



Tyra off to London

TYRA WOODROFFE was judged the top pick out of a field of six students to work in London and study creative design.

The Barbados Community College (BCC) student was the recipient of the inaugural Jenny Blanc design scholarship, worth \$50 000, which she received recently at the interior design company's local branch in Sunset Crest, St James.

"It feels like a large weight has been lifted off my shoulders. The entire opportunity just came out of nowhere; it is something I wanted to do for a long time," she said.

Woodroffe said she was originally studying sciences in order to become a dentist but she was dissatisfied with that and jumped at the chance to switch.

"When I heard we had the opportunity, it kind of ticked off something in my brain that was very

competitive and the other students really inspired me to do better."

Woodroffe said it was an "unbelievable" feeling to win the scholarship and work overseas, adding the most exciting thing would be to experience a different culture and expand her range of thought concerning design.

The announcement was made via **Skype** by design director Sue Thomas-Richardson in London. She said each participant showed an imaginative thought process and each of them had good individual presentations, adding it was a joy to experience them.

Caribbean director Emma Blanc-Corrie said the scholarship was their way of giving back to the island. She said the year-long scholarship was a college



CARIBBEAN DIRECTOR of Jenny Blanc Interiors, Emma Blanc-Corrie (left), presenting BCC student Tyra Woodroffe with her scholarship to London at the Jenny Blanc showroom. At right is Immanuel Went, whose design project was judged second best. (Picture by Bernard Babb.)

certificate course fully paid by the company.

It would involve six months in Barbados and six months in London, where the winner would attend the Richmond upon Thames College and work in the Jenny Blanc London studio.

"We got in touch with the BCC and started the process last year. We gave them a blueprint for a house we had already done to see their interpretations, setting the project as part of their course work," she said.

Woodroffe narrowly edged out the lone male in the competition, Immanuel Went. (CA)