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UTech, Jamaica Students Showcase Robotics Innovations

UTech, Ja. engineering students who are part of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Student Branch, Jamaica Chapter, recently showcased their robotic innovations created for competition at the IEEE Region 3 SoutheastCon 2017 held March 30 – April 2, 2017 in Charlotte/Concord, North Carolina, USA.

SoutheastCon is the annual IEEE Region 3 Technical, Professional, and Student Conference. It brings together Computer Scientists, Electrical, and Computer Engineering professionals, faculty and students to share the latest information through technical sessions, tutorials, and exhibits. It is the most influential conference in Region 3 for promoting awareness of the technical contributions made by the profession to the advancement of engineering science and to the community.

Each year the Faculty of Engineering and Computing participates in SoutheastCon with students competing in various aspects including robotics, software, engineering ethics, technical paper and website design segments. Eleven students participated in the 2017 competition.

Although the Hardware and Software team was unsuccessful in the Hardware (Robotics) segment of the competition, they were thrilled to have made a robot that traverses a course while undergoing four different stages. Third year School of Computing and Information Technology (SCIT) student and member of the IEEE Student Branch, Mr Agyei Masters explained that the robot “can defeat faults in circuits as well as in an electromagnetic pulse (EMP).”

The student group also created a drone with built-in fail-safe sails which controls the drone in the event that the person flying it loses control. The sails would ensure that the drone returns on its own while landing safely.



Prime Minister, the Most Hon. Andrew Holness, (left) looks attentively at the drone as SCIT Diploma student Richard Clarke (3rd left) explains the attributes of the innovation. The drone was created by student members of the IEEE Student Branch, UTech, Jamaica for use in surveillance activities. Looking on are Dr. the Hon. Andrew Wheatley (2nd left), Minister of Science, Energy and Technology and Raffique Muir (right), diploma student, SCIT /President, IEEE Student Branch, UTech, Jamaica. Below, Hon. Audley Shaw, MP (centre) Minister of Finance and the Public Service interacts with the drone.

The UTech, Jamaica students also participated in the Software (“Hackathon”) challenge where they displayed their skills in computer security penetration testing, a software competition and the Engineering Ethics competition where students came together to debate ethical issues facing the ICT industry.



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The Hon. Juliet Holness, wife of Prime Minister the Most Hon. Andrew Holness and Member of Parliament for St. Andrew East Rural was happy to take a photograph with members of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Student Branch, UTech, Jamaica. Pictured from left are SCIT students, Agyei Masters, Raffique Muir and Mordon Daily proudly displaying their Robotic innovation.

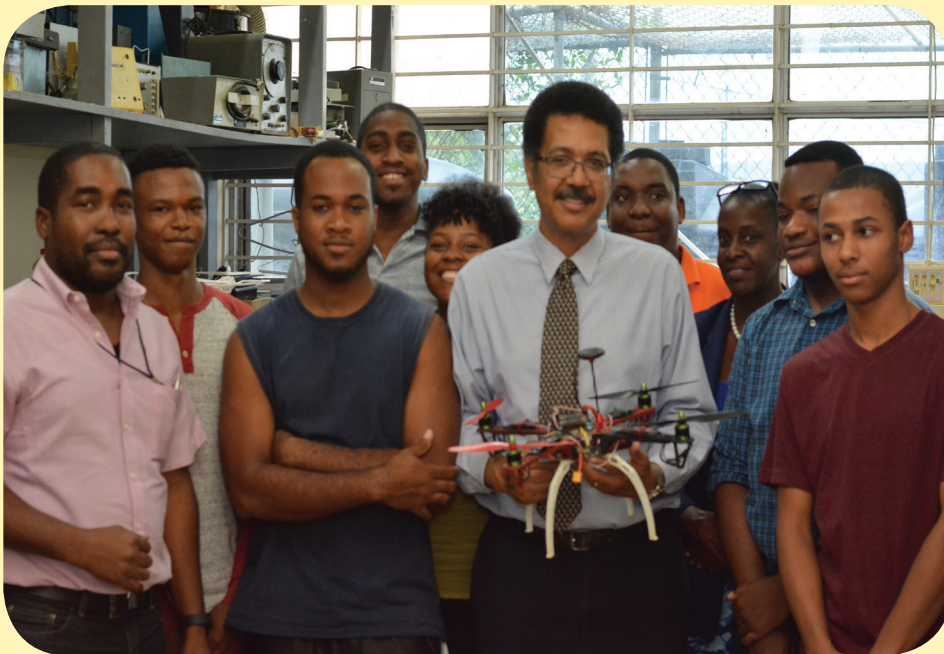
The UTech, Ja. Student Branch has reaped success at previous SoutheastCons. In 2012, the team placed first in the Open Hardware competition as well as the Technical Paper. In 2013, the team placed third in the Technical Paper and won the Ethics competition. In 2015, the UTech, Ja team placed first in the website competition, second in the Instagram challenge, and won challenges in the Texas Instruments workshop as well as the student leaders workshop.

The PM Meets Engineering Students

On Tuesday, April 18, 2017 the Ministry of Science, Energy and Technology hosted a Cabinet post-budget cocktail event at the Spanish Court Hotel, New Kingston at which representatives from the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Student Branch, UTech, Jamaica were invited, mere days after they returned from their international competition at the IEEE South East Conference, USA. During the cocktails, the students were given the opportunity to showcase their creativity in the work they have been doing. The students interacted with the Ministers of Government present as well as Prime Minister, the Most Hon. Andrew Holness and his wife, Hon. Mrs. Juliet Holness, Member of Parliament for St. Andrew East Rural.

President Vasciannie Meets Robotics Team

On April 19, 2017 President, Prof. Stephen Vasciannie visited the School of Engineering, interacted with students and staff in the IEEE Main Office and was fascinated with the work of the IEEE Student Branch. Below are photo highlights of the President's visit and interaction with the drone and a robot, called Robot X created by the students.



