



First Regional

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First Regional allocates \$3-M to Scholarship Programme

Seventeen G-SAT and Tertiary level students have been awarded scholarships, bursaries and book grants by First Regional Cooperative Credit Union for the school year, beginning this September.

The 2013 scholarship allocation totals \$3-million and represents a significant increase over the amount earmarked last year to support First Regional's Education programme. The number of tertiary level bursaries has also been increased from four to five.



Leyland Walker Scholarship winner, **Liana Smith** receives her scholarship certificate from the Hon. Radcliffe Walters, Custos Rotulorum, St. Ann



Mark Graham, (l) recipient of the First Regional Scholarship accepts his award from Board Chairman, Donald Mason

Addressing parents and students at a ceremony to present the prizes, Board Member, Rev. Dr. Glenroy Lalor said the Credit Union's decision to increase its Education funding and tertiary level bursaries reflects its widened focus beyond St. Mary and St. Ann, to embrace tourism workers and their children island-wide.

The five tertiary level undergraduates have each received a bursary valued at \$200,000. This will allow them to pursue studies in Veterinary Medicine, Science, Medicine, and Computer Studies at universities throughout the island and at St. Augustine, Trinidad.

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SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES cont'd

At the G-SAT Level, five students were awarded scholarships, **valued at \$30-thousand annually, for the first five years** of their high school education.

The 2013 scholarship recipients are: Liana Smith who received the Leyland Walker Scholarship; Kenrick Henry, who received the Herbert Ming Scholarship; Mark Graham, who was awarded the First Regional Scholarship; Wonica Francis who received the Reynold Smith Scholarship and Shaloam Gardner, recipient of the First Regional (Hospitality) Scholarship.



Wonica Francis, Reynold Smith Scholarship winner receives from Director James Walsh



Shaloam Gardner accepts her award from Board Member, Rev. Roy Wickham. Guest speaker, Rev. Garnett Roper looks on

The 2013 scholarship recipients will join other First Regional G-SAT students who are already at various stages of **their** five-year high school programme. Seven students received book grants.

Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. Garnett Roper challenged the students and university undergraduates to identify their goals and remain focused, until they are accomplished.



Herbert Ming Scholarship Winner, Kenrick Henry (I) receives from Board Chairman Donald Mason

For the past 13 years, First Regional has provided educational opportunities to G-SAT and Tertiary level students, as part of its commitment to giving back to the community in which it operates and conducts business.

MEET THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Members of the Board of Directors were appointed in July 2013 following the Annual General Meeting. They are volunteers who give of their time and expertise in the service of First Regional Co-operative Credit Union Ltd. in order to provide strong leadership and ensure sound corporate governance.



**DONALD MASON -
President**

Mr. Mason is an Auditor who holds qualifications in Auditing and Accounting, and several certificates in Business Studies

**Rev. Dr. GLENROY LALOR
1st Vice-President**

Rev. Lalor is a Minister of Religion. He is a Lecturer and Dean at the United Theological College of the W.I., and holds several degrees, including a Doctorate in Theology

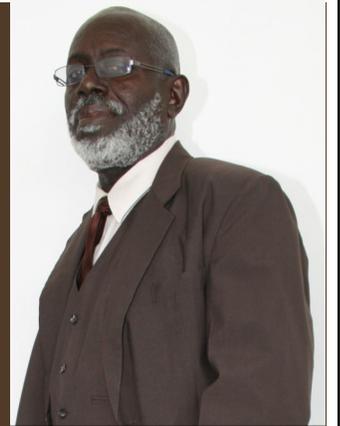


**VERONEETH McKENZIE
2nd Vice-President**

Miss McKenzie is an Attorney-at-Law and holds an L.Ib degree. She practises in Port Maria

**PATRICK HAYWOOD-
Secretary**

Mr. Haywood holds a Master of Science degree and is an Environmental Health Officer



**KAREN GRANT -
Assistant Secretary**

Ms. Grant holds a B. Sc. Degree in Business Administration, and is Credit Manager at the Round Hill Hotel

LEROY WILLIAMS –Treasurer

Mr. Williams is a businessman. He holds an MBA and is a former lecturer at Moneague College



THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (cont'd)



**Rev. ROY WICKHAM -
Assistant Treasurer**

Rev. Wickham holds a Masters Degree in Counseling

IVIN LOGAN

Mrs. Logan is a retired educator, and former Principal of Westwood High School for Girls. She holds a Masters degree



EARLE IRVIN

Mr. Irvin served the Fire Department at Senior levels for many years, before his retirement. He holds certificates in Operational Command and Supervisory Management

JAMES WALSH

Mr. Walsh is Principal of the Brown's Town Community College. He holds a Master of Science degree



KARL FULLER

Mr. Fuller holds an MBA and is a Realtor



HOPETON HENRY

Mr. Henry is an Attorney-at-Law who holds a B.A. and an L.Ib degree. He is in private practice in St. Ann's Bay



SUZETTE WILSON

Mrs. Wilson holds a degree in Business, and is Sales Analyst with the Celebration Brand. She served on the Board of the Hospitality Industries.

