

Athletics Sweep Trinidad and Tobago Sports Awards



Left to Right: Kabir Hosein – Chief Administrative Officer, NAAATT; Adell Colthrust – Junior Sportsman of the Year; Ianna Roach – Junior Sportswoman of the year; Brittney Richards collecting on behalf of Jereem Richards – Sportsman of the Year; Ephraim Serrette – President NAAATT; Rachael Lee-Ahye collecting on behalf of Michelle Lee-Ahye

Winning all six categories of the First Citizens Sports Foundation 2017 Awards was not an easy accomplishment. Athletics had a clean sweep in both the senior and junior categories as well as Team of the year (4x400m men's). Also, the Jeffrey Stollmeyer

Award which is presented to the National Governing Sporting Body that has outstandingly showcased while making significant improvements in its administration and towards the development of its athletes was won by our Association.



Adell Colthrust and Ianna Roach – Junior Awards

Sprinter Michelle-Lee Ahye and quarter-miler Jereem Richards led the domination by athletics in the First Citizens Sports Foundation Sports Awards at Queen's Hall in Port-of-Spain on Saturday night.

It is the second straight year that Ahye has been bestowed the "Sportswoman of the Year" award. Ahye set a new national women's 100m record of 10.82 during the National Championships at the Hasely Crawford Stadium, Port-of-Spain and finished sixth over the same distance at the IAAF World Championships in London, England.

Sportsman of the Year

The "Sportsman of the Year" trophy was presented to Richards' sister Brittney by acting Minister of Sports Nyan Gadsby Dolly, the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts. Richards had an amazing season last year, as he was part of the victorious men's 4x400 metre relay team who copped gold at the said World event. Also at the Championships, Richards bagged bronze in the men's 200m final.

Junior Awards

Shot-putter Ianna Roach and sprinter Adell Colthrust copped the junior versions of the awards. Colthrust, in the boys Under-18 100 metres, copped a pair of gold medals at prestigious meets last year — the Commonwealth Youth Games in Nassau, Bahamas and the CARIFTA Track and Field Championships in Curacao and Roach claimed gold for TT in the girls Under-18 shot put at last year's CARIFTA Track and Field Championships.

Kabir Hosein, the Chief Administrative Officer at the NAAATT, accepted the Lystra D Lewis award from Sherril Peters, the former national netball captain of the 1979 World Championship netball squad, for the 4x400m relay team of Jereem Richards, Jarrin Solomon, Lalonde Gordon, Machel Cedenio and Renny Quow. The honour is presented to an individual, team or group whose performance has impacted significantly on the national sport landscape and that they did when creating history at World Championships as mentioned above.

So it was not much of a surprise when the NAAATT was announced the winner of Jeffrey Stollmeyer award for its outstanding showcase of initiatives and for making significant improvements in its administration, towards the development of its athletes. Stollmeyer's son Allan presented the trophy to NAAATT president Ephraim Serrette for being the leading large national governing sports body.