



# THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (FLORIDA)

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## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT DR. CHERALEE MORGAN

Dear UWI Alumni and Friends,

As we approach the close of another remarkable year, I am filled with deep gratitude for the unwavering support, generosity, and commitment each of you has shown to our alma mater. Together, we continue to strengthen the proud legacy of the University of the West Indies and uplift the next generation of Caribbean leaders.

This year, our Florida Chapter celebrated a significant milestone: **the awarding of nine scholarships totaling \$8,250** to deserving UWI students. This achievement reflects the true spirit of our alumni community — a family united by purpose, pride, and the shared belief that education transforms lives. Your contributions, encouragement, and dedication have made this possible, and for that we extend sincere thanks.

The Christmas season offers us an opportunity to pause and reflect on the values that shape this special time of year — love, compassion, generosity, and the joy of giving. These values live at the heart of our alumni community all year long. Whether through mentoring a student, participating in Chapter initiatives, or supporting our scholarship fund, each of you has helped to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Christmas reminds us that the greatest gifts are often acts of service, kindness, and hope.

As we look toward **2026**, I encourage you to continue this legacy of giving and engagement. Let us strengthen our bonds with one another, grow our membership, and expand the opportunities available to UWI students. The

need is great, and with your continued involvement, we can support even more scholars, foster leadership, and ensure that the University of the West Indies remains a beacon of excellence across the Caribbean and the wider diaspora. Together, we have the power to make the coming year even more impactful and transformative.

On behalf of the Chapter, I welcome **Mrs. Christina Plummer Wynn**, the new Director of Alumni Relations, to our Florida UWI Community. We look forward to working with her as we continue our tradition of giving back to

our beloved alma mater, THE UWI.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I wish you and your loved ones a joyful and peaceful Christmas, and a bright, prosperous New Year filled with health, happiness, and continued success.



## WHY SUPPORTING UWI THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS

Giving back to the University of the West Indies is more than an act of generosity — it is an investment in the future of our Caribbean region. The UWI has produced leaders, innovators, and change-makers who continue to shape our societies across the globe. Many of us benefited from the opportunities and support the University provided during our own journeys. Now, we have the chance to extend that same opportunity to the next generation of students.

Scholarships open doors for talented and deserving students who might otherwise struggle to afford a university education. Each scholarship reduces financial barriers, allows students to focus on their studies, and helps cultivate the next wave of doctors, teachers, engineers, and public servants who will strengthen our communities.

Establishing named scholarships is a meaningful way for alumni, families, and organizations to leave a legacy at UWI. A named scholarship not only honors the generosity of its benefactor but also serves as an enduring symbol of commitment to education.

We extend heartfelt kudos to our current benefactors - individuals whose vision and generosity have already changed lives. **Through your continued support, the Florida Chapter was able to award nine scholarships this year**, directly impacting students across UWI campuses by building hope and fostering excellence.

As we look ahead, we invite more alumni and friends to join this noble cause. Together, let us ensure that financial need never prevents a capable student from realizing their dreams. Every scholarship — every act of giving — strengthens the UWI legacy and keeps our motto alive: “Oriens Ex Occidente Lux” — A Light Rising from the West.

*Carmen Nicholas, PhD (Chair, Scholarship Committee)*

## HONORING UWI GRADUATES IN FLORIDA: OCTOBER 2025

At this year's UWI Alumni Association Florida Chapter **Pelican Awards Luncheon**, we proudly recognized three distinguished honorees whose exceptional leadership, service, and dedication continue to elevate our UWI community.

### PELICAN AWARD



**Dr. Cheralee Morgan** stands as a shining example of excellence, service, and leadership within the University of the West Indies (UWI) alumni community and beyond. The UWI Alumni Association Florida Chapter proudly

recognizes Dr. Cheralee Morgan, Director of Programs at The GEO Group and a 2017 graduate of UWI, Mona with a Doctorate in Business Administration as the recipient of the 2025 Pelican Award.

