored in every tournament and series played in 2024 for Barbados. Scoring five (5) goals. She scored three (3) goals in total vs Union Milliken School and Trinidad & Tobago. In addition, Gabrielle scored two (2) goals in the international competition at the CONCACAF U15 Girls Championship.



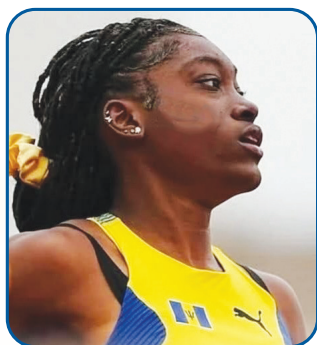
## **Isis Gaskin** - *Triathlon*

Isis had a very commendable year in her various disciplines. She won Gold medals in Carifta Triathlon and Aquathlon - 16-19 age group and at Carifta Track and Field she qualified, participated and acquitted herself well in the 3 KM event.



## **Arielle Greaves** – *Cycling*

Arielle is the current National Juvenile Female Road Race Champion. She received a silver medal in the Caribbean Cycling Union Juvenile Road Race 2024 in Saint Martin.



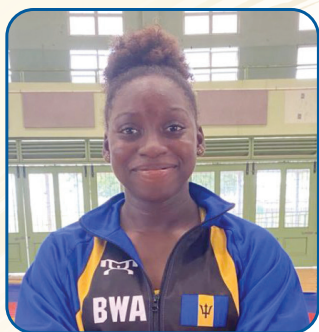
## **Kishawna Niles** – *Track & Field*

Sprinter Kishawna Niles secured a bronze medal in the 100 meters at the 2024 World Athletics U20 Championships.



## **Heidi Stoute** – *Swimming*

Heidi won nine gold medals at the CARIFTA Games in the Bahamas and broke 4 Carifta Records and 3 Barbados Age Group Records, winning 6 Gold in her Individual events, and 3 Relay Golds and 1 Silver.



## Rebecca Williams - Beach Wrestling

Rebecca had an excellent year in Beach Wrestling in 2024:

Silver Medal - Barbados Open - Senior Women Open  
 Silver Medal - Olympic Mat Wrestling in the Barbados Open - Senior Women Open  
 Gold medal - U20 Mixed (Women/Men) - Martinique Beach Open  
 Gold medal - Senior Women Open - Lake Erie Series (Ontario, Canada).



## Hannah Wilson - Chess

Woman FIDE Master Hannah Wilson's star continues to rise on the Chessboard. Her results in 2024:

2024 Barbados Female Under 20 Championships - Gold Medal  
 2024 Barbados Ladies Championships - Gold Medal  
 2024 CB Gilkes Open - Bronze Medal  
 2024 Barbados National Championship - 5th  
 2024 Barbados National Blitz Championship - 5th  
 2024 Heroes Day Cup Challengers Section - 6th  
 2024 CARICOM 50th Anniversary Team Championships in Georgetown, Guyana - Board 3 for the Barbados Team, which won a Bronze Medal  
 2024 Central American & Caribbean Youth Girls Under-18 in El Salvador - Bronze Medal  
 2024 Pan-American Under-16 Blitz Championships in Orlando, Florida - 4th  
 2024 Pan-American Under-16 Championships in Orlando, Florida - 8th  
 2024 World Chess Olympiad, Budapest, Hungary - Board 1 for the Barbados Team which placed 120th out of 169 teams.

Hannah's Bronze Medal performance at the 2024 CAC Youth Championships qualified her for the Women's FIDE Master Title, making her the youngest Barbadian Player to do so at 15 years, 7 months, and 19 days. The Women's FIDE Master Title is the second of four steps towards the Woman Grandmaster title.

# JUNIOR OUTSTANDING SPORTSPERSON AWARD (MALE)



## **Matthew Arindell** - *Wrestling*

Matthew continues to perform excellently in Beach Wrestling. His 2024 results were:

Holetown Festival Beach Stop Tourney - Men Open - Silver Medal

Accra Beach Stop - Men Open – Silver Medal

4th place in the Senior Martinique Open

Gold - Barbados Open (Hilton Beach) - Beach Wrestling U20 Men 90kg

Silver - Barbados Open - Men Open Greco Roman

Gold medal in Men U20 90+kg Beach Wrestling -

Lake Erie Series Finals (Ontario, Canada)



## **Fynn Armstrong** - *Track & Field*

Fynn continues to have impressive results in Triathlon and Aquathlon. In 2024, he won Gold in the Carifta Triathlon 16-19 age group and Gold in Carifta Aquathlon 16-19 age group. Fynn also participated in the World Triathlon Junior Championship Finals- Spain 2024.



