



The Accreditation Council
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Quality is the Key

Celebrates Excellence at QuiTE Awards Ceremony 2015

The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT) hosted its annual Excellence in Higher Education Quality in Tertiary Education (QuiTE) Awards Ceremony on Thursday October 29, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency, Trinidad. At this memorable event, awards were presented to exemplary institutions in the following categories:

- Excellence for an Established Quality Management System
- Excellence for Student Support Services in Tertiary Education
- Excellence in Teaching and Learning

ACTT also presented awards to individuals in the tertiary education sector in the following categories:

- Excellence in Applied and Academic Research
- Leadership in Tertiary Education (LITE)

In addition, ACTT presented the Lifetime Achievement Quality Assurance Award to Dr Lynn Priddy, Provost and Chief Academic Officer of National American University, (formerly Vice President, North Central Association-Higher Learning Commission (NCA-HLC). Dr Priddy has over several decades made sterling contributions to the development and advancement of quality assurance systems, policies and processes for tertiary education. She is a frequent national and international speaker and large-group facilitator on assessment and improvement of student learning, student persistence and completion, institutional accountability and effectiveness, accreditation, and higher education. Dr Priddy also played an integral role when ACTT was initiating its operations in 2005 and was responsible for the initial training of ACTT's Staff and External Peer Evaluators.

Dr Priddy was also the keynote speaker at the awards ceremony, where she addressed Quality as being both accountability and innovation. Dr Priddy explained that Quality begins with the question of whether or not an institution is fit for purpose in achieving its mission and goals for its students. She applauded ACTT for its innovation in creating and hosting the QuiTE awards as this is absent in North American Quality Assurance systems. She challenged the Council to continue to inspire institutions to be better than they are at present and urged institutions to "become evaluators, board members, be joiners and be obnoxious about what is Quality. Don't let the conversation rest". "Become advocates, become a student of quality and keep a watchful eye and sound the alarm as soon as you recognise you aren't about quality".



Natasha Barrow, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education presents the LITE Award to Dr Kamla Mungla, ALJGSB

Dr Lynn Priddy - Feature speaker at ACTT's QuiTE Awards 2015



Winner of ACTT's Excellence in Applied and Academic Research Award - Dr Zafar Khan, ALJGSB

1st place - ACTT's Excellence for an Established Quality Management System Award - University of the Southern Caribbean



Awardees of ACTT's Excellence for an Established Quality Management System Award

Winner of ACTT's Lifetime Achievement for Excellence in Quality Assurance in Higher Education Award - Dr Lynn Priddy, Provost and Chief Academic Officer, National American University



Winners of ACTT's Excellence in Student Support Services in Tertiary Education Award

Michael Bradshaw, Executive Director, ACTT, presents the Council's 10th Anniversary Book

Winners of ACTT's Excellence in Teaching and Learning Award

WINNERS - INSTITUTIONAL AWARDS

Excellence in Quality Management Systems

- 1st place: University of the Southern Caribbean
- 2nd place (tie): Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business and UWI School of Business and Applied Studies Limited, trading as ROYTEC

Excellence in Student Support Services

Large Category

- 1st place: University of the Southern Caribbean
- 2nd place: Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business

Medium Category

- 1st place: CTS College of Business and Computer Science Ltd.

Excellence in Teaching and Learning

Large Category

- 1st place: Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business
- 2nd place: University of the Southern Caribbean

Medium Category

- 1st place: CTS College of Business and Computer Science Ltd

Small Category

- 1st place: KENSON School of Production Technology



Winner of ACTT's 3rd National Quiz – Cowen Hamilton Secondary School

ACTT's 3rd National Quiz on Quality Assurance in Higher Education – Top four schools



Curtis Floyd – Director Accreditation and Quality Enhancement speaks to participants during the Team Chair Workshop

Majka Drewitz, Senior Evaluator, Education Credential Evaluators Inc. – Facilitator of ACTT's Forensics of Credential & CV Fraud Workshop

WINNERS - INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Lifetime Achievement Award - Excellence in Higher Education Quality
Dr Lynn Priddy, Provost and Chief Academic Officer of the National American University

Leadership in Tertiary Education (LTE)

Dr Kamla Mungal, Director, Academic Development and Accreditation and Director of the Leadership Institute, Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business

Excellence in Applied and Academic Research

Dr Zaffar Khan, Programme Director of the MBA in Sustainable Energy Management, Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business

The QuITE Awards ceremony was the culmination of ACTT's Quality Assurance Month for the duration of October, 2015. During this month, ACTT hosted several activities aimed at promoting quality assurance in tertiary education and training which included a, Team Chair Workshop, Forensics of Credential and CV Fraud workshop, National Quiz on Quality Assurance and an Essay Competition.

ACTT's 5th National Essay Writing Competition promoted the role of indigenous programmes in the development of society. Students' submissions were graded based on Content, Analysis, Presentation, and Assignment Specific Criteria. There were 29 entries in the essay writing competition from 9 secondary schools and 2 tertiary education institutions in Trinidad and Tobago.

WINNERS OF ACTT'S 5TH NATIONAL ESSAY COMPETITION

Category	Name of Winners	School
Form 5, 1st Place	Rendell Ryan Ramdath	ASJA Boys' School
Form 5, 2nd Place	Ferraz Nashan Khan	ASJA Boys' School
Form 6, 1st Place	Nerissa Changa	Holy Faith Convent, Couva
Form 6, 2nd Place	Joshua Antonio Parriss	St Stephens College
Form 6, 3rd Place	Faith Matamoro	Miracle Ministries Pentecostal High College of Science, Technology & Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago
Undergraduate, 1st place	Avelana Phillip	
Undergraduate, 2nd place	Deirdre Zoe Subran-Ganesh	The University of the West Indies
Undergraduate, 3rd place	Akhim Alexis	The University of the West Indies

Honourable Mention

Category	Name of Winners	School
Form 6	Meagan Gopaulsingh	Naparima Girls' High School
Undergraduate	Lisa Cindy Thomas	The University of the West Indies

School Prize: Prize School

- Form 5 ASJA Boys' School
- Form 6 Holy Faith Convent, Couva

3RD NATIONAL QUIZ

The National Quiz promotes the issues related to quality assurance in higher education and highlight its impact on students, society and the economy and to inspire students in Trinidad and Tobago to think about preparing for their future and the importance of quality higher education. There were 26 participating schools and four rounds of competition over the month of October. The competition ended on November 6, 2015 at the Rudranath Capildeo Learning Resource Centre (RCLRC).

3RD NATIONAL QUIZ - TOP FOUR SCHOOLS

- 1st Place Cowen Hamilton Secondary School
- 2nd Place Bishop's High School, Tobago
- 3rd Place St Joseph's Convent, San Fernando
- 4th Place Fyzabad Anglican Secondary School

SPONSORS OF ACTT'S 6TH NATIONAL ESSAY COMPETITION:



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