At The GEO Group, Dr. Morgan leads transformative correctional education initiatives. Under her leadership, the facility became Florida's first to offer the Federal Second Chance Pell Grant, enabling 84 inmates to pursue an Associate Degree in Business Administration. She also secured Cogna accreditation for all academic and technical programs and guided her students to win regional and state titles in the 2024–2025 Corrections Got Talent competitions.

As the current President - and past Co-President - of the Florida Chapter of the UWI Alumni Association, Dr. Morgan has demonstrated a strong desire to advancing the mission of the organization through service. Under her guidance, the chapter has strengthened its presence in the South Florida community, fostered greater alumni engagement, and expanded scholarship and outreach initiatives to benefit current UWI students and the next generation of Caribbean leaders. Dr. Morgan also remains deeply committed to her Jamaican roots, supporting Clarendon College and Beulah All-Age School through scholarships, infrastructure projects, and student development initiatives. She also contributes actively to Feeding South Florida, Habitat for Humanity, the City of Lauderhill Arts, Culture, and Tourism Board, and her church at Christian Life Center.

Dr. Morgan's approach to service is characterized by a steadfast belief in volunteerism and service to build communities. Her ability to bring people together for a common cause has been instrumental in building bridges across generations of UWI graduates, uniting them in service to their alma mater and their communities.

Whether organizing events, mentoring young professionals, or representing the alumni association at community gatherings, Dr. Morgan gives generously of her time, expertise, and energy. Her tireless efforts have inspired others to serve, to lead, and to give back. Dr. Morgan has earned numerous honors, including the 2024 Jack Brewer Foundation Global Ambassador Award, GEO Group Supervisor of the Year (2020 & 2023), the 2021 Diversity Leadership Award, and major recognitions from HEART Trust NTA, Herbalife International, and the Rotary Club of Montego Bay.

In every sphere—academic, professional, and community—Dr. Cheralee Morgan has been a beacon of excellence and service.

Her leadership continues to inspire pride among UWI alumni and stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of the University of the West Indies.



### SPECIAL AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP



The UWI Alumni Association Florida Chapter proudly celebrates **Ms. Diana Turnbull**, recipient of this year's Special Award for Leadership at the Pelican Awards Luncheon. Diana's distinguished career in medical science, her commitment to healthcare

excellence, and her service-minded leadership embody the values of The University of the West Indies and the spirit of the Caribbean diaspora. Diana's career spans more than three decades of leadership in clinical laboratory science, healthcare management, and organizational excellence. Her strong academic foundation began at The University of the West Indies, Mona, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Physical Sciences and a Diploma in Medical Microbiology and Bacteriology. She later advanced her education at Barry University in Miami Shores, completing a Master of Healthcare

Administration in 2005—further strengthening her capacity for leadership in the medical field. In her most recent job, for nearly a decade, Diana has served as Hematology Supervisor at Good Samaritan Medical Center in West Palm Beach. Her work centers on overseeing hematology operations, with a specialized focus on oncology.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Diana is deeply admired within the UWI alumni community for her commitment, humility, and collaborative spirit. Her leadership contributes to the Chapter’s mission of supporting Caribbean students, strengthening alumni engagement, and honoring the values of service and excellence that define The University of the West Indies. Her Special Award for Leadership recognizes not only her career achievements but the integrity, dedication, and influence she brings to every space she occupies. Diana leads with steadiness, compassion, and a genuine desire to uplift others—qualities that resonate with colleagues, alumni, and the broader community.



Whether managing high-stakes clinical operations, mentoring future healthcare professionals, or supporting the UWI alumni network, Diana Turnbull exemplifies leadership at its finest. Her journey reflects the power of education, discipline, and service-filled living. The Florida Chapter proudly salutes her for her outstanding contributions and the meaningful ways she continues to inspire excellence.

### SPECIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



The UWI Alumni Association Florida Chapter proudly highlights **Ms. Alexandra P. Davis**, Broward County Commissioner for District 7, for her outstanding commitment to community service and civic engagement. Her leadership has consistently focused on uplifting

communities, creating opportunities, and celebrating Caribbean culture in South Florida.

