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Junior athletes get a boost from Scotiabank and NAAATT.

The Scotiabank Foundation has collaborated with the National Association for Athletics Administrators of Trinidad and Tobago (NAAATT) to provide ten (10) junior track and field athletes with funding, to the tune of \$10,000 each. This falls under the umbrella of the newly launched Deon Lendore Bursary Programme, named after our promising national athlete who died tragically earlier this year.

The Programme is intended to provide socio-economic support to help mitigate challenges that these athletes they may face, to give them that little extra that may be needed so that they can realise their true potential. The athletes are among our country's best; most of them have already worn our national colours and represented the Trinidad and Tobago with distinction.

The first recipients of Scotiabank-NAAATT Deon Lendore Bursaries are:

Jenna Marie Thomas of IG Fast Lane and Holy Faith Convent, Keneisha Shelbourne (Oasis Athletic/ASJA Girls College), Natalia Eastman (RSS Phoenix/Scarborough Secondary), Rasheeda Cave (RSS Phoenix/Roxborough Secondary) and Kadija Pickering (Abilene Wildcats/St Francois Girls College); Mahkaya Mahon (Oasics/St Anthony's College), Keone John (Memphis Pioneers/St Anthony's), Kyle Williams (Burnley AC/Trinity College East), Jaden De Souza (Phoenix AC/University of TT) and Omare Thompson (Plus One A Week/Diego Martin North Secondary).

George Commissiong – President, NAAATT thanked the Scotiabank Foundation and reiterated the importance of the overall development of the athletes. "I must give credit to Scotiabank Foundation for partnering with us on this programme...In order to keep their bursaries, the selected athletes must achieve certain academic standards. Eighty percent attendance at school and training and the achievement of performance standards in their respective events are also requirements for the programme."

Peter Ghany - Director, Scotiabank Foundation stated the Foundation's commitment to helping young people. "Through our sponsorship of the Deon Lendore Bursary Programme, we're aiming to help our these ten athletes continue their education, helping to bolster their employment prospects, financial success, and life opportunities."



Peter Ghany - Director, Scotiabank Foundation chats with a few recipients of the Scotiabank/NAAATT Deon Lendore Bursary Programme



Crispina Edmund – Deon Lendore's mother, Peter Ghany and George Commissiong - President, NAAATT congratulate a recipient of the Deon Lendore Bursary.



The first recipients of Scotiabank-NAAATT Deon Lendore Bursaries at the launch of the Programme.

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