



CELEBRATION TIME: Members of the St Augustine Senior Secondary Comprehensive steelband celebrate after their school won the Under-21 category at this year's National Junior Panorama finals yesterday.

St Augustine wins schools Panorama

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YOUTHFUL exuberance and the sweet sound of pan filled the northern greens of the Queen's Park Savannah in Port of Spain, yesterday, during the National Junior Panorama Finals.

In the end, top honours went to the St Augustine Senior Secondary Comprehensive steelband (Under-21 category), who wowed the crowd with their "Band from Space".

BP Renegades Youth Steel Orchestra finished second and Woodbrook Government Secondary got the third prize.

In the Under-16 category, St Margaret's Boys Anglican Steel Orchestra took the top prize. Mt Hope Junior Secondary and Tamana Pioneers Juniors Steel Orchestra were second and third respectively.

Just four bands competed in the Under-13 category. Diego Martin Boy's RC bagged the first prize, with CASAETAL Steel Orchestra and Grant Memorial Presbyterian Steel Orchestra taking

the second and third prizes.

The event, which started about half of an hour late, had supporters and lovers of pan rocking and cheering for more than seven hours.

Soca singers Rizon and Li'l Bits entertained the crowd while the judges decided on the winners.

The final was dedicated to Shiron Cooper, a former student of Woodbrook Government Secondary and pannist who led the school in two previous finals. She died earlier this year.

Yesterday's results: **Under-13 category**

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