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### HAVE FUN AND BRING HOME THE GOLD

April 12, 2022: St. John's, Antigua. Our swimmers will bring more glory to Antigua and Barbuda but it is just as important that they have fun and enjoy themselves.

These are the words of Dr. Derek Marshall, President of the Antigua and Barbuda Swimming Association (ABSF).

“Our swimmers have endured a lot. First with the Covid pandemic and then the lack of training facilities. However, they have sacrificed and persevered. They deserve the highest commendations for their dedication.”

Antigua and Barbuda will be represented at the 2022 CARIFTA games in Barbados this weekend by the largest ever delegation of swimmers. Thirteen swimmers, along with coaches Wayne Mitchell and Nelson Molina will carry the country's flag at the April 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> event.

Dr. Marshall was speaking at a short ceremony where the team was presented with a sponsorship cheque of \$5,000 by CIBC FirstCaribbean Bank.

The bank's country head, Mrs. Ladesa James-Williams said that it is very important that our young athletes receive all the support and encouragement, they so richly deserve. She noted that while Antigua is an island surrounded by water and boasts of 365 beaches, it is amazing that a large percentage of the people cannot swim.

“Maybe the time has come for a national swimming pool to be built and for swimming to be offered as a subject in schools,” she said.

Mrs. James-Williams said that the entire nation should be proud of these young swimmers who have excelled even without the use of the proper facilities.

The team will leave Antigua this Thursday for the Games in Barbados.

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Photo: l to r: Left to right: Country Head Ladesa James-Williams, Co-Team Captains Ariana John and Tony Goodwin and Dr. Derek Marshall, President ABSF.