The nine outstanding and inspirational category winners from the NT Young Achievers Awards 2014.

NINE young Territorians were named as category winners at the Young Achievers Awards on Saturday night.

There were 27 finalists in nine categories, which included community service, health and wellbeing, environment and small business. The night's top honour, the overall Young Achiever of the Year award, was presented to Jauhari Wright, who also won the Young Carer award.

A $2000 prize was presented to the winner of each of the nine award categories, with a further $2000 presented to the Young Achiever of the Year.

Minister for Young Territorians Peter Styles said he was very proud of all the nominees and winners in the awards, and commended the passion, ambition and leadership this group had shown.

"The Territory has so many inspirational young people who are all striving to strengthen our future, and due to this our future is looking very bright," Mr Styles said.

"They look for accolades, instead they just push themselves to be the best they can be and do the best they can for their communities and I am extremely proud of all of them. These awards give us a chance to recognise their achievements and to thank them for their contributions."

"I congratulate everyone who was nominated for these awards and I hope you really treasure this honour." The guest speaker at this year's awards was Australian sailor and OAM recipient Jessica Watson.

Miss Watson spoke about her experiences with overcoming hurdles, including a fear of sailing, dyslexia and the embarrassment of crashing her yacht into a huge ship on the first night of her around-the-world sailing trip.

She spoke to youth present about being able to achieve something extraordinary even though she didn't feel like an extraordinary person. And Miss Watson reminded them that they, too, could achieve anything they desired with some hard work and dedication.

Award attendees and their guests were also treated to some amazing local talent, with singers Jenaya Allen, Serena Pech and Josh Goodrem performing on the night and wowing the crowds.

Mr Styles said the awards were a great way to kick off National Youth Week, which was officially launched last Friday.

"National Youth Week is the largest event for young people in Australia and is a great opportunity for young Territorians to be involved in fun and safe activities across the NT," he said.

"Every year National Youth week is a huge success and this year is shaping up to be a really positive event."

"The 10 days provide a fantastic opportunity for young Territorians to express ideas, raise concerns and act on issues that matter to them."

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Your LOCAL Community Service WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE Christine Gardiner Winner of the Somerville Community Services Award

Our congratulations also go to the two runners up, Caleb Maru and Brennan Prior

The Somerville Community Services Award acknowledges people involved in paid or unpaid work dedicated to making a difference by giving guidance, encouragement and much needed support within their communities.

2014 Young Achiever Awards

The Department of the Chief Minister congratulates Alpha Capaque on winning the Minister for Young Territorians Excellence in Youth Leadership Award for her inspirational commitment and dedication.

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