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UWI ALUMNI FLORIDA NEWSLETTER



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About The University of the West Indies

The UWI has been and continues to be a pivotal force in every aspect of Caribbean development; residing at the centre of all efforts to improve the well-being of people across the region.

*From a university college of London in Jamaica with 33 medical students in 1948, The UWI is today an internationally respected, global university with near **50,000** students and **five campuses**: **Mona** in Jamaica, **St. Augustine** in Trinidad and Tobago, **Cave Hill** in Barbados, **Five Islands** in Antigua and Barbuda and its **Open Campus**, and **10 global centres** in partnership with universities in **North America, Latin America, Asia, Africa and Europe**.*

*The UWI offers over 800 certificate, diploma, undergraduate and postgraduate degree options in **Culture, Creative and Performing Arts, Food and Agriculture, Engineering, Humanities and Education, Law, Medical Sciences, Science and Technology, Social Sciences, and Sport**. As the Caribbean's leading university, it possesses the largest pool of Caribbean intellect and expertise committed to confronting the critical issues of our region and wider world.*

*The UWI has been consistently ranked among the top universities globally by the most reputable ranking agency, **Times Higher Education (THE)**. In the latest World University Rankings 2022, released in September 2021, The UWI moved up an impressive 94 places from last year. In the current global field of some 30,000 universities and elite research institutes, The UWI stands among the top 1.5%.*

*The UWI is the only Caribbean-based university to make the prestigious lists since its debut in the rankings in 2018. In addition to its leading position in the Caribbean, it is also in the top 20 for **Latin America and the Caribbean** and the top 100 global **Golden Age** universities (between 50 and 80 years old). The UWI is also featured among the leading universities on **THE's Impact Rankings** for its response to the world's biggest concerns, outlined in the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including Good Health and Wellbeing; Gender Equality and Climate Action.*

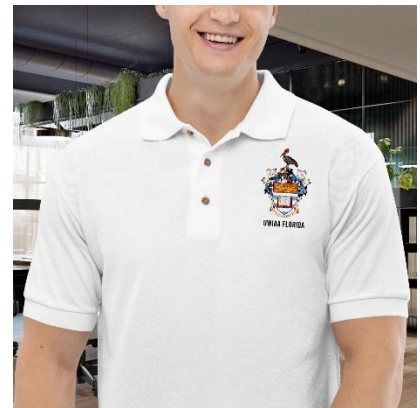
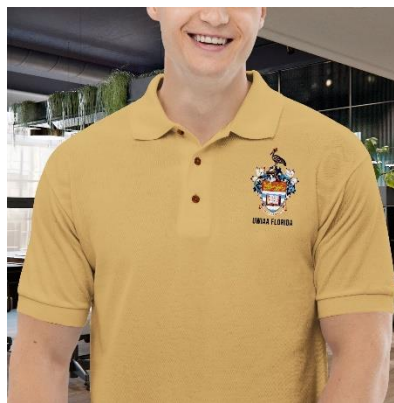
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From the Presidents' Desk

Dear Members of Our UWI Community in Florida:

On behalf of the Florida Chapter of the University of the West Indies Alumni Association, we thank you for your support, especially because we were not able to have our usual fundraising activities yet we were able to offer 9 scholarships to students currently attending our alma mater. You are truly a wonderful and committed group and we feel honored to be your leaders. We are rounding out this year with the election of officers to the board, and we are hoping that you will consider joining the board. You will receive the election nomination letter with the relevant information by email shortly and you may use it to nominate yourself or someone in the association. If you need information on the responsibilities of the positions, please click this [link](#) to the association's website. The nomination information is on page 5.

Members have asked about UWI Alumni Florida Polo shirts, and the Board has found a company that has done the preliminary work of designing the shirts. The designs are shown below.



We have been told that the member's price will be \$30 or less depending on the quantity that is ordered. If you would like to purchase UWI Alumni Florida Polo shirts, please send an email with the size, color and quantity to rgecon@hotmail.com

The chapter's scholarships for 2022 have been awarded and below, we share snippets of the acceptance letters with you.

Dear UWI Alumni Association Board,

I am writing this letter to express my sincere gratitude and my acceptance of the financial assistance that you have provided me for the academic semester of 2022. It came at a much-needed time when my education cost skyrocketed due to the hall expenses that I must pay because of the switch to face-to-face learning. I will ensure I use the opportunity to pursue excellence and one day be able to afford this same opportunity to other students in pursuit of the same culture of excellence and bolster the UWI Alumni.

