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Richard Powell Appointed Pro-Chancellor

The University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech, Ja.) formally welcomed **Mr. Richard Powell** as the Institution's fourth Pro-Chancellor at the ceremony for his installation held on Monday, October 31, 2016 at the University's Alfred Sangster auditorium, Papine campus.

The celebratory occasion marked by pageantry and fanfare was witnessed by an audience of members of government, the diplomatic corps, the business community, academia, family, friends and associates of Mr. Powell.

Words of confidence in the expected leadership and well wishes for the newly installed Pro-Chancellor flowed from all speakers on the ninety-minute programme, led by Chancellor **the Most Hon. Edward Seaga, ON, PC** who presided over the ceremony.

In his welcome address, Chancellor Seaga told the gathering that Mr. Powell is a "distinguished person" of "unquestionable integrity" evidenced by his long and illustrious career in the public and private sectors spanning over forty years.



Mr. Richard Powell (right) is presented with his Instrument of Office by Chancellor, the Most Hon. Edward Seaga, ON, PC as he welcomes him as UTech, Jamaica's fourth Pro-Chancellor at the Pro-Chancellor's Installation Ceremony held on Monday, October 31, 2016 at the Alfred Sangster auditorium, UTech Papine campus. Members of the Platform party applaud the happy occasion.

Acting President, **Prof. Colin Gyles** in welcoming Pro-Chancellor Powell into the UTech, Jamaica community expressed confidence that "the Council in its work and the University in general will benefit from his vast professional and leadership experience."

The Acting President called on all stakeholders to give the new Pro-Chancellor their support as he continues to play a part in the development of the University.

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Stephen Vasciannie Appointed 4th President



Prof. Stephen Vasciannie has been appointed fourth President of the University of Technology, Jamaica. Chairman of Council and Pro-Chancellor Richard Powell in making the announcement stated that he is "happy Prof. Vasciannie has agreed to join the UTech, Jamaica family and that the University Council is confident that he will make an invaluable contribution to the growth and development of the University. The leadership of this distinguished Jamaican will enhance the ability of UTech, Jamaica to fulfil its role as Jamaica's national university in supporting the achievements of the country's development

goals." The appointment is for a period of three years commencing January 2, 2017.

As President, Prof. Vasciannie will carry out the functions of chief academic and administrative officer of the University, reporting directly to the Council, through its Chairman, the Pro-Chancellor. He will be principally responsible for implementing the Council's policies, and will exercise such executive powers as necessary for the proper administration and operation of the University.

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Cont'd from page 1 Richard Powell Appointed Pro-Chancellor

Minister of Education, Youth and Information, **Senator the Hon. Ruel Reid, CD** in congratulating Mr. Powell for accepting the "Herculean challenge," told the gathering that "Mr. Powell represents the best in us and the best of us," and lauded the new Pro-Chancellor for his "impressive exploits in the corporate world and his tremendous contribution to education and indeed community development in this country."

The Minister expressed confidence in the future of the University, noting that he will continue to work closely "with all who are desirous of seeing UTech, Jamaica realize its full potential." He saluted the University for the service it has given to the development of Jamaica in improving the lives of thousands of persons and called on all be to "positive about our collective ability to solve our challenges," while urging "more outlets for collaboration and fewer conduits of unenlightened competition."

Congratulations and well wishes to Pro-Chancellor Powell were also received from the President of the Students' Union, Mr. Dimitri McGregor and President of the UTech, Jamaica Academic Staff Union (UTASU), Mrs. Joan Lawla who spoke on behalf of the University's other staff unions (UTech, Jamaica Administrative staff Association – UTASU and University and Allied Workers Union – UAWU).

The Students' Union President in welcoming the new Pro-Chancellor noted that the student body was already appreciative of Mr. Powell's keen interest in students' concerns and the time he has given to meeting with him and listening to various issues towards supporting amicable solutions in the interest of students.

Mrs. Lawla, in welcoming Mr. Powell, lauded him for his "unique combination of academic achievement, business acumen and experience," and expressed confidence in a "fruitful period of

association," affirming that the UAWU, UTASA and UTASU "are committed to working to secure the best interests of workers in the realization of the full potential of the university."

Inaugural Address

In his inaugural address, Mr. Powell paid homage to the previous Pro-Chancellors and all stakeholders who have steered the institution's development in all areas. Noting that the



Pro-Chancellor, Richard Powell delivers his inaugural address

foundation has been well laid, he expressed hope that "UTech, Jamaica has an extraordinary future in prospect." The Pro-Chancellor emphasized the University's important role in the realization of the imperative for national prosperity as articulated in Jamaica's Vision 2030 development goals. In this regard, he highlighted imperative of "undertaking our own internal transformation to prepare the University to take advantage of our unique status as a national university, to deliver on our mission in support of Jamaica's national development goals." He acknowledged that this will have implications for "strategy development, resource allocation, the determination of areas of research focus, knowledge development and dissemination and ultimately the design and delivery of courses of study and learning."

Mr. Powell pledged his commitment to working

assiduously with all University stakeholders to achieve the institution's vision and mission in the interest of the citizens of Jamaica.

Mr. Richard K. Powell recently retired from the Victoria Mutual Group having served in the position of President and Chief Executive Officer of The Victoria Mutual Building Society from July 2005. Mr. Powell is a highly qualified and respected executive, whose professional

experience includes appointments as President and CEO of Life of Jamaica Limited and Blue Cross of Jamaica, as well as an executive management position at the Lascelles DeMercado Group of Companies.

Prior to those appointments, Mr. Powell had a successful engineering career in the public sector. He has served on the Boards of many private sector corporations.

Mr. Powell's academic achievements include an M.B.A (with Distinction) from York University in Canada, a MSc. in Highway Engineering from the University of Birmingham in England, and a B.Sc. (Hons.) in Civil Engineering from the University of the West Indies. In 1984, he was the recipient of a Canadian Commonwealth Scholarship, which was tenable at York University.

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A Rhodes Scholar, Ambassador Vasciannie has been a Professor of International Law for more than 12 years. He holds the Doctor of Philosophy degree in International Law from the University of Oxford, the Master of Law degree in International Law from the University of Cambridge (First Class Honours with distinction, Top of Class); the Bachelor of Arts in Jurisprudence from the University of Oxford (First Class Honours, Top of Class at Balliol College, Oxford); and the Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from the University of the West Indies (First Class Honours, with the then best results in the history of the Faculty of Social Sciences).

He has been a member of the Jamaican Bar for twenty years, and worked at the United Nations and at the Wall Street Law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell as a member of the New York Bar in the 1990s. His illustrious career in academia has included senior appointments at the University of the West Indies, and he served as Principal of the Norman Manley Law School from 2008 to 2012. Within the University of the West Indies, Professor Vasciannie has won various awards for outstanding teaching and research.

Prof. Vasciannie has served with great distinction in both the private and public sectors. He has been a Deputy Solicitor General for Jamaica, has

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been a member of the Board of Scotiabank Jamaica, and has chaired the Boards of Scotia Investment Jamaica and of his alma mater, Kingston College. Between 2012 and 2015, he served as Jamaica's Ambassador to the United States of America and Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States (OAS). In the latter capacity, he was elected Chairman of the Permanent Council of the OAS for the period August to October 2012, and as Chairman of the OAS Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs for the year 2014 to 2015.

Ambassador Vasciannie's standing in International Law was also recognized when he was elected by the United Nations to serve on the UN International

Law Commission for the five-year period from 2007. Throughout this period, which saw his election to serve as General Rapporteur of the Commission in 2010, he played an active role in the codification and progressive development of International Law.

He has published several books and more than 40 articles in international and regional journals of scholarly research, and has served as a consultant to various international organizations on questions of law and public policy.

For his services to Jamaican Education, Law and International Relations, Ambassador Vasciannie received the national award of Order of Distinction (Commander Class) in 2015.

Ambassador is married to Lisa and they have two sons.

HIGHLIGHTS: President's Onboarding

Vasciannie Shares Vision for UTech, Jamaica at First Staff Meeting

A capacity audience of members of faculty and administrative staff turned out at the Alfred Sangster auditorium, UTech, Jamaica's Papine campus on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 for an introductory meeting with new President, Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, CD.

In his wide ranging address to staff, Prof. Vasciannie shared his personal vision for his stewardship as President of the University, which he emphasized, will be anchored by an inclusive approach to decision making. "It is prudent for me to continue consultations with the various stakeholders of the UTech, Ja. community with a view to ascertaining your perspectives," he said, adding that "I will seek to find out your own vision for the institution: where are we now, in your view? Where should we seek to go? And what are some of the constraints that limit the great potential that UTech, has in serving Jamaican society and the wider Caribbean."

The incoming President articulated his intention to oversee an "inclusive institution where attention is paid to the views of the different stakeholders." To thunderous applause from the gathering, Prof. Vasciannie underscored that his *modus operandi* will be one of open channels of communication, "transparency, fairness, justice and integrity" as principled components



Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, CD (at podium) President, delivers his inaugural address to members of faculty and staff during a general staff meeting held at the Alfred Sangster Auditorium, UTech, Jamaica Papine campus on Tuesday, January 10, 2017. Seated at the head table are Mr. Richard Powell, Pro-Chancellor, who introduced the President and Dr. Elaine Wallace, University Registrar.

HIGHLIGHTS



WELCOME ON BOARD:

Senator the Hon. Ruel Reid, CD (left), Minister of Education, Youth and Information and Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, CD, President, University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech, Ja.) share a hearty laugh during a courtesy call on the Minister at the Ministry of Education on Thursday, January 5, 2017. Prof. Vasciannie took up office as President of UTech, Ja. on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. Looking on is Robert Miller, Senior Advisor to the Minister.

of his personal vision in working together with both internal and external stakeholders to ensure the good name, reputation and advancement of UTech, Jamaica.

