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Raising enthusiasm for vocational education and training

“THE **WORLD SKILLS BARBADOS** competition 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 three-day 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 excellence.

“**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!”

“Words cannot adequately express the depth of the 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)



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



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 Competition results

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY	COMPETITOR	INSTITUTION	RESULTS
	Tevin Callender	SJPP	Gold
	Shakir Cox	SJPP	Silver
	Rosh Wilson	SJPP	Bronze
BEAUTY THERAPY	COMPETITOR	INSTITUTION	RESULTS
	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
	Knaisia Burnett	SJPP	Bronze
FASHION TECHNOLOGY	COMPETITOR	INSTITUTION	RESULTS
	Natasha Murrell	SJPP	Gold
	Latoya Beckles	SJPP	Silver
	Gaynelder Grazette	BCC	Bronze

Contestants show best of skills

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internship at the Sandy Lane Spa. “It would give me more experience and should help me when I open my business.”

Kadesha Bradshaw placed second, while third-place went to Deneil Trotman.

Sadé Atkins, a quiet 24-year-old BVTB culinary arts student, was “shocked” by her win. Indicating that she sat for a little while after hearing her name, the Springer Memorial old scholar said: “It is a good feeling to know that you won. I have a passion for cooking and I guess that really helped me today.”

Declaring she was proud that a BVTB student won, she explained that because of media exposure leading up to **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 year-long 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, respectively.

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)