Faculty members, and students of the Faculty of Engineering and Computing pose for a group photograph with President, Prof. Stephen Vasciannie (holding Robot X). (Front row from left are) Dr. Dave Muir, lecturer, School of Engineering, Romaine Gordon, 3rd year student, School of Engineering, Richard Clarke, Diploma student, School of Engineering. 2nd row from left are Mordon Dailey, SCIT 3rd year student, Sherika Richards, 3rd year student, School of Business Administration, Lomar Lilly, student, SCIT, Ms. Karlene Black, Vice Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Computing, Agyei Masters, 3rd year student, SCIT and Brandon Chung, first year SCIT student.



Prof Vasciannie tries out Robot X with the help of SCIT student, Agyei Masters (2nd left) while Kevon Graham, fourth year SCIT student assists.

UTech, Jamaica Students Benefit from Government Waiver

...students with outstanding tuition fees allowed to sit exams



Senator the Hon Ruel Reid, CD, JP
Minister of Education, Youth & Information

On Thursday, April 25, 2017, Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, President announced that following consultations between officials of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information and officials of the University of Technology, Jamaica, all undergraduate students with outstanding fees for the 2016/2017 Academic Year would be allowed to sit their end of semester examinations starting on May 1, 2017.

The arrangement was made on the assumption that at least some of the fees owed to the University of Technology, Jamaica, by Jamaican students will be covered by the Government of Jamaica for the current year. This would apply to undergraduate students in all years of study. Students who benefit from the initiative are required to participate in a community service project or in some form of service programme of the Government of Jamaica. This may be, for instance, through the Jamaica Values and Attitudes (JAMVAT) Programme.

The Government announced earlier in April 2017 that \$300 million dollars had been allocated to help Jamaican students who are financially challenged at the University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech, Ja.), University of the West Indies (UWI) and the Caribbean Maritime Institute (CMI).

Full Professors of the University of Technology, Jamaica



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Adjunct Professor of Public
Health, School of Public Health
and Health Technology



Professor Winston Davidson
Head of School
School of Public Health and Health
Technology

UTech, Jamaica Signs Contract with Ministry of Education and the World Bank for Jamaica Safe Schools Project



Partners in the Jamaica Safe Schools Project: School Inspection Programme affix their signatures to the contract documents at a special signing ceremony held on Monday, May 1, 2017 at the University of Technology, Jamaica's Papine campus. Seated from left are Ms. Marcia Phillips Dawkins, Managing Director, National Education Trust (NET), Dr. Roland Bradshaw, Project Manager, World Bank, Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, CD, President, UTech, Jamaica, Hon. Floyd Green, Minister of State, Ministry of Education, Youth and Information and Prof. Nilza Aples, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Computing, UTech, Jamaica. Standing are Associate Prof. Garfield Young, Dean, Faculty of The Built Environment, UTech, Jamaica and Miss Latoya Harris, Director, Donor and Partnership Management, NET.

The thrust to reduce vulnerability and improve infrastructural resiliency in public schools across Jamaica has received a boost with the signing of a contract among partners, University of Technology, Jamaica, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information, the World Bank and the National Education Trust (NET) for the implementation of the Jamaica Safe Schools Project: School Inspection Programme (JSSP).

The contract for the implementation of the JSSP was signed on Monday, May 1, 2017 at UTech, Jamaica's Papine campus.

The JSSP is part of a larger National Education Sector Development Plan to support the Government of Jamaica in "mainstreaming disaster risk management in the regulation, planning, designing, construction and management of school infrastructure."

Under the JSSP project, 971 public infant, primary and secondary schools across Jamaica will be inspected to assess the risk, structural

and functional needs. These assessments will enable the Government of Jamaica to prioritize investments plans to build infrastructure resiliency in these schools.

Project Implementation

The project will commence with a pilot involving the inspection of fifty (50) schools - forty-six (46) in Kingston and four (4) schools in St. Andrew. The information provided from the data collected from the pilot schools will be used to establish a digital information template which will inform the data collection process from the remaining schools.

The project should be completed within approximately two years ending by mid-2018 with two major outputs – the establishment of a school infrastructure baseline and database which will form a master database and a final report providing an analysis of the data. Students from the University's Faculty of The Built Environment and the Faculty of Engineering and Computing are executing this aspect of the project.

4th Annual UTech, Jamaica /JMMB Joan Duncan Memorial Lecture Examines “Monetizing Brand Jamaica’s Sporting Success”

The Joan Duncan School of Entrepreneurship, Ethics and Leadership (JDSEEL), University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech, Jamaica) in collaboration with the JMMB Joan Duncan Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the JMMB Group hosted the 4th Annual Joan Duncan Memorial Lecture on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 under the theme, “Mining Gold! How do we Monetize Brand Jamaica’s Sporting Success?” The memorial lecture which honours the vision, mission and passion of the late corporate leader and JMMB co-founder, Joan Duncan was held at the UTech, Jamaica Papine campus.

The memorial lecture was delivered by Don Lockerbie, Managing Director,

Sports and Events, The Parker Company, Miami Florida and former Chief Operating Officer and Venue Development Director of the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007 in the West Indies. Lockerbie presented a range of recommendations on how Jamaica can better leverage its assets and talent in sport to harness a greater share of the estimated global US\$144 billion sports industry which he noted is growing at a rate of 3 to 5 per cent annually.

Mr. Michael Steele, Head, Joan Duncan School of Entrepreneurship, Ethics and Leadership (JDSEEL) chaired the evening’s proceedings.



Olympian and former World Record Holder Asafa Powell, (left), shares his perspectives at the annual UTech/Joan Duncan Memorial Lecture held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at the UTech Papine campus. Other presenters seated from left are Dr. Kamilah Hylton, Dean, Faculty of Science and Sport, UTech, Don Lockerbie, Managing Director, Sports and Events Group, Florida, USA and Christopher Dehring, CEO, Ready Cable Television.



