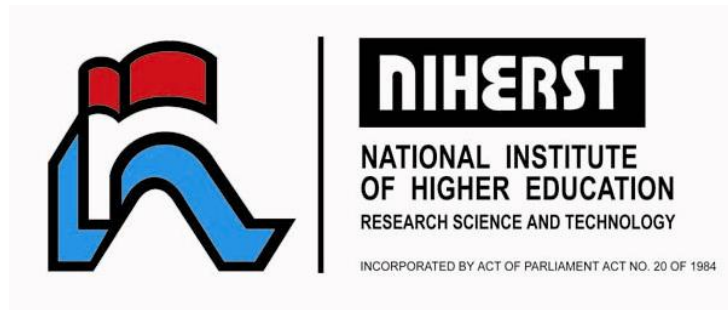


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NIHERST Celebrates Success at Inaugural International Scholarship Opportunities Information Session

[POS, 15th November, 2023] - **The National Institute of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology (NIHERST), in collaboration with the Women's Roundtable Action Platform of Trinidad and Tobago (WRAP-TT)**, recently hosted a successful information session on International Scholarship Opportunities. The event, held online on November 15, 2023, aimed to enlighten parents, teachers, and students on various avenues to secure international scholarship opportunities.

The session which sought to empower the community with detailed information on international scholarship opportunities, focusing on both academic and athletic programmes, featured presentations from representatives of prominent universities (**M.I.T., Tuskegee University, Tennessee State, Georgia Gwinnett Colleges, First Point U.S.A**) as well as the **U.S. Embassy of Port of Spain**.

The expert presenters were as follows:

- Tuskegee University – Dr. Lloyd Webb
- Tennessee State University - Dr. Arlene Nicholas-Phillips
- FirstPoint USA – Ms. Laura Kerr
- Georgia Gwinnett College - Dr. Michael Poll
- MIT – Dr. Denzil Streete
- U.S. Embassy of PoS – Ms. Afeisha Beckles

The theme, *"Dream, Achieve, Succeed"* resonated throughout the session providing much-needed insight to parents, teachers, and students on the various avenues for pursuing higher education abroad.

Dr. Denzil Streete of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T) expressed **"the admission rate is competitive but not impossible. My great joy is when I meet students from Trinidad who are at MIT, it just shows you the quality of students that are produced in Trinidad. The unique thing about MIT is that once you are admitted we will meet the gap in the financial cost for you to attend."**

Feedback received by participants can attest to the importance of such events.

"The initiative is important, and I believe that we can build on the momentum to work as a team to mobilize resources through a coordinated effort by WRAPTT and/or NIHERST to establish a fund to support our students through voluntary donations"

"This webinar was very informative. I learnt a lot both about the process and what I have to do in terms of academics. It would be nice to be informed about opportunities around the world though for example in France University is free."

A full recap of the event by visiting the NIHERST YouTube page @ NIHERST Trinidad and Tobago (https://bit.ly/Scholarship_Info_Session)

About NIHERST

NIHERST is a statutory body established in 1984 to promote science, technology and higher education in Trinidad and Tobago consistent with national development goals. The Institute is an agency under the Ministry of Education. Its current work focuses on the development of a more diversified, knowledge-driven economy, based on the ingenuity of our people and their ability to create, adapt and use science and technology for wealth generation and national development. Many of its programmes aim to strengthen the innovative, creative and entrepreneurial capabilities of the general population. NIHERST is also engaged in research, such as in foresight and innovation, to support economic diversification; promoting innovation and the commercialisation of technology in priority sectors; and building global partnerships.

About WRAP-TT

The Women's Roundtable Action Platform of Trinidad & Tobago (WRAP TT) is a non-profit civil society organization founded in June 2020 under the auspices of His Excellency Brigadier General (Ret'd) Anthony Phillips-Spencer, Ambassador of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. The vision is to connect, engage, and empower dynamic persons within the Trinidad and Tobago diaspora locally and globally. The organization's mission is to provide support through Education, Mentorship, Networking, and Access.