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# Press Release

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## **Water Authority - Cayman Awards Scholarships to Young Caymanians**

The Water Authority-Cayman is pleased to announce the award of its scholarship for 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 to Ms. Sabrina Douglas and Ms. Jodiann Jackson, respectively.

Ms. Sabrina Douglas was awarded the 2009/2010 Water Authority-Cayman Scholarship to continue her pursuit of a Bachelor of Science, Honours Degree in Marine and Freshwater Biology with the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada. She has already completed one year of the degree programme and thus will utilize the Water Authority Scholarship as of the Fall 2010 semester.

Ms. Douglas is the daughter of John and Pam Douglas of Savannah, Grand Cayman. She attended George Hicks High School and graduated from Niagara Christian Community of Schools in June 2009 before enrolling at the University of Guelph in Fall 2009. Ms. Douglas has worked with the Water Authority in the Water Resources and Quality Control Department over the past few summers, including this year. Her comments regarding her scholarship award were, "I was very pleased to receive the Water Authority-Cayman Scholarship as it will allow me to continue

my Bachelor of Science studies at the University of Guelph in Canada. It is a wonderful opportunity for me to advance my education and I am very grateful to the Water Authority for granting me this scholarship." Ms. Douglas plans to return to the Water Authority to work after graduation and hopes to make a contribution to the preservation of the environment in Cayman and the surrounding region.

Ms. Jodiann Jackson has been awarded the 2010/2011 Water Authority-Cayman Scholarship to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Engineering with Florida International University in Miami, Florida commencing August 2010. Ms. Jackson graduated with honours from the John Gray High School in 2008 and went on to complete an Associate Degree in Physical Sciences from the University College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI) in July 2009. She continued attending classes at UCCI up to the Spring 2010 semester while working part-time to save for further education overseas. Ms. Jackson also participated in various community development activities through organisations such as the Key Club, the Student Representative Council of UCCI and church projects, including mission trips abroad.

Ms. Jackson is the daughter of Nordel and Johnnet Jackson who reside in Beach Bay, Grand Cayman. She states, "It has been a dream come true to be the recipient of the 2010 Water Authority Scholarship. The journey has just begun, but I thank my family, friends and Church family for the support and encouraging words. I am extremely grateful that the Water Authority has confidence in me and is willing to help me achieve my goals. Last, but not least, I thank God for this opportunity." She looks forward to returning to work with the Water Authority once she has completed her studies.

Mr. Jonathan Piercy, Chairman of the Water Authority Board at the time of the award, makes the following statement, “The Water Authority’s scholarship program is designed to provide higher education opportunities for our young Caymanians. But it doesn’t stop there. Upon completion, many of the scholarship recipients will be offered jobs with the Authority while others will seek job opportunities elsewhere on the island. Employers must ensure that Caymanians are provided with every opportunity to excel within the job market. The Authority continues to play its part and we certainly encourage the rest of the business community to do their part by providing real tangible job opportunities for our people.”

The scholarship to both Ms. Douglas and Ms. Jackson are valued at up to CI\$25,000 per year. The Water Authority-Cayman Scholarship was established in 2006 as a means of giving back to the community by assisting young Caymanians in achieving their goals of higher education, particularly in subject areas relevant to water and wastewater management.

For more information about the Water Authority’s Scholarship Programme please contact the Human Resources Department on phone: 949-2837, email: [HR@waterauthority.ky](mailto:HR@waterauthority.ky) or visit our website at [www.waterauthority.ky](http://www.waterauthority.ky).

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The Water Authority is the statutory authority responsible for the management of water and wastewater in the Cayman Islands. The Administrative Headquarters is located at 13G Red Gate Road, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands. Please contact 949-2837 for further information.



Photo left to right: Mrs. Pam Douglas, Ms. Sabrina Douglas, Mrs. Pearlina McGaw-Lumsden, Water Authority Board Member



Photo left to right: Mr. Nordel Jackson, Ms. Jodiann Jackson, Mrs. Pearlina McGaw-Lumsden, Water Authority Board Member