To Whom it may concern,

Greetings! I am writing to officially accept and express my most sincere gratitude for this scholarship. It will assist in covering my tuition cost for this semester, thus, giving me an opportunity to complete my

final examinations. Completing these exams will bring me closer to my dream of pursuing a career in Psychiatry or Pediatrics. I will ensure that the Board of the UWI AA Florida Chapter is kept updated with my progress throughout my Medical School journey

The UWIAA-FL Board:

Greetings and salutations to all members! Firstly, I must say thank you so much for choosing me for this scholarship. It is greatly appreciated and will definitely take a lot of the strain off my remaining tuition balance. This semester will now be less struggling as it relates to financial costs and now, focusing on school will be a lot easier. I am in my final year so this award allows me to be much closer to achieving my educational goals than I was before.

Dear UWIAA-FL,

I hope you all are well. I am writing this letter to thank you for your generous contribution to my education. I am honoured to have been selected as the recipient of the UWIAA-FL General Scholarship for the academic year 2022/2023. By awarding me this scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden immensely which will allow me to focus on the most crucial aspect of school, learning. Your generosity has also inspired me to help others. I hope that one day I will also be able to assist another budding Pharmacy student who is struggling financially, just as you have assisted me. Thank you for believing in my dream and investing in me. I am most grateful.

Thanks again to our scholarship committee as the acceptance letters show the amazing job you did of selecting outstanding and appreciative scholarship winners. Our hope is for the chapter to help more students each year.



All Alumni Walkathon

Fundraiser for Jamaican Alumni Associations in Florida

December 3, 2022
From 9:00 AM

Miramar Regional Park
16801 Miramar Parkway
Miramar, Florida 33027

Call Sandra or Rupert for more information at
954-510-6265 or 954-242-2529

DJ UNCLE KEV

Exercise Walk Eat Drink & HAVE FUN

Please remember to come out and support our major fundraising effort on December 3, 2022, the COALITION OF JAMAICAN ALUMNI Associations' Walkathon. This is put on by our own Sandra Schrouder and Rupert Rhodd for all the alumni associations to use as a fundraiser. The money UWI Alumni raises from walking will be used for its projects, so please help us raise thousands of dollars.

We are hoping to see you in person at the walkathon on December 3, 2022, at Miramar Regional Park and on ZOOM at the general meeting on December 9, 2022.

Finally, thanks to our members who volunteered on October 27, 2022 for Broward County's Reading for the Record initiative. This brought together adults and children who read the same book ***Nigel and the Moon*** by Antwan Eady.

Best wishes from your executive board.
Cheralee Morgan & Diana Turnbull



UWI Alumni Association, Florida (UWIAAFL)

Call for Nominations: 2022 - 2024 UWIAA-FL Chapter Executive Board

Nominations are being sought for six (6) positions on the January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024 Executive Board. The deadline to receive nominations is November 16th, 2022.

The positions to be filled are:

- President
- 1st Vice-President
- 2nd Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Public Relations Officer

Nomination : Self-nomination or Nomination by a Member

Individuals who self-nominate should provide the following materials:

1. Brief statement of no more than 300 words detailing qualifications. Please include information on any professional or personal attributes you believe you could bring to the board. Please specify the position for which you are nominating yourself.
2. Please include your current curriculum vitae
3. Please send the above to uwiaafl@gmail.com

Individuals who are nominating someone else:

1. Please send the full name, email address and phone number for the person that you are nominating to uwiaafl@gmail.com
2. The individual will be contacted and asked to provide the documents needed for nomination.

Nominees' material will be reviewed, and nominees interviewed virtually should it be warranted. Members will be elected at the annual meeting to be held on December 9, 2022.

NATIONAL HONOURS FOR MEMBERS OF THE UWI COMMUNITY

Jamaica

The Order of Jamaica. They were:

- ✚ **Monty Alexander**, CD, for sterling contribution to the promotion of Jamaican music and the jazz genre interpretations globally (Honorary Graduate)
- ✚ **Mrs. Shelly-Ann Fraser Pryce**, CD, for outstanding performance in the field of athletics at the international level (Honorary Graduate)
- ✚ **Professor Maureen A. Samms-Vaughan**, CD, for pioneering research, clinical work and policy development in the field of Child Health, Child Development and Behaviour (Staff)
- ✚ **Professor Alvin George Wint**, CD, for distinguished service to the development of public and private institutions and academia in Jamaica (Professor Emeritus).

