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## **2011 Winners Announced - Canada-Barbados Environmental Essay Contest**

### **\$4,000 Cash Awards Won by Barbados Students**

[*Christ Church, BARBADOS*] Graeme Hall Nature Sanctuary announced the six top winners of the 2011 national Canada-Barbados Environmental Essay Contest today. Nearly 60 essay competitors entered the contest. Awards were split into two age categories.

Students were invited nationwide to write a 300-500 word essay about "Why is the environment important to Barbados?" Entries were judged on originality, creativity, articulation and strength of expression in addition to usual composition requirements.

"It was inspiring to read the essays from students throughout Barbados," said an official with the Sanctuary. "Under the guidance of their teachers we saw these students produce remarkable and passionate essays about why Barbados needs a healthy and diverse environment.

"We received many creative and thoughtful essays but these winners embraced the idea of personal responsibility when it came to preserving the environment. We are especially impressed with how young people in Barbados are acutely aware of how our quality of life and financial health are dependent on the environment."

#### Age 9-13 Winners:

- 1st Place and \$1,250: Kiara Smith, Providence Elementary School
- 2nd Place and \$500: Jade Griffith, Wills Primary School
- 3rd Place and \$250: Phoebe Vieira, St. Winifred's School

#### Age 14-18 Winners:

- 1st Place and \$1,250: Dudley Ellis, Harrison College
- 2nd Place and \$500: Shan Bovell, The Lodge School
- 3rd Place and \$250: Harrison College: Juwayriyah Nana, Harrison College

#### Honorable Mentions Ages 9-13:

- Mohammed Nana, Wesley Hall Junior School
- Rhea Campbell, The Ursuline Convent School
- Rebecca Clarke, St. Winifred's School

#### Honorable Mentions Ages 14-18:

- Michaela Welch, The St. Michael School
- Jade Forsberg, The Codrington School
- Jakita J. Connell, Queen's College

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### List of Entrants

#### Age 9-13 Category

Abdullah Elcock	age 9	Luther Thorne Memorial School
Allesia Weatherhead	age 13	Christ Church Foundation School
Arienne Hennis	age 10	Providence Elementary School
Ashley Serieux	age 10	Wesley Hall Junior School
Brittany Bryan	age 8	St Philip's Primary School
Corinna Manning	age 9	St Winifred's School
Erika Bynoe	age 12	The Lodge School
Ethan Bynoe	age 9	St Winifred's School
Gabriella Gittens	age 9	St Winifred's School
Hope Wills	age 10	Wills Primary School
Isaac Paskins	age 9	St Winifred's School
Jade Griffith	age 9	Wills Primary School
Justin Lashley	age 13	Foundation Secondary School
Kaiela Wall	age 10	Wesley Hall Junior School
Kaila Lashley	age 9	Wills Primary School
Kiara Smith	age 10	Providence Elementary School
Kristian Hoyte	age 13	The Lodge School
Leon Heallis	age 13	Harrison College
Liana Walsh	age 9	St Winifred's School
Lyne Kazan	age 9	Wills Primary School
Mahlea Archer	age ?	Wills Primary School
Marie Elena Goddard	age 10	Providence Elementary School
Meredith Watson	age 9	St Winifred's School
Miles Straughan	age 9	Wills Primary School
Mohammed Nana	age 9	Wesley Hall Junior School
Mykala St.Hill	age 13	Christ Church Foundation School
Olivia Skinner	age 9	St Winifred's School
Phoebe Vieira	age 13	St Winifred's School
Rebecca Clarke	age 9	St Winifred's School
Rebecca Eames	age 10	Providence Elementary School
Rhea Campbell	age 11	The Ursuline Convent School
Ronaldo Barrow	age 9	St Philip's Primary School
Sabrina DaSilva	age 13	St Winifred's School
Samuel Lowe	age 12	The Lodge School
Sarah Howard	age 9	St Winifred's School
Shaquan Jones	age 12	The Lodge School
Shawana Harris	age 11	Harrison College
Theo Farley	age 12	Combermere School
Theo Franklyn	age 13	Combermere School
Trezequet Roberts	age 9	St Philip's Primary School
Tymara King	age 13	Queen's College
Yanique Scutt	age 9	St Winifred's School

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### Age 14-18 Category

Alexandra Gooding	age 17	Queen's College
Ché Greenidge	age 17	Harrison College
Dudley Ellis	age 18	Harrison College
Jade Forsberg	age 16	The Codrington School
Jakita Connell	age 18	Queen's College
Juwayriyah Nana	age 17	Harrison College
Kenidi Prescod	age 15	The Lodge School
Lona Whitney	age 16	The St Michael School
Maisha Holder	age 16	Coleridge and Parry Secondary School
Michaela Welch	age 16	The St Michael School
Nicholas Jackman	age 18	Harrison College
Robyn Blackman	age 15	The St Michael School
Ruthann Singh	age 16	The St Michael School
Shan Bovell	age 18	The Lodge School

The 2012 Canada-Barbados Environmental Essay Contest will be announced later in 2011.

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