Olympian Asafa Powell, (2nd left) poses with his special award in recognition of his outstanding contribution and achievements as a Jamaican athlete par excellence, presented by Prof. Stephen Vasciannie (left) President, UTech. The award was presented at the annual UTech/Joan Duncan Memorial Lecture held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at the UTech Papine campus. Sharing in the occasion are Patricia Sutherland, Chairman-JMMB Joan Duncan Foundation and Dr. Paul Golding, Dean, College of Business and Management, UTech.



Sports venue design expert Don Lockerbie, Managing Director, Sports and Events Group, Florida, USA delivers the keynote address. Among Lockerbie’s recommendations was the revitalisation of sports venues in Jamaica for income generation and using elite athletes as ambassadors for business development and marketing Jamaica overseas.

Student Exhibition on Media Education for Social Change

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Faculty of Education and Liberal Studies hosted the 3rd annual Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts and Technology (BCAT) final year students' exhibition at its Papine and Montego Bay campuses, Wednesday, May 3 to Friday, May 5, 2017.

Under the theme, "Streaming Imagination," the three-day exhibition featured student exhibits comprising short video documentaries, websites, radio features, photo essays, magazines, billboards and books that dealt with a variety of current social issues.

Keynote speaker Mr. Richard T. Griffiths, former Vice President and Senior Editorial Director, CNN delivered a wide-ranging presentation centred on the role of media in the digital age. Pointing to the role of media, Mr. Griffiths said that media should educate citizens; hold government accountable for their actions; ensure that justice is done; lift up good and new ideas that result in positive change, and "comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable."



Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts and Technology students, Shawn Hector (left) and Crystal Taylor (right) pose with (from left) Dr. Rohan Lewis, Dean, Faculty of Education and Liberal Studies (FELS), Mr. Richard T. Griffiths (centre), former Vice President and Senior Editorial Director of CNN, and Dr. Nova Gordon-Bell, Head, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, FELS following the opening ceremony for the annual BCAT final year student exhibition held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at the UTech, Jamaica Papine campus. The former CNN Vice President's visit to Jamaica as guest of UTech, Jamaica was made possible with support from the United States Embassy in Jamaica.



Mr. Griffiths makes a point during his presentation at the UTech, Jamaica Western Campus, Dome Street, Montego Bay on Friday, May 5, 2017.



Mr. Sydney Lowrie (right), Senior Lecturer, School of Humanities and Social Sciences reviews the magazine Jam876-The Lifestyle of the 876 produced by student, Kingsley Whyte (3rd left). Looking on curiously are final year BCAT students Syrranie Vassell (left) and Okema Williams.



(L- R) Presenters who participated in the panel discussion on "Media Education for Justice, Development and Social Change" held on World Press Freedom Day, Wednesday, May 3 at the UTech, Jamaica Papine campus - Mr. Richard T. Griffiths, former Vice President and Senior Editorial Director, CNN, Dr. Livingston White, Lecturer, Caribbean Institute of Media and Communication (CARIMAC), University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona campus, Prof. Trevor Munroe, Executive Director, National Integrity Action (NIA) and Mr. Gary Allen, Chief Executive Officer, RJR/Gleaner Communications Group.

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Verteran broadcaster Fae Ellington (left) looks keenly at Syrrannie Vassell's the photo essay titled, "Keep on Running."



Courtesy Call on the President: Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, CD, President, UTech, Jamaica presents a gift to Mr. Griffiths. Mr. Griffiths paid a courtesy call on the President on Wednesday, May 3, 2017. He was accompanied by representatives from the US Embassy in Kingston, Ms. Kristina Otiz and Ms. Cleo Walker, Dr. Rohan Lewis, Dr. Nova Gordon-Bell and Mr. Hector Wheeler, AVP, Advancement, UTech, Jamaica.



Gabrielle Victory chats with Mr. Ken Williams, Manager, HOT 102 FM during his visit to the exhibition. Gabrielle's final project was a video documentary examining "Work and Travel: Cultural Exchange or Modern Day Slavery?"



Rapping with Griffiths: Four final year Journalism major students were chosen to have a discussion with Mr. Richard Griffiths (centre) on current media practices. Students from left are Cait-Amoi Goulbourne, Travis Bartley, Shauna Spence and Adrianna Miller.

FELS Bachelor of Education Degree Attains UCJ Accreditation

The Faculty of Education and Liberal Studies has attained accreditation for the Bachelor of Education degree course of study. The grant of accreditation would have a positive impact on the graduates of the programme, and should rebound to the credit of the Faculty as a whole.

The process towards accreditation was led by Dean, Dr. Rohan Lewis; Dr Sylvia Hall, Lecturer, FELS prepared the self-study. Dr Winsome Russell, AVP, Academic Management and the team in the Office of Curriculum Development and Evaluation(OCDE) worked tirelessly on this application along with members of the Faculty's team who spent long hours in the effort to satisfy the requirements of the University Council of Jamaica (UCJ).



Dr. Rohan Lewis, Dean, FELS



Dr. Winsome Russell, Associate Vice President, Academic Management

FELS Graduate Students' Conference 2017



Prof. Halden Morris, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Humanities and Education, UWI (Mona) delivers the keynote address at the 5th FELS Graduate Students' Conference held at the Papine campus on Thursday, May 25, 2017.

The Faculty of Education and Liberal Studies (FELS) Graduate Studies Unit hosted its 5th Graduate Students' Conference on May 25, 2017. The conference was guided by the theme "Research, Innovation and Knowledge Sharing: Imperatives for 21st Century Development". Professor Halden Morris, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Humanities and Education, UWI (Mona) the keynote speaker unpacked this theme and provided a thought provoking discussion and thinking about research and innovation in the 21st century.

Eleven (11) Graduate students presented papers on cutting edge research in their field. Paper presentations covered research in problem based/project based learning, Information Communication Technology, Queering Educational Leadership, School Leadership and the Virtual Learning classroom, Advancing the theory and Practice of Human Resource Development, Students perception of career choices in TVET, Selection criteria for appointing leaders in secondary schools, The DREEM model to improve student achievement at UTech, Jamaica and Academic Performance: Does the Teacher Matter?