Order of Distinction – Rank of Commander.

- ✚ **Mr. Michael Anthony Clarke** for his contribution to sports in the area of track & field (Retiree)
- ✚ **Professor Mona Kay Webber** for her contribution to preserving and protecting the marine and coastal environment of Jamaica (Staff)
- ✚ **Professor Ronald Edward Young**, for his contribution to the field of physiology with emphasis on neurophysiology (Retiree).

Order of Distinction – Rank of Officer

- ✚ **Dr. Amina Blackwood-Meeks**, BH (M), for her contribution to the development of the literary arts in the Jamaican culture (Retiree)
- ✚ **Dr. Myrna-Hague-Bradshaw** for her contribution to the Jamaican music industry. (Honorary Graduate)

Badge of Honour

- ✚ **Dr. Barbara Antonette Salmon Grandison**, for Meritorious Service, for notable service to the public health sector (Staff).

Trinidad and Tobago

- ✚ **Dr. Sterling Frost**, Professor of Practice, Faculty of Social Sciences and President of The UWI Development and Endowment Fund – The Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (the nation's highest award) for Distinguished and Outstanding Service, in the spheres of banking, education and community service)
- ✚ **Professor Christine Carrington**, Professor of Molecular Genetics and Virology in the Faculty of Medical Sciences – the Chaconia Medal Gold for leadership in molecular genetics and virology
- ✚ **Dr. Gabrielle Hosein**, Senior Lecturer, Institute of Gender and Development Studies – the Medal for the Development of Women, Gold, for her work in the sphere of public education and advocacy

- ✚ **Dr. Primnath Gooptar**, Indian Cinema Lecturer, The UWI Film Degree Programme – the Hummingbird Medal, Gold, for his singular contribution to national culture.
- ✚ **Professor Kit Fai Pun**, Professor of Industrial Engineering, Engineering Education and Research of the Faculty of Engineering – the Hummingbird Medal, Gold, for engineering education and research;
- ✚ **Dr. Jerome Teelucksingh**, Lecturer, Faculty of Humanities and Education – the Hummingbird Medal, Gold, for education and volunteerism;
- ✚ **Professor Gordon Rohlehr**, Professor Emeritus, (Faculty of Humanities (Literature) the Chaconia Medal, Silver, in the spheres of literature, culture, history and education;
- ✚ **Ms. Hazel Franco**, Dance Coordinator, Department of Creative and Festival Arts – the Chaconia Medal, Silver, for her contribution to the performing arts; and
- ✚ **Professor Edgar Duncan**, Professor Emeritus – the Chaconia Medal, Bronze, education and research.
- ✚ **Dr. Roshan Parasram**, Honorary Graduate and Chief Medical Officer was also given The Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for his Distinguished and Outstanding Service, in the sphere of public health;
- ✚ **Ms. Marina Salandy-Brown**, Honorary Graduate and President, Bocas Lit Fest for the Hummingbird Medal Silver, arts and literacy.

Open Campus

- ✚ **Dr Cleopatra Dombia-Henry** (LLB, LLM, PhD), Dominican-born, UWI alumna and Barrister at Law, for her contribution to International Law
- ✚ **The Honourable Sir Hugh Rawlins**, UWI alumnus and a national of St Kitts and Nevis, for his contribution to Law and the Judiciary.

UWI ST. AUGUSTINE RESEARCHERS SHARE IN 2022 GULBENKIAN PRIZE FOR HUMANITY

<https://sta.uwi.edu/news/releases/release.asp?id=22530>

November 2, 2022



Professor Michelle Mycoo, urban and regional planner and Professor in the Department of Geomatics Engineering and Land Management at The UWI St Augustine.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Trinidad and Tobago. Wednesday November 2, 2022 – Pro Vice-Chancellor and Campus Principal Professor Rose-Marie Belle Antoine has issued congratulations to Professor Michelle Mycoo, a member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which was declared a co-laureate of

the 2022 Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity, together with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).

“This is wonderful news and a tremendous achievement by you and your colleagues. It reinforces what I truly believe - that the St. Augustine Campus of The UWI has colleagues of the highest worth who can compare and even surpass their peers on the international stage and who are making meaningful contributions in every facet of our lives. I am very proud. Congratulations,” she said.

