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Emma Blanc-Corrie, the Caribbean Director for Jenny Blanc, formally presented the Jenny Blanc Interiors design scholarship to BCC student Tyra Woodroffe (centre) at the company's St. James showroom. At right is BCC student Immanuel Went, whose project was adjudged second best.

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## BCC student receives donation from Jenny Blanc Interiors

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One lucky Barbadian student will be off to England in July to take up a one-year scholarship, awarded to the Barbados Community College by London-based international designers Jenny Blanc Interiors.

Tyra Woodroffe, an 18-year-old graduate of the BCC's design programme, emerged the first student to be awarded the Jenny Blanc Design Scholarship when students and tutors came together for the formal presentation on Friday at the Jenny Blanc showroom at Holetown, St. James.

Emma Blanc-Corrie, the Caribbean Director for Jenny Blanc, made the presentation to the former Queen's College student, who at one time wanted to be a dentist, and reported that Woodroffe's project won the highest acclaim and the all-expenses-paid scholarship.

"I'm really happy and really thankful to Jenny Blanc and my tutors. The project kicked off something in me and I am thrilled to know that I will have the opportunity to work in London with such a recognised international design company," said Woodroffe.

Through the partnership with the BCC, students enrolled in the 2014 Certificate In Interior Design programme were required to design a four-bedroom luxury home – complete with furniture, fabrics, lighting and functional spaces – for a family who chose Barbados as a destination holiday.

This project, together with the course work of the students, was then assessed and reviewed by Jenny Blanc Design Director, Sue Thomas-Richardson, and BCC tutors, Lisa Rudder and Stephen Jackman, before the most deserving student was determined.

"The projects were all great and creative and not much separated the top two. Tyra got the nod with a confident presentation which underscored the good use of space and location. Her use of colours and textures also effectively linked with the theme," said Thomas-Richardson.

Caribbean Director Emma Blanc-Corrie, the daughter of renowned British designer Jenny Blanc, said the company has been designing homes in Barbados for over 11 years and was committed to giving back to the community and to assisting young designers on the island.

The scholarship, she said, is a youth development partnership with the BCC and designed for students under 25 years of age to enhance their education and exposure. The recipient will spend six months in London and six months in Barbados and enroll in a UK-based college course in design.

Among the courses to be undertaken are computer courses in AutoCAD drawing, Photoshop and 3-D, while the lucky student will also gain hands-on business experience with training in both the Jenny Blanc UK and Barbados showrooms.

Senior Tutor in the Fine Arts Division of the Barbados Community College, Bernadine Scott-Boyce praised Jenny Blanc Interiors for creating the scholarship programme and the opportunity for exposure for young BCC students.

This, she said, will be an incentive to encourage students to aim higher and work harder.

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