In an effort to prepare Graduate students for the conference presentations mentoring sessions were facilitated by members of faculty, FELS: Dr. Cynthia Onyefulu, Dr. Leonie Clarke, Dr. Gareth Phillips, Dr. Hope Mayne, Dr. Shermaine Barrett, Mrs. Anita Thomas-James and Miss Grace Hughes.

The mentoring process continued at the conference with Dr. Shermaine Barrett cementing the process with a presentation titled "From Concept to Publication". This provided graduate students with in-depth knowledge on how to get published.



Best Conference Paper

The Best Conference Paper was awarded to Mr. Craig McNally (centre), PhD student in the Education Leadership and Management Programme. His paper title is "Queering Educational Leadership: The Lived Experiences & Perceptions of LGB Students at a selected university in Jamaica." Congratulating him on his award are Dr. Leonie Clarke, Head, School of Technical and Vocational Education and Dr. Rohan Lewis, Dean, Faculty of Education and Liberal Studies.

Students' Union Handing Over Ceremony



The UTech, Jamaica Students' Union Council held its annual "changing of the guards" for student leadership at its Handing Over Ceremony held on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at the Student Activity Centre. Outgoing President Mr. Dimitri McGregor (right) presents Prof. Colin Gyles, Deputy President with a special appreciation award for his "continous support of the UTech, Jamaica Students' Union. Pictured below, the incoming Students' Union Council Executive members for the 2017-2018 Academic Year recite the Oath of Office led by Joelle Blake (at podium), outgoing Executive Secretary, in which they pledged their commitment to serve the student body. Looking on are Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, CD, (left) President, and Prof. Colin Gyles, Deputy President, UTech, Jamaica.



New Students' Union Executive 2017 -2018



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"This is leadership: being able to influence for good; having the ability to be loved and hated by the same people yet be respected; to be able balance the challenges of leadership. This is leadership."



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"Leadership is based on INSPIRATION, not domination; on COOPERATION, not intimidation"
 -William Arthur Wood



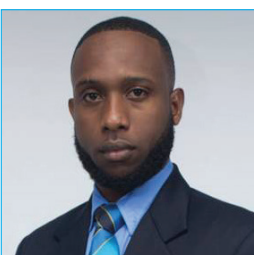
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"When opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."



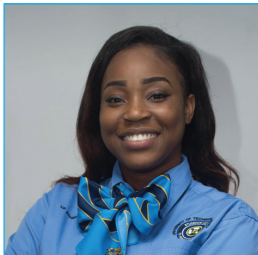
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"The art of communication is the language of leadership".



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"What is life without change?"



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"May I never forget on my best day that I needed God as desperately as I did on my worst day."

Recent Senior Academic and Administrative Appointments

The University Council approved the following appointments made by the University Appointments and Promotions Committee (UAPC) at its respective meetings held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 and Thursday, April 27, 2017.



Prof. Fitzroy Henry's appointment as Professor of Public Health Nutrition in the College of Health Sciences has been extended for the period of one year effective April 2, 2017 to April 1, 2018. Professor Henry was appointed Professor of Public Health Nutrition in the College of Health Sciences on April 2, 2013 on a three-year contract. This appointment represented the first professorial appointment in the College. Professor Henry will also continue to serve as an advisor on Public Health Nutrition in the School of Public Health of the Joint Colleges.

Professor Fitzroy Henry
Professor of Public Health Nutrition
College of Health Sciences

An internationally recognized scholar, Professor Henry's theoretical and empirical research has established him as an esteemed expert in the areas of environmental sanitation, nutritional deficiencies in vulnerable groups as well as the prevention, diagnosis and dietary management of obesity and its co-morbidities, diabetes, hypertension and heart disease. His presentation at lectures, major conferences and his many papers published in peer reviewed scientific and medical journals have earned him the respect of his peers and his place as a role model in his field.

In the four years that Professor Henry has been a part of the College of Health Sciences he has been extensively engaged in course development (including the Master of Science in Public Health Nutrition and a number of short courses), research, publishing, and the training of staff and students.

Professor Henry was the 2016 recipient of the University of Technology, Jamaica's President's Research Initiative Award for Excellence in Research as well as the Caribbean Health Research Award for Outstanding Achievements in the area of Public Health Nutrition. He serves as a member of the National Advisory Board, Jamaica Tertiary Education Commission, Chairman (Cabinet appointed) of the National Food Industry Task Force and is Chairman designate (Cabinet appointed), National Commission on Non-communicable Diseases.



Mr. Paul Brissett
Chief Business and Finance Officer

Mr. Paul Brissett was appointed Chief Business and Finance Officer (CBFO) with effect from Monday May 1, 2017. Mr. Brissett is a financial management professional with over thirty (30) years experience. His last employment was with the Tourism Product Development Company Limited (TPDCo.) where he served as the Financial Controller for ten (10) years. He graduated from the Mona School of Business, UWI in 2003 with a Master's Degree in Business Administration and was admitted as an Affiliate Member of the Association of Certified Chartered Accountants in 2014.

The holder of a Bachelor of Arts Degree in General Studies from the Jamaica Theological Seminary in 2000, Mr. Brissett also has qualifications in Financial Securities Management, and Procurement and Contracting.



Dr. Janet Campbell-Shelly
Dean, College of Health Sciences

Dr. Janet Campbell-Shelly has been appointed Dean of the College of Health Sciences, for one term effective April 19, 2017 to April 17, 2021. Dr. Campbell-Shelly has served the College in various capacities for 30 years having joined the University of Technology, Jamaica in September 1987. Her extensive experience includes holding positions such as Pharmacy Programme Director for 12 years, Acting Head of School of Pharmacy, Vice Dean and Acting Dean. She contributes to the wider University through her participation on a number of committees. At the national level, she is a member of the Pesticides Control Authority Review Committee and serves as Presenter to Mid-wives and Nurse Practitioners in the nurses in-service programme.