Alexandra has dedicated decades to improving the lives of Broward residents. During her tenure on the **Miramar City Commission**, including multiple terms as Vice Mayor, she championed initiatives that directly benefit local residents:

- Launched youth programs to provide mentorship, apprenticeships, and engagement in civic life
- Created public spaces, including Miramar’s first **Dog Park, Skate Park**, and a community **bandshell** for arts and cultural events
- Implemented public safety improvements, such as **school resource officers** in every school and **body-worn cameras** for the police department
- Introduced innovative social programs, including embedding a **police social worker** to provide support for at-risk residents

Alexandra is also the founder of **Caribefest, Inc.**, a non-profit that promotes Caribbean arts, culture, and heritage. Through Caribefest, she launched the **Afro-Caribbean Festival**, now a signature annual event in Broward County during Black History Month, fostering cultural pride and community cohesion.

Alexandra’s dedication to public service has earned her lasting recognition:

- The **Miramar Multi-Service Complex** was renamed in her honor in 2025, cementing her legacy of community impact
- Honored with the **Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award** for her decades of public service
- Celebrated by the **Florida Panthers** and Caribbean organizations for her efforts to bridge civic engagement with Caribbean culture

Through decades of service, Alexandra P. Davis has transformed Broward County’s approach to community engagement, youth development, and cultural celebration. Her leadership reflects a deep commitment to public service, inclusivity, and empowerment. Ms. Alexandra P. Davis continues to inspire residents, alumni, and Caribbean communities alike to engage, give back, and build stronger, more vibrant neighborhoods.

## INTRODUCTION & GREETINGS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

CHRISTINA PLUMMER WYNN  
DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS  
INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT DIVISION

Dear Alumni Leaders and Partners,

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself as the newly appointed Director of Alumni Relations for The University of the West Indies. I am honoured to have the opportunity to serve in this role and to work alongside each of you as we strengthen our engagement with UWI graduates across the region and the wider diaspora.



As we look ahead, I am committed to fostering meaningful collaboration, enhancing our support for chapter initiatives, and ensuring that our alumni community continues to thrive. Your leadership, dedication, and ongoing contributions are vital to this mission. I look forward to learning from your experiences, supporting your goals, and building strong partnerships that advance the legacy of our University.

I warmly encourage you to feel free to reach out to me at any time to share updates, insights, or suggestions, or simply to connect and discuss ways we can further strengthen our alumni network. Your perspectives are invaluable, and I welcome the opportunity to engage with each of you.

As we approach the holiday season, I extend my warmest wishes to you and your families. May this period be filled with peace, joy, and renewal. I also wish each of you continued success and prosperity in 2026. I am genuinely excited about what we will accomplish together in the coming year.

Thank you for your ongoing service to the UWI alumni community. I look forward to meeting and working with you in the months ahead.

Regards,

*Christina Plummer Wynn*

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"One UWI, One Alumni Family"



### MY BEST CHRISTMAS MEMORY

My best Christmas memory is waking up early Christmas Eve as a kid and my neighbor would take all the kids on the road to Coronation Market called Grand Market. What an experience! **Miriam White**

My best Christmas memory as a little girl growing up in rural Clarendon was experiencing the merriment and joy of going to grand market with my siblings and watching the Jonkanoo dance. **Cheralee Morgan**

