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CELEBRATING THE JUNIOR OVERACHIEVERS OF THE BAHAMAS

Royal Caribbean International and Junior Achievement New Providence to celebrate top achievers



Students and supporters of Junior Achievement (JA) New Providence pose alongside Symphony of the Seas on Saturday, May 11, before celebrating the 2023-2024 JA New Providence top achievers on board.

NASSAU, THE BAHAMAS, May 15, 2024 – On Saturday, May 11, **more than 200 guests** visited Royal Caribbean International's [*Symphony of the Seas*](#) to **celebrate and recognize Junior Achievement New Providence's top achievers**. The celebration is part of the partnership between the world's largest cruise line and the nonprofit organization, which aims to foster innovation and financial literacy, and prepare high school students for college and the workforce in The Bahamas – a destination Royal Caribbean has visited for more than 50 years.

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“Junior Achievement has instilled a strong work ethic in my youth that I still value today,” said Philip Simon Jr., president and general manager, Royal Caribbean International Bahamas. “Ensuring our future generation is financially literate and has a competitive edge in the workforce will increase their chances of success. It’s an honor to celebrate their accomplishments and support their future endeavors.”

The award ceremony follows Royal Caribbean’s **\$10,000 sponsorship** of Junior Achievement’s **annual Toastmasters Competition**, which took place in February. The preliminary series of competitions was held in Grand Bahama, Andros, New Providence and Eleuthera, The Bahamas, and culminated on a national stage at The Bahamas Red Cross Society in Nassau, where the champions from each island vied for the coveted title.

Royal Caribbean’s **SEA the Future** vision drives its **commitment to energize communities and inspire future generations**, like Junior Achievement and its **STEM for Oceans program**. The cruise line also supports community-based organizations such as the **Agricultural Development Organization, The Bahamas Feeding Network** and entrepreneurial training opportunities like the **Small Business Development Center’s Kickstarter Program**.

The cruise brand is also collaborating on a **unique public-private partnership model** that creates opportunity for **Bahamians to own up to 49% equity** of an all-new destination experience, [Royal Beach Club Paradise Island](#), set to open in **2025**.

About Royal Caribbean International

[Royal Caribbean International](#), part of Royal Caribbean Group (NYSE: RCL), has delivered memorable vacations for more than 50 years. The cruise line’s game-changing ships and private destinations revolutionize vacations with innovations and an all-encompassing combination of experiences, from thrills to dining and entertainment, for every type of family and vacationer. Voted “Best Cruise Line Overall” for 21 consecutive years in the *Travel Weekly* Readers Choice Awards, Royal Caribbean makes memories with adventurers across more than 300 destinations in 80 countries on all seven continents, including the line’s top-rated private destination, [Perfect Day at CocoCay](#) in The Bahamas.

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