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## **Awards Ceremony for “Do Right Champions” Book Vouchers, Wiis and iPads as prizes**

Students winning prizes and awards in the Integrity Commission of Trinidad and Tobago’s inaugural “*Do Right Champions*” competition will receive honours at the Queen’s Hall Auditorium, St. Ann’s on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

The Commission received 1,400 entries from students attending 180 Primary and Secondary Schools. Judging was recently completed by an eminent panel that included 13-persons, including retired school principals, curriculum officers, senior teachers and artists.

His Excellency, Professor George Maxwell Richards, along with representatives of the Ministry of Education and the Tobago House of Assembly are expected to attend the award ceremony.

Students were required to write Short Stories and Poems, draw Cartoons or Comic Strips as well as the script of a Scenario (a Skit) all on the theme of Integrity. It was open to students in all Primary Schools aged 7 - 9 and 10 - 12 as well as students in Forms 1-3 of Secondary Schools.

The Integrity Commission, as part of its mandate to promote to the nation's youth an understanding of the standards of Integrity and the behaviour it engenders, received approval from the Ministry of Education to facilitate the competition from September to December 2011.

The Competition, titled “The Do Right Champions” has as its theme “A Better Tomorrow: Do the Right Thing Always.”

The judges were generally pleased with the quality of the entries and informed the Commission that the majority of students understood the theme of Integrity and responded appropriately. Students produced entries that were both creative and innovative. A few entries in the Poem category demonstrated good examples of the narrative genre and some students used literary devices such as simile and metaphors effectively. The adjudicators found that some of the students of the secondary schools demonstrated familiarity and keen understanding of current events and their stories featured the evils of drugs and crime including corruption.

The judges encouraged teachers and parents to impress upon their students the importance of submitting original work. Some drawings and cartoons were traced and photocopied. The adjudicators noted that a few Poems and Short Stories were disqualified as they were taken verbatim from the Internet. Students ought to know that plagiarism is a crime.

In its “Do Right Champions” competition the Integrity Commission is committed to public education and sees this as an invaluable opportunity to promote the fundamentals of integrity amongst students in Primary and Secondary schools.

The competition has been an exhilarating and exciting experience for the Commission, the Ministry of Education and the Tobago House of Assembly. The Commission notes the judges’ concerns and believes their review and comments reinforce the need for public education initiatives like the “Do Right Champion” which seeks to promote to the nation's youth an understanding of the standards of integrity and the behaviour it engenders.

The top prizes include:

<b>PRIZES</b>	
<b>PRIMARY SCHOOLS</b>	<b>SECONDARY SCHOOLS</b>
<b>7 - 12 years</b>	<b>Forms 1 - 3</b>
<b>DISTRICT PRIZES</b>	<b>DISTRICT PRIZES</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book Vouchers</li> <li>• Theatre Camp Sponsorships</li> <li>• Art Supplies</li> <li>• Jansport Book Bags</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book Vouchers</li> <li>• Theatre Camp Sponsorships</li> <li>• Art Supplies</li> <li>• Jansport Book Bags</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nintendo Wiis</li> <li>• BMX Bicycles</li> <li>• Unit Trust Vouchers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• iPads</li> <li>• iPod Touch</li> <li>• Unit Trust Vouchers</li> </ul>

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