## **Victor Ashby** - *Swimming*

Victor continues to impress in the swimming pool. In 2024, he won two (2) bronze medals and broke two (2) National Records at the Pan Am Aquatics Age Group Championships held in Puerto Rico.



## **Trey Barker – Football**

Trey scored five (5) goals in the CFU U14 Challenge Series and helped Barbados to win the 2024 CFU U14 Challenge Series and a first Championship at this level in recent years.



## **Kyce Belgrave – Dance**

Impressive in the discipline of dance, Kyce took 1st Place in every competition held locally in the Junior Category in 2024 and was Barbados National Champion in the Couples and Solo Latin categories. At the Grand finals in the UK, Kyce placed 2nd In Ballroom and 7th In Latin formats respectively.



## **Jamarco Johnson – Football**

Jamarco scored five (5) goals in the CFU U14 Challenge Series and helped Barbados to win the 2024 CFU U14 Challenge Series and a first Championship at this level in recent years.



## **Tommaso Layson – Surfing**

Tommaso was impressive on the surf in 2024. The # 1 ranked national surfer in the Open Juniors, U-18 and U-16 Divisions, he had a series of impressive results:

1st - NSSA Regional Championships in Florida - Explorer Men

2nd – NSSA Regional Championships in Florida - Open Men

1st - East Coast Surfing championships in Virginia Beach - Open Men

1st U-17 Boys - 2024 Open Men

U-18 and U-16 Surfer of the Year Champion

U-16 & U-18 Barbados National Champion

9th at the WSL Live like Zander Junior Pro - Soup Bowl



## **Joshua Ross - Swimming**

Rising swim star Joshua, dominated the 15-17 age group category at all local swim meets in 2024 with all 1st place finishes.

# SENIOR OUTSTANDING SPORTSPERSON AWARD (FEMALE)



## **Charmain Belgrave** - *Dance*

Charmain was impressive in the discipline of Dance. She was Barbados' National Solo Champion in Ballroom and Latin formats in 2024. At the Grand Finals in the UK, Charmain placed 1st - Latin Solo and 6th - Ballroom Solo.



## **Jessica Derrell** - *Beach Wrestling*

Jessica Derrell continues to make impressive strides in Beach Wrestling. Her 2024 results:

Gold - Pat Shaw Memorial - Guatemala City, Guatemala; Bronze - Barbados Open Senior Women Olympic Wrestling Bronze; - Barbados Open Senior Women Beach Wrestling Bronze - Copa Sparta - Puerto Rico; Bronze - Senior Pan American Championships - Acapulco, Mexico - Women 58kg



## **Hayley Matthews** - *Cricket*

In 2024, Hayley Matthews, the Captain of the West Indies Women's team led the West Indies to a comprehensive series victory in Pakistan. In the ODI series, she amassed 325 runs at an average of 162.5, including two centuries, and took six wickets. In the T20I series, Hayley scored 205 runs at an average of 41 and claimed six wickets, earning her the Player of the Series award in both formats. Her outstanding performances earned her the ICC Women's Player of the Month award for April 2024, marking her third time receiving this honor. During the Women's T20 World Cup, Matthews became only the second West Indies woman to take 100 wickets in T20 Internationals. As captain of the Barbados Royals, Hayley led her team to their second consecutive Women's Caribbean Premier League (WCPL) title. She was the tournament's leading wicket-taker with 11 wickets and was named Player of the Series. Playing for the Mumbai Indians, Hayley emerged as the leading wicket-taker in the 2024 season. She was also named in the ICC Women's ODI Team of the Year for 2024.



## **Adara Stoddard** - *Swimming*

Completed at the 2024 NCAA Swimming Championships, breaking a school record in the 200 yard breaststroke.



## **Chelsea Tuach** - *Surfing*

In 2024, reigning National Open Women's Champion Chelsea, competed in two (2) local events at South Point in Jan 2024 and Drill Hall in Feb 2024, winning both. At World Surf League (WSL) events, Chelsea performed with credit with Top 10 finishes. Her best results were: 2nd-WSL 3000 La Marginal Surf Pro, Arecibo, Puerto Rico 3rd- WSL 3000 Air Force Super Girls Pro, Jacksonville Florida 3rd - WSL 3000 Jacksonville Super Girl Pro (competing against over 100 top female surfers from North America and Hawaii) Chelsea is ranked 4th in the WSL North American region - the highest ranked Caribbean surfer. At the Pan American Surfing Games held in Peru in October, Chelsea reached the quarter finals in very challenging conditions, she topped the category of best wave score of the event – a 9.83 out of a possible ten. She also topped the category of highest heat total of the women and second-best heat total of the event – a 17.33 out of a possible 20. She was Barbados' most outstanding athlete at these Games. Chelsea also reached Round 5 of the ISA World Surfing Games held in Puerto Rico, narrowly missing Olympic qualification.



