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## **National Investor Education Month Spotlight – Secondary Schools Investor Education Outreach, May 3**

“I want to have \$3.5 million dollars in my bank account by the age of 25.”

“I want to own my own hair dressing business by the age of 25.”

“I want to own a specific car by the age of 25.”

These were some of the aspirational goals of some of the students who attended the T&T Securities and Exchange Commission’s Investor Education Outreach Session on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Gulf View Community Centre.

Schools that participated were:

- 1) ASJA Girls Barrackpore Secondary
- 2) Presentation College San Fernando
- 3) St. Benedicts College
- 4) Chaguanas North Secondary
- 5) ASJA Girls High School, Charlieville

We wish to thank all the secondary schools that participated and we look forward to a continued partnership with the Ministry of Education, throughout the rest of the year. Here are some highlights from the outreach session.

(Include Photos)

### **What are we doing for IE Month?**

This year we will be engaged in several targeted and public activities, some of which include:

- 1) Secondary schools IE Outreach Session
- 2) IE Outreach Sessions for TTARP, Tobago
- 3) OJT Programme, IE Outreach Session
- 4) Launch of an IE Online Course to the general public
- 5) Launch of an Investing Game to the general public
- 6) An Investment Exhibit, FREE to the Public - at **Trincity Mall, May 31**. Learn all you can about investing in the securities market from key players in the industry.

Now is a good time to take advantage of our outreach initiatives. Visit our **Facebook Page** or [www.investucatett.com](http://www.investucatett.com) for more information.

**Get Involved!**

Purposefully work each day towards educating yourself on how to:

- Save to invest,
- Diversify your portfolio, and
- Gain and sustain your financial freedom.

Continue to share this knowledge with your friends and family.

### **What is Investor Education (IE) Month all about?**

National Investor Education Month aims to raise awareness among members of the public about the need to: think smarter about money; understand all the local saving and investment options available to them and to know their rights and responsibilities as investors.

The TTSEC has a responsibility to alert citizens to the realities that exist within the securities industry and to facilitate a deeper understanding about how the industry operates, and its role in regulation. Everyone is responsible for his/her financial welfare and must be able to recognise the inherent risks that exist with any saving or investment option.

A core mandate of the TTSEC is to educate members of the public about their investment options and their rights and responsibilities within the securities industry. Critical to understanding investing, is grasping the concept of saving. Saving to invest is a major part of initiating an investment plan and it starts by getting informed and educated about financial best practices.

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*A student from Chaguanas North Secondary presenting on diversifying his portfolio*



*Students eager to answer questions and participate in the discussions*



*Students from Presentation College, San Fernando pose for a group photo*



*Students from the ASJA Girls Barrackpore Secondary School pose for a picture in front the spin the wheel*



*Students from St. Benedict's College pose with their winnings from the Spin-the-Wheel Challenge*



*A student from St. Benedict's College takes his turn on the educational spin-the-wheel activity*