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## CIBC Caribbean Inspires Future Leaders on International Women's Day

**Jamaica, 6 April 2024** – Twenty-four students from four corporate area high schools—Convent of Mercy Academy 'ALPHA', Wolmer's High School for Girls, Denham Town High, and Stony Hill Technical High School—recently participated in an enriching seminar aimed at preparing them for university or the world of work.

The students attended the seminar held at the Terra Nova Hotel as part of celebrations for International Women's Day aimed to equip the budding leaders with essential insights as they prepare to leave school and move on to university or enter the workforce.

The session was led by Jerome Griffiths, the Head of Human Resources at CIBC Caribbean, and saw the attendees given tips on job interviews and the correct dress for the workplace. Griffiths noted that it was "truly inspiring to witness the enthusiasm and eagerness for learning among these young women. We at CIBC Caribbean are committed to empowering the next generation of female leaders."

Althea Laing, one of Jamaica's premier "Super Models", Corporate Image Consultant and Teacher, coached the students on the finer points of etiquette and social graces.

Laing a former cover model for international magazines including Essence, said she was "honoured to have shared insights gleaned from my journey with these bright young minds. Their receptiveness to etiquette and social graces bodes well for their future success."

Sharon Wint Levy, the accomplished make-up artist behind Face Forward Cosmetics, delivered a masterclass on skincare and makeup application with eager participation by the students.

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Jerome Griffiths, Head of Human Resources, CIBC Caribbean addresses students at the International Women's Day seminar hosted by the bank at the Terra Nova Hotel on March 8, 2024



Althea Laing (standing) taking participants through the paces of proper sitting posture at the International Women's Day seminar hosted by CIBC Caribbean for students of four corporate area high schools at the Terra Nova Hotel on March 8, 2024



Make Up artist Sharon Wint Levy of Face Forward Cosmetics (3rd left) puts finishing touches on a participant during a make-up demonstration at the International Women's Day seminar hosted by CIBC Caribbean for students of four corporate area high schools on March 8, 2024, at the Terra Nova Hotel. Looking on are fellow students, CIBC Caribbean representatives Renee Whitehorne (left), Marketing Manager and Jerome Griffiths (right), Head of Human Resources



CIBC Caribbean representatives Renee Whitehorne (front left), Marketing Manager; Nigel Holness, Managing Director (2nd left) and Jerome Griffiths (3rd) Head of Human Resources with students and teacher chaperones at an International Women's Day seminar hosted by the bank for students of four corporate area high schools at the Terra Nova Hotel on March 8, 2024



Corporate Image Consultant and Teacher, Althea Laing (4th left) with students of four corporate area high schools following an International Women's Day seminar hosted by CIBC Caribbean at the Terra Nova Hotel on March 8, 2024

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