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The Central Bank Congratulates the 2021 Financial Literacy Video Essay Competition Winners

The Central Bank of The Bahamas congratulates the young scholars who distinguished themselves in the 2021 Get Money Smart Bahamas Financial Literacy Video Essay Competition. This was the second year of the competition for students enrolled in primary, junior and senior schools in The Bahamas. Students continued to demonstrate exceptional creativity and preparation for their essays. The competition delivered on its main goals of promoting increased research on topics relevant to the Bahamian economy and improved outcomes for financial literacy. The 2021 video essay competition attracted over 70 entries from students enrolled in public and private schools across The Bahamas. This year's theme was:

"The Bahamian economy is an ideal model for digital financial services."

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

PRIMARY SCHOOL (Grades 4-6)

- Alyssa Pratt, First Place (\$2,500 prize), Kingsway Academy, New Providence
- Dwayne Small Jr., Second Place (\$800), Temple Christian School, New Providence
- Jayda Mackey, Third Place (\$800), St. Anne's School, New Providence
- Taiden Culmer, Honourable Mention (\$200), Kingsway Academy, New Providence
- Tracy Johnson, Honourable Mention (\$200), Kingsway Academy, New Providence
- Anwar Rolle, Honourable Mention (\$200), Sadie Curtis Primary School, New Providence
- Sky Knowles, Honourable Mention (\$200), St. Francis de Sales School, Abaco
- Kimya Ayumi-Kai Poitier, Honourable Mention (\$200), Palmdale Primary School, New Providence

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 7-9)

- Tamia Knowles, First Place (\$3,500), Central Eleuthera High School, Eleuthera
- Azaria Louis, Second Place (\$1,000), Sister Mary P. Russell Junior High School, Grand Bahama
- Hunae Moss, Third Place (\$1,000), Home School, Andros
- Cydney Turnquest, Honourable Mention (\$250), Exuma Christian Academy, Exuma
- Tysha Johnson, Honourable Mention (\$250), Windsor School, New Providence

- Aalysha Rolle, Honourable Mention (\$250), St. Anne's School, New Providence
- Jordan Rolle, Honourable Mention (\$250), St. Augustine's College, New Providence

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 10-12)

- Zaria Stapleton, First Place (\$4,000), St. Augustine's College, New Providence
- Yannik Gibson, Second Place (\$1,000), Bahamas Acad. of Seventh-Day Adventists, New Providence
- Danae Greene, Third Place (\$1,000), Bahamas Acad. of Seventh-Day Adventists, New Providence
- Angel Percentie, Third Place (\$1,000), Bishop Michael Eldon School, Grand Bahama
- Calee Kemp, Honourable Mention (\$300), St. Augustine's College, New Providence
- Aaliyah Rolle, Honourable Mention (\$300), St. Anne's School, New Providence
- Million Bodie, Honourable Mention (\$300), Boost Academy, New Providence
- Dejanique Pratt, Honourable Mention (\$300), Aquinas College, New Providence

These entries will be published on the Central Bank's social media pages.

A six-member panel of judges reviewed the entries. These were Ms. Tanya McCartney, CEO, Bahamas Financial Services Board; Mr. Gowon Bowe, CEO, Fidelity Bank Ltd., Ms. Latoya Smith, Senior Advisor, IMF Executive Board, Ms. Nahaja Black, Economist and Journalist, Mr. Ian Fernander, Capital Development Manager, Central Bank of The Bahamas, and Mr. Ulrich Voges, Art Curator, Central Bank of The Bahamas.

The Central Bank looks forward to engaging with scholars again in 2022.

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