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**PwC awards scholarships to top accounting students at UWI and UTECH**

**Kingston, Jamaica, 3 December 2018** – University students Chrissancia Clarke from the University of the West Indies (UWI) and Chantelle Ramsay from the University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech) are the recipients of PwC’s 2018/19 scholarships. The outstanding academics were selected to receive funding to complete their Bachelor’s Degrees in Accounting. Both scholarships were awarded on Friday, 30 November at PwC’s Kingston office.

PwC Jamaica’s scholarship programme has a long history with the first being awarded in 1996. Since then, over 36 students have benefitted, with over \$3,000,000 awarded since 2014.

“We see UWI and UTECH as business partners and we’re delighted to be able to maintain the relationships over the years. We relish the opportunity to work with the UWI and Utech to assist students to cover the cost of their education and we see all our recipients as ambassadors, virtually all of whom go on to graduate and join the firm,” said **Leighton McKnight, Territory Leader for Jamaica**. “The scholarship programme is just one area of the partnership, we also maintain a recruitment programme where we get most of our recruits from both institutions each year,” he added.

**Human Capital Lead Partner, Paul Williams** said, “The scholarship programme is twenty-two years old and the firm is committed to continuing the programme for years to come. We see the programme as a catalyst for change and it makes a difference in the lives of all the recipients.”

Chrissancia Clarke who is in her final year of university noted that she is honoured and grateful to be a recipient of the 2018-19 scholarship. “I’m so grateful to have PwC invest in my future. This scholarship means so much to me especially since I’m the first in my family to go to university. In addition, the scholarship will help to take the burden off my student loans and I’ll be able to complete my final year with my tuition taken care of” she said.

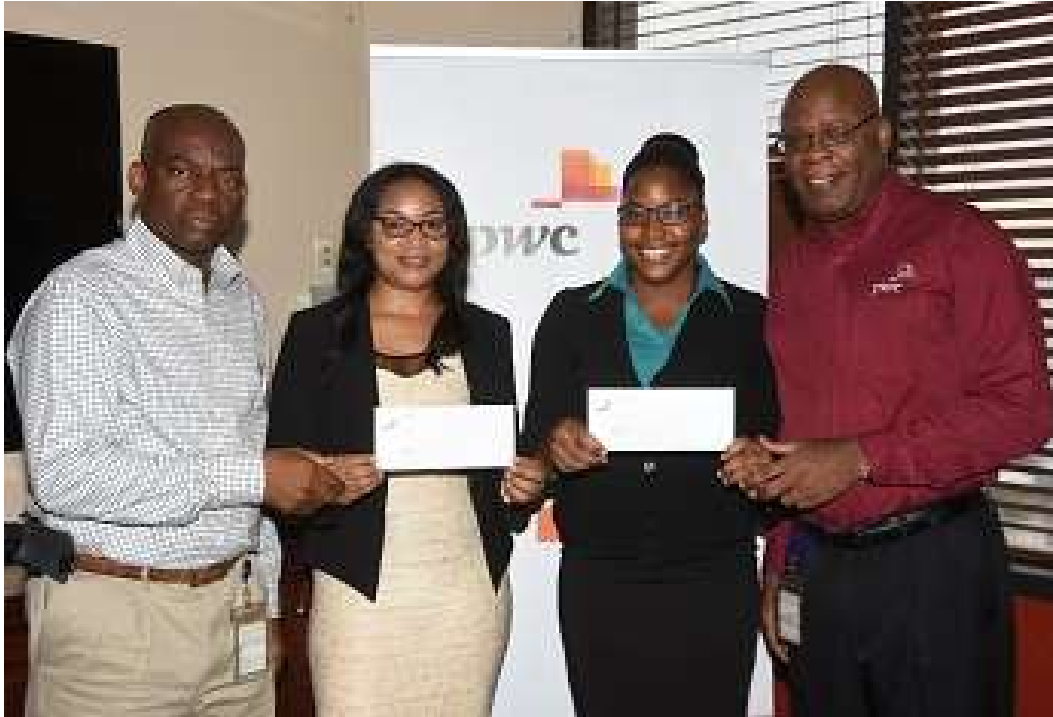
For Chantelle Ramsay also a final year accounting major, the scholarship has provided the financial support she needs to achieve her dreams. “The scholarship will help take me one step closer to my dreams. I am truly honoured and humbled to be the recipient of a PwC scholarship. A door that was closed in now open and as I aspire, I can now inspire” she said.

2017/18 scholarship recipients Samaro McBean and Afasha Foster were also present at the awards ceremony. Both who are now PwC junior accountants, encouraged Chrissancia and Chantelle to make the best use of the scholarships and to use the opportunity to continue with PwC’s internship programme to learn and to continue to grow.

Scholarship recipients are able to participate in an internship initiative which provides them with exposure to the field of accounting along with mentorship from the firm’s experienced



professional accountants. Most of the students go on to gain permanent employment with PwC and rise through the ranks to senior roles.



PwC's 2018/19 scholarship recipients Chantelle Ramsay (2<sup>nd</sup> left), accounting major at UTech and Chrissancia Clarke (3<sup>rd</sup> left) accounting major at UWI, receive their scholarship awards from Paul Williams (L), Human Capital Lead Partner, and Leighton McKnight (R), PwC Territory Leader. The scholarships were presented on Friday (30 November) at PwC's Kingston office.

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