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Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn in conversation with St. Mary High School Cadets at the Jamaica Combined Cadet Force (JCCF) Ruel Vaz Trophy Presentation Parade yesterday (July 1) held at St. Mary High School. St. Mary High Cadets copped the Ruel Vaz Trophy for the 17th time in the history of the competition.

Cadet Units in schools plays a pivotal role in shaping the future of Jamaica

The Jamaica Combined Cadet Force (JCCF), a Department of the Ministry of National Security continues to play a pivotal role in schools and in shaping the future of Jamaica.

In delivering remarks at the JCCF Ruel Vaz Trophy Presentation Parade yesterday (July 1), Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn reiterated the Ministry's commitment to the youth centred initiative.

Minister Cuthbert-Flynn shared that: **“the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow and it is through the dedication and hard work of our cadets that we can look forward to a brighter, more secure future for Jamaica”**.

The annual presentation is a cornerstone of the JCCF that highlights the exceptional talents and dedication of the Cadet Units as they compete in the areas of Administration and Training.



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The State Minister emphasised that **“while our training is rooted in military skills, our ultimate aim is not to mould highly trained soldiers, we seek to captivate the imagination of our youngsters, challenge them and channel their energies towards becoming well-rounded, world-class citizens equipped with leadership and life skills”**.

The late Ruel Vaz, a distinguished custos, businessperson, and philanthropist, donated the Ruel Vaz Trophy in 1948. The trophy symbolises a legacy of support and dedication to youth development and sports.

The competition was hosted from April 15 to 27 and featured Cadet Units from Excelsior, Black River and St. Mary High Schools, Clarendon College, and Band and Drums Kingston.

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The JCCF was established in 1943 by an act of Parliament and operates under the auspices of the Ministry of National Security through the Law Enforcement, Forensics, and Protective Security Division.

The mission of the JCCF is to provide robust training to our Nation’s Youth, instilling in them a sense of stability and purpose.