## **Sada Williams** - *Track & Field*

Sada Williams secured a bronze medal in the women's 400m at the 2024 World Athletics Championships. Williams made history by becoming the first Barbadian woman to reach an Olympic track final. Competing in the women's 400m final at the Stade de France, Williams secured a 7th-place finish with a time of 49.83 seconds, marking a significant milestone for Barbados on the global athletics stage.

# SENIOR OUTSTANDING SPORTSPERSON AWARD (MALE)



## **Shai Hope** - *Cricket*

Shai Hope was in impressive form in white ball cricket during 2024. He scored a total of 1,035 runs across international and regional competitions with 1 hundred and 4 fifties.



## **Kwami Inniss** - *Beach Wrestling*

Kwami had an impressive Beach Wrestling campaign in 2024 with impressive results:

Copa Sparta - Puerto Rico - Men 74kg Freestyle - Bronze medal

Pat Shaw Memorial - Guatemala City, Guatemala - Men 74kg Freestyle- Bronze medal

Barbados Open International:

Senior Men 74kg Freestyle- Bronze medal

Senior Men 80kg Beach wrestling - Bronze medal



## **Niall Reid-Stephen** - *Football*

Scored in every Barbados Senior Men's National Team match in 2024 scoring 10 goals in 8 matches and recently received a professional contract for Tormenta FC in the United Soccer League (USL).



## **Hason Ward** – Basketball

Standing at 6 feet 9 inches and 230 pounds, Hason Ward defied the odds to sign a professional basketball contract in 2024. He attended Iowa State University and played for their team, the Cyclones, contributing in a major way to the team's success in 2024, and ensuring that they advance to the semi-finals of the NCAA Big 12 Tournament.

Hason's excellence on the court was matched by his commitment to academics, as he was named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll.

After his College career, his journey into professional basketball reached new heights, when he signed his first professional contract.



## **Matthew Wright** - Triathlon

Triathlete Mathew Wright had an outstanding year in 2024, qualifying for the Paris Olympics. Wright proudly represented Barbados in the men's individual triathlon at the Paris 2024 Summer Olympics, finishing 34th out of 55 competitors. He is the 2nd Barbadian to achieve this and the highest finisher for Barbados and highest ever male Caribbean finisher.

His performance included:

Swim (1.5 km): 22:13

Bike (40 km): 53:50

Run (10 km): 32:02

Total Time: 1:49:18

Earlier in the year, Matthew secured a silver medal at the Americas Triathlon Championships held in Miami.

# EMERGING ATHLETE AWARD



## **Aragorn Straker** - *Track & Field*

Aragorn Straker announced himself emphatically as an exciting young sprinter, when we won the 100 and 200 M at BSSAC in 2024. He underlined his potential by gaining a Silver Medal in the 200 M at the 2024 Carifta Games held in Grenada. Additionally, in 2024 at the World Under 20 held in Santiago, Chile Aragorn reached the semifinals in the 200 M. These performances helped him to gain an Athletic Scholarship to Barton College, Kansas, USA.

Just 20 years old, Aragorn Straker is one to watch for the future.



## **Adara Stoddard** - *Swimming*

Completed at the 2024 NCAA Swimming Championships, breaking a school record in the 200 yard breaststroke.



## **Heidi Stoute** - *Swimming*

At the 2024 CARIFTA Swimming Championships in The Bahamas, Heidi secured an impressive nine (9) gold medals over four days, dominating freestyle events ranging from the 100m to 1500m, and contributing to relay victories. Notably, Heidi broke a 12-year-old CARIFTA record in the 800m freestyle with a time of 9:11.81, surpassing the previous mark set by Bahamian Olympian Joanna Evans. She also set a new meet and national age group record in the 100m freestyle, clocking 57.52 seconds, marking the first time a Barbadian woman swam under 58 seconds in over two decades.

## MINISTER'S AWARD

This Award is chosen solely by the Minister of Sport and reflects his appreciation of the contribution of sportspersons to the Sports / Cultural Industries. It is presented to an athlete who best exemplifies the essence of Pride and Industry in a Sports discipline during the year.

## NATIONAL SPORTS PERSONALITY

This Award acknowledges the most outstanding Sports achievement by a Barbadian athlete during the year.



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To All!*

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