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Castries, September 05, 2024 – “Excellence” is one of five St. Lucia Electricity Services Limited (LUCELEC) Core Values which include Caring, Integrity, Teamwork and Accountability. The spotlight was on Excellence when the Company held its annual Scholarship Ceremony & Social in August – a celebration of the students in its scholarship programme.

This year's class was led by the Top Performing Tertiary Level Student Tammy Pultie who successfully completed her final year at the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College, and the Top Performing Secondary School student, for the second consecutive year, Aiden George. The Most Improved Student was K'myah Charles.

The theme for the event was "Powering the minds of future leaders".

Now in its 39th year – the LUCELEC scholarship programme is open to children of employees upon completion of the Caribbean Primary Exit Assessment (CPEA). The programme covers the cost of approved textbooks, uniforms and stationery allowance, school bags, school and facilities fees and one-time CSEC and CAPE exam fees.

Nine students were admitted to the programme this year – which now totals 34 members. LUCELEC Managing Director Gilroy Pultie says the exceptional exam scores of the freshman class speak to a team effort that includes parents steeped in the Company's commitment to Excellence as a Core Value.

"Excellence sometimes, most times takes effort, effort by a lot of people – parents, friends, teachers. That is an indication of the quality of the people we have at LUCELEC as well as the values that we have as a company. We are passionate about excellence, and we try our best to do what we do to the highest standards and I'm sure some of that has been transmitted to the students through their parents."

The scholarship scheme is Chaired by LUCELEC Human Resource Services Lead Amy Henry-Demille. She challenged the students to make a positive impact in the world.

"I want to remind you that education is not just acquiring knowledge, it is about shaping your future and making a positive impact in the world. As you continue your educational journey, remember that each of you has the potential to achieve greatness. Embrace every opportunity, strive for excellence and never underestimate the power of your dreams."

Chelsa Jongue was the event's Featured Speaker. A one-time LUCELEC employee, Ms. Jongue, is now the Assistant Manager, Member Services (Communications and Marketing) at CARILEC. The self-described 'scholarship kid' – who had been working hard to maintain scholarships since she was 10 – Ms. Jongue encouraged the students to be curious, find their "thing" and be proud of what they had accomplished thus far and keep striving for more.

"There will be challenges along the way and believe me when I say these challenges are meant to define you and not to end you. So, the good thing about getting through the worst days of your life is knowing that tomorrow will be better. We reset and we refocus – embrace the challenges, seize the opportunities and continue to strive for excellence in all that you do. Remember you're not alone in this journey, you have the support of your family, your teachers, your community and they all believe in you, so you need to lean on them when you need to and to not be afraid to ask for help."

Students must maintain a 65% average in each subject and an overall average of 70% to retain the LUCELEC scholarship. The 2024/2025 LUCELEC Scholarship Class is comprised of 27 secondary school and 7 tertiary level students.

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