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INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE: SLASPA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO CHILDREN OF TEAM MEMBERS

Castries, Saint Lucia — October 28, 2026 – The Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority (SLASPA) reaffirmed its commitment to education, family and the development of future leaders with the awarding of seven scholarships to the children of its team members on September 17. The awards ceremony recognised the students' hard work, perseverance and dedication to their academic pursuits.

The scholarship presentation reflected SLASPA's belief that investing in young people is an investment in the future of Saint Lucia. Behind every achievement is a story of determination, sacrifice and support, and the Authority's initiative seeks to recognise these efforts while helping students take their next steps with confidence and purpose.

Addressing the scholarship recipients, Chief Financial Officer Keith Thompson emphasised the importance of education in opening doors, creating possibilities and strengthening communities.

"These scholarships reflect our belief in the value of education and our commitment to creating opportunities that can make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals, families and communities," Thompson stated.

He encouraged the students to approach their educational journeys with curiosity, an open mind and the confidence to grow beyond what they already know. Recognising that personal and professional development is rarely a straight path, he reminded them that growth often comes from questioning, exploring and embracing new perspectives.

"Do not be afraid to ask questions, and do not be afraid to reconsider your views when new knowledge or experiences give you a different perspective. That is not failure; it is part of learning and becoming who you are meant to be," Thompson advised.

Adding another dimension to the occasion, the SLASPA Sports and Cultural Club awarded one of the seven scholarships, demonstrating the important role that staff-led initiatives can play in supporting the educational aspirations of young people and strengthening the Authority's culture of care and community.

In his address to the students, guest speaker Erland George shared insights from his own journey, encouraging them to recognize that education extends far beyond the walls of a classroom. Drawing on his experiences, he challenged the students to embrace three guiding principles: Explore, Contribute and strive for Excellence.

He encouraged them to explore the world around them, seek out experiences that broaden their understanding, contribute positively to their communities and consistently pursue excellence. He also emphasised the importance of remaining open to change as they discover more about their interests, strengths and aspirations.

For George, the ability to reconsider a decision or pursue a different path should not be viewed as a setback, but as a natural part of personal growth.

The scholarship presentation was a reminder that behind SLASPA's daily operations is a community of people whose families, hopes and aspirations matter. The initiative reflects the Authority's recognition that supporting its people also means investing in the aspirations and potential of the families of those whose dedication and contributions support SLASPA's operations and continued success.

As the seven scholarship recipients continue their academic journeys, SLASPA encourages them to remain ambitious, embrace new experiences and approach every opportunity as a chance to learn and grow.

Through this initiative, SLASPA continues to demonstrate that meaningful investment is not measured only in resources provided, but also in the doors opened, the confidence inspired and the possibilities created for the next generation.