

RJR/GLEANER SPORTSMAN AND SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

LAWRENCE: JWN SUPPORT A BOOST FOR NATION'S TOP ATHLETES

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Recognition and rewards for the highest levels of sporting achievements is a major reason for J. Wray and Nephew (JWN) Limited's continued support of the RJR/Gleaner Sports Foundation's Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year Awards.

This is the view of Clement 'Jimmy' Lawrence, chairman of JWN Limited and the JWN Foundation.

The 57th staging of the awards climaxed on Friday January 19 at The Jamaica Pegasus Hotel, where Sprint hurdler Omar McLeod and swimmer Alia Atkinson copped the respective male and female awards.

JWN contributes in cash and kind to the RJR/Gleaner National Sportswoman and Sportswoman of the Year event for its Media Launch, Welcome Reception, Gala Awards and After Party.

"We have for a very long time supported the RJR/Gleaner Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year Awards," said Lawrence.

Some of the nation's finest ever athletes including track and field stars Usain Bolt, Merlene Ottey, Veronica Campbell-Brown and Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce have copped the prestigious award.

"We do this with pride because we recognise the need to elevate our sportsmen and sportswomen in their craft," he further explained.

“This is an area that offers great opportunity for aspiring youth to the extent that they’re recognised not only by their peers, but their country and institution.

“It serves to inspire our youth to pursue excellence in sports and our participation is most welcome and we look forward to continue in the foreseeable future,” added Lawrence, whose company has been supporting the event for decades.

McLeod, who won the Olympic gold medal, recorded seven of the eight fastest times in the event in 2017 to beat legendary sprinter Usain Bolt to the Sportsman of the Year Award, while swimming sensation Atkinson waved off 400m hurdles bronze medallist, Ristananna Tracey, to claim the Sportswoman of the Year Award.

Chairman of the RJR/Gleaner Sports Foundation’s Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year Awards, Gary Allen, lauded J. Wray and Nephew for its contribution.

Allen said: “Wray and Nephew is one of the most valuable partners to the RJR/Gleaner Sports Foundation’s recognition of excellence in sports. As a sponsor JWN provides financial support which is crucial.

“The support is heavily supported as well by the product donations, which assist further in the staging of the awards ceremony.

“In addition, JWN is the only partner we have which regularly hosts one of the events we hold for our stakeholders during the week of recognition,” added Allen, who is also CEO of the RJR/Gleaner Group.



“The broad based support is truly valued and appreciated by the RJR/Gleaner Group on behalf of the sporting community,” noted Allen.