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### MEDIA RELEASE

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#### Scotiabank/NAAATT Deon Lendore Bursary Recipients off to Carifta Games 2023

8 of the 10 junior track and field athletes from the Scotiabank/ National Association for Athletics Administrators of Trinidad and Tobago (NAAATT) Deon Lendore Bursary Programme have been selected to the Trinidad and Tobago Team 2023 Carifta Games in the Bahamas from April 8 – 10.

These 8 athletes are:

Grouping	Name	Events
Girls U-17	Natalia Eastman	1500m; 3000m
Girls U-20	Rasheeda Cave	400m; 4x400m
	Keneisha Shelbourne	400H; Triple Jump; High Jump 4x400m; 4x400m(mixed)
Boys U-20	Jaden De Souza	100m; 200m; 4x100m
	Cyril Sumner	400m; 4x400m
	Omare Thompson	1500m
	Keone John	110H
	Kyle Williams	4x100m; 4x400m; 4x400m (mixed)

The Scotiabank/NAAATT Deon Lendore Bursary Programme was launched in September 2022 to provide the young athletes with socio-economic support to help mitigate challenges that they may face in realising their true potential.

Jehue Gordon, Director NAAATT and Team Manager, Trinidad and Tobago for the Carifta Games 2023 commented “It is nothing short of remarkable to witness such influence and positivity from a fairly new partnership. The Scotiabank/NAAATT Deon Lendore Bursary Programme has eight outstanding recipients representing the country at this year’s Carifta Games. It is honorable to see Deon’s legacy live on and the path that he laid be emulated by these young promising athletes with the valuable assistance from the Programme. This output is one I know my former colleague, turned close friend Deon, would be dignified to have his name attached to. Sincerest appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the Programme and we look forward to your continued support in what we consider to be a mutually beneficial relationship.

As part of the Programme, the 10 bursary recipients also benefitted from a Financial Planning Workshop hosted by the Bank’s Chief Accountant - Sameer Mohammed. The session was geared towards highlighting the importance of managing money for financial success, including budgeting, saving and investing.

Gayle Pazos, Senior Vice President and Managing Director, Scotiabank Trinidad and Tobago commented “We are really happy to be able to support the overall development of our young national athletes helping to bolster their employment prospects, economic success, and life

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opportunities. We wish the 8 of them from our Programme, as well as the full national team all the best as they wear the Trinidad and Tobago colours with pride in the Bahamas.”

Scotiabank's connection with this year's Golden Jubilee Carifta Games goes even further. In February, the regional Bank was announced as a Gold Elite Sponsor.



Sameer Mohammed - Chief Accountant, Scotiabank engages with athletes in the Scotiabank/NAAATT Deon Lendore Bursary programme during the Financial Planning Workshop hosted by the Bank.



8 of the 10 junior track and field athletes from the Scotiabank/ NAAATT Deon Lendore Bursary Programme have been selected to the Trinidad and Tobago Team 2023 Carifta Games share in a light moment during the Carifta Orientation Activities.



Jehue Gordon, Director NAAATT and Team Manager, addresses the Trinidad and Tobago Team during the Carifta Orientation Activities

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