

Holy Name Convent Wins The 2009 NGC Gas Rush Championship



The 2009 NGC Gas Rush Competition began in February with the participation of 110 secondary schools from both Trinidad and Tobago. Even then there was quite a game buzz which was taken to new heights in the final week of competition as school poses followed their respective teams as they vied to make their way into the final rounds. At the final game held on 4 June, a tensely-fought battle between Holy Name Convent, Port of Spain and Naparima Boys' College, San Fernando, led to the Holy Name girls emerging as the first ever NGC Gas Rush Champions.

Before the competition began, NGC's Public Education Team, headed by Bhagwandeem Frankie – Public Information Officer - produced a Gas Facts booklet, which covered study areas such as the Impact of the natural gas industry on the economy, the natural gas value chain, understanding natural gas resources and quantities, environment, health and safety, careers in energy and alternative energy sources. NGC 'Ambassadors', or employees, who volunteered to recruit schools to take part in the competition, played a major role in ensuring that all the 152 secondary schools from both islands received booklets, maps and game rules.

It was a long and hectic haul for NGC's Public Education Team who managed over 90 games over the duration of the competition. The qualifying to final games held between May and the first week of June were televised on Gayelle, The Channel ensuring that the general public as well as the school population were kept abreast of the progress being made by the schools.

Led by teacher, Mario Martin, the winning Gas Rush Champions - Holy Name Convent, Port of Spain, comprising team members, Gerri Cumberbatch, Avion Phillips, Sasha Haddaway and Sitara Gosine, each took home Dell Laptops whilst their school got a Dell Desktop PC, Printer and Scanner, as well as the Gas Rush Champion Challenge Trophy. Second place winners, Naparima Boys' College, led by teacher Kamal Maharaj and comprising team members Nicholas Manna, Marc Jaikissoon, Jon Jhinjorie and Vivek Maharaj, each received Digital Cameras and a Dell Desktop PC, Printer and Scanner for their school.

NGC will host the next Gas Rush in 2010.



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