



I am Bradley Watson, a Bahamas Environmental Steward Scholar (BESS). I have completed a semester at the Island School, and I am now working as an intern for the next six months beginning at BREEF. I attended Kingsway Academy, and have completed one year of study at the College of the Bahamas. After working with BREEF for two months I will return to Eleuthera and work at the Cape Eleuthera Institute.

My interests in animals, and the sciences, coupled with a desire to experience living on an out island led me to take part in this program. After spending three months at the Island School, I am excited to spread the word about the BESS program, and share my knowledge of Bahamian environments with others.

I believe that Bahamians need to know what exists in the environments surrounding our islands. I also believe that through knowing what is in these environments, Bahamians will seek to preserve these unique ecosystems.

During this internship I look forward to educating other youths about the BESS program, and the ecosystems I learned about during my time at the Island School. I am also very excited to learn more about the

aquaculture system being developed at the Cape Eleuthera Institute, along with the many other projects going on on the Cape.

I am not certain of what I want to do after I complete the BESS program, but I am interested in medicine, and environmental design. I would like to find ways to build homes and other systems that take advantage of what is naturally available in the Bahamas to minimize our negative effects on the environment.