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## **2nd Annual THTI Taste of Tobago Golf Classic proves to be “head and shoulders above Par”**

**Mt. St. George, Tobago May 29, 2019** – The Tobago Hospitality & Tourism Institute (THTI) hosted golfers, guests and spectators at the Magdalena Grand Beach and Golf Resort for the 2nd Annual Taste of Tobago Golf Classic on May 25 & 26, 2019 for a weekend of superb golfing and hospitality experience. A spectacular showcase of culinary and hospitality was delivered at the signature event, the Taste of Tobago Culinary Experience, on the evening of Saturday May 25, 2019.

5 Master Chefs from THTI, Blue Waters Inn, Crown Point Beach Hotel and La Tartaruga presented live culinary demos and an array of delicacies to delight guests at the Fairways Restaurant & Lounge. The evening was a salute to some of Tobago’s most creative hoteliers and restaurateurs working side-by-side with THTI chefs, mixologists and culinary, hospitality and tourism students to deliver a truly memorable gastronomic experience. As Chef Arthur Patrick of THTI expressed during his live demo, flanked by culinary arts students feverishly working beside him “when the students finish with me, they are professionals”, eliciting delightful chuckle from on-lookers and MC Javon Carrington.

On the golf course, 58 golfers from across the country and USA enjoyed 2 days of golfing. The prize-giving ceremony on Sunday May 26, 2019 was equally rewarding to the players, with lucrative prizes from Caribbean Airlines, Hilton Hotel, Mt. Irvine Bay Resort, while Guardian Group and Angostura sponsored fabulous hampers which included premium beverages and other gift items. Top prize of Caribbean Airlines tickets to North America went to the Tobago team of Trevis Sobers and Troy Hinds who also earned the Champion Trophy and entry into the 2020 THTI Taste of Tobago Golf Classic. Altogether 9 teams received prizes ranging from hotel weekend stays to hampers and golf shop vouchers. Presenting the prizes were the Chief Secretary of the Tobago House of Assembly the Honourable Kelvin Charles, Minister of Sports & Youth Affairs the Honourable Shamfa Cujoe, Caribbean Airlines representatives Heather Granville and Andrene Burris and Platinum Sponsor C&W Business representative Elizabeth Ammon.

At the prize-giving ceremony the CEO Stephen Sheppard recognized 4 of the THTI students in the tourism program, who have successfully reached the finals of the Caribbean Tourism Organization’s Student Colloquium in New York on June 3-7, 2019. Mr. Sheppard lauded their

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efforts, saying "This is the first time any organization from Tobago has reached the finals of this competition and we intend to represent well with high hopes of winning this competition". The students will be presenting a sustainable tourism project called "The Sustainability of the Tobago Heritage Festival" and they are looking for additional sponsors to cover the travel costs to the competition. Interested sponsors can contact Mr. Sheppard.

The THTI Taste of Tobago Golf Classic is an annual event designed to raise the profile of Tobago's hospitality and tourism industry while generating funds to strengthen THTI's capacity to deliver programmes which support the industry. The event also creates an opportunity for tourism and hospitality students to showcase their talents on a grand stage, shining a light on the career opportunities in the industry.

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## **About THTI**

THTI is Tobago's premier tertiary education institution that develops human capital for the hospitality, tourism and related sectors of the economy. Located on a 100-acre estate of pristine forest lands overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, THTI's sprawling campus is nestled within farming and fishing communities of Blenheim, Tobago. The institute is equipped with one of the largest commercial kitchens in the Caribbean region and regularly hosts culinary experiences such as international fine dining and wine tastings.

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