Meetings with Internal and External Stakeholders

Turning his attention to some of the varied issues and concerns which have been raised by internal and external stakeholders during a series of meetings and courtesy calls since taking up office on January, 3, Prof. Vasciannie noted that he will engage in further discussions before putting forward a detailed statement on the various matters.

Prof. Vasciannie specially thanked his predecessor Prof. Colin Gyles who acted as President for the period August 2015 to December 2016 for his “hard work in holding the fort” and for being a source of information about developments at UTech, Ja. He also expressed gratitude to Dr. Haldane Johnson who acted as Deputy President during that period and extended appreciation to the Council led by Pro-Chancellor Mr. Richard Powell who was key in his recruitment as President, as well as to University Registrar, Dr. Elaine Wallace and Deputy Chairman of Council, Mr. Michael McAnuff-Jones “who have been instrumental in providing guidance and insight.”

Student-Friendly Environment

The new President’s well-received address was punctuated with nodding approvals and spontaneous applause as he outlined a number of operational areas he would like to see bolstered. Among them - an enhanced student-

friendly environment and the promotion of student scholarship, interests and learning. He also called for greater focus on independent research and publishing that will feature aspects of the work of UTech, Jamaica in the context of the Jamaican society.

Referencing an held opinion that UTech, Jamaica should “focus on technology and scientific matters and leave other subjects to other places,” Prof. Vasciannie emphasized that “our focus on technology and scientific matters need not prompt us to ignore other issues,” pointing out that areas such as business related studies leading to commercial activities are of profound significance to Caribbean societies. Prof. Vasciannie also noted that UTech, Jamaica should maintain its commitment to teaching and research in the humanities, law and other areas which are not purely scientific. “There is no case for any one institution having a monopoly, by right, over any area of study in a Jamaica committed to competition, increased opportunities and enhanced enrolment for students,” he affirmed, to loud applause from the large gathering of staff present.

Alternative Funding Opportunities

Prof. Vasciannie called on stakeholders to work more assiduously to promote alternative sources of funding, citing greater partnership with the private sector at home and abroad within the ambit of “good governance practices and transparency.”

He ended his remarks with an appeal for reconciliation and healing within the University community. “I suggest that we work calmly and carefully to heal the breaches that may exist within our community,” he said, adding that “reconciliation does not require us to abandon our principles and values, but it requires us to listen to each other.” Noting that “UTech has made valuable, practical contributions to the lives of thousands of Jamaicans,” he called for a “redoubling of our efforts to continue our major contribution to national development, to serve our students, to enhance research and innovation for development, and to improve social understanding as Jamaica seeks to move from the Third World to the First.”

A robust question and answer session followed in which the President responded to questions and comments made by members of faculty and staff.



Members of staff at the president’s first staff meeting.

CALL ON THE CHANCELLOR:

The Most Hon. Edward Seaga, ON, PC (right) Chancellor, University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech, Ja.) welcomes Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, CD, President, University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech, Ja.) during a courtesy call on him on Friday, January 6, 2017 at Mr. Seaga’s Distinguished Fellow Offices at UWI, Mona. Prof. Vasciannie was accompanied by Michael McAnuff-Jones, Deputy Chairman of Council and Dr Elaine Wallace, University Registrar. The courtesy call on the Chancellor was part of a series of on boarding activities to introduce Prof. Vasciannie to the University’s internal and external stakeholders.



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President Vasciannie Meets Stakeholders

Miss Sophia McIntosh, (2nd left), Western Campus Coordinator, University of Technology, Jamaica has the keen attention of new President, Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, CD (3rd left) during a visit to the Western Campus on Friday, January 13, 2017. Sharing in the discussion from left are Miss Antoinette Smith, Western Campus Administrator, and Mr. Noel Whyte, member of Council who specially represents the University's interests in western Jamaica. Prof. Vasciannie visited the Western Campus for a general staff meeting with members of faculty and staff and specially invited student representatives. He was accompanied by University Registrar, Dr. Elaine Wallace, Deans for Colleges/Faculties for programmes offered in the west and other administrative officers of the University. The team toured the facilities at both the Dome Street main campus and the Barnett Street location of the University's Caribbean School of Nursing.

The UTech, Jamaica Western campus offers courses of study in law, business administration, nursing, midwifery, mathematics and education, information systems management and health administration.



PRESIDENT VASCIANNIE ADDRESSES STUDENTS' CONCERNS AT FIRST MEETING WITH STUDENT BODY:

Prof. Stephen Vasciannie makes a point as he talks with members of the student body (at left) during his first meeting with students held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at the Caribbean Sculpture Park, UTech, Jamaica Papine campus. During the two-hour meeting, Prof. Vasciannie listened keenly to issues raised by several students from the various colleges and faculties who outlined details of their concerns. He assured the student body that he would be keenly considering each issue raised and will be working on resolving them in the shortest possible time and will continue to update the student body on the progress made.



DISCUSSING PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH:

Prof. Stephen Vasciannie (right), examines copies of research thesis done by students from the University's School of Public Health and Health Technology during a tour of the School's Slipe Pen Road campus on Monday, January 16, 2017. Looking on is Professor Winston Davidson, Head of School. The School of Public Health and Health Technology continues to advance best practices in inspectorate care, and its outreach programmes and research in public health by both students and staff continue to significantly impact the development of inner-city communities.



TESTING AIR QUALITY:

School of Public Health and Health Technology Occupational Health and Safety student, Miss Cherry-Lee Williamson demonstrates to Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, CD (2nd right), the use of an air sampling apparatus used to test environmental air quality, during The President's tour of the campus on Monday, January 16, 2017. Looking on from left are students Miss Ti-Shawnie Nelson, Mr. Shomar Lindsay and Lecturer, Mr. Michael Wilson.

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DENTAL SIMULATOR:

Dr. Irving McKenzie, interim Dean, College of Oral Health Sciences, explains the functionalities of the Sirona Simulation Unit in the College's Simulation Dental Laboratory where dental students are introduced to dental procedures prior to working on real patients. President Vasciannie visited the College at Arthur Wint Drive, Kingston 5 on Friday, January 20, 2017 as part of a series of onboarding activities. Looking on (from left) are, Dr. Elaine Wallace, University Registrar, Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, President, Dr. Su Yun Htun, Associate Professor and Maxillofacial Specialist, and Prof. Winston Davidson, Head, School of Public Health and Health Technology.

DMD GRADUATES:

Prof. Stephen Vasciannie (2nd left), meets some graduates of the first cohort of the UTech, Jamaica Doctor of Medical Dentistry (DMD) degree programme who are now giving back as Clinical Instructors at the College of Oral Health Sciences. From left are Drs. Kaithlin Williams-Beecher, Francine Pryce and Jerren Chambers. Prof. Vasciannie visited the Arthur Wint campus on Friday, January 20, 2017.



WELCOME TO THE TIC:

Mr Michael Steele (right) Head, Joan Duncan School of Entrepreneurship, Ethics and Leadership welcomes President Vasciannie as he arrives for a tour of the School's Technology Innovation Centre (TIC) where he met select incubator tenants and hosted a meeting with heads of the incubated client companies. Also welcoming Prof. Vasciannie is TIC Incubator Manager, Miss Dionne Palmer.



Prof. Vasciannie raps with Mr. Gordon Swaby (2nd left) CEO/Edufocal Limited - an E-Learning web application for students at the CXC and GSAT level. Sharing in the discussion is Miss Krysta-Leigh Thames, Office Administrator.

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COURTESY CALL ON THE GG:

His Excellency the Most Honourable Sir Patrick Allen, ON, GCMG, CD (left), Governor General shares pleasantries with Officers of the University of Technology, Jamaica who paid a Courtesy Call on him at King's House on Thursday, February 23, 2017. From left are Dr Elaine Wallace, University Registrar, Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, CD, President, University of Technology, Jamaica, Mr Richard Powell, Pro-Chancellor and the Most Hon. Edward Seaga, ON, PC, Chancellor.

COURTESY CALL ON THE PM:

Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, CD (left) in conversation with Prime Minister, the Most Honourable Andrew Holness, ON, MP during a courtesy on the Prime Minister on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at the Office of the Prime Minister, Kingston.

Prof. Vasciannie was accompanied by Mr. Richard Powell, Pro-Chancellor and Mr Aldrick McNab, Member of Council, UTech, Jamaica.



FIRST DAY ON THE JOB:

Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, CD (left), newly appointed President of the University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech, Ja.) is welcomed by Prof. Colin Gyles (2nd right), Deputy President on his arrival at the Papine campus on Monday, January 3, 2017. Sharing in the occasion from left, are UTech, Jamaica Council Member, Hon. Shirley Tyndale, OJ, Mr. Aldrick McNab, Mrs. Sharon Hay-Webster (partially hidden) and Mr. David Drysdale, University Librarian.



The University Council

The Council is the supreme University body and has legal responsibility for all University appointments and promotions, resources (financial, material and physical) and for the maintenance of standards within the University.



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Chancellor



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Pro-Chancellor



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STUDENT VOICES

“UTech, Jamaica to Me”

In a vox pop on Wednesday, February 8, students on the Papine campus were asked the following two questions. What do you think of our new President? and What do you like about being a student at UTech, Jamaica? Read on to see their responses.



“Prof. Vasciannie is a cool person and he is very funny. He seems very serious about UTech, Jamaica and I like him for that. The things I like about being a student at UTech, Jamaica is that I learn and it is close to my home. When I just came to this Institution, I was not much of an “Academic Star”. However, being in my second year, I feel that I have learnt more since I have been here. I also like the lecturers and the friends I have met so far.”

