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H&J Excellence in Teaching Award - 2012



(L-R) Head of Art Department, C.C. Sweeting, Jacqueline Sainville; Partners Tara Cooper Burnside & Earl A. Cash; Principal of C.C. Sweeting, Joan Gray; District Superintendent, Howard Newbold; Teacher of the Year, Nadia Smith; Partners Vann P. Gaitor, Portia J. Nicholson, Michael F. L. Allen, Christel Sands-Feaste; and Managing Partner, Oscar N. Johnson, Jr.

In its ongoing effort to recognize teachers for their outstanding contributions in the field of education, Higgs & Johnson has been the corporate sponsor of the national *H&J Excellence in Teaching Award* for the last sixteen years.

The award, presented this year to winner Nadia Smith, Art teacher at C.C. Sweeting Secondary School, is a cash prize that rewards educators who exemplify excellence in the teaching profession and leadership development. During the presentation, Ms. Smith talked about the grueling process to enter the competition and how honoured she feels to have won. Her supervisor, Ms. Sainville as well as the principal Ms. Joan Young, sung her praises continuously and both noted how proud they are to have been able to mentor such a young and talented teacher.

In presenting this award, Partner, Vann P. Gaitor, who is also a former teacher himself commented, "Higgs & Johnson will continue to remain an advocate of quality education and as such we understand the importance of supporting and applauding the noteworthy efforts of teachers such as Ms. Smith which has brought her this recognition. We are proud advocates of the National Teacher of the Year Programme and delighted to recognize excellence in teaching through the *H&J Excellence in Teaching Award*".

Higgs & Johnson salutes Ms. Smith on her achievement in being selected for this major honour and wishes her continued success in her future endeavours.