



# SEPROD FOUNDATION

## SEPROD SCHOLARSHIPS

Seprod awarded 32 new scholarships in 2018 to Grade Six Achievement Test (GSAT) and College of Agricultural Science and Education (CASE) students. This continues the ongoing scholarships awarded to 83 students overall. A new scholarship was created in honor of the late Granville Marsh to recognize his contribution to the company, and was awarded to the two top students from St. Thomas, Okita Wright and Kamar Nicholas. Speaking at the scholarship awards ceremony, guest speaker, Emprezz Golding moved the students with her riveting speech in hopes of motivating the participants.

“  
If you haven't failed,  
you haven't tried. You have  
to fall down sometimes. You  
will not break but it will be your  
guide, it will light your street,  
when you make a mistake, and  
when you fail in something,  
you know not to do it again  
”

*Emprezz Golding  
Youth Advocate*





## SCRATCH JR WORKSHOPS

In one week, 10 workshops were held at 5 inner city schools where 5 mentors taught over 400 students from grades 2 and 3 how to use the “scratch” MIT developed coding program to create a fun story. The workshops were aimed at promoting and encouraging the learning of coding skills among students from an early age. It is intended to boost Jamaica’s technological capacities to eventually drive national economic growth and development. This program had an overwhelmingly positive impact on the students’ development and it left students with a new interest in technology and with a new love to learn, specifically in coding.



Scratch Jr Workshop at Holy Family Primary

## SOS PAST CHILDREN

The Foundation continued to support the annual Labour Day project for the children at the SOS Children’s Village in Stony Hill. This year’s project was done as a Wall Restoration (Children’s Picture Mural) with artists from The Edna Manley College for the Visual and Performing Arts. We were happy to lend support as it contributed to the improvement of children’s social behavior and positive outlook on being productive members to our society and country.





## YOUTH CAN DO IT

The Foundation promoted 30 girls getting mentorship for a full year. We were elated to forge a partnership on this exciting 1-year pilot program, IT Mentoring, aimed at exposing girls to the most versatile and fastest growing industry in the world. It is envisioned that the young women will become more empowered to take a more active approach to their goals and dreams. This program provided them with a networking community of support on which they can call on, and also taught them how to recognise and realize that they possess all the strength and skills they need to progress. It is important to boost the confidence of our girls in Jamaica to break the stigma of gendered high paying IT jobs only being allocated to men. The Foundation donated to springboard this meeting of Mentees with Mentors, to help guide their transition from school to an IT career.

**We don't just focus on technical skills but also the right mindset, belief in yourself and community support to help you along the way. Three girls have started businesses as a result of this programme. Seprod Foundation was instrumental in the success of the programme by coming on board from inception**

*Lianne McNaughton  
Founder of YouthCanDolt*





## WORLD ROBOTIC OLYMPIAD

Seprod was Gold Sponsor for this incredible event which had 20 schools participating, and led to two teams winning the Jamaican competition, and facilitating them travelling to the finals in Thailand. This global robotics competition was geared toward children and young people from primary school up to 15 years old, with over 100,000 participants and 22,000 teams. The key successes from our perspective were the range of schools participating from primary, preparatory, and international and inner city schools. The other major success was that these schools received valuable robotics materials they can continue to use in their classes, equipping them for significant development in robotics.

“I think it’s important to note that corporate Jamaica is recognizing that equipping Jamaican kids for the future is key, and acknowledging that robotics can also play an incredibly important role in that future, as Jamaica takes its spot in a new phase of its economic development.”

Melanie Subratie





## FREEDOM SKATEPARK

The skate park is an initiative geared towards developing skateboarding as a Jamaican sport. Not only will it teach Jamaican youth about skateboarding, but also about the skills of construction. Furthermore, it will create a productive outlet for the community children and provide a new way for entrepreneurship skills to be gained. We are thrilled to be a part of this big movement to uplift young Jamaicans and we anticipate that some will make it to the Olympics in the future.

## MONTH OF PLAY

Seprod partnered with TalkUpYout to raise the awareness of the importance of play in developing children. Playmatters was about enhancing creativity, solidifying concepts, encouraging parents to engage with their kids, and incorporating play within the classroom, creating memories as you go along. It focused on guided play vs free play. Eight inner-city primary schools were visited, and through training sessions, 62 teachers were left with a changed outlook and were provided with knowledge on how to play and teach simultaneously with their children and students.





## RISE LIFE MANAGEMENT

We continued to support RISE LIFE management services in their community interventions in various ways and were pleased to see this incredibly important Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) continue its work in the inner city. Some of the programs include Parenting Walk-shops, Parenting Sessions; Island wide Substance Abuse Prevention Sensitization Training; Business Management Training Sessions and HIV Prevention for most at risk populations. We will continue to support RISE.



## DEBATEMATE

With the focus on conflict resolution and raising aspirations, this adopt a school program empowered secondary schools' students throughout Kingston and Montego Bay. It was great to see students gaining core life skills such as speaking and listening skills as well as developing key employment skills like leadership and self-management. These life skills will help the participants not only with working together at school but in a work environment and personal capacity for the rest of their lives. We continued to support the programs at our two sponsored schools: Kingston High School and St Andrews Technical High School who finished 3rd best ranked club in the Debate Mate Cups Finals.