Dr. Campbell-Shelly was admitted to the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmacology on November 10, 2007. Known for her high level of professionalism and sound organizational and leadership abilities, Dr. Campbell-Shelly has contributed significantly to the expansion of the Pharmacy Division through her academic and administrative direction. Her research interest is in Experimental Pharmacology with a focus in toxicological studies, Ethnopharmacology, Tissue culture research using both primary explants and commercial cell line.



Mr. Jermaine Levell
Industrial Relations Manager

Mr. Jermaine Levell was appointed as Industrial Relations Manager in the Division of Human Resources and Administration effective April 3, 2017.

Mr. Levell's last employment was with J Wray and Nephew Limited (Appleton Estate) where he served in the capacity as Industrial Relations and Employment Engagement Specialist for over five years. His other work experience includes assignment as Negotiating Officer for the National Workers Union.

In managing the industrial relations portfolio at the University, Mr. Levell's responsibilities will include providing day-to-day industrial relations support to both management and staff, negotiating collective bargaining agreements in compliance with the Collective Bargaining Contract, and managing grievance procedures working with internal and external partners in handling complainants arising from disputes with employees.

Mr. Levell is a graduate of the University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 2007. He is currently pursuing his Master of Science Degree in Human Resource Development at the UWI.

Student Services Honours Residential Students at Annual Reception and Awards Ceremony

The Division of Student Services and Registry on Saturday, April 22, 2017 hosted its annual Halls of Residence Dinner and Awards Ceremony in honour of members of the student body, for excellence in various areas of student life.



Brittany Walfall, School of Computing and Information Technology (SCIT) student and resident of Hall E, Papine Campus, accepts her award for Outstanding Leadership from Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, President.



Hebert Thomas, Doctor of Medical Dentistry student, College of Oral Health Sciences, who resides on the Dennis Johnson Hall of Residence, accepts his award for Outstanding Leadership from Prof. Vasciannie.



Guest Speaker at the Halls of Residence Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony, Dr. Terri-Karelle Reid (centre) displays her UTech, Jamaica Appreciation award as she poses with University Registrar, Dr. Elaine Wallace and President, Prof. Stephen Vasciannie.

Chinese Embassy Increases Scholarship Funding to UTech, Ja Students

On September 26, 2014 His Excellency Dong Xiaojun, then Chinese Ambassador to Jamaica officially handed over a scholarship cheque valued at \$1M to offset tuition fees for select UTech, Jamaica students. Five students were awarded scholarships during the handing over ceremony held at the Papine campus. The Chinese Embassy has continued to provide the annual Scholarship since 2014.

In March 2017 His Excellency Niu Qingbao, current Ambassador, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Jamaica pledged to increase the scholarship funding to \$1.25 million dollars.

Pictured at right, Camrie Hines, then student of the School of Public Health and Health Technology and one of the five scholarship awardees, gives the vote of thanks following the scholarship presentation held at Lillian's Restaurant, Papine campus. Seated at the head table are His Excellency Dong Xiaojun, then Chinese Ambassador to Jamaica and Mrs. Garcia McLennon, Director, Student Financing.



New Procurement Committee

At the invitation of the President, the following persons have been appointed as members of the University's Procurement Committee. Their tenure will be for two years with effect from June 1, 2017.



Mr Patrick Williams
Vice-Dean, FOSS (Chairman)



Miss Karlene Black
Vice-Dean, FENC (Deputy Chairman)



Mr Paul Brissett
Chief Business & Finance Officer



Dr Ruth Potopsingh
AVP, Sustainable Energy, CSEII



Mrs Myrtle Weir
Lecturer, COBAM



Mrs Denise Stephenson Hammil
Senior Director, Planning &
Operations



Mr Hector Wheeler
AVP, Advancement
Office of the President

UTech Jamaica in the Community

UTech, Ja. Helpers Student Group Hosts Charity Event for the Marie Atkins Night Shelter



Miss Danniell Brown (centre), 4th Year Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts and Technology (BCAT) student and President, UTech, Ja. Helpers, along with Minister Kerrian Johnson of the Faith Worshipers Assembly of God and KJ Outreach Deliverance Ministry in discussion with Smile Jamaica, TVJ host Miss Dahlia Harris on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 during an interview on the programme.

UTech, Ja. Helpers is a group of 21 University of Technology, Jamaica students from various colleges and faculties who are doing the Management of Meetings and Events University elective for Semester 2, Academic Year 2016-17.

Facilitated by their lecturer, Mrs. Diana Shakes, School of Business Administration, each class takes the form of weekly meetings that bring together a group of highly-motivated students eager to explore and investigate field related topics.

The course equips students with the knowledge and skills of event planning and meeting management through various modalities such as learning activities, group discussions, presentations, simulation and applied problem solving.

The UTech, Ja Helpers student group chose the Marie Atkins Night Shelter located at 65 Hanover Street, downtown Kingston for their Management of Meeting and Events final project.

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The shelter which houses on average of 250 persons was chosen for the event execution in response to the high rate of homelessness in Jamaica and to highlight the significant efforts of the institution.

President, UTech, Ja Helpers Miss Danniell Brown, 4th Year Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts and Technology (BCAT) student, notes that “often times we look at the homeless as outcasts of society but it is important to remember people in their current state of need and empathize with them. The night shelter has done a great deal to assist people in need, but does not get enough help or recognition.”

The Team hosted a charity event dubbed, “UpLift” with the tagline “Improving Lives One Act at a Time” at the Marie Atkins Night Shelter on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm.



Members of UTech, Jamaica Helpers pose for a photograph at the Marie Atkins Night Shelter during their charity event.



A member the UTech, Jamaica Helpers group engages a resident of the shelter in a game of chess.

The event included a mini concert, guest presenters, a clothing drive and recreational activities with the residents. Minister Kerrian Johnson of the Faith Worshipers Assembly of God and KJ Outreach Deliverance Ministry was among the presenters and performers.