McShane Campbell, Year 2
BSc Communication Arts & Technology (BCAT)
Faculty of Education & Liberal Studies

“Where the new President is concerned, I really don’t know him and I don’t see him as much. The only time I see him is really when we are having forums and nobody goes to those forums. I am honoured to be a UTech, Jamaica student. I have always wanted to come to UTech and I am living my dreams so big ups to UTech.”



Dyandra Tulloch, Year 3
BSc Communication Arts & Technology (BCAT), Year 2
Faculty of Education & Liberal Studies

“I think that he has some great ideas to develop the institution better and going forward, I believe that he will put some plans into actions. I like being a student at UTech, it gets me closer to accomplishing my goals.”



Moniefa McDonald, Year 1
School of Business Administration,
College of Business and Management

“I didn’t know we had a new President, I thought Professor Colin Gyles was still the President. I didn’t know that it changed. I like the fact that there are a lot of options for food. I like my teachers because they go above and beyond (I am in animations). I like how friendly some of the students are because sometimes we can’t get notes and they are like, “I got you”. Those are my top three things.”



Anthony Hibbert, Year 2
School of Computing & Information Technology
Faculty of Engineering & Computing

STUDENT VOICES “UTech, Jamaica to Me”



“I was not sure that there was a new President at school and I hope to find out more about him. The reason I like being at UTech, Jamaica is because of its location and it has a great surrounding.”

Matthew Tucker, Year 1

School of Technical and Vocational Education,
Faculty of Education & Liberal Studies

“I would really like to get to know who our new President. I don’t know who he is. I like being a student because the teachers are very understanding. They know that we have a life outside of school so they would help us in any way possible and see to it that we understand the course and pass.”



Jevede Jacquette, Year 3

College of Health Sciences,
School of Allied Health & Wellness



“To be honest, having a new President here at UTech, Jamaica reminded me of when I was in high school. We had a principal before that we only saw during general devotions. When the new one came, he walked throughout the school as well as interacted with the students and that is the same thing that President Vasciannie has been doing. I think he is goal-oriented, determined and he wants what is best for this institution during his time in office. There are three things I like about being at UTech, Jamaica; 1. It is a friendly environment and the students are cool. You can rely on someone, just in case you missed a class. 2. Some of the lectures are really cool. They understand that we have a social life and having assignments at all times are going to be hard, but we try our best to get them done so they are on time. 3. I think I like what I am studying so that adds up to me like being a student here.”

Jamielee Brown, Year 2

BSc Communication Arts & Technology (BCAT)
Faculty of Education & Liberal Studies

“I don’t know him so I don’t know what to think. I have some friendly classmates that are very helpful. There are also a lot of activities here but I don’t get to take part in much. This is because I work and come to school so I only do what I can.”

Shavouy Williams, Year 1

Joint Colleges of Medicine, Oral Health and Veterinary Sciences



662 Students Receive Tuition Rebate



Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, (centre) President, UTech, Jamaica poses with students following his presentation of rebate cheques of \$25, 000 each which was given back by the University as an incentive to students who paid their tuition fees for Semester 1, Academic Year 1016/17 on time and in full prior to the Registration Census Date. Participating in the presentation are Dr Elaine Wallace (3rd left), University Registrar, Prof. Colin Gyles (6th left) Deputy President and Garcia McLennon (2nd row, 2nd left) Director, Student Financing. Students (front row, L-R) Kymara Sterling, Sandrene Smith, Rox-anne Doiley and Stevie Clarke-Chambers. Back row (L-R) David Williams, Trichana Gentles and Howard Hanniford. Missing from the photo are Matthew Chin Fong, Tanique Spence, Oshin Facey.

Six hundred and sixty-two (662) University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech, Ja.) students recently benefited from a 3% rebate on their tuition fees for Semester 1, Academic Year 2016/17 under a \$3M initiative which was implemented by the University as an incentive to students who paid their fees on time and in full by the Registration Census Date for Semester 1.

As an additional incentive, ten students from the group of 662 were randomly selected to receive cash awards of \$25, 000 each. Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, President, UTech, Jamaica made the cheque presentations to these students at his first meeting with the student body on January 19, 2017 at UTech, Jamaica's Papine campus.

Director of Student Financing, Mrs. Garcia McLennon in making the announcement of the tuition rebate and the additional \$25,000 cash prize initiative, explained the significance of the Census Registration Date

Ten students receive \$25,000 cash awards

applicable each Semester. "The Census Date is the last date to select modules and confirm enrolment, get financial clearance without penalties, adjust invoices if already enrolled and to submit add/drop request without penalties," she said.

Flexible Payment Plans

Noting that financial clearance is now easier with a number of flexible payment options, Mrs. McLennon encouraged students to make every effort to meet the Census registration date requirement each Semester to benefit from no facility fee charges and opportunities to receive the University's on time payment incentive.

STUDENT VOICES “UTech, Jamaica to Me”



“I am not sure what I think about him, I have to see what he is doing first. I have to see what kind of changes he can bring to this institution and how he can support us financially in terms of school fee. I just want to see the first step he makes and the changes. I like the environment and the students here. They just make it comfortable and it allows me to build rapport with other students.”

Dominic Groves, Year 1
School of Building and Land Management,
Faculty of The Built Environment

“I didn’t know that we had a new President so that is news to me. Being a student at UTech, Jamaica, normally I wasn’t friendly. I came here and met a few friends and got new experiences. So probably the experiences and learning new stuff are what I like about being here.”



Davian Fairweather, Year 1
Caribbean School of Nursing,
College of Health Sciences

STUDENT EXCELLENCE

UTech, Ja. Students Dominate Caribbean Ranking at 4th International 24-Hour IEEE Xtreme Programming Competition

University of Technology, Jamaica students from the School of Computing and Information Technology (SCIT), Faculty of Engineering and Computing emerged as the leading regional institution following their participation in the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineer (IEEE) 4th international IEEE Xtreme 24-Hour Programming Competition held recently on October 22, 2016. UTech, Jamaica is currently ranked at 390 out of 2000 Universities in the world standing for 2016, moving up 900 places from its previous ranking in 2015. The global software development challenge which is conducted entirely online attracts some of the brightest student minds in computing and engineering worldwide. Programming challenges.

Computing solutions to real world problems

IEEE Xtreme 24-Hour Programming Competition is a global challenge in which teams of IEEE Student members—advised and proctored by an IEEE member, and often supported by an IEEE Student Branch—compete in a 24-hour time span against each other to solve a set of real world programming problems. These span for example, programming used in data mining for tasks ranging from classifying diverse chemical compounds, to text processing and searching in large databases. Programming problems can only be answered in any of the supported languages (C, C++, C#, Java, Python, Ruby, Perl, and PHP).

Dr. Sean Thorpe, Head, SCIT, explains that the students use and design a set of well suited algorithms to formulate the solutions to assigned problems. Students use a combination of different computer programming languages as a part of these mentioned solutions. The criterion for winning the competition is dependent on the quality of the computer programme output generated by the software solution. This quality of programme output is measured by: (i) run time execution of the programme output



School of Computing and Information Technology (SCIT) students and mentors who participated in the 4th International 24-Hour Extreme Programming Competition. From left (standing) Michael Asphall, Jermaine Coates, Mardon Bailey, Lomar Lilly, Luke Chen Shui, Duran Thomas, Brandon Chung, Travis Allen and (seated from left) Raffique Muir, Christopher Udeagha (Chair IEEE Jamaica Section and Academic Proctor) and Agyei Masters.

and (ii) desired functionality of the programme output. Students from the winning IEEE student branches worldwide get international ‘bragging rights’ and scholarships to attend highly reputable International IEEE conferences. Registration for the IEEE Xtreme competition opens in August each year. University IEEE Student Branches register student members in collegiate teams of three to participate in the global challenge. Students and mentors work assiduously from the registration period until the competition day. Last year UTech, Jamaica fielded four teams consisting of three students each which is in keeping with the IEEE competition rules.

Dr. Thorpe noted that “the UTech, Ja./FENC IEEE Computer Society Student Branch is doing an extremely good job, through opportunities such as the IEEE Xtreme software competition challenge, to provide the students with an international platform to become world class software practitioners.” He expressed pride that, “the University’s participation over the last three years and at the 4th staging of the competition has significantly improved in the world ranking and has now far outstripped our other local and regional University competitors in the software challenge.”

UTech, Ja's Oral Health Training Impacting Jamaica



Happy Smiles: Members of the first cohort of the Doctor of Medical Dentistry (DMD) course of study who graduated on November 12, 2015.

The College of Oral Health Sciences continues to advance its position as the country's most comprehensive provider of oral health training at the diploma, undergraduate and graduate levels. The first cohort of twenty four (24) dental surgeons successfully completed the five-year Doctor of Medical Dentistry (DMD) course of study delivered by the College and graduated in November 2015.

The College of Oral Health Sciences offers the Doctor of Medical Dentistry, (DMD) Master of Science in Dental Therapy, the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene, the Bachelor of Science in Dental Laboratory Technology and the Diploma in Dental Assisting. The courses of study at the College of Oral Health Sciences are of the highest international standards and are being delivered by a world renowned faculty of international repute, in teaching facilities that are among the best in the Caribbean region. The programme has attracted international students from the region including the Bahamas, Cayman Islands, St. Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago and Turks and Caicos.

DMD Students Ace 'Gold Standard' ADEX-NERB Dental Examination

UTech, Jamaica's Oral Health Sciences courses of study were recently under the microscope of the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) which administers the competency examination, ADEX-NERB. Based on the assessment of the high standard of the

programme offered at the College and the exceptional competency level demonstrated by the students, the ADEX-NERB examination for the cohort of Doctor of Medical Dentistry students was administered at the College in May 2015.