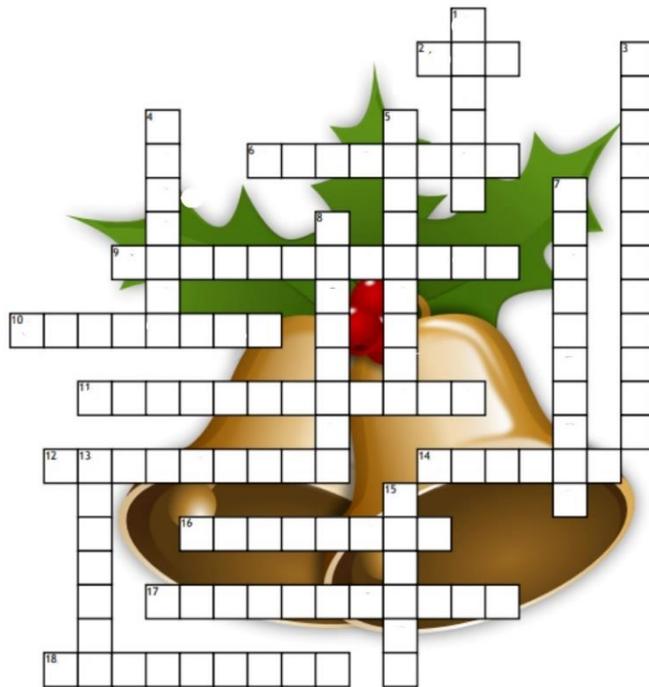
Favorite memory as a kid... Christmas Eve shopping at the uptown malls in Half Way Tree and walking home with my friends after midnight.. This was the only night

that our parents allowed us to be on the road so late.. and we were never robbed or attacked. **Justin Peart**

Best Christmas memory - going to Christmas market early Christmas morning with my father holding my hand. I was ecstatic. **Enid Jones**

My favorite Christmas memory was going out on Christmas eve with my siblings to get gifts for everyone, then coming back home to finish decorating the house for Christmas. I remember how the smell of the Christmas ham and cake filled the house. Once you smelled that, you knew it was Christmas. **Kendra Merchant**

# CARIBBEAN CHRISTMAS



**Across**

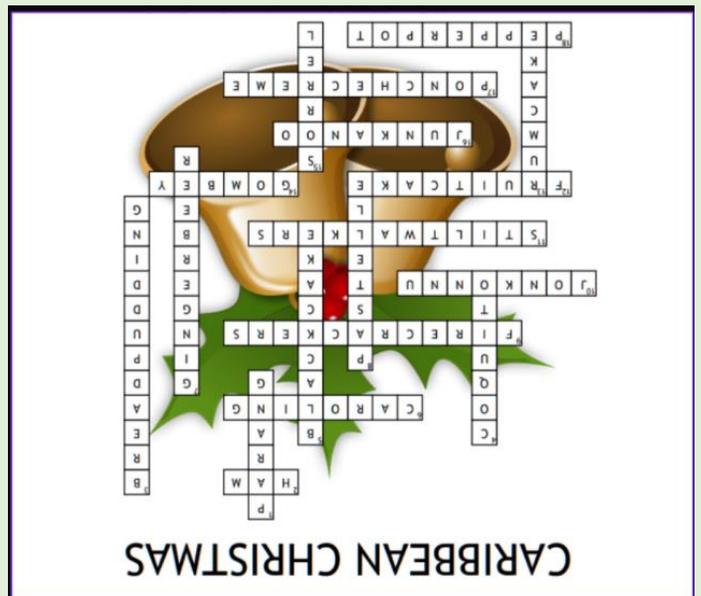
- 2. Traditional glazed centerpiece meat, served in many Caribbean homes.
- 6. Singing festive songs door-to-door or church-to-church.
- 9. Tradition of loud pops to welcome Christmas & New Year.
- 10. Jamaican masquerade tradition with street dancing during Christmas.
- 11. Tall festival performers towering over the crowd.
- 12. Dense sweet loaf packed with fruits and nuts.

- 14. Bermuda's brightly costumed dancers who drum and dance at Christmas.
- 16. Colourful Bahamian street parade with costumes, cowbells, and brass bands.
- 17. Creamy Trinidadian Christmas drink made with milk, spices, and rum.
- 18. Rich Guyanese soup made with cassareep and meat

**Down**

- 1. Trinidad and Tobago's roving Christmas music tradition with guitars, cuatros, and Spanish carols.
- 3. Sweet baked dessert using leftover bread and spices.

