

UWI Venture Competition 2013

The 2013 staging of the UWI Venture competition saw 20 teams submitting applications of interest. However, only 10 of these teams made it through the workshops and on to the preliminary round of the competition. The top four team were asked to make their final presentations at The Final Presentations and Awards Ceremony on Friday, November 29, 2013. They were placed as follows:

- 1st Place Winners – **Regal Farms Limited** (Ana-Kay Green and Alicia Brown)
- 2nd Place Winners – **Pro-San Environmental Solutions** (Tova-Malka Trench Anderson and Randy Hayle)
- 3rd Place Winners – **MicroDiagnostic Solutions** (Salomie Lyle-Scott and Oniel Grant)
- 4th Place Winners – **360 Technology Limited** (Greagon Taylor, Camille Kidd, Ava Jacobs, Georgette Grant-McDonald)



Top three teams from left – right: O’Neil Grant, Salomie Lyle-Scott (MicroDiagnostic Solutions), Alicia Brown, Ana-Kaye Green (Regal Farms Limited), Tova-Malka Trench Anderson and Randy Hayle (Pro-San Environmental Solutions)

Other presentations and awards made on the day were made as follows:

- Top Undergraduate Team – **Icy Hut Ice Cream Parlour** (Alex Johnson, Ashani Gordon and Percival Braham)
- UHY Dawgen Award for Best Presented Financials – **Regal Farms Limited**
- Best Presenter – **Ana-Kay Green**
- Mentor of the Winning Team – **Roy Reid (JMMB)**

The winning team from the UWIVC went on to compete in the **Thurgood Marshall College Fund Opportunity Funding Corporation Innovation and Entrepreneurship (OFCIE)** a business plan competition held in Atlanta USA where they were the overall winners of the competition and won awards for best presentation and best business plan. As a result of their victory, they also qualified to compete in the Global Venture Labs Investment Competition held at the University of Texas, Austin, May 1-3, 2014.



Mona School of Business & Management (MSBM) MBA Students Alicia Brown (center left) and Ana-Kaye Green (center right) celebrate after winning the Best Overall award as well as the Best Presentation and the Best Business Plan awards in the Opportunity Funding Corporation (OFC) Innovation & Entrepreneurship competition held Thursday April 10- Saturday April 13 in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. Also pictured are Larry Waters (left), Director of the OFC Innovation & Entrepreneurship Program, Janice Henlin (second left) Marketing Director at MSBM, Douglas Lindo (second right), Adjunct Lecturer /Team Faculty Advisor at MSBM and Scott Lilly (right), President of the OFC.

Event Partners 2013

- Joan Duncan Foundation
- Scotiabank Small Business
- UHY Dawgen
- Vincent Hosang Entrepreneurship Programme
- Mona Business Support Services
- Jamaica Observer
- CVM Television

Judges 2013

- Anthony Lawrence
- Brian Goldson
- Colin Webster
- Dennis Chung
- Derrick Deslandes
- Dr Knife
- Herman Athias
- Marcia Woon Choy
- Robin Levy
- Phillip Bernard

Mentors 2013

- Dr Kirk Abbott
- Omar Spence
- Kerry-Ann Stimpson
- Tiane Daley-Swaby
- Winston Delgado
- Melissa Chin
- Dr Maurice McNaughton
- Lisa-Maria Alexander
- Hopeton Findley
- Anthony Chance
- Dr Anne Crick
- Conroy Rose
- Roy Reid
- Damion Hylton

- Kimberly Martin
- Trevor Thompson

Resource Persons 2013

- Mikey Bennett
- Dr Gilian Wharfe
- Trevor Heaven
- Dr Alton Fletcher
- Dr Winston Clarke
- Audrey Hinchcliffe
- Sandor Pike
- Oral Richards
- Dr Charles Douglas

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