

The Kiwanis Club of Barbados South

Desmond Willett Award of Excellence



Desmond Delaneo Willett 1946 to 2013

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Desmond joined Kiwanis in 1989 as a founding member of Kiwanis Club of Barbados South and was elected as the Club's Charter Secretary. He served in many leadership positions at various levels and had an encyclopaedic knowledge of things Kiwanian.

However, Desmond had a passion and drive like none other for Kiwanis Service Leadership Programmes. He strongly believed in empowering students by teaching them, by his own example, the importance of Servant Leadership; and was always proud of the many achievements of his beloved Key Clubbers.

In recognition of his work, he was elected Administrator of the Caribbean Atlantic District of Key Club International in 2005 and served with distinction until his passing in 2013.

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The Desmond Willett Award of Excellence is named in honour of the late Desmond Delaneo Willett of the Kiwanis Club of Barbados South. Desmond or Daddy Willett as he was affectionately called by many Key Clubbers served with distinction as District Administrator of the Caribbean Atlantic District of Key Club International.

Consequently, and with the kind permission his wife Gloria, Kiwanis Club of Barbados South decided to honour his outstanding legacy by establishing this award, The Desmond Willett Award of Excellence.

The Award

The award consists of a bronze medal, a perpetual trophy and a miniature, (the medal and miniature will be retained by the awardee), and will be presented at the Annual District Convention of the Caribbean Atlantic District of Key Club International.

Who is eligible?

Any Key Clubber of the Caribbean Atlantic District who is a member in good standing of a Key Club which is in good standing with the Caribbean Atlantic District.

Criteria for Selection

- Each Nominating Club must be in good standing and may nominate one member of their club.
- The Key Clubber must be in good standing with his/her home club.
- The Key Clubber must have worked on a project in the preceding 12 months leading up to the nomination for the award. The project's focus must be on one of the following: Leadership, Mentorship, Teamwork, Young Entrepreneurship, or Care of the Elderly.
- The Key Clubber must embody the spirit of Key Club and its core values of Leadership, Character Building, Inclusiveness, and Caring.
- The Key Clubber must have attained 50 hours of service as mandated by Key Club International By Laws.
- The Key Clubber must have maintained a B+ average or a GPA of 3.50-4.00 in his/her academic studies.

Other Conditions

- Nominations must not exceed 350 words.
- Nominations must be endorsed by the Faculty of the school/college by way of an accompanying letter on the school's/college's letterhead.
- Nominations should address each criterion separately and concisely so that it is clear to the judges that the criterion has been met.
- Nominations must be sent to Kiwanis Club of Barbados South and must reach no later than February 28.

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- Nominations will be adjudged by a panel of judges appointed by Kiwanis Club of Barbados South. Their decision shall be final.
- Nominating clubs should make every effort to ensure that their nominee is present at the Convention.
- The awardee and his/her nominating Key Club must ensure the good and safe upkeep of the perpetual trophy whilst it is in their possession.
- It shall be the responsibility of the awardee and his/her nominating Key Club to ensure that the perpetual trophy is safely returned at the end of the year.