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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**Ministry of Tourism Distributes Over \$50,000 in Prizes to Tourism and Wellness  
Secondary Schools Art Competition Winners**

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts is delighted with the quality of artwork submitted by the 168 participants of its ‘Tourism and Wellness Secondary Schools Art Competition’. The Ministry extends hearty congratulations to all the participants and the winners of the various categories who received over \$50,000 in prizes in a prize-giving ceremony on January 31, 2023, at the Southern Academy for the Performing Arts (SAPA).

Ariella Roopnarine of Naparima Girls’ High School copped first place in the *Forms 1 - 2* category; Tehya Archibald of Holy Faith Convent, Penal topped the *Forms 3 - 4* category; and Amelia Brailey-Dinchong of Holy Name Convent, Port of Spain topped the *Forms 5 - 6* category. Presentation College, San Fernando and Speyside High School, Tobago, were awarded first and second place prizes respectively in the category of *Schools with the Most Entries*.

This competition formed part of the Ministry’s celebration of the Caribbean Tourism Organization’s (CTO) Caribbean Tourism Month, which is commemorated annually during the month of November. Caribbean Tourism Month 2022 was observed under the CTO theme “Wellness”.

In her congratulatory remarks, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, Ms. Simone Thorne-Mora Quinones said, “I am happy to report that the primary goal of this project, which was to stimulate ideas and insights about the importance of the tourism sector, using the wellness theme, was indeed met. The students are not only now more aware but have experienced firsthand the importance of tourism, culture and the arts in Trinidad and Tobago. We at the Ministry applaud each of you students for exploring your creative capabilities.” She also commended teachers for their role in nurturing the artistic skills of Trinidad and Tobago’s future generation and in motivating students to use and share their talents.

His Worship Alderman Junia Regrello, Mayor of San Fernando, who was also in attendance, complimented the Ministry on this initiative. He challenged the students to continue pursuing their God-given passions, talents and creativity with a view to becoming creative leaders of society. “You have a responsibility to shape the future culture of Trinidad and Tobago,” he said. He also stressed the tremendous opportunities available for the next generation to contribute to our nation’s GDP through the creative arts sectors and encouraged students to follow in the footsteps of today’s icons within the creative industry.

The Ministry continues to encourage the upcoming generation to have an appreciation for Trinidad and Tobago’s tourism and cultural products. The enthusiasm and artistic prowess displayed by our young participants exceeded expectations and are testament to the promising and patriotic visual arts industry we can look forward to in the future.

The full list of prize winners are as follows:

### **Forms 1 - 2 Category**

*1st Place:* Ariella Roopnarine, Naparima Girls College, San Fernando

*2nd Place:* Rayhan Mohammed, Presentation College, San Fernando

*3rd Place:* Justin Nanhoo, Presentation College, San Fernando

### **Forms 3 - 4 Category**

*1st Place:* Tehya Archibald, Holy Faith Convent, Penal

*2nd Place:* Tafique Stewart, Speyside High School, Tobago

*3rd Place:* K’wan Phillips, Speyside High School, Tobago

### **Forms 5 - 6 Category**

*1st Place:* Amelia Brailey-Dinchong, Holy Name Convent, Port of Spain

*2nd Place:* Israel Melville, Speyside High School, Tobago

*3rd Place:* Trishelle Lobin, ASJA Girls College, San Fernando

### **Schools With the Most Entries**

*1st Place:* Presentation College, San Fernando

*2nd Place:* Speyside High School Tobago

### **Special Prizes**

*Originality (Forms 1-2):* Carter Williams, Presentation College, San Fernando

*Originality (Forms 3-4):* CeyCey Shanghie, Speyside High School, Tobago

*Originality (Forms 5-6):* Amelia Brailey-Dinchong, Holy Name Convent POS

*Use of Media (Forms 1-2):* Junal Dillon, Speyside High School, Tobago

*Use of Media (Forms 3-4):* K’wan Phillips, Speyside High School, Tobago

*Use of Media (Forms 5-6):* Arianna Mc Millian , Speyside High School, Tobago

*Use of Media (Forms 5-6):* Kernisha Walcott, Speyside High School, Tobago

*Technique (Forms 1-2):* Mark Ramkissoon, ASJA Boys College, San Fernando

*Technique (Forms 3-4):* Jaidn Micah Bain, ASJA Boys College, San Fernando

*Technique (Forms 5-6):* Jade Johnatty, Bishop Anstey High School, Port of Spain

*Staff’s Pick:* Alyssa Lezama, Speyside High School, Tobago

*Tourism Trinidad Limited’s Pick:* Kylie-Ann Prince, Southern Tuition Centre

*Permanent Secretary’s Pick:* Riley Dhalai, Presentation College, San Fernando



*Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, Ms. Simone Thorne-Mora Quinones, standing with first to third place winners of the Tourism and Wellness Secondary Schools Art Competition.*

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