- 4. Puerto Rican Christmas coconut-rum drink.
- 5. Dark, rum-soaked Caribbean Christmas dessert with fruits and spices.
- 7. Spicy, Jamaican drink made from ginger root.
- 8. Little cornmeal parcels wrapped in banana leaves for Trini Christmas.
- 13. Rum-flavored dessert, often lighter than black cake.
- 15. Ruby-red petals steeped with ginger and cloves; the classic Jamaican Christmas drink served ice-cold.



CARIBBEAN CHRISTMAS

## FLORIDA UWI ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2025 - 2026

THE FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES ALUMNI USES THIS MEDIUM TO EXPRESS ITS GRATITUDE FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF ITS RECENTLY CONCLUDED SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE. WITH YOUR SUPPORT THE ASSOCIATION AWARDED \$8,250 (SEVEN \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS; ONE \$750 SCHOLARSHIP; AND ONE \$500 SCHOLARSHIP)

### LETTERS FROM 2025 UWI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

#### Kayla Bogle

I am writing to formally accept the Ronald and Miriam White Scholarship for the 2025/26 academic year. I am deeply grateful to have been selected, and I extend my sincerest thanks to the entire UWIAA–FL Board for choosing me as a recipient for this award. Thank you for acknowledging my academic efforts, my passion for my chosen field, and my financial needs.

This award significantly eases the financial burden of my studies and allows me to focus more fully on my academic and professional development. I am truly grateful for your support. It is a privilege to be associated with the legacy of the late Mr. Ronald White and Mrs. Miriam White, and I will strive to uphold the values they represent.

My academic goal includes first completing my BSc in Psychology and furthering my education by pursuing a PhD in Counselling Psychology. I strive to keep a healthy balance between academic life and extracurricular activities. I currently serve as the Sign Language Arm Co-Ordinator for my Hall's Sign language Club, volunteer with the UWI Sexual Harassment Unit as a Peer Advisor and serve on the Guild's EAC External Affairs Committee as a Newsletter Writer. I am passionate about learning new skills and contributing wherever my skills are best utilized.

I hope to use my profession to increase understanding of the importance of mental health and to advocate for improved access to mental health support and services. My long-term goal is to eventually have my own practice as a Counselling Psychologist dedicated to helping individuals with mental health challenges and helping them work towards self-actualization. This scholarship means relief from financial insecurity and brings me one step closer to fulfilling my academic goals, and I intend to make the most of this opportunity.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and confidence in my potential. I look forward to making the UWIAA–Florida Chapter proud.

*Kayla Bogle*

#### Recardoê Rodriques

I am writing to formally accept the Dr. Carmen Amos Nicholas Early Childhood Education Scholarship. I am truly honoured to be selected as a recipient, and I am deeply grateful for this incredible opportunity.

This scholarship will greatly support my academic journey. I am currently pursuing a BSc in Psychology, with plans to further my studies in child psychology and school counselling. Your generosity will allow me to focus on my education without the weight of financial stress, bringing me closer to my goal of positively impacting the lives of children in our nation.

This scholarship means so much to me, not just as financial support, but as a vote of confidence in my passion for child psychology and my commitment to helping children thrive. I am inspired to continue working diligently in my studies and to make a meaningful difference in the community.

Thank you again for your belief in my potential and for this incredible support. I promise to honour your generosity by dedicating myself to both academic excellence and the future well-being of our nation's children.

With heartfelt gratitude,

*Recardoê Rodrigues*

### **Adana Anderson**

I hope this email finds you well. I am Adana Anderson the recipient of the Dr Enid B. Jones Scholarship. I want to express the most sincere and heartfelt gratitude to you because being a recipient of this scholarship provided me with more than monetary support, it also gave me hope. A few days ago I was in shambles, panicking about how I'm going to cover this semester's cost especially since for the past few months I've been doing it alone. Despite it, all my passion and drive for higher education never change I keep on going.

I started my second year with a lot of goals, the main one is to achieve a 3.6 or higher GPA which has been my goal from day one. Few weeks before I moved into my dorm room my laptop broke, I cried but I never gave up. I'm still finding alternatives to continue to achieve all the A's possible.

