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Another successful year for TCI Financial Services Commission assistance program

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The Financial Services Commission (FSC) today extends congratulations to five of its employees for completion of their Bachelors and Associate Degrees at the Turks and Caicos Islands Community College.

Kristen Brown, Gessie Germain, Tanecia Hall, Zonelle Hamilton and Clinteriah Wilson are the latest members of the FSC Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) to graduate this year. Established in 2010, The TAP initiative has proven to be an integral part of the Financial Services Commission's mission. Geared towards assisting employees wishing to pursue higher education courses to sharpen specific skills; the program has to date assisted twenty-five young professionals since its inception.

Following the completion of her Bachelors and Associate Degree in Finance and Management, Kristen Brown, employed by the Commission since September 1, 2003 said: *"Being a student and an employee was a bit challenging at times but perseverance, dedication and determination to do my best in both was my aim."*

She added: *"Education and self-improvement bring great dividends when it comes to quality of life and I am grateful for the opportunity TAP provided."*

Commenting of this latest positive year for the program, Managing Director Kevin Higgins took the opportunity to emphasise that the FSC would continue to provide support for those wishing to develop their skills set in today's competitive market. He also praised young professionals for seizing opportunities such as the Assistance Tuition Program to further their education and career. *" We keep seeing individuals within the Commission successfully taking on this challenge. It is very encouraging and certainly strengthens our commitment to provide assistance."* He said.

Gessie Germain, Tanecia Hall and Zonelle Hamilton completed a Bachelor's Degree course in Finance and Management while Clinteriah Wilson completed an Associates Degree in Business Studies.