



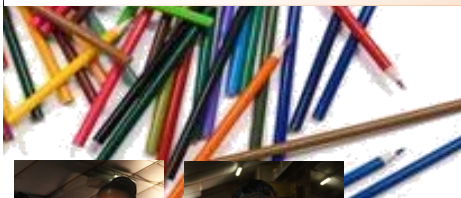
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Students and Educators Honoured at National Awards of Excellence



The Ministry of Education's National Awards of Excellence, as part of Nobel Laureate Week 2016, was held at the National Cultural Center before a huge audience of students, teachers and well-wishers, including the island's Governor General H.E Dame Pearlette Louisy.



Chairperson of the National Awards of Excellence Committee Kentillia Louis said the event was

a big success and that the Ministry is already looking forward to 2017.

Many students were awarded for their outstanding performances in sports, CSEC/CXC, Common Entrance and TVET. Students from the various divisions of the Sir Arthur Lewis Comm. College were also awarded for their outstanding achievements.

Several educators were also awarded.



Corinth Sec. Off Shift-System

The Corinth Secondary School got off the shift system at the start of the second term, ending the facility put in place to enable the year-long construction of new wings for the school, replacing old wooden structures, which were termite infested.

The major works include construction of the class-room extension, a covered multi-purpose space and the realignment of the school's sewerage and drainage system. The Corinth Secondary School is amongst four other schools being refurbished under the Basic Education Enhancement Project, BEEP.



New Look of Corinth Sec. Sch.

MOE Nobel Laureate Week Activities



The Schools' Music Festival and Walcott Festival were spectacles of student-talent in song, dance and drama

St. Joseph's Convent Wins Monologue Competition



Sharlan Lawrence
2nd Place - Choiseul Sec.



Hayzan Louis
1st Place - St. Joseph's Convent



Janika Jules
3rd Place- Ciceron Sec.

TVET Unit Trains CVQ Master Trainers

Some 20 educators became certified Master Trainers under the Caribbean Vocational Qualification (CVQ).

These CVQ Master Trainers will now be responsible for the training of assessors under the CVQ, who will in turn administer and conduct assessments under the award for varying technical and vocational areas, administered by the Technical Vocational Education and Training Unit.

They will also facilitate the training of teachers in a new programme, which introduces the CVQ to Secondary schools on the island.

The activity held in late January at the Pastoral Center was facilitated by Dunn-Pierre/Barnett and Associates of Jamaica.

The CVQ qualifies candidates to work as professionals throughout the Caribbean region.



CVQ Master Trainers

SALCC has New Principal

The Sir Arthur Lewis Community College, (SALCC) has a new principal.

Professor Olivia Saunders of the Bahamas, until her appointment, served as Professor of the Business School at the College of the Bahamas, specializing in Economics and Research.

Professor Saunders possesses Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Economics and a Doctorate in Business Administration - International Business.

Professor Saunders, at a recent introduction ceremony pledged her commitment to the achievement of her mandate.

Minister for Education, Human Resource Development and Labour Hon. Dr. Robert Lewis has meantime welcomed the married mother of one to St. Lucia, vowing the support of government during her two-year tenure.

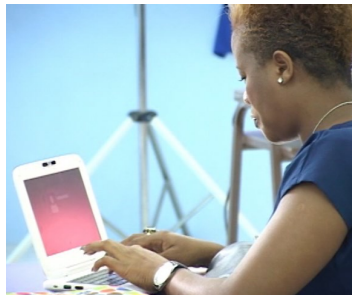


Dr. Olivia Saunders

Teacher-Training in ICT Integration Continues

The Ministry of Education has commenced the second phase of a teacher-training programme, which seeks to boost the capacity of teachers within the education system in Technology Integration.

Some 250 teachers will benefit from the training which is being undertaken in face to face



Educator undertaking ICT training

250 teachers will benefit from training

and online instruction.

The new initiative adds to the already 24 educators trained in virtual tutoring.

It also complements government's laptop programme, which will get its 2016 roll-off in the coming weeks.



PM Anthony presents laptops to student-recipients in 2015

Students of District-Two Walk for Fun

Some 1000 students took part in District Two's Annual Fun Walk.

The event, into its 8th year, is geared at fostering healthy lifestyles among students, as a means of ensuring a healthier education.

The 2016 Fun walk was held under the theme "Building Healthy Bodies to Sustain Energetic Minds."



Students on Fun-walk through streets of Sans Souci and Lanse Road



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⇒ Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for a Scholarship towards a Diploma in Methodologies for the teaching of Spanish as a second language, for Spanish teachers in the English-speaking Caribbean from Aug 1st –Sept 2nd 2016. Deadline June 15th 2016.

⇒ The government of New Zealand is offering scholarships for PHS and Masters level of studies under the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan, from Feb 2017. Deadline April 2016.

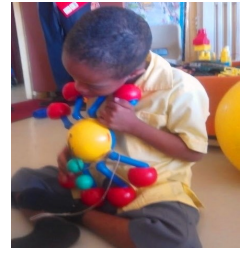
⇒ The Ministry of Education invites applications for scholarships offered by the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) under its ICDF and Medical Scholarship programmes for 2016. Deadline—March 15th 2016.

For More Information on the above and other Scholarship opportunities, contact the HRD Unit of the Ministry of Education at 468-5229 or visit the HRD office on the 4th floor of the Francis Compton Building, Waterfront, Castries

Special Education gets more attention in 2016

The continued development of the Special Education Sector will be a priority in education for government in 2016.

Minister for Education, HRD and Labour Hon. Dr. Robert Lewis said children with special needs require quality education like others within the classroom and should not be forgotten.



Special-needs Child

He said, though it will take time for St. Lucia to be on par with other developing countries within the region, it is a necessary mission to accomplish.



More in Feb. Issue of Edu Focus

2016 National Science Quiz Cycle Underway

Two Districts have completed their individual science competitions, qualifying two schools for the National finals on Feb 17th 2016.

Bexon Combined emerged victors of District Four's contest with Millet Primary in second and La Croix Maingot Combined in third.

Meantime Tapion Private School emerged as winners of District's Three's Quiz Competition with RC Boys Primary in Second, Ave Maria Girls Primary in Third and former winners Marchand Combined in Fourth.



District 4 Winner Bexon Combined Sch.



District 3 Winner Tapion Private sch.

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