

High-performing UWI students receive \$5,000 bursaries

IN its quest to Make Women Winners, the Association of Female Executives of T&T (AFETT) has had a long history of promoting the development of female executives and has also seen it fit to support the personal and educational advancement of girls and young women. In this regard, in 2012 AFETT launched its Women's Development Fund (WDF) in commemoration of its tenth anniversary. The fund has as its main feature two annual academic undergraduate bursaries.

The bursaries were developed in consultation with The University of the West Indies (The UWI) with strict eligibility requirements. The principal aim of the WDF bursary is to provide financial support to highly competent and financially deserving female students registered at The UWI St Augustine campus as they pursue high quality, effective, academic and practical education that is relevant to the needs of society and the job market.

Each year AFETT is represented at the selection meeting of The UWI Campus Committee for Undergraduate Awards by its Research & Public Advocacy (RPA) director. There, award recipients are selected and later approved for inclusion on the annual UWI official list of bursaries, grants and

scholarships recipients.

"The pursuit of further education and training is important to women as it affords them greater opportunities to fulfil their potential, pursue their goals, widen their contribution to society, enhance their social and personal growth and development, gain more respect and boost their self-image and self-esteem. To the nation as a whole, it ensures a more balanced supply of quality human resource to better sustain its present and future survival," said AFETT's current RPA director, Donna Thomas.

AFETT has announced the selection of two ambitious and promising young ladies as recipients of its 2017/2018 WDF Bursary Award. Well deserved congratulations are extended to Karina Warrick-John (Nursing) and Aarti Lutchmesingh (Actuarial Science). These young ladies were each presented with their \$5,000 bursary award cheques by AFETT's RPA director along with free associate membership with AFETT for one year to further assist in their career development. AFETT is once again proud to be able to support young women in developing their careers and their futures and the association congratulates The UWI on maintaining such an important student support programme.