Sponsors of the event included UTech, Jamaica, Five Star WaterSports, Jojo Jerk Pit, Paperboy Jamaica, United Church of God, comedian Dutty Berry and the Jamaica foundation for Life Long Learning.

Labour Day Project



The Department of Community Service and Development on Labour Day led a special project to restore and beautify the August Town Police Station and Primary School, roads in the communities of Standpipe, Sandy Park Basic School and the Jacks Hill Community Centre. Members of staff and students participated in the 2017 Labour Day Project.

Beautification work in progress at August Town Primary School on Labour Day, May 23, 2017.

Fi Wi Jamaica Project Marks 2 Year Milestone



(L-R) Graduates who attended the Equality360 Graduation from the Social and Economic Justice Advocacy Training Programme Cohort 1. Participants from the Performance Group, Fi Wi Jamaica Masters in Residence Programme performing the "Ubuntu Song" which was written collectively by the song writing group.



(L-R) Prof. Rosalea Hamilton, Associate Vice President, Community Service and Development hosts a session on Sexual Violence against Women and Human Trafficking. At right, men show their solidarity by participating in a march to end violence against women.

2 YEARS GAWN AREADY!!

389
Entrepreneurs Trained

1593
Persons sensitized on Trafficking in
Persons/Domestic and Intimate Partner
Violence

3576
Persons attending our training workshops

9457
Persons who have participated in our
activities

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The overarching goal of the FiWi Jamaica Project is to empower members of socially excluded and vulnerable groups through social, cultural and economic interventions that strengthen public demand and advocacy for their respect, dignity and freedom from discrimination and violence. The 3-year Project is funded by the USAID and is being executed by the Division of Community Service and Development, UTech, Jamaica led by Prof. Rosalea Hamilton, Project Director and her team.

Over the last two years, the Project has conducted 3,576 workshops across the island; 389 entrepreneurs have been trained; 1,593 persons have participated in sensitization sessions on trafficking in persons/domestic and intimate partner violence; and 9457 persons have participated in the various project activities.



ALUMNI VOICES

“ My CAST/UTech education ”

On Thursday, June 1, 2017 during the President's reception for alumni of CAST/UTech, a vox pop was conducted with some alumni who responded to the question: "In retrospect, has your CAST/UTech education helped to advance your career development?"



"I am from the first cohort of students that entered when the institution opened up in 1958 and I was among the first groups of graduates in 1961. Those were the first graduates in Building, Engineering and Institutional Management. I studied Building and Engineering. Studying at CAST, for me was the start of everything in my career. I went on to the UK and spent quite a while there continuing with Engineering. I came back home in 1969. I've been abroad again after that to do other things, but my whole working life has spent here doing Engineering."

Cowell Lyn,
Retired Engineer
Graduating Class of 1961
Pursued: Building, Engineering and Institutional Management

"So straight up yes, my education at UTech really assisted in terms of what I presently do. At the National Police College I'm still in the field of Education focusing on training, development and so on, so I am benefitting now from the training that I received at UTech. It affords me an opportunity to apply technology to education. I thought I got excellent support as a student at UTech. Even with the library I found it was easy for me to find materials to do research, to assist with assignments, the lecturers were very supportive. Dr. Cynthia Onyefulu in particular was very helpful when I was having challenges with doing my research. She was most supportive, even after the course ended we still maintained a level of friendship; she is still like a mentor to me..."

Christopher Phillips
Deputy Superintendent of Police, National Police College of Jamaica
Graduating Class of 2012
Pursued: MSC in Workforce Education and Development, FELS



"I did the BBA and majored in Management. They called it agony, stress and tension. It was really just that but it prepared me for the working world. Psychology was my favorite subject, as well as Management on a whole and Business Ethics. When I was finished, I was ready to move mountains, I could do anything. I got promoted. I am a Marketer by profession and I could do anything I got. I go all over the place, travel all over the world. I was able to talk to anybody. I'm in insurance and my preparation at UTech, now helps me to relate to anybody."

Jacqueline Daley
Financial Advisor, Guardian Life Insurance Company
Graduation Class of 1995
Pursued: Bachelor of Business Administration (Majored in Management)

ALUMNI VOICES

“My CAST/UTech education”

“I operate my own real estate company. The Real Estate Offices of Joan A. Latty. After I did this particular degree, it allowed me firstly to have gotten a promotion. At that time I was with Victoria Mutual. If I hadn't done it, I would not have been promoted. . . . UTech is known for the hands-on training; students benefit from a lot of practical experience and group projects are also very helpful in preparing you for the real world of work. I came back later to UTech to do the Salesman for Real Estate course and I came back again and did the Dealer's course. So I had like three different experiences here at UTech and now I'm operating my own business.”

Joan Latty
Real Estate Broker

Graduating Class of 1999

Pursued: Bachelor of Science in Administrative Management



“UTech has been the primary institution for the profession in the teaching and training of pharmacists, so of course it has contributed totally to my development as a Pharmacist. There wasn't anywhere else to get that profession at that time and I like that it was also affordable at that time.”

Leonie Wallace
Pharmacist

Graduating Class of 1987

Pursued: Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy



“I graduated in 2014 from the Faculty of Law. I hold an LLB. I'm employed as a paralegal. Now, how has UTech really assisted in my career development? Well I studied Law, so that pushed me into that career path; I really want to become a lawyer but then on the flip-side the issue with UTech and getting into Norman Manley Law School is really affecting me. You know matriculating over to Norman Manley. . . . but apart from that, I don't think I made a wrong decision coming to UTech.”

Mishka Murray
Paralegal

Graduating Class of 2014

Pursued: Bachelor of Laws



“I'm a former member of the JDF Coast Guard. The MBA was very significant for me primarily because it was actually my second Master's. My first Master's was done at the World Maritime University where I did an MSc. in Maritime Affairs. Based on where I wanted to go as far as my career was concerned, the MBA at UTech was very helpful. As a working person I liked the flexibility of doing classes on a Saturday or a Sunday.”

