

## Ariel Rosado Ride Raises Scholarship Funds

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The Ariel Rosado Memorial Education Foundation is holding its first bicycle ride from Santa Elena-San Ignacio to Belize City via the Boom By-pass with a stop in Belmopan City on Saturday, April 28.

Cyclist and attorney Ariel Rosado's life was tragically cut short by a traffic accident on May 15 last year, but his father, Dr. Alvaro Rosado; his family, cycling colleagues and friends established the Foundation in February to raise funds to help deserving Belizean young people to accomplish their goals and to develop healthy minds in healthy bodies.

Dr Rosado had announced then that they plan to make the ride an annual event, which would be held three weeks after the Holy Saturday Cross Country Cycling Classic.

The Foundation has some lofty goals. Dr Rosado announced that the Foundation will sponsor at least 10 Belizean students with scholarships to attend high school each year. The criteria for selecting the scholarship recipients would be based on financial need, scholarly ability and the students' interest in developing a healthy mind in a healthy body.

The foundation will also organize various other activities, so it can provide funding to help Belizean athletes compete in sporting events in Belize and abroad.

Saturday's ride will have four purposes. It designed to raise funds for the scholarship and other sports sponsorship the Foundation intends to provide. The ride is also intended to give cyclists an opportunity to train and allow non-cyclists to participate in healthy exercise, while both will be supporting a worthy cause. The cycling community also gets the chance to pay tribute to their fallen colleagues.

The Foundation is inviting all Belizeansâ€'whether corporate bodies or private citizens, to help our most needy young people, who are most deserving of an opportunity to achieve their goals. All patrons will receive a framed certificate and specific mention in all the Foundation's activities and publications. Platinum sponsors are those who committed to give \$2,000 or more to the foundation. A scholarship will be dedicated to these patrons. Gold patrons are those who contribute between \$1,000 to \$1,999 per year. Silver patrons are those who offer \$500 to \$999 per year.

Sponsors may make out their cheques in the Foundation's name or deposit the funds directly into the Foundation's Scotiabank account at No. 8735394.

