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### **Star Search Camp Still a Hit With Local Student/Athletes**

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Miramar, FL (08-10-2011) – After 11 years, the annual NIKE/Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) Star Search Basketball & Life Skills Development Camp remains very popular with local student/athletes. Over 130 young men and women, 70 percent of which were first-timers, were on hand to greet organizers on opening day, Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at the G.C. Foster College of Physical Education & Sports in St. Catherine, Jamaica, fully clad in their NIKE apparel and rearing to go. When the camp concluded on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup> it marked the end of a great week of basketball and life skills sessions, as the attendees returned from whence they came feeling fortunate to have been there.



The signs were evident from early that camp 2011 would be one of the most successful. The US\$40,000 worth of NIKE equipment arrived in Jamaica on time and was released to the college in time for distribution during the registration session on Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the arduous efforts of Camp Director, **Elfraito Remikiee**. At 9:00 A.M., the campers took to the court under the guidance of visiting coaches Seth Gilmore and Paul Winfield (Grace College), local coaches, and members of the Jamaica Basketball Development (JDB), Inc, and Jamaica Amateur Basketball Association (JABA). The players maneuvered through seven different high-energy stations, each offering a different fundamental basketball skill until it was time for lunch.

## Station Drills



After lunch the life skills sessions were held. The organizers place a lot of emphasis on these sessions, as various professionals, from all walks of life, are invited to come and share with their success stories with the student/athletes. This year **Richard Rowe** - Consumer Affairs Executive & VP of the Southern Basketball Conference, and **Carole Beckford**, Senior Sports Journalist, and Publicist for the world's fastest man, **Usian Bolt**, conducted the interactive sessions. Campers were able to ask questions of the presenters based on what they had heard.

## Life Skill Sessions





Once the life skills sessions ended it was time to play. Teams in the junior, intermediate, senior, and female categories battled each other daily for supremacy and the right to be called champions. Finally, after five grueling days the winners were finally realized. Numerous individual awards were also presented. **Dale Copeland** was voted the most valuable male camper and **LaDonna Lamonth** the most valuable female camper; while **Ian Helps** and **Danielle Johnson** won the most disciplined male and female awards.

#### MVPs



Full List of Winners:

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| Most Valuable Male Camper         | Dale Copeland                              |
| Most Valuable Female Camper       | LaDonna Lamonth                            |
| Most Disciplined Male Camper      | Ian Helps                                  |
| Most Disciplined Female Camper    | Danielle Johnson                           |
| Senior Three-Point Champion       | Dale Copeland                              |
| Intermediate Three-Point Champion | Christopher Evans                          |
| Junior Three Point Champion       | Ricardo Miller                             |
| Senior One-and-One Champion       | Keiron Dill                                |
| Junior One-and-One Champion       | Javon Davis                                |
| Intermediate One-and-One Champion | Christopher Evans                          |
| Female One-and-One Champion       | LaDonna Lamonth                            |
| Senior Free-Throw Champion        | Sheldon Phillip                            |
| Junior Free-Throw Champion        | Maliek McCarthy                            |
| Intermediate Free-Throw Champion  | Ajani Allegue                              |
| Female Free-Throw Champion        | Daniel Johnson                             |
| Slam Dunk Champion                | Paul Richards                              |
| Female Three-on-Three Champions   | LaDonna Lamonth, Abby-Gail, Shaduky Jameil |
| Combined Shooting Champions       | LaDonna Lamonth and Paul Richards          |

**Another Scholarship Awarded**



During the opening ceremony **Stephen Johnston**, Vice President of JBD, Inc, announced that another basketball scholarship was awarded. “**Tyran de Lattibeaudiere** has been accepted into Vincennes University, Indiana, on a full basketball scholarship starting this fall,” Johnston revealed. Latibeaudiere will be playing for coach **Todd Franklin**, who is no stranger to the Star Search camp. While at Southeastern Illinois College, Franklin recruited numerous local players including **Richard Andrews**, **Andree Wilson** and **Damion Staples**.

**Thanks from JBD, Inc**

Johnston expressed his gratitude to those responsible for the continued success of the camp. "I would first like to thank all corporate sponsors and private donors that contribute to this endeavor year after year, and encourage others to join in the effort to help enrich the lives of our Jamaican youth. I would also like to thank the youth and their families that participated to make the week enjoyable and productive for all. Finally, I would like to thank

JABA for their continued partnership in this important endeavor, as this event would not be a success without the continued collaboration between both organizations," Johnston added.

**About JBD, Inc**

The Jamaica Basketball Development (JBD), Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that is committed to the development of student/athletes in Jamaica. It is comprised of former Jamaican national basketball team members now living in the United States. Its mission is to enrich the lives of Jamaican student/athletes, by providing life skills development and opportunities to further their educational development through the game of basketball.