Lieutenant Commander Paul Wright
Chief Executive Officer, Fisheries Division, Ministry of Industry Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries

Class of 2015

Pursued: Master's in Business Administration



ALUMNI VOICES

“My CAST/UTech education”

“I found it to be very rounded. Although my major was in Dietetics and Nutrition, I found that I could do management, I could do research and I could do some IT. My first degree was in Dietetics and Nutrition and now I am a Financial Advisor. I made the transition after I went to the Ministry of Health and surprisingly I started most of my work in research. I did about six years of research at the Ministry of Health. So that veered me away from the more technical side of Dietetics in which I have been counseling persons, putting them on diets that improve their health or rehabilitate their health, etc.

To be honest financial advising is something that I’ve always wanted to do and I got an opportunity. I drew from some of the courses that I did at UTech, so at the end of the day yes UTech has grounded me basically to transition to almost any other profession even if it’s not directly related to the field that I’ve studied.”



Tennien Black

Financial Advisor, Chancellor Insurance Agency

Class of 2003

Pursued: BSc in Dietetics and Nutrition



“As a graduate of UTech I can surely say that UTech has been my platform. This was really where I was exposed to everything - social interaction, the whole aspect of team work which allows you to be disciplined, allows you to develop patience, develop character building and growth and to be positive and confident.

The good thing about it is that I applied here at UTech after I finished the first degree and then I got a job in Student Services immediately after I left school. I really was just transitioned into the university life.”

Arlene Fisher

Administrative Support, Office of the Deputy President

Class of 2007 and 2010

Pursued: Bachelor for Business Administrative & Master of Business Administration



Distinguished Past Student Award



Prof. Colin Gyles, (left) Deputy President, presents Mr Ronald Sutherland, President, UTech, Jamaica Alumni Association (Jamaica Chapter) and General Manager of FYAH 105 FM with the Distinguished Past Student Award. The citation on Mr Sutherland, who is also a member of the University’s Council, praised him for his valuable contribution of service to UTech, Jamaica and for his role in the development of the alumni association and the wider University community. The award was presented during the annual University Awards Ceremony held at the Alfred Sangster Auditorium on May 26, 2017.

Staff Honoured at 47th Annual Awards



Members of faculty, staff and specially invited guests at the 47th annual University Awards ceremony held Friday, May 26, 2017 at the Alfred Sangster auditorium, Papine campus.

Members of faculty, administrative, technical and ancillary staff were honoured for long and dedicated service and commitment to the development of the University at the 47th annual University Awards ceremony held on Friday, May 26, 2017 at the Alfred Sangster auditorium, Papine campus.

Awards were presented for long service in the categories of 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years; for excellence in research, community service, customer service, instructional excellence and innovation, as well as for excellence in ancillary, technical and administrative categories.

In congratulating members of faculty and staff, President, Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, CD reaffirmed the importance of teaching, research and service to the Institution and thanked persons “who have devoted their careers to

the delivery in these core areas of the University.” The President specially singled out members of staff who have given 35 years of long service – **Dr. Eugenie Brown-Myrie**, **Professor Vernon Buchanan** and **Mr. Ephraim Ramsay** to the University. Prof. Vasciannie further provided the large gathering with updates on recent and pending changes in senior leadership, infrastructural upgrades on the Papine campus, as well as updates on the progress of the University’s application for Institutional Accreditation.

In pointing the way forward he urged staff to improve on student friendliness, increase research and publications, increase productive partnerships and increase on workplace productivity and the management of scarce resources.

LONG SERVICE AWARDS 35 YEARS



Pro-Chancellor, Mr Richard Powell presents awards for 35 years of service to a beaming Dr Eugenie Brown-Myrie, Associate Professor, College of Health Sciences and Mr Ephraim Ramsay, Lab Assistant, Faculty of Education and Liberal Studies.

LONG SERVICE AWARDS

30 YEARS



Pro-Chancellor, Mr. Richard Powell (left) presents 30 year long service awards (from top left) to Mrs. Richele Harvey, Head of Division, Calvin McKain Library, Mr Winston Piper, Lecturer, School of Hospitality and Tourism Management and Dr. Copeland Stupart, Senior Lecturer, School of Building and Land Management (SBLM).

25 YEARS



Dr. Elaine Wallace (left), University Registrar presents awards for 25 years of service to Dr. Everton Lewis, Lecturer, Faculty of Education and Liberal Studies and to Mrs Claudette Hisby, Student Affairs Administrator, School of Business Administration.

LONG SERVICE AWARDS

20 YEARS



Dr. Sean Moncrieffe, (left) Vice-Dean (Acting), College of Health Sciences presents the award for 20 years to Mr. Stedson Coward (right) Store Keeper, Facilities Management Department. Mrs. Ava Sewell-Williamson (right), Lecturer, School of Hospitality and Tourism Management accepts her award for 20 years of service from Dr. Paul Golding, Dean, College of Business and Management.

15 YEARS



Mr. Paul Brissett, Chief Business and Finance Officer presents the long service award for 15 years of service to Dr. Hope Mayne, Lecturer, Faculty of Education and Liberal Studies.



Mr. Linton Calder, Lab Technician, Faculty of Science and Sport accepts his long service award for 15 years of service from Dr. Patricia Green, Head, Caribbean School of Architecture.

10 YEARS



Mrs. Denise Stephenson-Hammil (left), Senior Director, Planning and Operations presents long service award for 10 years to Mrs. Leena Dasari, Lecturer, College of Health Sciences.



Mr. Eustace Stewart is a picture of happiness as he receives his long service award for 10 years from Dr Ruth Potopsingh, Associate Vice President, Sustainable Energy.