Dean of the College of Oral Health Sciences, **Dr. Irving McKenzie** notes with pride, that a 96% pass rate was attained following the sitting of the "very challenging examination administered by one of the world's best competency assessment boards." ADEX is a test development board serving member state dental boards in developing valid and reliable initial licensure examinations in dentistry and dental hygiene. Jamaica is the first country outside of the US mainland to become a member of the American Board of Dental Examiner (ADEX) organisation.

Thousands of patients Treated at Dental Health Clinic and Dental Health Fairs

Among the unique features of the UTech, Jamaica dental training programme is the extensive exposure of its students to knowledge and understanding of the full gamut of oral health diseases and issues, as well as the hands on experience gained through service and outreach both at the dental clinic located at the College's Arthur Wint drive campus and health fairs conducted across the length and breadth of Jamaica, particularly in rural underserved areas where many persons have never seen a dentist in their entire lives.

Over two hundred (200) patients receive treatment daily at the College's Arthur Wint Drive oral health clinic and thousands of Jamaicans have benefitted from more than one hundred health fairs valuing millions of dollars.

UTech, Jamaica's College of Oral Health Sciences has been able to provide ongoing charitable support to Jamaicans in need, through a number of partnerships built up over the years with local organizations such as Food for the Poor, CHASE Fund and international organizations such as Great Shape Inc. and a host of individuals who provide equipment, their time and other resources.

Much to Smile About

Over the past five years UTech, Jamaica has partnered with Great Shape! Inc. – a USA based non-profit charitable corporation under the 1000 Smiles Project. Students in years 3 to 5 of their course of study, under the supervision of faculty and licensed dentists from the United States and Canada, provide dental care at clinics set up to serve communities across the island.

Dr. McKenzie notes that "this is part of our strategic plan to serve Jamaica which has a serious oral health problem."

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UTech, Jamaica Nursing Students Earn Their Stripes at Annual Striping Ceremony



DEAN'S LIST AWARDEES: B.Sc. Nursing students who were admitted to the Dean's List for the last Academic Year pose with their special awards received at the 6th annual Striping Ceremony hosted by the College of Health Sciences on Thursday, February 9, 2017. Students (from left) Keandra Anglin (awarded for Year 2), Juline Souden, (awarded for Year 3), and Regjene Dawkins (awarded for Year 2) share the happy moment with Dr. Adella Campbell, Head, Caribbean School of Nursing, College of Health Sciences and Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, CD, President, UTech, Jamaica.

Two hundred and thirty (230) students enrolled in years one to four of the BSc. in Nursing and the BSc. in Midwifery in the Caribbean School of Nursing (CSON), College of Health Sciences, (COHS) were presented with their symbolic stripes at the 6th annual Striping Ceremony hosted by the School in their honour under the theme, "Nursing and Midwifery Students Touching Lives and Changing the World" on Thursday, February 9, 2017. The ceremony was held at the Christian Life Fellowship Centre, adjacent to the UTech, Jamaica Papine campus. The symbolic striping signifies that the students have satisfied the academic and professional requirements of their respective levels of study and have displayed good behaviour and attitude towards their profession.

Dr. Janet Campbell-Shelly, Acting Dean, College of Health Sciences, UTech, Ja. in congratulating the students, reminded them that their striping is synonymous with excellence and

the achievement of high standards in all areas of their personal and professional lives.

Dr. Adella Campbell, Head, CSON, in her address gave an historical overview of the establishment of the nursing and midwifery programmes at UTech, Jamaica. She noted that the University has been training nurses since 2007 and midwives since 2014 following the divestment of the training programmes from the Government of Jamaica. UTech, Jamaica's Caribbean School of Nursing offers the B.Sc. Nursing (generic and completion), B.Sc. in Midwifery (Direct Entry and Midwifery for Registered Nurses), the Completion Midwifery course of study to commence in August 2017 and the B.Sc. in Critical Care Nursing. The graduate programmes are the M.Sc. in Nurse Anaesthesia and M.Sc. in Trauma Studies. Completion training programmes are franchised at the Excelsior Community College and in St. Vincent and The Grenadines.

More than 600 hundred applicants

turned away annually

Referencing the current gap in the health sector caused by the migration of Jamaica's specialist nurses, Dr. Campbell underscored that our nurses have earned a reputation of being the best trained in the world. She lamented therefore, that UTech, Ja. is forced "to turn away more than 600 applicants annually because of our inability to accept them for training even though they are qualified." The Head of School expressed hope that the University will be able to, in the near future increase its capacity for the training of nurses.

She congratulated the students on earning their stripes noting that the School continues to excel academically.

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With a ratio of only 1 dentist for every 17,000 persons in the population and in some areas as low as 1 dentist for every 53,000 persons in the population, the Dean further points out that “the public health outreach thrust also provides our students with a full appreciation of the community and the landscape in which they are going to work and enables them to become competent very quickly.”

Dental Prosthetic Laboratory

The Dental Prosthetic Laboratory established in January 2015 at the College of Oral Health Sciences, Arthur Wint campus has added another significant dimension to the service and outreach capacity. The first of its kind established at any oral health training facility in Jamaica, The Dental Prosthetic Lab has been set up with the support of Great Shape! Volunteers **Bob and Dr. Sonja Irlbeck** working along with members of faculty, staff and UTech, Jamaica’s Dental Laboratory Technician students. The Lab boasts state-of-the art equipment comparable to the best of such facilities in the world and has provided several complete removable dentures and partial removable dentures to patients free of cost through the Great Shape! Mission in rural Jamaica.

Professional Licence and Accreditation

The competent authority for entrance to the dental profession in Jamaica is the Dental Council of Jamaica. The College of Oral Health Sciences was recognized by the Dental Council of Jamaica in accordance with the Dental Law of 1972.



College of Oral Health Sciences students attend to patients receiving treatment at the College’s “Campus Smiles” dental health clinic hosted recently at UTech, Jamaica’s Papine Campus.

It was also evaluated and recognized by the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) in June 2014. The CDCA is an independent international competency assessment agency for ensuring that the highest standard of dentistry is maintained. The Dental Council of Jamaica is currently a member of the CDCA and recognizes this exam in licensing candidates for local practice. In this regard, on successful completion of the CDCA examination, UTech’s graduates will be eligible to be licensed by the Dental Council of Jamaica and by various states in the USA.

UTech, Jamaica is committed to all processes of relevant accreditation for all of its courses of study and intends to meet every accreditation standard required for its Oral Health courses of study. The College has established a highly qualified accreditation team which is currently engaged in the self-study and other internal processes in preparation for having its courses of study accredited.



Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, CD (centre) pose with proud male nursing and midwifery students from left, Noel Wright, Gillon Lindo, Romoy Richards, Javel McGowan, Odean Forbes, Jason Grandison and Eric Armstrong.

She noted that the CSON achieved the highest pass rate in the Regional Examination for Nursing students in 2015 and also shared that nursing student, Miss Kaysha Foote, copped the 2015 LASCO/NAJ Student Nurse of the Year award.

Train Nurses for International Communities

Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, CD, President, UTech, Ja. in his remarks, lauded the students and their lecturers on their achievement. In addressing the chronic shortage of nurses caused by their migration to “greener pastures,” Prof Vasciannie said, “Jamaica can and should be training a much larger pool of nurses not just for our local sector, but also for access to international communities.” He shared that a recent World Bank study on nursing labour in CARICOM countries showed that if current policies remain the same, the gap in the nursing shortage will grow from the present figure of 3, 400 to 10,700 by 2015. He also shared that current data reveals that the USA has projected that the country will need 1.2 million trained nurses by the year 2022.

Prof. Vasciannie opined that with proper arrangements with foreign governments, Jamaica could gain significant foreign exchange earnings from training nurses for the export market. He suggested that, “through structured training agreements with overseas government we [could] provide the required training of their own people for re-entry into their respective economies once they have been trained here.” He also noted that, conversely a structured arrangement with foreign governments could require their investment in strengthening our healthcare infrastructure so that more nurse can be trained for both countries.

Noting that UTech, Jamaica is doing its part in helping to fill the large gap for trained nurses,” the President reported that since 2007 the University has graduated some 678 nurses, with the yearly intake of midwifery and nursing students at both the Papine and Montego Bay campuses steadily increasing, with an intake of 192 students for the 2016/2017 academic year.

President, Nurses Association of Jamaica, Mrs. Janet Coore-Farr who brought greetings to the nursing students, stressed the importance of exercising empathy in their profession, noting that a patient may never remember a nurse’s name but will always remember how they are treated.

Regulating chemical retailers of household cleaning agents can help to lessen accidental poisoning in Jamaica

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Accidental poisoning for children has been a decade long public health issue in Jamaica. Bleach being the main causative agent and a product that is used daily in households makes it a likely feature in the environment of a child (0-5years). The repeated efforts by the Ministry of Health and CARPIN on advising parents and guardians to put chemicals out of the reach of children stop from storing bleach and other household cleaning chemicals in juice bottles has become a familiar tune in the ears of many Jamaicans. But these incidents have not stopped the behavior of parents and guardians. What would be a national approach o accidental poisoning for children in Jamaica?

Epidemiological transition of childhood poisoning

The trend for accidental poisoning for children 0-5 years has shifted over the past 30 years from kerosene, pesticide, pharmaceutical to bleach being the major causative agent. There has not been any analysis on the reason for the change but inference can be made to change in quality of life and organizational roles. The transition of kerosene oil for lighting to electric light in the homes of most Jamaicans has lessen the availability of kerosene in most homes, the enforcement of the Pesticides Act and consistent island-wide programmes by the Pesticides Control Authority of Jamaica could be one of the factors for the shift in pesticide poisoning, the pharmaceutical industry has been playing their role in educating parents about medication use and storage. However the use of childproof packages to retail medication would help to lessen the present events with medicinal poisoning in children.

The question that policymakers and key stakeholders should be asking and seeking to answer is: What organized approached and policy can be put in place to tackle the present issues with bleach poisoning by children in Jamaica?

