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## **CUC ANNOUNCES 2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

In keeping with the Company's commitment to scholastic excellence, four young Caymanians have received scholarships from Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd. ("CUC") to assist them with furthering their education. Demesio Frederick, Briony Gallegos, Aaron Webster and Tazmar Dawkins will pursue university level studies at institutions in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.

A CUC employee since 2015, Demesio Frederick will be pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Plymouth in the United Kingdom. Demesio joined the Company's then System Operations Department (now Energy Supply Operations) in 2016 as a Unit Operator Apprentice I and in 2019, was promoted to Unit Operator Apprentice and then Condition Monitoring Assistant. In 2022, he was promoted to Supervisor System Operations, a position he currently holds.

A past CUC Employee of the Year and a 2019 CUC scholarship recipient, Briony Gallegos will begin an online Master's degree in Research Design & Analysis through Florida International University in the United States. Briony completed an online Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a focus on Management in 2023. She began her CUC career in 2012 as an Intern where after she gained a permanent role in the Customer Service Department in 2013 as a Call Centre Representative. After a series of promotions and title changes including Collections Officer in 2017, Receivables & Remote Locations Officer in 2019 and Revenue & Quality Assurance Analyst in 2022, Briony currently holds the position of Supervisor Collections & Receivables, which she attained earlier this year.

Nineteen-year old Aaron Webster will be pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Mechatronics Engineering at the Humber College Institute of Technology & Learning in Toronto, Canada. Aaron has been gaining experience with the Company's Electrical Maintenance Department since 2023 on a temporary basis.

A 2021 CUC scholarship recipient, Tazmar Dawkins will be pursuing a Master's degree in Engineering Management at Arkansas State University in the United States. Tazmar completed a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering in May 2024 and returned to the Company for a few months' work experience before being awarded his second CUC scholarship opportunity.

CUC established its scholarship programme in 1989 and since then has awarded full and partial scholarships to over 65 candidates in the fields of mechanical and electrical engineering, information





technology, systems operations, environmental management, sustainable energy, occupational safety and health and financial services. In 2016, the Company further enhanced its scholarship programme by offering assistance for qualified students to pursue their A levels.

## Photos:



Demesio Frederick



Briony Gallegos



Aaron Webster



Tazmar Dawkins

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