

Ariel Rosado Foundation hosted Second Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony

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The Ariel Rosado Foundation hosted its Second Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony today at the Lion's Den on Princess Margaret Drive in Belize City. The ceremony was to present the

Foundation's 2013 awards and to present Certificates of Appreciation to Sponsors and Supporters of the Foundation. The Foundation was established last year in memory of the late cyclist Ariel Rosado who died in a traffic accident two years ago. This year's awards included funding for two Primary School Sailing Clubs which will provide for ten young Belize City youths to become proficient small craft sailors under the tutelage of the Belize Sailing Association. It also included funding for thirteen high school scholarships for deserving Belizean students from across the country, two Galen University Academic Scholarships and one Galen University Athletic Scholarship.

Dr Alvaro Rosado:

The first year we gave out 9 high school scholarships and one university scholarship, and five scholarships for sailors from Primary Schools. This year, the Second Awards Ceremony, we have increased the awards to 26. We're giving Primary School sailors ten. We extending St. Luke's and adding St. John's Primary School, to learn to sail with the Belize Sailing Association. We are renewing all the 9 High School Scholarships that we gave last

year, and we've added four more. We are renewing one University Scholarship we gave last year, and we're adding two new ones.

One of the new features is that one of the Scholarships at the University is an Athletic Scholarship. This is to try to encourage people to follow in Ariel's footsteps. Our awardee for that this year is very apt because he is last years Cross Country Champion, and now the National Cycling Junior Road Champion for Belize.

Dr. Rosado says the foundation has grown in leaps and bounds.

Dr Alvaro Rosado:

We are proud. We have a new Board of Directors, and the Foundation has been growing leaps and bounds. We do have our challenges and problems, but we will be working those out. But whether we are meeting our marks, certainly we are. There's no question about it. We expect to expand even more next year.

Benefiting this year is 5 students from St. Luke's Primary School, 5 students from St. John's Primary School in Belize City, and those are Sailing Scholarships. We have 13 High School Scholarships, coming from all across the country including Libertad, Esperanza, and Isabella Bank. We have three University Scholarships.

The Foundation's main purpose is to celebrate the short life of Ariel Rosado by providing educational and sporting opportunities that will empower young Belizeans who may have been impeded from self-actualization by the scourge of poverty, low socio-economic status or a deficit in self-confidence.

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