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RAYNELLE LORD CAPTURES 2023 JOSHUA OBADIAH WILLIAMS EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Dean of the Division of Teacher Education, Dr. Joycelyn Archibald-Pennyfeather, commended Ms. Lord for her stellar performance.

"Raynelle Lord, a student who epitomizes excellence, chatted her course with determination and quiet resilience. When she enrolled in Teacher Education in 2021, she endeavoured to maximize every opportunity given to ensure that she was successful in her studies. Today, her success has materialized as she receives the Joshua Obadiah Williams Award of Excellence for returning the best results from her teacher training journey," said Dr. Archibald-Pennyfeather.

Attendees at the award ceremony included President of the CFBC, Mr. Andrew Abraham, Registrar of the CFBC, Ms. Yasmaine Davis, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs at CFBC, Dr. Moyia Rowtham, Vice President of Finance and Administration at CFBC, Mr. Ian Ferguson, lecturers within the Division of Teacher Education, members of the Williams' family and teacher education students. Mr. Randolph Taylor, Senior Lecturer, Division of Teacher Education chaired the ceremony and presented a biography of the awardee.

The award commemorates educator, philosopher, poet, disciplinarian and humanitarian, Joshua Obadiah Williams. He was born to Albert Victor and Adosha Elisabeth Williams on October 11, 1926, in Barnes Ghaut, Nevis. After completing the Seventh Standard Certificate at 16, he became a pupil-teacher at St. Thomas School in Lowland, Nevis. He moved to St. Kitts in 1948 where he continued to teach and research. From 1955 to 1957, he attended Barbados' Erdiston Teachers College, after which he taught at the Cayon School and subsequently the St. Paul's School. In 1965, he enrolled in the University of the West Indies, Mona, where he earned his Professional Certificate in Education. When he returned to St. Kitts, he was appointed headmaster of the Molineux All Age School (later renamed The Joshua Obadiah Williams Primary School). Joshua Obadiah Williams retired as headmaster of the Basseterre Boys School in the early 1980's.