Dr Jones, you are an inspiration and a role model and I aspire to have this much drive and care for higher education for myself and others. It's very motivating to know that someone read my story and think I was worthy enough to receive an award in your name.

Dr Jones, thank you very much, I pray God's richest blessing, prosperity and peace over your life. Continue to impact more lives.

Sincerely,

*Adana Anderson*

### **Keyli Salazar**

Greetings to the UWIAAFL Board:

I am incredibly honoured to accept the Dr. Eric Chiang Achieve Scholarship. As I write this letter, I feel overwhelming gratitude for being granted the privilege to accept this award. With the gracious support of the UWIAAFL, I am empowered to continue excelling in my studies, growing professionally, and engaging within my Belizean and Caribbean communities.

I have recently concluded my first semester as a second-year student at the University of the West Indies, Global Campus (UWIGC), and securing this scholarship has truly made the journey even more fulfilling. I will continuously strive to maintain a GPA of 3.5 and above throughout my studies. Additionally, I am actively seeking ways to participate within my UWI community. As the academic year progresses, it is my hope to use my expertise in marketing as a Public Relations Officer (PRO), serving both at the local and regional levels. I am also preparing an application for the Young Women in Leadership Belize training programme, to enhance my leadership skills for my potential endeavours as a PRO.

I also look forward to writing my third-year practicum research project on digital marketing strategy and tailoring it for submission to the Caribbean Library Journal (CLJ). From there, I aspire to become a Senior Search Engine Optimization Specialist, building my expertise over the next decade for visionary leadership positions. Above all, my career in marketing is my medium to connect with others. My ultimate venture is to launch a Belizean-founded clothing brand that modernizes traditional wear by blending it with contemporary fashion to preserve, reclaim, and educate Caribbean youth about their culture.

I am deeply appreciative of Dr. Eric Chiang and the UWIAAFL Board for investing in my academic journey. To me, this award further crystallizes that despite my financial constraints, I can rise above to reach my academic and professional goals whilst uplifting my local and regional communities.

Once again, I extend my immeasurable thanks for this honourable privilege, and I will do everything in my power to maximise this investment. Yours Sincerely, Keyli Salazar (320104528) Bachelor of Marketing Student University of the West Indies, Global Campus

*Keyli Salazar*

**Mrs. Yamine Trotman**

Dear Members of the UWIAA-FL Board,

I am writing to formally accept the UWIAA-FL General Scholarship for the 2025–2026 academic year. I am deeply honored and sincerely grateful for this support. Thank you for recognizing my academic efforts, my community service, and my commitment to the field of Social Work. This scholarship comes at a crucial time for me, and I am truly appreciative.

I am currently pursuing my Bachelor of Science in Social Work at the University of the West Indies. My academic plan is to complete my degree with excellence and continue developing strong leadership, communication, and community-based practice skills. I am actively involved in volunteerism and student leadership and proudly serve as Vice President of Programming & Volunteerism for the UWI STAT Corps, where I coordinate outreach activities, student development events, and service initiatives that support youth, vulnerable groups, and the wider UWI community.

My long-term career goal is to become a licensed social worker and later pursue a Master’s degree in Psychology, so that I can provide accessible, affordable emotional-wellness programs for women, families, and underserved communities across the Caribbean. I have a passion for healing work, community development, and social transformation, and I believe that my purpose is to serve, lead, and create avenues of empowerment for others. This scholarship brings me one step closer to fulfilling that calling.

Receiving this award significantly reduces the financial stress associated with tuition and allows me to focus more fully on my coursework, research, writing, and community projects. It also reminds me that my hard work, resilience, and dedication have not gone unnoticed. Thank you for believing in my potential and investing in my future.

Once again, thank you for this meaningful opportunity and for the work you continue to do to uplift UWI students across the region and diaspora. I am truly honored to be a recipient of the UWIAA-FL General Scholarship.

With gratitude,

*Mrs. Yamine Trotman*

**Diara Deer**

I write to express my heartfelt gratitude and accept the UWIAA-FL General Scholarship for this academic year. It is a privilege to be a recipient of this award and I truly appreciate your support.

