

## #testimonial

The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT) provides programmes and initiatives to ensure that students within the country are granted a holistic and high quality education, paving the way for these students to make a most valuable contribution to their country and internationally.

As such, my decision to participate in the 2016 Essay Competition was based solely on the fact that I would gain and broaden my knowledge on the issues and appropriate solutions which continue to plague our educational institutions.

Preparing for this topic required me to relate to real life experiences – where I have personally witnessed the issues of student absenteeism, poor academic performance and high faculty turnover. Furthermore, I relied on extensive research via the internet; together with the constant monitoring and guidance of my teacher.

Apart from the attractive prizes, I have certainly benefitted intellectually, as the knowledge I have gained increased my writing and organisational skills. Additionally, I have become more confident in myself, as my critical thinking has improved.

Therefore, I would definitely encourage my peers to attempt ACTT's annual Essay Competition. The overall experience of entering the competition, together with the invaluable knowledge you gain will provide you with a better insight into the issues which continue to affect our Trinidadian society.



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