IN celebration of PADI Women’s Dive Day, the Perry Institute for Marine Science (PIMS) in conjunction with the Reef Rescue Network provided four women with the opportunity to discover scuba diving.

PIMS, through its Community Conservation Education and Action (CCEA) program, strives to promote conservation through enhanced community engagement.

Participants Denielle Johnson, Ke’nah Demeritte, Starr Cartwright and Caitlin Cooper practised some basic scuba skills and then enjoyed two scuba dives off the southwest coast of New Providence.

As part of their marine conservation education experience, the ladies visited two Reef Rescue Network coral nurseries. And they came face-to-face with an array of marine life including parrotfish, stingrays and snapper.

A non-profit organization, PIMS believes that the more people understand the ocean, the greater the potential to create more advocates to help protect this important ecosystem.

The excursion was led by PADI Instructors Hayley-Jo Carr, Shannen Miller and Alex Frans. Gabrielle Cartwright was the boat captain.