

Campion College & Northern Caribbean Are Girls In ICT Day Hackathon Challenge Winners



Caption 1: Girl's really do rock...especially in ICT. That was the stance of the winning Scotiabank sponsored school, Campion College, after capturing the number one position during the Girls in ICT Hackathon, hosted at the Worthington Spanish Court. Celebrating (from left) are Ariel Dyche, RRITU Kunchakuri, Nacho Frith, Abigail Christie, Jordan Nakash with their teacher O'Neil Hibbert in the Back Row. Presenting the prize cheque is Hope McMillan Canaan, Public & Corporate Affairs Manager, Scotiabank.

Caption 2: Scotiabank sponsored Northern Caribbean University came out as easy winners at the recently hosted Girls in ICT Day Hackathon after they presented an innovation version of a mobile App targeting women in violent and abusive situations. Here the team accepting their prize from Hope McMillan Canaan, Public and Corporate Affairs Manager, Scotiabank. From left are Mickalia Grant, Nathanie young, Abby-Gaye Gordon, Jendayi Linton and Shanique Fagan.

It was a day of intense competition as over 90 students from high schools and universities took the challenge to create solutions for big issues like domestic abuse, cyber bullying and protecting the environment. The winning high school team created an interactive game for kindergarten students, to educate them about keeping rubbish out of the water ways. At the University level, Northern Caribbean University took the top position after creating an app for women in violent and abusive situations to alert an emergency contact of a potentially dangerous situation, simply by the shake of a phone.

Scotiabank who signed on as a regional sponsor at the platinum level when hi-tech, setting up a virtual reality gaming area at their booth. The attraction of virtual reality created a constant stream of students throughout the day, who were interested in playing a life-sized version of fruit ninja, or experiencing the beauty and magnitude of a blue whale.

"Our objective was to intertwine the advancement of technology in a fun way to demonstrate the scope that ICT's can offer", said Yanique Forbes Patrick, VP Marketing at Scotiabank. "With the Blue Whale experience, the reactions was precisely what we hoped to achieve for them, a virtual experience were you standing on your feet but having an underwater experience, complete with seeing a life-sized whale".

The Girls in ICT Day 'hackathon', was organized by a group of women consultants through a joint partnership between Cotton Tree Consulting and Change Makers Development Ltd as a regional

event, taking place simultaneously, in Jamaica, Barbados and Trinidad. Scotiabank signed on as a regional sponsor for the day.