Public education has been the main or only programme with no structured approach to the present situation.

Cultural practices

The buying of bleach in drums by chemical retailers and the sale of bleach in bottles similar to that of syrup, ketchup and sodas are some of the cultural practices for the distribution of bleach in Jamaica. This practice has become such a norm that even in established organization it is the common practice of janitorial or housekeeping staff to collect cleaning agents in varied bottles which include soda bottles to carry out their daily

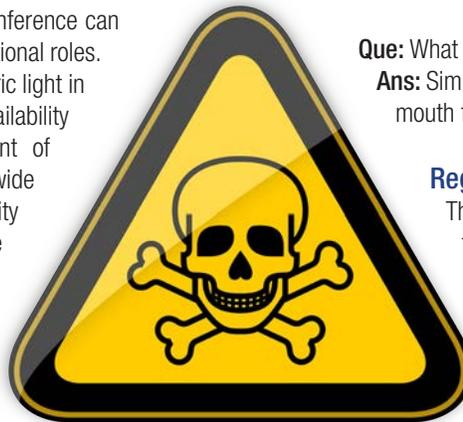
duties. There is no distinct difference in design and labeling for these containers and sometimes no labels or inadequate information being displayed.

Adults are often tricked in to mis-identity of bleach with water because of similar packaging and storage in a food area. What then can we expect from children?

The ability of children to open these bottles is undermined, while there is no specific restriction to the containers such as child proof, and no specific design to make the containers unattractive. What then do we expect these little adventurous children to do when they pounce upon these chemicals? Imagine for a while that you are an adventurous and explorative child with no understanding of differentiating a substance being place in a container that you can only associate with food.

Que: What would be your exploring approach?

Ans: Simple to take the content of the container and put it in your mouth for the purpose of tasting.



Regulating Chemicals retailers

The contradiction of telling parents to desist from using food look- alike containers, to store chemicals and allowing chemical retailers to distribute and accept the same containers for chemical resale has proven to be harmful to our children. So where do we go from here?

Regulating chemical retailers can help in changing the behavior of Jamaicans from repackaging household cleaning chemical in food look alike bottles (juice or drink bottles), to purchasing chemicals in standards containers which does not endanger the health of anyone especially our children. Household cleaning agents that are manufactured in Jamaica should follow a standard for packaging, labeling and distribution. This should not be left up to the seller or buyer to determine, but should be stipulated by the relevant regulating authority through legislations and policies to protect the lives of our children. Regulating chemicals can be an intervention to poison prevention in Jamaica.



Why Student Evaluation Matters

By Dr. Winsome Russell,
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Student evaluations provide the opportunity for students to provide anonymous feedback on the quality of instruction and courses/modules. Student feedback plays a critical role as part of a University's Quality Enhancement Framework and is a valuable source of information for formative as well as summative purposes. The evidence provided by summative evaluations is important for use in promotion of staff, teaching awards and internal and external reporting requirements such as that of an Accrediting Organization. Student evaluations can be carried out by means of surveys, which is quite popular. Other methods include student consultations, focus groups and Classroom Assessment Techniques such as the Minute Paper.

The importance of student evaluations is also demonstrated by other means, some of these include the following:

Used to improve the quality of courses of study/modules, for future students, by revising them to make them more relevant and including more effective instructional strategies

Used as an input to a curriculum management plan

Provides valuable input in the accreditation of courses

Used as one of the criteria for the promotion of faculty

Ensures that the learning experience of students is of a high quality

Identifies areas for improvement in lecturers' delivery of modules

Ensures that the University achieves a high standard in the student's learning experience

Students sometimes view the evaluation as a meaningless activity. Why is this so? Usually this perception is from the lack of feedback hence students are not aware of any enhancement to the quality instruction, classroom environment or to their academic unit. The following is a sample of comments by students who completed evaluations at UTech, Ja. in the paper based mode for Semester 2, Academic year 2010-11. The comments relate to their lack of interest in participating in evaluations.

'Give feedback of overall evaluation to address whatever issues found'
'There is no improvement in teaching from this evaluation. It is just wasting time, money and paper'

'This survey is unnecessary and tedious as nothing will be done to adjust this module'

Comments on the content of the module are also instructive with respect to areas for improvement as indicated by the comments from one student:
'The content of the module was very confusing; this course is very irrelevant;

the workload of the module is too much and it does not apply to my course; the course cannot be related to real life situations'

The comments that have been provided by students over the years indicate areas for improvement but commendations are also given as indicated by the two comments below:

'The strategies employed in Semester 2 of this module were very helpful in developing my reading; good module enhanced my comprehension'

'The lecturer did an excellent job; the module was a good one; the course represented that of real life situations'

At UTech, Ja. lecturers are given a score out of 50 for student evaluations and the following bands indicate performance: 42-50 excellent; 32-41.9 acceptable; 31.9 and below not acceptable. A separate score is provided for the evaluation of the module and can be combined with the former to give the overall rating.

The average ratings obtained by lecturers in the five Faculties and three Colleges* over the four academic periods 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 indicated the following:

Over the four year period approximately 52% of lecturers were given a rating of excellent and 45% given an rating of acceptable. The latter scores, however, were toward the high end of the scale for acceptable. Three percent (3%) received a rating of unacceptable and this was in one school. The comments of students are also reviewed and these provide very valuable input in corrective measures that need to be taken.

The Office of Curriculum Development and Evaluation (OCDE) provided Schools with guidelines for administering the paper based survey instrument and these guidelines require the Schools to ensure that feedback is provided to students. This is not always carried out by all academic units. The switch to an online survey over the past academic year has the same requirements for the provision of feedback to students. Some areas in which the OCDE has used the feedback from the students' evaluation are as follows:

identify areas of instruction that need to be improved and develop and offer workshops to help lecturers improve in these areas. One of these areas is testing and assessment techniques and the development of learning outcomes that are clear as well as a curriculum which has relevant content.

Used as a component of the overall evaluation of lecturers who are nominated for the annual President's Award for Instructional Excellence (PAIE)

Monitor the use of these results for improvement as indicated in the Academic Audit Reports.

UTech, Jamaica Signs Agreement with Timeless Herbal Care for Development of the Medical Cannabis Industry



Scholarship Presentation: Mr. Courtney Betty (left), President and CEO, Timeless Herbal Care Ltd. presents his company's scholarship commitment document to happy recipients (from left) Dr. Ellen Campbell-Grizzle, Associate Professor and former Dean of the College of Health Sciences (COHS), Dr. Janet Campbell-Shelly, Acting Dean, COHS, Dr. Andrea Daly, Acting Head, School of Pharmacy, COHS. Sharing in the happy occasion is Mr. Leroy Sibbles, investor, Timeless Herbal Care Ltd. The presentation was made during a briefing ceremony held at UTech, Jamaica's Papine campus on Thursday, January 12, 2017 to announce the Memorandum of Agreement signed between the two entities to support the development of Jamaica's medical marijuana industry.

The University of Technology, Jamaica's long track record of research into the medicinal properties of indigenous herbal plants has been further strengthened with the brokering of a Memorandum of Agreement with Timeless Herbal Care – an international, nutraceutical, pharmaceutical company. The agreement between UTech, Jamaica and Timeless Herbal Care for the development of research in medical marijuana was formally announced at a special briefing held at the University's Papine campus on Thursday, January 12, 2017. President and CEO of Timeless Herbal Care, Mr. Courtney Betty, a Jamaican attorney-at-law, based in Canada, in his remarks explained that he retired from law three years ago to help the government of Jamaica to create a legal framework for a medical marijuana industry. Affirming his commitment to the development of the industry in Jamaica, Mr. Betty told the gathering that “from the very beginning we were not about selling ganja, we are not about smoking marijuana; from the very beginning we were about bringing forth medical products to market,” he said. In this regard, Mr. Betty expressed confidence in the anticipated fruitful partnership with UTech, Jamaica in carrying out research towards product development in medicinal cannabis.

Timeless Announces Scholarships for UTech, Jamaica students

During the briefing ceremony, Timeless Herbal Care announced the provision of two scholarships to UTech, Jamaica students enrolled in science based courses of study. The scholarships valued at J\$1 million dollars are named in memory of Myrtle Clementine Betty and Lilly Rose Clarke, mothers of the two principal partners of the company and will commence in the next academic year, 2017/2018.

Under the MoA agreement UTech, Jamaica will provide technical training of stakeholders through expertise in its School of Pharmacy, College of Health Sciences, as well as research and testing of cannabis strains for product formulation.

Dr. Janet Campbell-Shelly, Acting Dean, College of Health Sciences in her welcome, noted that the University has developed productive partnerships with several groups and partners since UTech, Jamaica received its first medical marijuana research licence on May 13, 2015 from then Minister Hon. Phillip Paulwell and a renewed licence in May 2016 from current Minister of Science, Energy and Technology, Dr. the Hon. Andrew Wheatley, MP. She expressed confidence that these partnerships will continue to advance opportunities for faculty and student research for the benefit of Jamaica and by extension, the world.



Guinea Hen Weed pharmaceutical products: Dr. Lawrence Williams, (right) Adjunct Professor in plant based research, College of Health Sciences (COHS), University of Technology, Jamaica explains the therapeutic and healing properties of two of his Guinea Hen Weed pharmaceutical products developed in collaboration and retailed under the Timeless Herbal Care brand – the Guinea Hen Weed Tonic and Restorative and the Guinea Hen Weed Magic Relief pain ointment, to Mrs. Michelle Beckford (left) Corporate Communications Manager, UTech, Ja. and Dr. Janet Campbell-Shelly, Acting Dean, COHS at a special briefing session at its Papine campus on Thursday, January 12, 2017 to announce a Memorandum of Agreement signed between UTech, Jamaica and Timeless Herbal Care Limited to support the development of the medicinal cannabis industry in Jamaica.

