



Increase in CSEC pass rate

The Ministry of Education has recorded an increase in the performance of local students in the May/June CSEC examinations.

This was stated by Minister of Education, Girlyn Miguel.

Miguel was speaking on Monday August 18th, at a ceremony organized by the Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC), which dealt with the 2014 results of CXC administered examinations.

Speaking at the ceremony at the Peace Memorial Hall, Minister Miguel said the national pass rate for CSEC this year, stands at 71%.

She said this represents a 2% increase in last year's performance.

For the first time ever, three students obtained passes in 14 CSEC subjects this year.

The students are Richard John and Sherwin Peters of the St Vincent Grammar School and Delight Ollivierre of the Mountain View Academy.

Minister Miguel used the opportunity to congratulate teachers, parents, Principals and all the persons involved in the education of our nation's children.

The Minister added that there was a noticeable improvement in CSEC Math this year.

According to Miguel, the pass rate for Math this year is 47.03%.

The performance in the sciences was "excellent", the Minister stressed.

She also noted that this year's CAPE (Advanced Level) results have been "commendable".

Minister Miguel reminded the nation that

"education is the driver of development."

Prime Minister Gonsalves was the featured speaker at Monday's event.

Dr Gonsalves appealed to local students to choose their subjects wisely and to be calm and focussed.

He said students should think of education as an investment that could bring psychological and material returns.

CXC's Senior Assistant Registrar, Dr Charles Mayenga was one of the presenters at Monday's activity.

Dr Mayenga commended educators in St Vincent and the Grenadines for their dedication.

He said this year, St Vincent and the Grenadines performed better than the rest of the region in 16 CAPE subjects.

He said locally, 96% of the students who wrote CAPE Biology, got between Grade One to Five.

Twenty percent of students who wrote Environmental Science obtained Grade One.

For CSEC, Dr Mayenga said SVG recorded 100% passes in three subjects, Agricultural Science, Religious Education and Building Technology.

Dr Mayenga said in CSEC, St Vincent and the Grenadines performed better than the region in 21 subject areas.

While there were noticeable improvements in the performance in subjects such as Chemistry and English B, Dr Mayenga said there was a decline in the performance in English A.

He said this year, only 56% of students in SVG obtained Grades One to Three passes in English A.

He said this is a subject area on which we need to improve.

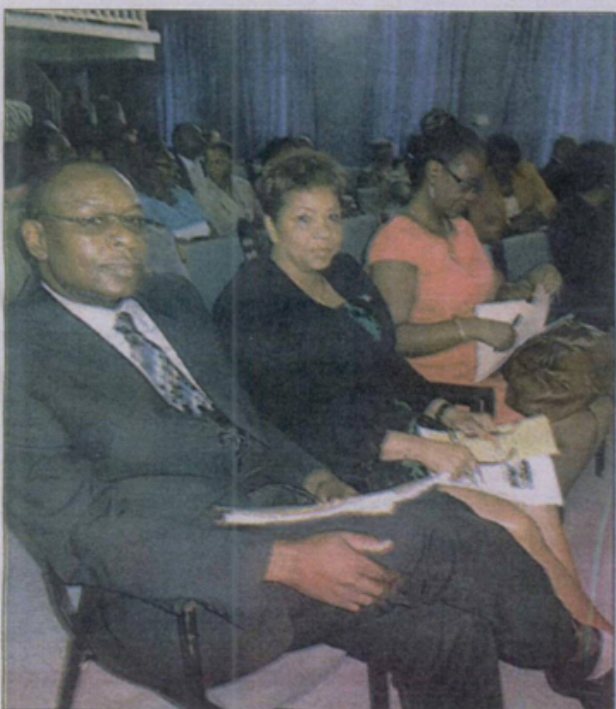
Other presenters on Monday were: Glenroy Cumberbatch CXC Registrar (Acting) and Susan Giles, Senior Assistant Registrar CXC.

The event was chaired by Vincentian Cleveland Sam, CXC's Assistant Registrar, Public Information and Customer Services.



Minister of Mobilisation Augustus Stephenson (left) with L-R: Minister of Education Girlyn Miguel, Permanent Secretary-Education Nicole Bonadie-Baker and Cleveland Sam of the CXC

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