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**8 LUCKY STUDENTS WIN PRIZES IN RIC'S WATER CONSERVATION MASCOT DESIGN
COMPETITION**

The Regulated Industries Commission (RIC) is the statutory body that regulates the Water, Wastewater and Electricity Sectors in Trinidad and Tobago. As part of its mandate, the RIC seeks to ensure that consumer expectations of consistency and reliability from the water and electricity utility service providers are met and/or exceeded.

The RIC is committed to the promotion of proper water use practices to ensure sustainable water access and delivery in Trinidad and Tobago and as such the Commission embarked on a public education water conservation campaign which commenced with the design of a water conservation mascot that would be a central figure to promote this initiative.

It has been proven that mascots help play a significant role in engaging and captivating young audiences and inspiring them to participate in activities such as this one which is geared toward the preservation of this limited natural resource.

The RIC therefore launched its **Water Conservation Mascot Design Competition** to primary and secondary school students from the ages seven to seventeen on April 1st 2022.

Interested participants were required to submit their mascot designs which could have been a drawn image or a mascot digitally created using computer graphics. All design entries were required to be accompanied by a 150-250-word description of the design, which included an explanation of what inspired the design.

The competition ran for eight weeks and an online favourite was decided by voting on Facebook while the overall and special prize winners were decided by an internal RIC Committee.

The RIC hosted its prize-giving ceremony on Friday 22nd July, 2022 at its office located at 88 Queen Janelle Commissioning Street, Port of Spain at 9:00 am. The RIC was pleased to present its overall and special prize winners with their respective prizes and recognise the exceptional effort made by all entrants.

RIC Mascot Design Competition Winners

1. Cheryse Henry – Overall Co-Winner – HP Laptop
2. Jabari Hutchinson – Overall Co-Winner – HP Laptop
3. Raeesa Mustapha – Online Winner – Samsung Galaxy Tab
4. Angelo Mahabir – Special Prize – Amazon Fire Tab
5. Elijah Augustine – Special Prize - Amazon Fire Tab
6. Elisabeth Francis – Special Prize - Amazon Fire Tab
7. Aaron Ramroop – Special Prize - Amazon Fire Tab
8. Vinaya Ramsahai – Special Prize – Amazon Fire Tab



From Left: Elijah Augustine, Raeesa Mustapha, Jabari Hutchinson, Elisabeth Francis and Aaron Ramroop showcase their mascot design artwork at the RIC office, Queen Janelle Commissioning Street, Port of Spain.



Mrs. Dawn Callender, Chairman, RIC (centre) and Mr. Glenn Khan, Executive Director, RIC (right) join five of the eight prize winners.



Overall Co-winner Jabari Hutchinson receives his prize of an HP Laptop from Mrs. Dawn Callender, Chairman, RIC.



Online Favourite Winner Raeesa Mustapha collects her Samsung Galaxy Tab Prize from Mrs. Dawn Callender, RIC Chairman



Special Prize Winner Aaron Ramroop received his Amazon Fire Tablet from Mrs. Dawn Callender, Chairman, RIC.



Special Prize Winner Elijah Augustine received his Amazon Fire Tablet from Mrs. Dawn Callender, Chairman, RIC.



Special Prize Winner Elisabeth Francis receives her Amazon Fire Tablet from Mrs. Dawn Callender, Chairman, RIC

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