



## Press Release

### The Central Congratulates the 2023 Financial Literacy Video Essay Competition Winners

The Central Bank of The Bahamas congratulates the students who distinguished themselves in the 2023 Get Money Smart Bahamas Financial Literacy Video Essay Competition.

In its fourth year, the competition engaged students from public and private institutions across The Bahamas, from primary school level up to university enrolment. The competition continued to deliver on its main goal of promoting more research on topics relevant to the Bahamian economy and improved outcomes for financial literacy. The 2023 video essay competition attracted approximately 90 entries, with over 20 percent outside of New Providence. This year's theme was:

***“Competition is Essential to Increase the Supply of Bahamian Banking Services.”***

The Central Bank is pleased to recognise the outstanding scholars in the following categories:

#### **PRIMARY SCHOOL (Grades 4-6)**

- Marlee Poitier, First Place, (\$2,500), Palmdale Primary School, New Providence
- Milan Dennis, Semi-Finalist, (\$800), Saints Francis and Joseph School, New Providence
- Shayne Hutchinson, Semi-Finalist, (\$800), Nassau Christian Academy, New Providence
- Elizabeth Gibson, Hon. Mention, (\$300), Temple Christian School, New Providence
- Rhodaea Robinson, Hon. Mention, (\$300), Palmdale Primary School, New Providence
- Theon Deleveaux, Hon. Mention, (\$300), Nassau Christian Academy, New Providence
- Dylan Gordon, Hon. Mention, (\$300), Saint Anne's School, New Providence

#### **JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 7-9)**

- Kaylee Burrows, First Place, (\$3,500), Exuma Christian Academy, Exuma
- Kimya Poitier, Semi-Finalist, (\$1,000), Lyford Cay International School, New Providence
- Caley Gray, Semi-Finalist, (\$1,000), Exuma Christian Academy, Exuma
- Elisha Oliver, Semi-Finalist, (\$1,000), L. W. Young Jr. High School, New Providence
- Jiselle Bodie, Hon. Mention, (\$350), Saint John's College, New Providence
- Jerlea Adderley, Hon. Mention, (\$350), Aquinas College, New Providence
- Tanarj Green, Hon. Mention, (\$350), Saint John's College, New Providence
- Nevaeh Kerr, Hon. Mention, (\$350), Kingsway Academy, New Providence

#### **SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 10-12)**

- Cydney Turnquest, First Place, (\$4,000), Exuma Christian Academy, Exuma
- Zaria Stapleton, Semi-Finalist, (\$1,000), Saint Augustine's College, New Providence
- Jelena Bain, Semi-Finalist, (\$1,000), Exuma Christian Academy, Exuma
- Sanaa Knowles, Semi-Finalist, (\$1,000), Queen's College, New Providence



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- Hunae Moss, Hon. Mention, (\$500), Home School, Andros
- Ricki Curling, Hon. Mention, (\$500), Exuma Christian Academy, Exuma
- Taleah Dorsett, Hon. Mention, (\$500), Queen's College, New Providence
- Galia Curry, Hon. Mention, (\$500), Windsor School, New Providence

#### **COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY**

- Noel Seymour, First Place, (\$5,000), University of The Bahamas, New Providence
- Octovia Green, Semi-Finalist, (\$1,200), University of The Bahamas, Grand Bahama
- Shaniah Johnson, Semi-Finalist, (\$1,200), University of The Bahamas, New Providence
- Jade Miller, Hon. Mention, (\$700), University of The Bahamas, New Providence
- Maxcine Gordon, Hon. Mention, (\$700), University of The Bahamas, Grand Bahama
- Waynisha Saunders, Hon. Mention, (\$700), University of The Bahamas, New Providence

First place and semi-finalist entries will be published on the Get Money Smart Bahamas' social media pages.

A five-member panel of judges reviewed the entries. These were Mr. Gowon Bowe, Group CEO, Fidelity Bank Bahamas Ltd.; Mr. Ian Fernander, Retiree, Central Bank of The Bahamas and Consulting Executive Director, The Bahamas Institute of Financial Services; Dr. Tanya McCartney, Consultant, Bahamas Financial Services Board; Mr. Rupert Pinder, Economist; Mrs. Latoya Smith, Sr. Policy Advisor, Central Bank of The Bahamas.

The Central Bank looks forward to engaging with scholars again in 2024 as it celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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