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Scotiabank recognizes outstanding GSAT performance of Mount Alvernia Preparatory

The Scotiabank Jamaica Foundation is donating six computers and printers at a cost of \$800,000 to the Mount Alvernia Preparatory School in Montego Bay, St. James. This is in recognition of the school's outstanding performance in producing top scholars in the Grade Six Achievement Test for three consecutive years.

Mr. William E. Clarke, President & CEO Scotiabank, in congratulating Principal Hyacinth Myrie and her staff of 26 teachers said, "We believe in rewarding excellence and Mount Alvernia has achieved an outstanding academic record. At Scotiabank, we know that being number one and maintaining this position requires greater strategic thinking and more resources than the competition. These computers will give the school an added advantage in preparing future Scotiabank Jamaica Foundation Scholars."

The donation from Scotiabank Jamaica Foundation will increase the school's complement of computers to twelve. An official opening of the computer laboratory is planned for September this year.

Since 2004, the Mount Alvernia Preparatory produced three recipients of the Scotiabank Jamaica Foundation Scholarship for Excellence. This scholarship is the most prestigious awarded at the GSAT level and recognizes the Top Boy and Top Girl in the island. This year's recipient Kevin Robinson who was awarded a place at Cornwall College received a scholarship package valued at \$204,750 which will cover his tuition, books, uniforms and other educational needs through to Sixth Form.

In 2005, Mount Alvernia Preparatory produced the Top Girl in the island Pooja Gurnani and in 2004 the Top Boy Xavier Francis.

Since 1999, the Scotiabank Jamaica Foundation has contributed over \$33.5 million in scholarships to outstanding performers in the Grade Six Achievement Test.



Teachers and Principal from the Mt. Alvernia Preparatory School in Montego Bay Jamaica are all smiles upon receiving their public acknowledgment and news about the donation of computers at the Scotiabank Foundation Scholarship Award Ceremony, held at the Jamaica Pegasus on August 31, 2006.

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