Dr. Ellen Campbell Grizzle, Associate Professor noted that the signing of the MoA marks a milestone of a longstanding relationship with the company and underscored that UTech, Jamaica's focus will continue to be on medicinal cannabis with a balanced approach in fostering public education, community involvement and substance abuse prevention.

Adjunct Professor in plant based medicine, Dr. Lawrence Williams, who has been appointed by the University to advance research work in herbal plants, in his remarks, said that his current research work is focused on looking at the anti-inflammatory properties and compounds of cannabis and the anti-diabetic properties of guinea hen weed. His research is also investigating the compound devenzil trisulphide to determine whether compounds from cannabis can synergise the activities of that anti-cancer compound. “They have now synthesised a derivative of devenzil trisulphide which is now at stage 2 of technical trials in China, so that work is going very well.” Dr. Williams said.

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

UTech, Jamaica signs Contract Agreement with PetroCaribe Development Fund for Renewable Energy Training Project at Glenmuir High School



Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, CD, (seated 3rd left) President, University of Technology, Jamaica affixes his signature to a contract agreement with the PetroCaribe Development Fund (PCDF) for the University to implement a renewable energy training Project at Glenmuir High School, Clarendon. Participating in the contract signing (seated from left) are Ms Shakiera Cowan, Client Relations Manager, PCDF, Dr. Wesley Hughes, CEO, PCDF and Prof. Nilza Aples, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Computing, UTech, Jamaica. Standing from left are Miss Sheena Woodburn, Research Assistant, PetroCaribe Development Fund, Dr. Therese Chambers, Lecturer, School of Engineering and member of the Project team, Mr Kirkland Rowe, Lecturer, School of Engineering and member of the Project team, Ms. Elecia Johnson, Administrator for the Project, UTech, Jamaica, and Mr. Martin Henry, Manager, Projects and Operations, School of Graduate Studies, Research and Entrepreneurship, UTech, Jamaica.

The University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech, Jamaica) and the PetroCaribe Development Fund (PCDF) on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 formalized collaborative arrangements under which the University has been contracted by the PCDF to implement a renewable energy training pilot project at the Glenmuir High School in Clarendon.

The pilot project is for a period of four months and involves installation of a solar energy system and other infrastructural modifications, as well as a training component which will guide the teachers and students about best practices in energy management and efficiency. UTech, Jamaica led by expertise in its School of Engineering, was selected by the PCDF to undertake the training component involving the training of teachers and students on energy management and efficiency. The Project comes as part of the thrust by the University to provide consultancy services from the professional expertise of its staff to a growing number of clients in the public and private sector in Jamaica and across the Caribbean.

Speaking at the contract signing held at UTech, Jamaica's Papine campus, Dr. Wesley Hughes, CEO, PCDF explained that "PetroCaribe has as part of its mandate, the promotion and use of alternate sources of energy and a

reduction in the use of fossil fuel based energy in public institutions." He pointed out that one of the major challenges faced by Jamaica over many decades continues to be the high cost of energy which stifles business competitiveness and "makes households poorer." He asserted that there is significant unrealized potential for sustainable energy gains which can accrue from structured initiatives in support of renewable energy and training. It is in this context that he shared that the PCDF has designed a project to increase energy efficiency in schools. "We believe that students at the high school level are ideal candidates for the implementation of a project of this nature. PCDF believes that the multiplier effects are far-reaching and diverse," Dr. Hughes said, adding that "it is anticipated that these students will in turn demonstrate, skills and the best practices learnt within the school, at home and later in the workplace."

Dr. Hughes noted that Glenmuir High School was selected for the pilot project "primarily because the school demonstrated the capacity consistent with the project requirements." He added that the intention is to replicate the project in other high schools across Jamaica after the pilot is tested at Glenmuir.

President of the University, Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, in welcoming the partnership, said that "UTech, Jamaica welcomes the project as a perfect fit with the University's thrust "towards leveraging our expertise, knowledge and use of technology and innovation to impact the country's development," adding that "the collaboration has all the markers of the UTech, Jamaica brand and our commitment to building the three pillars of teaching, research and service."

Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Computing, Dr. Nilza Aples congratulated the Project team in the School of Engineering comprising Dr. Noel Brown, Head, School of Engineering and Project Lead, Dr. Therese Chambers, Lecturer/Project Training Specialist, Mr. Kirland Rowe, Lecturer/Energy Manager, and Ms. Elecia Johnson, Administrator for the Project. Pointing to UTech, Jamaica's well established expertise in engineering education and training, the Dean noted that the University has led a number of similar energy training projects with other local and international organisations and welcomed the continued opportunity to contribute to Jamaica's energy development.

Following the Glenmuir High School Pilot Project, the PetroCaribe Development Fund intends to roll out the programme for renewable energy use across many other schools in the country. In the Estimates of Expenditure for the new financial year, 2017/18, the Government has allocated \$695 M for energy efficiency and energy conservation in the public sector.

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

UTech, Jamaica Research set to respond to National Obesity Epidemic with First Food Consumption Survey



L-R: Holding unto to the symbolic cheque in the amount of \$14,559,291.00 presented by the National Health Fund to the College of Health Sciences (COHS), UTech, Jamaica, are Dr. Ellen Campbell-Grizzle, then Dean, COHSs, Mrs. Ava Simpson, Programme Director, Dietetics & Nutrition, COHS, Mrs. Thelma Nelson, Pharmacy Council of Jamaica and Mr. Everton Anderson, CEO, National Health Fund. Sharing in the happy moment are Mr. Rasheed Perry, Assistant Lecturer, (back row, 1st left) and Mr. Meredith Williams, Lecturer, School of Allied Health and Wellness, COHS.

The University of Technology, Jamaica, College of Health Sciences, through its National Health Fund (NHF) funded Project JA-Livity research initiative is poised to positively impact the current burden on the health system and economy, resulting from the estimated 25% obesity prevalence rate in Jamaica. The NHF has provided grant funding to the tune of \$14 million to UTech, Jamaica to undertake the project.

Project JA-Livity which was officially launched on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at the UTech, Jamaica Papine campus includes a Food Consumption Survey which aims to provide estimates of both acute and usual consumption patterns and consumption trends of the Jamaican population at the individual level and will be conducted among Jamaican adults 18-70 years old. The other components are a health education campaign and the establishment of two (2) wellness centres in Jamaica – one urban and one rural, developed based on the UTech, Jamaica Wellness Centre model.

Speaking at the launch, Project Director Dr. Ellen Campbell-Grizzle explained that “when we conceived Project JA-Livity we were thinking about offering up solutions to a national epidemic.” Pointing to the deep cultural underpinnings which sway unhealthy food choices and lifestyle practices, Dr. Campbell-Grizzle noted that the research study intends to provide “granular information to buttress the formulation of policy and to guide clinical decisions” that will be useful to agencies of government as well as the private sector, which have the responsibility of planning for food security and food production. Dr. Janet Campbell-Shelly, Acting Dean, College of Health Sciences, in her welcome remarks, also underscored the importance of the project, noting that evidence-based information of the

nutrition status of the population will assist Jamaica in achieving its Vision 2030 development goals.

Members of the Project team comprising Mrs. Ava Simpson, Lead Researcher, Lecturer, College of Health Sciences, Mr Olsegun Afis Ismail, Statistician/Head of School of Mathematics and Statistics, Faculty of Science and Sport and Mrs. Janice Wissart, Medical Technologist/Lecturer, College of Health Sciences provided a synopsis of the research plan for the National Food Consumption Survey.

The National Food Consumption study will combine dietary assessment tools, physical measurements and laboratory analyses of blood samples to assess the nutritional status of the sample. Individual data on food consumption using a food frequency questionnaire will be validated by the collection of some 24-hour recalls.

Among the objectives of the study are to determine the nutritional adequacy of Jamaican diets by comparing actual food and nutrient intake with recommendations from the national dietary guidelines; to examine food choices, food purchasing patterns and food sources; to determine the prevalence of obesity/under nutrition and diagnosed nutrition-related CNCDS and their relationship to dietary patterns and to investigate the association between demographic, social and economic characteristics and dietary practise.

The researchers emphasized that the survey methodology will adhere to all ethical/consent protocols and will include written informed consent from each participant following verbal explanation by the trained interviewer. Data obtained on individuals will not be released or made available to the general public. Statistical analysis will involve grouped data and presented as such in published research articles. The public phase of the project commenced in January 2017.



UTech, Jamaica Innovators Shine at 2016 National Medal for Science, Technology and Innovation Awards



UTech, Jamaica Innovators Dr. Denise Daley (centre) Programme Leader and Lecturer, Complementary and Alternate Medicine and Herbal Studies in the School of Allied Health and Wellness, College of Health Sciences and Mr Ceretsie Rowe-Campbell, Lecturer, School of Hospitality and Tourism Management (SHTM), College of Business and Management pose with their trophies awarded for their respective innovations at the National Medal for Science, Technology and Innovation Awards held November 16, 2016 at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel, Kingston. Acting President, Prof. Colin Gyles (left) shares in the happy occasion.

Members of the University community were awarded for their research innovations at the National Medal for Technology and Innovation Awards hosted by the Scientific Research Council (SRC) on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel.

Dr. Denise Daley, Programme Leader and Lecturer, Complementary and Alternate Medicine and Herbal Studies in the School of Allied Health and Wellness, College of Health Sciences, won the Young Scientist/Technologist Award “for the creativity and innovativeness of her research work submitted, its potential social and economic value, its potential for supporting national development, evidence of peer-reviewed publications,” and her oral presentation at the Science and Technology Conference titled “**Development of functional foods and nutraceuticals from hypoglycemic and hypotensive compounds isolated from Eucalytus Camaldulensis**”.

