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JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year

St. Francis and Joseph Catholic Primary School sixth-grader Jerlea R. L. Adderley emerged as the 2022 Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year during a ceremony at the Church of God Auditorium on Joe Farrington Road on Saturday, 11th June, 2022. Adderley walked away with a \$7,000 scholarship and numerous prizes after receiving the top honour amongst more than 100 nominees.



From left: Primary School Student of the Year Jerlea R. L. Adderley and MOETVT Minister Glenys Hanna Martin

C.I. Gibson Senior High School's Class of 2022



Above from left: Permanent Secretary Lorraine Symonette-Armbrister, C.I. Gibson Senior High School's Class of 2022 Valedictorian Deranique Moore, and her mother Mrs. Moore

On June 20th, 2022 C.I. Gibson Senior High School's class of 2022 held its graduation ceremony, where 34 students attained a grade point average of 3.00 and above. Nine high achievers are bound for colleges and universities abroad.

In attendance was Ministry of Education and Technical and Vocational Training's Permanent Secretary Lorraine Symonette-Armbrister who told the graduates that "there is greatness in all of you". Guest speaker Attorney Ranard Henfield candidly told his life's story illustrating that success is not instant, but a process sometimes filled with disappointments and failure. He also admonished them to find a positive mentor, and to think seriously about what they want to be. Principal Herbert Oemblem reminded them of their steely resolve in that "Rattlers are second to none."



State Minister Lightbourne Welcomes Citi Donation



Above: MOETVT Minister of State Zane Lightbourne

Minister of State for Education and Technical and Vocational Training Zane Lightbourne welcomed and thanked seven hundred Citi (Citibank) North American high achievers who earned a trip to The Bahamas for three days. While at the Baha Mar Convention Center on June 7th, 2022, the global Investment Bank and Financial Services giant associates made good on their mission to give back with a heart. Since the year 2000, Citi's 200,000 employees have volunteered more than \$5m in volunteer hours in more than 90 countries.

State Minister Addresses St. George's Graduates

On June 22, 2022, Minister of State for the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training Zane Lightbourne attended the St. George's High School graduation ceremony in Freeport, Grand Bahama.

Minister Lightbourne brought inspirational remarks to the graduating class and presented awards to the top achievers.



From left: Dr. S. Roger Victor, Honours Graduate Angelo Davis and MOETVT State Minister Lightbourne

BTVI's 2022 Commencement Ceremony



"Positioned for the Now, Prepared for the Future" was the theme during the 2022 commencement ceremony of The Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute (BTVI), which was held at The Bahamas Faith Ministries International Diplomat Centre. Graduates received certificates, diplomas and degrees in numerous disciplines including but not limited to Construction, Mechanical, Beauty, Fashion and Business Trades, Workforce Development, Information and Computer Technology, Electronics and Media Technology and Distance Education.

State Minister of Education and Technical and Vocational Training Zane Lightbourne and Permanent Secretary Lorraine Armbrister were among the attendees.

2022 Hoopfest In Paradise

The top four high school basketball teams in the United States will compete in The Bahamas in December 2022. Evon Wisdom, Senior Education Officer of Interscholastic Sports in the Ministry of Education and Technical and Vocational Training, met with Jerome Gomez, President of the Offshore Sports Group; Glenn Smith, President of Hoopfest International USA; and Jeff Rodgers, Sports Ambassador for the Ministry of Tourism, to discuss the goals and plans for growth for this highly anticipated basketball championship event.



From left: President of the Offshore Sports Group Jerome Gomez, Senior Education Officer Interscholastic Sports Evon Wisdom, President of Hoopfest International USA Glenn Smith and Sports Ambassador for the Ministry of Tourism Jeff Rodgers

"Increasing The Graduation Rate From 50% to 85% by 2030"