

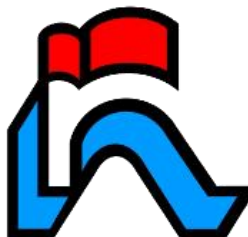
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**T&T Student Selected for Prestigious National Youth Science Camp
in the United States**

Port of Spain, July 6, 2026 — The United States Embassy Port of Spain, in collaboration with the National Institute of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology (NIHERST), jointly announces that Khavir Manbode of Presentation College, Chaguanas, has been selected to participate in the 2026 National Youth Science Camp (NYSCamp) from July 11 to August 1, in West Virginia, USA.

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and implemented by the National Youth Science Academy, a U.S.-based non-governmental organization, the NYSCamp is a prestigious three-week residential science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) program. The program provides exceptional high school students with the opportunity to engage with leading STEM professionals, explore emerging fields, and participate in hands-on scientific and outdoor learning experiences that foster leadership, innovation, and academic excellence.

Khavir Manbode is a Lower 6 student and National Youth Ambassador who has earned national recognition for his contributions to STEM and youth leadership. He is actively involved in his school's Interact Club, Debate Society, and Environmental Club. He served as valedictorian of the Form 5 Class of 2025 and holds distinctions in the International Mathematics Olympiad.

The U.S. Department of State remains committed to investing in the next generation of STEM leaders by creating opportunities that foster innovation, leadership, and international collaboration. For additional information about the program, visit <https://www.nysacademy.org>.



Photo caption: From left: NIHERST Vice President (Ag.) Lovaan Superville; 2026 NYSCamp awardee Khavir Manbode; and U.S. Embassy Acting Public Affairs Officer Leo Page-Blau.