This scholarship not only assists me financially in completing my Bachelor of Laws (LLB) at the University of the West Indies but serves as a powerful reminder to always give back and support others. As I complete my final year and work towards my aspiration of becoming a judge, I commit to working diligently and ensuring the opportunities I have been blessed with will empower me to extend those benefits to others.

Thank you again for your generosity and support. I look forward to sharing my future endeavours with you.

*Diara Deer*

**Malieck J. Kirton**

Dear Members of the UWIAA-FL Scholarship Committee,

I am writing to formally accept the UWIAA-FL General Scholarship and to express my sincere gratitude for selecting me as a scholarship recipient. I am truly honoured to be supported by the Florida Chapter of the University of the West Indies Alumni Association.

I am currently in my final year of studies at The University of the West Indies, and this generous award will significantly ease my financial burden. It will allow me to focus fully on my academic responsibilities as I prepare for my Semester 1 final examinations. Receiving this great news at such a critical time has motivated me even more to push through the challenges I have faced and continue striving for academic excellence.

It has long been my dream to become an Attorney-at-Law, and your support brings me one step closer to realizing that goal. I hope to complete my final year with First Class Honours and progress to the Norman Manley Law School, where this dream will be fully brought to life. I am deeply grateful that the UWIAA-FL believes in my potential and is willing to accompany me on this journey

Thank you once again for this meaningful investment in my future.

Sincerely,

*Malieck J. Kirton*

**Bryanne Hibbert**

Dear Members of the UWIAA-FL Board,

I am writing to formally accept the Dr. Beverly Fray Bursary for the 2025–2026 academic year. I am truly honored to be selected for this award, and I want to express my sincere gratitude to the Scholarship Committee and the Florida Chapter of the University of the West Indies Alumni Association for this generous support.

As I pursue my Bachelor of Science in Sociology, this bursary will greatly assist me in meeting my educational expenses and allow me to focus more fully on my studies and academic development. I am deeply grateful for your investment in my future.

By way of introduction, I am passionate about understanding social systems and contributing to community development. I am currently a member of a nonprofit organization called LANDS, where I participate in volunteer activities aimed at empowering youth and supporting vulnerable communities. My involvement in LANDS has strengthened my commitment to service, and I am passionate about giving back and creating positive change wherever possible.

My academic plans include engaging in research and volunteer initiatives that strengthen social programs. Additionally, I plan to pursue a career in the public relations or marketing field, where I can combine my interest in communication, community engagement, and social development. In the long term, I hope to contribute to initiatives that promote positive social impact and support underserved communities.

Thank you again for believing in my potential and supporting my educational journey. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

Warm regards,

*Bryanne Hibbert*

## Christmas Celebrations in the Caribbean Islands

**Did you know that HAM** is an important part of many dinner tables across the Caribbean at Christmas? Ham is to the Caribbean Christmas as turkey is to Thanksgiving. It is just not complete if this is missing from the table.

The Caribbean has its own special way of cooking ham too. It involves soaking the ham overnight, roasting it in the oven and then glazing it with a special sauce, which is usually a mixture of pineapple juice, honey, brown sugar and butter; buzzing with Caribbean flavor. The ham is however not complete without the special red and yellow decorations; sweet maraschino cherries and pineapples, that add a special Caribbean flair to the ham at Christmas. (<https://www.islandroutes.com/inspiration/christmas-caribbean-activities-sea-sun>)



### Nine Mornings in St. Vincent & the Grenadines

Each morning starting on the morning nine days before Christmas, those living in St. Vincent and the Grenadines begin the annual **Nine Mornings Festival**. They wake up before the sun rises to fill the streets for a wild party which includes sea baths, costumed dances, and festive bike rides. (<https://www.insandoutsofsvq.com/events/national-nine-mornings-festival>)



**Pictures from the Awards Luncheon (October 25, 2025)**







**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE FLORIDA  
CHAPTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**