



TO THE INSIDE TUES

Raising enthusiasm for vocational education and training

presents an opportunity to motivate young persons to be enthusiastic about vocational education and training, says Executive Director of the TVET Council (TVETC), Henderson Eastmond.

He expressed this sentiment during the delivery of welcome remarks at the opening ceremony of the threeday competition earlier this month. Addressing his remarks to the competitors taking part in the inaugural competition, he said: "(It) is an opportunity to compare your skills and competencies with that of your peers from other countries.'

Eastmond explained that the WorldSkills International and the WorldSkills Barbados competitions were driven by world class standards of competence which formed the basis of the test projects that the competitors used throughout the competition. The test projects set out the criteria, prescribed by the WorldSkills International (WSI) body, which make up the international standards of competence that competitors worldwide must meet to ensure that they can perform to world class standards of

"WorldSkills Barbados hence affords you finalists the opportunity to showcase your knowledge and skills, and, provides your parents, guardians, educators, prospective employers, and the public, a chance to see your ability to meet these international competence standards," Eastmond stressed.

Chairman of the TVET Council, Dr Hensley Sobers, who delivered the welcome remarks at the closing ceremony on the final day of the competition, offered congratulations to all of the persons who contributed to the success of the inaugural event.

"Tonight all participants, the planners, the sponsors, officials, participating institutions and the individual competitors can feel a sense of pride and satisfaction that you have contributed to an event which will go down in history as the forerunner to showcasing the young, competent and internationally competitive workforce that is being developed in Barbados."

He added: "In particular I want to thank you the competitors, your coaches, team leaders, supporters and the judges without all of whom this competition could not have succeeded. I also want to extend special thanks to you the sponsors!

gratitude owed to your generosity, which is so much more remarkable given the ongoing, prolonged economic recession with which the whole world grapples. Your investment in this competition and these young people will help to guide Barbados' economy back to a sound footing. You will have helped to ensure that Barbados has a pool of competent and competitive workers, to contribute to a highly productive workforce." (TVETC)



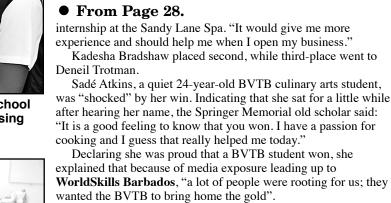
DIRECTOR of the BCC's Hospitality Institute Bernice Critchlow-Earle congratulating BCC student Stefon Barker who placed third in the Culinary Arts category. The BCC's Taurean Grannum took second place. (GP)



STUDENTS of the Garrison Secondary School paying rapt attention during the hairdressing component of the WorldSkills Barbados Competition. (GP)

JUDGE in the Beauty Therapy category Arlette Knight (left) observing closely as competitor Toni Jones (SJPP) applies 'Fantasy Make up' on her client during the WorldSkills Barbados Competition. (GP)

COMPETITORS in the Culinary Arts category of the WorldSkills Barbados competition, BVTB's Deandre Lowe (left) and BCC's Donella Blackman selecting ingredients. (GP)



WorldSkills Barbados, "a lot of people were rooting for us; they wanted the BVTB to bring home the gold".

"I am happy for the opportunity and that I have won the yearlong internship at The Crane, it should be interesting," she noted,

adding, "I really want to thank the public, the tutors and facilitators of the BVTB and my family for their support.'

Taurean Grannum and Stefon Barker of the BCC's Hospitality Institute PomMarine Hotel won second and third place,

Natasha Murrell of the SJPP not only won first place in the Fashion Technology category of the WorldSkills Barbados Competition, but she also took home the award for Best of Institution - SJPP. Her classmate, Latoya Beckles placed second while BCC's Gaynelder Grazette took home the bronze medal.

Gaynelder also won the **Best of Institution Award – BCC**. (BGIS)



THE SJPP'S PRINCIPAL HECTOR BELLE presenting Natasha Murrell with her \$1 500 scholarship prize for copping the Best in Insitution - SJPP title. Natasha also took first place in the Fashion Technology category. (GP)

| WorldSkills Barbados Competition results | | | |
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| AUTOMOTIVE | COMPETITOR | INSTITUTION | RESULTS |
| TECHNOLOGY | Tevin Callender | SJPP | Gold |
| | Shakir Cox | SJPP | Silver |
| | Rosh Wilson | SJPP | Bronze |
| BEAUTY | COMPETITOR | INSTITUTION | RESULTS |
| THERAPY | Danika Haynes | SJPP | Gold |
| | Kadesha Bradshaw | SJPP | Silver |
| | Deneil Trotman | SJPP | Bronze |
| CULINARY ARTS | COMPETITOR | INSTITUTION | RESULTS |
| | Sadé Atkins | BVTB | Gold |
| | Taurean Grannum | BCC | Silver |
| | Stefon Barker | BCC | Bronze |
| HAIRDRESSING | COMPETITOR | INSTITUTION | RESULTS |
| | Clesita Moore | BVTB | Gold |
| | Akelia Chapman | BVTB | Silver |
| | Kniaisia Burnett | SJPP | Bronze |
| FASHION | COMPETITOR | INSTITUTION | RESULTS |
| TECHNOLOGY | Natasha Murrell | SJPP | Gold |
| | Latoya Beckles | SJPP | Silver |
| | Gavnelder Grazette | BCC | Bronze |

Contestants show best of skills