Mycoo, who is a Professor of Urban and Regional Planning in the Faculty of Engineering, shared that “It took a tremendous amount of hard work, discipline and leadership as the Coordinating Lead Author of the Small Islands chapter of the IPCC Working Group II Report. I am most humbled by this award as an IPCC scientist and grateful to the team of authors who contributed to the global report, including scholars from The University of the West Indies and UWI alumni.”

The Jury of the Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity, led by Dr. Angela Merkel, selected the IPCC and IPBES out of 116 nominations from 41 countries, in recognition of “...the role of science on the front line of tackling climate change and the loss of biodiversity.” IPCC Chair Hoesung Lee received the award “on behalf of IPCC scientists who deliver the most up-to-date and robust climate change knowledge to the world’s policymakers.”

“Science is our most powerful instrument to tackle climate change, a clear and imminent threat to our wellbeing and livelihoods, the wellbeing of our planet and all of its species. For IPCC scientists, this prize is an important recognition and encouragement. For the decision-makers, it is another push for more decisive climate action.”

The prize was launched by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation in 2020 with the objective of distinguishing those persons and organisations from around the world whose work has greatly contributed to mitigating the impacts of climate change. It comes with a generous purse of 1 million Euros.

About the IPCC

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the UN body for assessing the science related to climate change. It was established by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in 1988 to provide political leaders with periodic scientific assessments concerning climate change, its implications and risks, as well as to put forward adaptation and mitigation strategies. In the same year the UN General Assembly endorsed the action by the WMO and UNEP in jointly establishing the IPCC. It has 195 member states. Thousands of people from all over the world contribute to the work of the IPCC. For the assessment reports, experts volunteer their time as IPCC authors to assess the thousands of scientific papers published each year to provide a comprehensive summary of what is known about the drivers of climate change, its impacts and future risks, and how adaptation and mitigation can reduce those risks.

The IPCC has three working groups: Working Group I, dealing with the physical science basis of climate change; Working Group II, dealing with impacts, adaptation and vulnerability; and Working Group III, dealing with the mitigation of climate change. It also has a Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories that develops methodologies for estimating emissions and removals of greenhouse gases. IPCC assessments provide governments, at all levels, with scientific information that they can use to develop climate policies. IPCC assessments are a key input into the international negotiations to tackle climate change. IPCC reports are drafted and reviewed in several stages, thus guaranteeing objectivity and transparency

UWI COMMUNITY MOURNS PASSING OF ACTIVIST AND HONORARY GRADUATE HAZEL BROWN

(Alumni Central News)



The late Ms. Hazel Brown is congratulated by UWI's Chancellor Robert Bermudez, after being conferred with an Honorary Doctor of Laws (LLD) in 2017

ST. AUGUSTINE, Trinidad and Tobago. Thursday September 22, 2022 – The University of the West Indies (The UWI), St. Augustine Campus, joins with the nation in mourning the passing of Honorary Graduate Hazel Angela Brown, on Thursday 22 September.

Pro Vice-Chancellor and Campus Principal Professor Rose-Marie Belle Antoine expressed her sadness at the loss.

"Hazel Brown pioneered the movement to encourage and develop women politicians from every, and any, party so that women's voices could be heard and their issues made visible. She was a fearless champion of women's rights and Social Justice, and a good colleague."

Lecturer and Head, Institute for Gender and Development Studies (IGDS) at The UWI St. Augustine Campus Dr. Sue Ann Barratt described Brown as "An inspiring woman, feminist fighter and advocate for gender equity and Justice. She was relentless and brave and mentored other women, especially women leaders to stay their course. A true champion indeed. Her down to earth assertiveness will be missed."

The UWI conferred her with an Honorary Doctor of Laws (LLD) at the St. Augustine Campus 2017 Graduation ceremony. She delivered a most memorable speech at The Faculty of Social Sciences Graduation Ceremony. “My greatest disappointment during my years of advocacy has been the lack of consistent, purposeful organising, by people like yourselves in this room, in areas of active citizenship. There is much talk but there is not enough of the necessary action that is required around advocacy for social justice.”

This necessary action, she said, goes far beyond volunteering. Rather people must “Get Up, Stand Up and Speak Up for Gender Justice” and cultivate a gender-sensitive approach in every area of life to achieve an equitable and just society.

Brown has been recognised by the UNDP and the Guyana Cancer Society. In 2011, she was among the first to receive the Trinidad and Tobago Medal for the Development of Women (Gold). The UWI St. Augustine Campus extends condolences to the family of Ms. Hazel Brown

