

Chris-Ann Thomas receives JNBS Foundation legacy scholarship

TWENTY-YEAR-OLD CHRIS-ANN Thomas is the recipient of the inaugural University of Birmingham and Jamaica National Foundation Legacy Scholarship programme.

Thomas, who recently completed her undergraduate degree in accounting, finance and banking at the University of Technology, Jamaica, was selected from among four short-listed applicants by a five-member

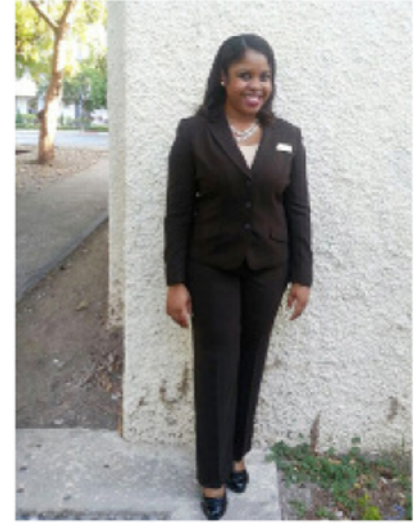
judging panel which included Earl Jarrett, general manager of the Jamaica National Building Society (JNBS) and chairman of the JNBS Foundation; and Saffrey Brown, general manager of the JNBS Foundation.

The scholarship, which was launched in February 2014, received a total of 23 applications from prospective students who successfully matriculated and received conditional offers

to the University of Birmingham Business School before April 23.

Thomas will start her one-year graduate programme to pursue a master's degree in international accounting and finance in September.

Expressing great delight and gratitude in being named the first recipient of this international scholarship, the articulate student said that she hopes to rep-



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resent Jamaica as an ambassador, while proficiently performing academically.

"I am looking forward to excel in my academic pursuits and to represent my country as an ambassador. I have always maintained a balance between academics and extracurricular activities, because both are equally important to my overall development and success," stated Thomas.

TREMENDOUS OPTIMISM

Following the announcement of the Legacy candidate's selection, Jarrett expressed tremendous optimism and confidence in Thomas' aptitude and ability to effectively represent Jamaica on the international platform through her academic excellence and courage.

And, in reference to the objective of the Legacy Scholarship, the JNBS Foundation chairman said that it was "a vehicle for educational advancement for young people, and an opportunity which encourages both scholastic excellence and community involvement".

"Education is one of the core mandates of the JNBS Foundation; and, we are pleased that we have been able to provide a scholarship at this level and scope, in conjunction with our main partner, the University of Birmingham," Jarrett affirmed.