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BARBADIANS WHO HAVE excelled in their chosen fields and created positive change in their communities could be recognised at the international level later this year. The Barbados Chapter of Junior Chamber International (JCI) is seeking nominations for the 2014 Ten Outstanding Young Persons of the World Awards. President Abena Agard told the DAILY NATION no West Indian person had ever reached the Top 10 since the programme began in 1983 and Barbados was the only Caribbean island pushing it this year. Barbadians between the ages of 18 and 40 can be nominated for accomplishments in ten categories including business, politics, culture, science and humanitarian endeavours. "I think it's a great chance for Barbados to recognise Barbadians and you can nominate as many people as you want. "I personally would just really love to have a Barbadian get that far. I know we have a lot of local projects like Sagicor Visionaries and First Caribbean's Unsung Heroes, but imagine if we could get one of those persons recognised on an international level by JCI," she said. Past recipients of the award include Henry Kissinger, Elvis Presley and John F. Kennedy. JCI International vice-president Jennifer Gracey encouraged both

individuals and organisations to participate. Nominations close on April 24 and the ten individuals will be honoured at the JCI World Congress in Germany in November. Gracey, who has responsibility for the West Indies, was in Barbados this week to meet with local members and inspire them to take action in their communities. (NB)

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