

# Vcb Grateful For Support At 5K

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Olympian Veronica Campbell-Brown (centre) with male and female winners Kimoy Cohen (right) and Britnie Dixon at yesterday's inaugural VCB Foundation 5K Road Race. Both winners were also presented with VCB calendars.

It was a family affair at Vere Technical High School yesterday as athletes from that institution dominated the first staging of the Veronica Campbell-Brown Foundation 5K, with Britnie Dixon and Kimoy Cohen being crowned the respective female and male champions.

Campbell Brown, who was present at the meet along with her husband, Omar, and manager Claude Bryan, was very pleased with the support.

"We are grateful for the support as it is the first one, and we will build on it for next year.

The main thing we are doing is for two reasons: for charity to help the VCB Foundation to help with girls in high school, and for athletes in building a healthy lifestyle," said Campbell-Brown.

As part of her work in philanthropy, among other things, four students are afforded scholarships through the VCB Foundation each year.

The race started early in the morning at the school's main gate, as the athletes journeyed to the Wembley Football Club main gate and back.

Dixon stopped the clock at 19 minutes, 13.40 seconds, while Cohen covered the course in 17:09.75.

The top-three finishers among the females were all Vere Technical students, as Kris-Ann Plummer, 19:17.64, and Alithia Ferron, 19:31.93, were second and third, respectively.

Among the males, second place went to veteran road-race runner Horace Burey, who represented Island Smile, in 17:18.74, while third went to Vere Technical athlete Oshane Lightbody in 18:31.93.

On hand at yesterday's staging were several executive members of the Jamaica Athletics Administrative Association in assistant secretary Marie Tavares, committee member Maxine Brown and recorder Ewan Scott.

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