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Passport2Success programme gets underway

Dozens of young people gathered at Mary Miller Hall in Red Bay last week to attend the orientation and registration session for the new Passport2Success programme, by the Ministry of Education, Training and Employment, which started on Monday 19th April.

The programme is designed to help young people become workplace ready, by equipping them with the personal and career skills they need to find and retain employment. Passport2Success is sponsored by local firms, LIME, CML Offshore Recruitment and Butterfield.

Addressing the audience of recent school leavers at the registration session, Honourable Rolston Anglin, Minister of Education, Training and Employment, said, "Passport2Success provides a bridge from education to the workplace. This is a part of the Ministry's vision to launch a number of initiatives, which are intended to provide all young Caymanians with the skills they need to succeed in the workplace." The Minister called upon participants in the programme to understand the importance of adding value to the organisation they work for and explained how Passport2Success was designed to reflect the values and expectations of the workplace.

Following the registration session and an intensive communications campaign, responses to the programme have been positive. All 25 available places were filled and participants were selected from a slew of applications for the first intake of the programme, which will run four times annually. Participants are comprised of 13 males and 12 females, two of which are young mothers. They were selected from all over the islands, including 9 from George Town, 8 from Bodden Town, 4 from West Bay, 2 from Cayman Brac, and 1 each from East End and North Side.

Programme facilitator, Shannon Seymour of the Wellness Centre, says, "The application process has gone very well. We have had a flood of general inquiry phone calls and emails, with many people who are still in school wanting to know if they can get signed up for September. Applications are still being received via the website." Ms. Seymour adds, "We were able to select applicants from West Bay, East End, North Side, George Town, Bodden Town as well as Cayman Brac. We were also able to ensure the group was even

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amongst male and female applicants, as well as diverse with regards to academic backgrounds and career interests. We have a number of a additional applicants who will be considered for the next programme.” Ms. Seymour said that the business community has also been overwhelming in its support for the programme, commenting, “We will be able to secure meaningful work placements for all our participants thanks to the interest shown by local employers.”

Ministry Chief Officer, Mrs. Mary Rodrigues, is delighted with the response from participants and employers for this first Passport2Success programme, and commented, “The interest we have generated in this initiative is indicative of the need within our community for education and training provisions, which bridge the gap between compulsory education and the workplace. I am very pleased with the number of applications and enquiries we have had. It is encouraging to see that there is an appetite among young people within our community to improve their skills.” Mrs. Rodrigues added, “We will be monitoring closely the development of this programme to see how it best fits within our wider agenda for providing opportunities for people at every level of education and ability.” Mrs. Rodrigues also acknowledged the support of the private sector in the initiative, saying, “We are very grateful to all the employers who have generously committed to giving lectures or offering work placements. We are particularly grateful to the programme’s sponsors, LIME, CML Offshore Recruitment and Butterfield, for sharing in the Minister’s vision and helping us raise awareness of Passport2Success.”

Passport2Success is a full time programme, which runs for 11 weeks. It will be based at the International College of the Cayman Islands in Savannah Newlands. More information about the programme can be found on its website at www.Passport2Success.ky.

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Picture caption:

Honourable Rolston Anglin, Minister of Education, Training and Employment, (front row, 6th from right) with Passport2Success applicants at the registration session. Joining him in the front row are: Hon. Mark Scotland, Minister of Health, Environment, Youth, Sports & Culture (5th from right); Hon. Mike Adam, Minister of Community Affairs and Housing (4th from right); Mrs. Mary Rodrigues, Chief Officer, Ministry of Education, Training and Employment (5th from left); and Mrs. Shannon Seymour of the Wellness Centre (4th from left).