

## Scotia Group Hosts High School Girls at AGM for International Women's Day



**Caption 1:** *It was International Women's Day and young ladies from 4 inner city high schools were invited to experience the Scotia Group Annual General Meeting on March 8. The exercise was one of empowerment and exposure. Here ladies from Clan Carthy High school demonstrate their girl power with Scotia Group Chairman Jeffrey Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> left) and President and CEO, David Noel (right).*

**Caption 2:** *Scotiabanker Shellecia Anglin demonstrates to students of Clan Charty how to us Scotia Online banking. from left is Cianni Hepburn, Niyoka Blackwood and Bianca Virgo*

**Caption 3:** *Ladies from Clan Carthy High and Denham Town High demonstrate their girl power with Scotia Group CO, Michelle Right (2<sup>nd</sup> left) and VP Marketing, Yanique Forbes Patrick (right). After the event the 50 ladies were treated to lunch and a discussion about what they learn at the AGM. Posing with the Scotiabank Executives are Vauxhalls Lisa Thompson, and from Denham Town High Shadia Jones, Tatiana Blanchette, and Camilla Parkinson.*

50 young ladies from 4 inner city schools were invited to experience an Annual General Meeting at the Scotia Group event held on March 8. The girls, selected from Vauxhall, Holy Trinity, Denham Town and Clan Carthy High schools, had the opportunity to experience the corporate event as part of an International Women's Day activity, as well as learn about the Banks operations, and how it served its customers.

"The objective was to build the financial literacy of the girls and expose them to the business discussions that take place during this kind of event", said Yanique Forbes Patrick VP Marketing at Scotiabank. It was also an opportunity for them to meet and hear from some successful women in the corporate world, which we hope will inspire their decisions going forward", she continued.

After a very engaging question and answer session at the Scotia Group AGM, the young ladies gathered in a meeting room for refreshments and a fun discussion with some of Scotiabank's Executives and the Groups CEO, Mr. David Noel. Questions flowed based on curiosity about issues brought up at the AGM, understanding of shares and shareholders, and investment. There were also queries about their choice of study, how to be successful, and the importance of studying and knowing how to operate a business

One young student stated "I heard the CEO talking about the new ATM machines and the other SMART ways to bank and I am looking forward to the new technology that Scotiabank has and will bring". Others asked specific questions on how to set up a taxi or real estate business.

Words of inspiration were shared by the Scotia Group CFO, Michelle Wright, VP Marketing Yanique Forbes Patrick, and other members of the Bank executive. Simone Hull captured their full attention with her personal story of overcoming numerous obstacles to achieve her dreams.

The session ended on a good note with the students being reminded and encouraged to 'Always Think Big'. 'Nothing is too great to accomplish'. And 'it is not where you start out in this life, but how you write your own journey to achieve your goals'.