MEET OUR TEAM LEADERS

First Regional Co-operative Credit Union Ltd. continues in its mission to grow in order to better serve its members, while positioning itself to meet the needs of our wider market in Jamaica's hospitality and hotel sector. In this regard the input of each of our ten branches is essential as we extend our reach beyond St. Ann and St. Mary to serve employees in the hotel sector island-wide. Each **Team Leader** heads a team tasked with delivering excellent products and services to our members, while ensuring growth and sustainability. It is our pleasure to introduce our

Team Leaders.



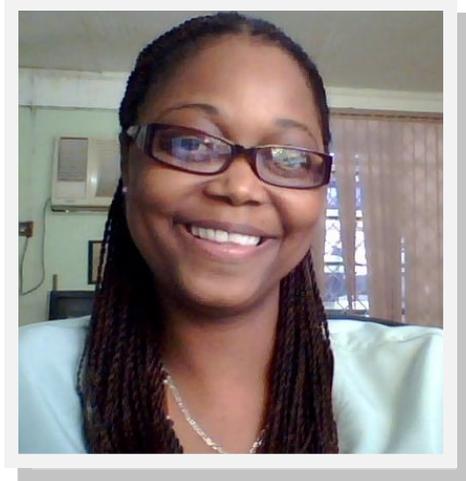
Nicolette Wright- Campbell
Port Maria Branch



Dwayne Graham
Discovery Bay Branch



Nothaya Edwards
Ocho Rios Branch



Michelle Ten-Fah
Round Hill Branch



Annitia Seymour-Strachan
Annotto Bay Branch



ShanaKay Palmer
Highgate Branch

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MEET OUR TEAM LEADERS

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ABSENT:

Jennifer Campbell

Claremont Branch



Nicole Willary

St. Ann's Bay Branch



Sheka Strachan

Guy's Hill Branch



Nicole McKnight-Smith

Brown's Town Branch

CREDIT UNION WEEK OCT 13 – 19

Credit Union Week 2013 will be celebrated from October 13 - 19. Activities marking this special week will be held under the theme "**CREDIT UNIONS: UNITE FOR GOOD. A BETTER WAY.**"

Highlight of the Week will be International Credit Union Day, celebrated on Thursday October 17, 2013. The Day will focus on the movement, its achievements worldwide, and service to members.

OUTREACH

Each Credit Union is being asked to plan outreach activities in its community for October 15 or 16.

So put on your thinking caps and let us hear from you! We know you want to be involved, **so LET'S**

DO IT TOGETHER!!!

ECG MACHINES DONATED TO ST. ANN'S BAY HOSPITAL

Two electrocardiograph (ECG) machines, valued at approximately \$500,000, were recently (June 12) donated to the St. Ann's Bay Regional Hospital in St. Ann.

The donation, from the 'Friends of the St. Ann's Bay Regional Hospital' was welcomed by Senior Medical Officer of the hospital, Dr. Nicole Dawkins, who

said that they will improve the quality of care offered to patients.

Chairman of the Friends of the St. Ann's Bay Regional Hospital, Marjorie Taylor, said the group saw the need for the ECG machines at the institution and decided to raise funds to make the purchases.

"The machines were bought from our fund-raising efforts and also from dues collected at meetings. We did not have enough money to purchase the machines so we approached First Regional Co-op Credit Union, and they graciously consented to assist, hence allowing us the privilege of making this presentation," she noted.



Judith Cousley (left) of First Regional Co-op Credit Union Limited, presents a cheque for \$89,663 to Chief Medical Officer of the St. Ann's Bay Regional Hospital, Dr. Nicole Dawkins (right), during the handing over of two electrocardiograph (ECG) machines to the hospital on June 12. Also sharing the moment is Marjorie Taylor, Chairman, Friends of the St. Ann's Bay Regional Hospital

Presentation of a \$89,663 cheque was made by Judith Cousley, First Regional's Public Relations Manager.

Her Excellency, the Most Hon. Lady Allen, who was on hand for the presentation, commended the donors for their support to the hospital over the years. She said that the patients will "benefit greatly from these timely gifts."

Lady Allen noted the importance of sponsorship and giving to the less fortunate in the society; and she encouraged the hospital staff to care for the equipment "so that we can have them for a long time."

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TERTIARY LEVEL BURSARIES



Pollyanna Brandford receives from Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Garnett Roper



Gilbert Williams (I) who will be pursuing studies in Veterinary Medicine at St. Augustine, Trinidad receives from Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Garnett Roper



Karlessa Howard receives from Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Garnett Roper



Kessune Fulton receives from Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Garnett Roper



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"Where you get interest on your money and interest in You"

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must now be

\$2,000