Mr. Ceretsie Rowe-Campbell, Lecturer, School of Hospitality and Tourism Management (SHTM), College of Business and Management shared a tied award with **Mr Paul Jackson**, School of Engineering graduate, UTech, Ja. in the Environmental Sustainability category. Mr Rowe-Campbell’s entry was an indigenous Sustainable Food Carte (Kitchen) that utilises wood for cooking. Mr Jackson’s entry, an Environment Focus Recycling Machine, is a shredder of waste materials (e.g. coconut husks, plastic, market spoilage) of which the output can be used as compost.

Congratulations also to **Dr. the Hon Henry Lowe, OJ** Adjunct Distinguished Professor of Ethno-Medicinal Chemistry, College of Health Sciences who was the winner in the Health and Safety category and who also emerged overall winner with his entry, the Alpha Prostate Formula II, first product of its kind formulated with the Jamaican Ball Moss extract and isolate HLBT-001, the major bioactive ingredient in the product. The predecessor to Alpha Prostate Formula II is Alpha Prostate Formula I, a nutraceutical supplement used in the management of prostate health. Alpha Prostate Formula II is formulated with the single molecule from the Ball Moss which has been identified to possess anticancer activity against breast and prostate cancer.

Prof. the Hon. Errol Morrison, OJ, former President, UTech, Jamaica was awarded the National Medal of Science and Technology. This special honour is bestowed by the Prime Minister on Jamaicans who have made outstanding contributions in Natural and Applied Sciences including Engineering. The recipient is an individual whose work has resulted in significant advances in the field of science and technology and/or whose technological innovations have contributed significantly to the economic, cultural and social development of the nation since Jamaica’s Independence. The national medal award by the Government of Jamaica is intended to highlight the importance of fostering applications of science and technology in order to promote national development.

The Innovations Award in Science and Technology celebrates outstanding achievements in innovations, while promoting the application of science and technology and innovation personal and national growth. It is held every two years. In 2014 the event was re-branded as The National Medal for Science and Technology and Innovation Awards Ceremony. The major goals of the National Medal for Science and Technology and Innovation Awards were to sensitize, stimulate and encourage stakeholders – individuals, students, communities and organizations – to use science and technology in their endeavours, ultimately creating an enabling environment for innovation and creativity. The awards also seek to celebrate outstanding achievements of innovators in science and technology and ultimately to increase production, productivity and diversity of products.

Technology Innovation Centre Now Member of the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce (JCC)



University of Technology, Jamaica's Technology Innovation Centre (TIC) in the Joan Duncan School of Entrepreneurship, Ethics and Leadership (JDSEEL) has been admitted to membership in the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce (JCC). The TIC's membership certificate was presented to Miss Dionne Palmer (right), Incubator Manager, by Mr. Larry Watson, President, JCC at the Chambers' Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

The Jamaica Chamber of Commerce is a membership-based organization comprising businesses and professionals "working together to build and promote a healthy economy and to improve quality of life" by assisting businesses to prosper and grow and to integrate into the global economy.

Miss Palmer notes that the TIC considered it prudent to seek membership in the JCC to support the Incubator's mission to nurture and impact entrepreneurship within Jamaica and the Caribbean region. Over 260 clients have been nurtured in the residential, virtual and shared space programmes offered by the TIC since its establishment in 2002. Its graduates and clients have been impactful on the economy with some having gained investment in their businesses and have been recipients of numerous local and international awards.

Over 260 Businesses Nurtured at UTech, Jamaica's Technology Innovation Centre

Outstanding entrepreneurs whose business ventures are incubated at the Technology Innovation Centre (TIC), business incubator - a special unit of the Joan Duncan School of Entrepreneurship, Ethics and Leadership (JDSEEL), in the College of Business and Management (COBAM), UTech, Ja. were specially honoured at the TIC's annual Client Awards ceremony held on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at the University's Papine campus.

The TIC recognised the achievements of current clients who were outstanding in their respective fields during this year, through the presentation of awards in five different categories. These were the Top Residential Client Award won by Stacy Kirk, CEO of Quality Works Consulting Limited – a consulting firm specialising in software quality and process innovation; the Top Platinum Client award presented to Wayne Harrison of International Work and Travel Service – a work and travel company focusing on tertiary level students; Top Virtual Client Award presented to Mark Williams, proprietor of Elite Leaders International – trainers in cash flow management, entrepreneurship, investment, leadership, sales and marketing;

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Entrepreneurial Trailblazers: Miss Krysta-Leigh Thames, Office Administrator of Edufocal Limited, an online social learning platform that combines study and play, accepts the Trailblazer Award presented to Edufocal Limited from sponsor, Mr. Ewan Campbell (left) of Point Global Marketing Limited, at the University of Technology Jamaica's Technology Innovation Center (TIC) annual Client Awards Ceremony held on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at the University's Papine campus. The company also copped the award for Top Client of the Year. Mr. Gordon Swaby (right), founder and CEO of Edufocal was lauded for his foray into the international arena where he is currently expanding his business in London and Nigeria.



Mr. Loren Edwards (2nd left), Senior Assistant General Manager, Retail Banking, NCB and Mr. Dave Wilson (3rd left), Branch Manager, NCB, Matilda's Corner accept the award for their company's "sterling service in support of the entrepreneurial community" being presented by Prof. Rosalea Hamilton (right), Vice President, Community Service and Development, University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech, Ja.) at the Technology Innovation Centre (TIC) Client Awards held on Thursday, December 8, 2016. Sharing in the presentation is Miss Dionne Palmer (right), TIC Incubator Manager.

the Top Anchor Tenant award which went to Dr. Kavian Cooke, Lecturer, School of Engineering and proprietor of Naivak Electronics – an electronic supplies company. The Trailblazer Award as well as the Top Client of the Year Award was copied by UTech, Jamaica alumnus Gordon Swaby, CEO, Edufocal Limited – an online social learning platform that combines study and play.

Awardees were judged on the criteria of achieving and surpassing goals and the extent to which they are making an impact on the wider Jamaican and global communities.

Miss Dionne Palmer, TIC Incubator Manager provided the gathering of entrepreneurs, educators and members of the business community with an update on the progress being made by the TIC. Commenting on the achievements of the graduates of the Incubator, Miss Palmer reported that over 260 clients have been nurtured in the residential, virtual and shared space programmes offered by the TIC since its establishment. She noted with pride that graduates and clients have been impactful on the economy with some having gained equity and investment in their businesses and have been recipients of numerous local and international awards. The Incubator Manager further reported that the clients of the TIC hire an

average of 2-5 persons, are all registered entities and generate a combined turnover of \$20M on average per annum. Miss Palmer disclosed that the Centre is working to strengthen its incubation programme for greater impact on the economy and the sustainability of the incubated business ventures and as such appealed for support through grant funding, mentorship, sponsorship and other forms of partnership.

Prof. Rosalea Hamilton, Vice President, Community Service and Development in her welcome commended the TIC for its efforts in successfully carrying out its mission of nurturing young entrepreneurs at the growth and development stage of their start-up technology-based business ventures and asserted that the awards signify important achievement milestones. She lauded the TIC for the work that it has been doing since 2002 in incubating external start-up businesses as well as business ventures by students and faculty at UTech, Jamaica.

Prof. Hamilton specially commended TIC graduate companies Point Global Marketing led by Javette Nixon who was among eight Jamaican entrepreneurs who were selected by the US Embassy in October 2016 to be part of President Barack Obama's Young Leaders of the Americas (YLA) initiative and Tyrone Wilson, CEO, eMedia

Interactive Group who recently partnered with the University College of the Caribbean (UCC) to offer a certificate media programme. "These major milestones affirm UTech, Jamaica's significant investment in entrepreneurship education and signify tangible outcomes of the University's commitment to contributing to the capacity building of a strong MSME sector in Jamaica," Prof. Hamilton noted.

Guest speaker, Mr. Loren Edwards, Senior Assistant General Manager, Retail Banking Division, National Commercial Bank shared insights on the imperative of using Information Technology to transform businesses for success in a globally competitive environment. He pointed to the example of Net Entrepreneurs who profitably use the Internet to manage all aspects of their businesses, underscoring that IT is the "backbone of an ever changing world economy." Lamenting that Jamaica lags behind at 83rd position out of 139 countries on the world ranking of the 2016 Global Information Technology Report, while countries on top such as Switzerland, Finland and Singapore have taken advantage of combining entrepreneurship, IT and innovation in an effort to develop their economies, he called on young entrepreneurs to embrace these imperatives for the sustainability and success of their business ventures.

UTech, Jamaica in the Community

Unsung Humanitarian Heroes Honoured at 3rd Annual Ubuntu Awards



Recipients of the University of Technology, Jamaica Ubuntu Essence of Humanity Awards pose for a group photo with Fi Wi Jamaica Project leadership following the 3rd annual awards ceremony held on Sunday, January 29, 2017 at the Knutsford Court Hotel, New Kingston.

The University of Technology, Jamaica through its USAID-funded **Fi Wi Jamaica** social intervention Project honoured nine individuals and two organisations at its 3rd annual Ubuntu Essence of Humanity Awards ceremony held on Sunday, January 29, 2017 at the Knutsford Court Hotel.

Ubuntu Awards are presented to a Jamaican citizen or resident or a community-based organization working in Jamaica. Awardees demonstrate outstanding leadership and courage in the face of adversity as they contribute to the cause of humanity. Their peers judge them to be worthy of emulation because they demonstrate great value and regard for humanity and the rights of the person – both as individuals and in community, and exemplify the UTech, Jamaica core values of respect, integrity, excellence and service.

