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RAYNELLE LORD CAPTURES 2023 JOSHUA OBADIAH WILLIAMS EXCELLENCE AWARD

Basseterre, St. Kitts, 11th April 2024 (CFBC): Raynelle Lord is the proud recipient of the 2023 Joshua Obadiah Williams Excellence Award in Teacher Education, specifically, Early Childhood Education.

At a significant ceremony at the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College (CFBC) in the Poinciana Conference Room on Thursday, 11th April 2024, Ms. Lord received the monetary prize of EC\$4000, up from EC\$3500 in previous awards. The monetary prize, which was first established in 1995, 29 years ago, is awarded to the Division of Teacher Education graduate who receives the top grades in the University of the West Indies (UWI) Examinations and the teaching practicum.

Ms. Lord was born in Georgetown, Guyana, in 1995 to a Guyanese mother and Kittitian father, the very same year the Joshua Obadiah Williams Excellence Award was initiated. From her primary education to securing a spot at Guyana's most prestigious secondary institution, Queen's College, she demonstrated academic prowess and a strong determination to excel.

In 2013, Ms. Lord migrated to St. Kitts and enrolled at the CFBC in the Arts, Science and General Studies (ASGS) Division. However, due to unforeseen challenges, she had to temporarily discontinue her studies and take up several jobs, including working at a mini mart, as a substitute teacher at the St. Paul's Primary School. and as a teaching assistant at the Mc Knight Day Care Centre and the Industrial Site Day Care Centre, which afforded her the opportunity to gain valuable experience in early childhood education. In 2021, she returned to the CFBC in the Division of Teacher Education in the field of Early Childhood Education. She maintained A's in every course and graduated at the top of her class in February 2024. In addition to the Joshua Obadiah Williams Excellence Award, Ms. Lord has been awarded the Early Childhood Unit Award, and two legacy awards—the W. Ferdinand and the Dulcie Richardson Teacher Education Award.

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