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EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR SELECTED AT MINISTRY OF EDUCATION



Amid smiles and well wishes, Mrs. Dale Thompson-Watson, a Secretary with the Communications Division, was selected as the Ministry of Education's *Employee of the Year 2009-2010*. Mrs. Thompson-Watson, a twenty five (25) year veteran in the public service stated that she strives for perfection, and believes that an outstanding public service officer should provide excellent service all the time.

The event, which was held under the theme, "Striving for Excellence in Customer Service", showcased nominees whose years of service ranged from six (6) to thirty five (35). The other nominees who were also recognized for their accomplishments and work ethic were: Lionel Harris, Dorothy Newbold, Veronica Farrington, Donette Archer, Lisa Adderley, Rhonda Smith-Martin, Deloris Lightbourne, and Alfreda Miller.

Bringing remarks was the Honourable Carl W. Bethel, Minister of Education, who commended the nominees, and indicated that they are being recognized not so much for their years of service, but more importantly for the quality of service that they have provided. The Minister explained to the nominees that during these tough economic times, it is even more important to put their best foot forward because the public is no longer willing to tolerate mediocrity. He indicated that a simple smile can go a long way in helping to make someone's day better.

Congratulating the nominees also, was Acting Permanent Secretary, Ms. Sherrylee Smith, who indicated how proud she was of them for assisting the Ministry in providing access to education, equality of education, and in realizing its goals and forwarding its initiatives.

Winning the "People's Choice" award was Mrs. Donette Archer, a School Psychologist who has worked in the public service for fourteen (14) years. This selection, which has to do with popularity, was added for the first time under the leadership of Mrs. Ida Poitier, Special Projects Officer.

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