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**Bahamas Society of Engineers Honors Rotarian, Mr. Dennis Knowles and Recognizes Rising Engineering High School Student and Drone Developer, Ambrose Cartwright**

On the evening of Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the Bahamas Society of Engineers (BSE) held its Bi-Annual Installation and Awards Ceremony at Sapodilla of West Bay on West Bay Street. The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Urban Development, the Honorable Philip 'Brave' Davis, M.P., gave the opening remarks for the ceremony. This event also highlighted several STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) initiatives that the BSE has been supporting including the Bahamas First Lego League, the IBS Build-A-Bridge Challenge, the Bahamas Engineering and Technology Advancement (BETA) Camp and STEM Force.

The Society recognized and awarded businessman, Rotarian and Chairman of the Rotary International Engineering Scholarship Program (RIESP), Mr. Dennis Knowles, the BSE Honoree Award for his long-term dedication and support to young, aspiring engineers in the RIESP program. The program provides educational opportunities for students in the field of engineering to assist them with obtaining first-class education at a recognized University so that they may return to their local community and further the Rotary's mandate of nation-building. Since the program's inception in 1998, over 50 Bahamian high school students have received scholarships to the pre-college engineering program and have gone on to earn college scholarships to attend and graduate from some of the top engineering universities in the U.S. Many students, after completing their studies, have returned home to contribute to their local communities.



**Photo: BSE President DeCosta Bethel (right) presenting Mr. Dennis Knowles (left), RIESP Chairman and Rotary Club of Lucaya Member with the 2015 BSE Honoree Award.**



The rewarding evening concluded with brief remarks by an amazing 16 year-old, Ambrose Cartwright of Bishop Michael Eldon High School in Freeport, Grand Bahama. This outstanding student and aspiring engineer provided a drone demonstration for the audience with one of his many drones that was custom built through his company, Ambrose Cartwright Engineering. Since placing an overall win and division win at his school's science fair with his solar-powered quadcopter, young Ambrose Cartwright started building even more aeronautical devices and has also branched into building model planes as well. Through his passion and research in model aeronautics, he was awarded the opportunity to join the Academy of Model Aeronautics headed in Indiana. During his international experiences, young Ambrose has been introduced to many others like himself who are interested in Mechanical Engineering and aeronautics. These experiences have inspired him to work even harder in achieving his overall goal of becoming an exceptional Mechanical Engineer. For more information on Ambrose Cartwright and the Rotary's Engineering Programs, please go on the BSE Website at: [www.bahamasengineers.org](http://www.bahamasengineers.org).



Photo: BSE President DeCosta Bethel presenting student drone builder and aspiring engineer, Ambrose Cartwright with a BSE Certificate of Recognition. Dennis Knowles, Engineering Program Chairman, can be seen in the background.

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