The Ubuntu Awards were presented in the three categories of certificate, citation and trophy. Leading the list of awardees were educator **Ms. Keisha Hayle** and gender and water rights advocate, **Mrs. Linette Vassell** who both received the most prestigious awards, the Ubuntu trophy. **The Sir Howard Cooke's Thursday Group Character Development Centre** located in Nannyville also received an Ubuntu Essence of Humanity trophy for establishing day care, internet and homework services.

The University honoured Ms. Hayle, who is principal of the Padmore Primary School in West Rural St. Andrew, for her “exemplary and selfless leadership in education” and for consistently “striving for academic excellence at the Padmore Primary School, for going beyond the call of duty and for unstinting

care for the education of the children of the community.” Ms. Hayle has taught and mentored over 5,000 students at the school. Ms. Hayle was lauded for turning around the fortunes of the school, which in 2015 became a top performer in Grade 3, Grade 4 and GSAT examinations. Students from the school achieved 100% passes in examinations at these levels, moving the institution from the bottom of the National Education Inspectorate’s performance list.

Mrs. Vassell received the Ubuntu Essence of Humanity trophy for her more than four decades of advocacy for women’s rights and for the provision of social water. UTech, Jamaica, applauded her contribution to the passing of several pieces of legislation to improve the status of women and children in Jamaica. Notable among these were the Maternity Leave Act and the Minimum Wage Act, passed in the 1970s. Under the Minimum Wage Act, domestic workers were for the first time entitled to a legally determined basic wage. Mrs. Vassell’s unwavering advocacy has enabled the establishment of community-controlled and/or co-managed water and sanitation supply systems, in particular in low-income urban, rural and remote rural areas.

Citations were presented to other awardees Mr. Nicholas Scott, Ms. Althea Young, Dr. Jean Purchas-Tulloch, Sheldon Millington and Mr. Fitzroy Mills for community outreach. Mr. Scott was recognised for opening an evening institute to help adults and teens achieve CSEC subject passes and for organising outreach activities to troubled and needy children through the Welcome Outreach Ministries.

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Sophia McIntosh Appointed Coordinator, Western Campus, UTech, Jamaica



Miss Sophia McIntosh was appointed Coordinator, Western Campus, UTech Jamaica with effect from January 3, 2017 to December 31, 2018. Her vision for the University of Technology, Jamaica - Western Campus is to be the University of choice, pioneering adaptive multi-disciplinary education and training for lifelong learning, geared towards the needs of a dynamic environment. This vision

will be accomplished by focusing on a five-pronged strategy; namely:

1. To create a strong customer culture that delivers impeccable service to students, staff and other stakeholders
2. To create a culture of research to support decision making and enhance managerial effectiveness
3. To strengthen communication with external stakeholders and build strategic alliances
4. To ensure the optimal development of students and staff
5. To improve the University's economic base

With almost 15 years of experience in Education Leadership, Human Resource Management, Marketing and Banking and Finance, Sophia McIntosh is an expert in business process management. She has held key positions in Education, including Programme Director, School of Business Administration, UTech, Ja. and Chairman, Strategic Planning Committee at the Montego Bay Community College. During her tenure as Programme Director at UTech, Jamaica Western Campus, she has increased enrolment for the school during the period 2015-2016, stabilized the academic staffing for the programme and implemented and streamlined quality assurance systems.

This new role also allowed her to sharpen her Human Resource Management and Marketing skills by facilitating training and augmenting the Public Relations and Marketing Portfolio of UTech, Jamaica Western Campus. Under her leadership the school initiated new partnerships and synergies with other Universities, private and public entities such as The Association of Western Jamaica Tertiary Institution.

Prior to UTech, Jamaica Ms. McIntosh taught at Montego Bay Community College and B & B University College (Approved Learning Partner, Heriot-Watt University- Edinburgh Business School). She also worked at COK Sodality Cooperative Credit Union as Regional Marketing Officer where she utilized her marketing expertise in relationship-building and represented the company in different fora at the highest level.

Ms. McIntosh is a certified Financial Advisor. She holds a B.Sc. in Tourism Management, an MBA in International Business, both attained at the University of The West Indies and a Diploma in Education and Training from Vocational Training Institute (VTDI).

Ms. McIntosh is the current Secretary of Western Knights Toastmasters Club. She served the club in the capacity of Vice President, Public Relations. She is also a member of Kiwanis Club of Providence and an active member of The Young Adults Action Movement at St. Paul's United Church.

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Mrs. Young has worked through the Jacks Hill Karate Club to train over two hundred boys and girls, giving them a safe environment in which to learn martial arts, while developing discipline and other personal skills.

Dr. Purchas-Tulloch, who is affiliated with the Jamaica Capital Project for Dispute Resolution, volunteers at schools in underserved rural communities and spearheads a mentoring group comprising twelve university students. Mr. Millington organises outreach activities for the most socially vulnerable. Among the initiatives in which he has been involved, are visits to old age homes and hospices for people living with HIV and AIDS. He has also raised funds to provide health care to children in the Seaview Gardens community of St. Andrew. Mr. Mills has been engaged in community development work with L.E.A.P. Centre and the Y.M.C.A.

Mr. Sydney Henry received his award for advocating for housing and sanitation for vulnerable members of the Moneague community in St. Ann. Mr. Leon Malcolm, a student at UTech, Jamaica, received a certificate for community outreach to the youth of Savanna-La-Mar, Kingston and the UTech, Jamaica student body. The University recognised the Song Embassy for providing music education service in the Hope Tavern community of Papine.

"I am because we all are"

Prof. Rosalea Hamilton, Vice President, Community Service and Development, UTech, Jamaica and Project Director, Fi Wi Jamaica Project in her welcome, affirmed the simple essence of the South African concept of "Ubuntu" - "I am because we all are." Noting that we are all interconnected by our humanity, Prof. Hamilton shared that "there exists a common bond between us all as human beings, that is the essence of our humanity." Pointing to the imperative for the guiding principle of the spirit of Ubuntu in today's global reality of inequalities, rising social tensions and other challenges across the world, Prof. Hamilton called for everyone to play a part in creating a more harmonious environment. "A world where we treat others as ourselves...focus on the goodness of others and not their imperfections, a world where we truly love each other as human beings regardless of race, colour, class, disabilities, political affiliation or sexual orientation," she said to approving nods and applause from the large audience of educators, community activists, representatives from government, the diplomatic corps and students.

Deputy President, **Prof. Colin Gyles** who brought greetings on behalf of President **Prof. Stephen Vasciannie**, told the gathering that "UTech, Jamaica takes our service and outreach obligation seriously – it represents an important dimension of UTech, Jamaica's pillars of teaching, research and outreach. So we are happy to be playing our part through the FiWi Jamaica Project and other service and outreach initiatives in instilling the positive values that will influence a cultural ethos that values and protects the humanity of each other." Prof. Gyles underscored that this ethos is entrenched in the UTech, Jamaica Core Values of **Respect, Accountability, Integrity, Service Excellence, Innovation and Team Spirit**.

Responding on behalf of the awardees, Mrs. Linnette Vassell thanked the University and the Fi Wi Jamaica Project for the recognition received, noting that awards have inspired them to renew their vision and commitment to the building of a better Jamaica.

UTech, Ja. Donates Tablets with e-learning Software to Lister Mair Gilby High School



Dr. Paul Golding (3rd left), Dean, College of Business and Management presents a computer tablet to Lister Mair Gilby High School (LMGHS) student Lorraine Strachan (2nd left) during a presentation ceremony at the school on October 24, 2016 at which Dr. Golding handed over a first phase of 100 tablets to teachers and students. The tablets have been installed with the innovative e-learning multimedia software, U-Touch developed by Dr. Golding and his research team to aid deaf and hearing-impaired students to understand prepositions and conjunctions to enhance their reading and comprehension skills. Sharing in the presentation from left are Ms. Carol Williams, teacher and Mrs. Audrey Watson, Principal, Lister Mair Gilby High School.

President Vasciannie Donates his Publications to Calvin McKain Library

The President's Publications

International Law and Selected Human Rights in Jamaica (2002) - Stephen Vasciannie (2 copies)

The 8th Michael Manley Lecture 2009 – Jamaica and the World – Aspects of International Law - Stephen Vasciannie (2 copies)

Us and Them: International Law in a Time of Trial – Inaugural Lecture - Stephen Vasciannie (2 copies)

Arguments and Facts – Caribbean Public Law, Governance, Economy and Society - Stephen Vasciannie (2 copies)

The International Law Workbook – Questions and Materials for Students of Public International Law - Stephen Vasciannie (2 copies)

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The Privy Council Versus The Caribbean Court of Appeal – Some General Observations - Stephen Vasciannie

The Constitution and the rule of law: some recent developments in Jamaica – Stephen Vasciannie

West Indian Law Journal – Vol. 35 – May 2010 – No. 1 – The Caribbean Court of Justice: The Next Steps – Stephen Vasciannie

The Role of the United Nations International Law Commission: A View from the Caribbean - Stephen Vasciannie

Part XI of the Law of the Sea Convention and Third States: Some General Observations – Stephen Vasciannie

The British Year Book of International Law 1999 – Seventieth Year of Issue – Oxford at the Clarendon Press 2000 – The Fair and Equitable Treatment Standard in International Investment Law and Practice - Stephen Vasciannie (2 copies)

ILSA Journal of International and Comparative Law – Articles & Essays – The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights: Reform and the Question of Universality - Stephen Vasciannie

The Cobb Family Lecture 2008 – The Human Rights Project in Jamaica – Stephen Vasciannie (2 copies)



Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, CD (right), President, University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech, Ja.) present a collection of his law publications which he authored, to Mr. David Drysdale, University Librarian during a visit and tour of the Calvin McKain Library, Papine campus on Wednesday, January 11, 2017. Sharing in the presentation is Miss Glenda Dalling, Librarian, Collection Development Unit.

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