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The Gifted Profits Recognized for Intra-Country win, Dominica

The Gifted Profits of the Arthur Waldron Seventh Day Adventist Academy, Dominica, country winners in the inaugural Regional Schools Investment Competition, was recognized at a prize giving ceremony held on 25th May 2023 at the school. The team was presented with a plaque and the students, and their teacher-guide, received recognition certificates and prizes, commemorating their achievement.

Mr Mc Dowill Paul, member of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange (ECSE), presented the welcome remarks on behalf of the ECSE and the competition's planning committee, while The Hon. Fenella Wenham, Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Education gave remarks on behalf of the Ministry. The Gifted Profits student members Jaheim Sylvester and Shawn Moses presented the Opening Prayer and shared reflections on the group's participation in the competition, respectively. The ceremony was chaired by Mr Shilton Sabaroche, Business Teacher at the Arthur Waldron Seventh Day Adventist Academy.

The Gifted Profits competed against four (4) other school groups in Dominica, namely:

- (1) 'Valiant Venturers' of North East Comprehensive School

- (2) 'Convent High School Communications Club' of Convent High School
- (3) 'The Strategists', of Dominica Community High School
- (4) 'DGS Financial Guru' of Dominica Grammar School

The country winners, announced in early March, moved on to compete in the regional stage of the competition. The VFCSS Invest of Vieux Fort Comprehensive Secondary School, Saint Lucia were ultimately adjudged the Regional Champions and were recognized at a prize giving ceremony held on 25th April in Saint Lucia.

The competition was created to be a dynamic learning experience for high school and first-year college students and introduces them to investing while providing the opportunity to experience securities market activity. The initiative, which is a collaborative effort of the ECSE, the Eastern Caribbean Securities Regulatory Commission and licensed broker-dealers, aims to stimulate an interest in investing among young persons and to create a pathway for them to become active market participants in the future.

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