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## Central Bank Awards 3 De La Rue Currency Scholarships in a Special Commemoration of its 60th Anniversary



2024/2025 Scholars awarded at the De La Rue Currency Scholarship Award Ceremony: (from left) Mr. Gareth Evans – Regional Director, Caribbean and International, De La Rue, Mr. Arnold Manniram, Assistant Registrar, Graduate Studies and Research; Ms. Jade Soodoo; Mr. Isaiah Mc Intosh; Ms. Etta Greenaway; Prof. Saravana Kumar Duraisamy – Professor of Plant Pathology, Faculty of Food and Agriculture; Ms. Sarah Kalloo-Bhagwandeen – Senior Administrative Assistant for Graduate Scholarships and Funding at UWI St. Augustine; and Dr. Alvin Hilaire – Governor, Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago.

**PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.** April 2, 2025 – In a special ceremony held on March 28, 2025, the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago awarded its 2024/2025 De La Rue Currency Scholarships from The UWI St. Augustine Campus. As a special commemoration of the Bank's 60th Anniversary in 2024, an additional scholarship was awarded this year, bringing the complement to three De la Rue Scholarships in this cycle.

The first, Ms. Etta Greenaway, holds a double Masters in International Relations (Honours-Merit) and International Law (Honours –Merit), and is currently pursuing a PhD International Relations. The second awardee, Ms. Jade Soodoo, is currently pursuing an M.Sc. in Data Science and is a recipient of a B.Sc. Actuarial Science (Special) - First Class Honours. Finally, the third awardee, Mr. Isaiah Mc Intosh, is currently pursuing an MPhil in Economics and is the holder of a B.Sc. in Economics with a minor in Environmental Economics.

The prestigious De La Rue Currency Scholarship Programme was launched on May 2, 2003 through the signing of an Aide Memoire between the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago and De La Rue Currency in the United Kingdom. The scholarship focuses on the development of the country's human resources in areas intrinsic to the development of our national economy. Since the inception of the programme 31 scholarships were awarded (inclusive of the 2024/2025 recipients), with eight of the scholars currently employed with the Bank.

At the Ceremony, Governor Hilaire congratulated the new scholars, recognising their outstanding educational achievements and community engagement, and called on corporate T&T to "put their money where their heart is" and keep investing in the nation's children and youth. De La Rue's Gareth Evans also spoke of the pride he felt seeing the accomplishments of the scholars over the years as they harnessed the scholarship to achieve even higher heights professionally.

Applications for the next De La Rue Currency Scholarship intake will open in April 2025. Further information is available via the Bank's website at <a href="https://www.central-bank.org.tt/about/careers/scholarships">https://www.central-bank.org.tt/about/careers/scholarships</a>