President's Awards for Excellence



Excellence in Research

Dr. Denise Daley, Lecturer, College of Health Sciences accepts her citation for the President's Award for Excellence in Research from Prof. Stephen Vasciannie. The citation lauded Dr. Daley for her research work that has largely been devoted to unlocking the medicinal properties of Jamaican plants and exploring their potential in the treatment of diseases which currently impact Jamaica, in particular diabetes, hypertension and cancer.



Instructional Excellence

A beaming Mrs Michelle Stewart-McKoy, Lecturer, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Faculty of Education and Liberal Studies accepts the President's Award for Instructional Excellence from President Vasciannie. The citation acknowledged Mrs. Stewart-McKoy for her track record in the use of technology in learning and for excellence in the teaching of English, Spanish and Web Interactions.

Excellence in Innovation



Mrs. Sharon Anderson-Roach, (left) College Administrator, College of Business and Management and Mrs Nadine Lynch-Clarke are a picture of happiness as they are each presented with the President's Award for Excellence in Innovation from Prof. Stephen Vasciannie. The award for innovation recognizes members of staff for use of innovation in improving University procedures that enhance customer service and serve to improve workplace safety and wellness. The COBAM administrators received the award for their use of technology in implementing a Student Relations Management System (SRMS).



Excellence in Community Service

Dr. Carol Archer, Associate Professor, Faculty of The Built Environment wears a beautiful smile as she accepts the President's Award for Excellence in Community Service from Prof. Stephen Vasciannie. Dr. Archer was honoured for tirelessly working to establish linkages and for fostering goodwill between faculty, staff and students and the wider community.



Customer Service Excellence

Prof. Vasciannie (left) presents the President's Award for Excellence in Customer Service to Mr Pedro Lawrence, Maintenance Officer, Facilities Management Department. Mr Lawrence was honoured for high standards of professionalism and going above and beyond the call of duty in the execution of his duties.



Administrative Excellence

Miss Deborah Foreman, Administrative Support in the Faculty of Engineering and Computing receives the President's Award for Administrative Excellence. Miss Foreman was acknowledged for excellence in customer service provided to students and staff and for going the extra mile on behalf of students' welfare.



Technical Excellence

Prof. Vasciannie presents Mr. Adrian Wray, University Graphic Artist with the President's Award for Excellence in the Technical Category. Mr Wray was awarded for his work in the design of University publications which ultimately contribute to the Institution's public image.



Ancillary Excellence

Prof. Vasciannie presents Miss Loretta Gordon, Office Attendant with the President's Award for Ancillary Excellence. Miss Gordon was acknowledged for consistently going beyond the call of duty in executing her duties.

Special Recognition Award



Prof. Colin Gyles, (left) Deputy President presents Mr. Glendon Johnson, Director of Human Resources at the West Indies Alumina Company (WINDALCO) with the Special Recognition Award in acknowledgement of his company's funding support through scholarships for UTech, Jamaica students since 2007. Over the last ten years, WINDALCO has provided in excess of \$6.4 M to final year students in the School of Engineering in the degree and diploma courses of study.

Union Awards

Special recognition awards were given by each of the three Unions.



UTASU: Mr. Leebert Langley (left), Vice President University of Technology, Jamaica Academic Staff Union (UTASU) presents Mr. Patrick Reid, Lecturer, College of Business and Management with the award for outstanding service to the Union.



UTASA: Mrs. Janet Grayson, (left) Vice President University of Technology, Jamaica Administrative Staff Association (UTASA) and Administrative Support, School of Computing and Information Technology presents the award for dedicated service to the Association to joint recipients Miss Akeilyah Buckley Administrative Support 2, Procurement and Office Services and Miss Marvette Hall, Administrative Support 2, School of Engineering.

UAWU: Mr. Osmond Campbell, (left) Negotiating Officer, University and Allied Workers Union (UAWU) presents awards for outstanding contribution to the recently concluded Heads of Agreement, to joint recipients Mr. Anthony Gordon, Plumber, Facilities Management Department and Mr. Clayton Williams, Lab Technician, School of Engineering.



Staff Development Week

The Division of Human Resources and Administration hosted its annual Staff Development Week (SDW) under the theme, “RAISE IT: Igniting Passion for Service” from Monday, May 22 to Friday, May 26, 2017. The SDW aims to inform, develop and motivate staff members. The week’s activities were geared towards building team spirit, fostering camaraderie among staff and promoting health and wellness to create a desirable work environment for greater productivity and service.

Activities included presentations on occupational health and safety, professional and career development, financial planning and improving customer service and a number of health and wellness activities.



A Commemorative Shirt for the President - Mrs. Collette Crossdale-Mitchell (left), Administrative Support in the Faculty of Science and Sport and member of the 2017 Staff Development Week Committee presents a commemorative t-shirt to Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, CD, President, during the planning committee’s courtesy call on him on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 to express thanks for his support of the week’s activities. Committee members sharing in the presentation from left are Mr. Valdimir Wallace, Economic and Statistical Analyst, Miss Alicea Baines, Customer Service Officer, Ms. Sashana Haniford, Data Analyst, Human Resources, Ms. Suzan Brown, Administrative Support, Caribbean School of Sport Sciences and Miss Tajhia Campbell, Multimedia Technician, Learning Technologies and Support Unit (LTSU).



Cook-Off Competition: Staff members of the School of Computing and Information Technology from left, Andre Munsie, Trudian Fitzgerald, Sachell Linch-McInnis participate in a Cook-Off Competition on Thursday, May 25. The team dubbed, “Team SCIT” emerged winners of the competition.



Staff Social: Staff members participate in a game of basketball.

Customer Service Mystery Shopping Winners



Ms Shellian Morrison (left) Administrative Support, Faculty of Law, Western Campus was 1st place winner of the Mystery Shopping exercise and the Customer Service Trivia Question. She was presented with a gift certificate and gift basket by Ms. Sophia McIntosh, Western Campus Coordinator on behalf of the Office of the Customer Service Advocate.



Mrs. Tracey-Ann Pessoa (in blue), Customer Service Advocate presents Ms Shaneaqua Ashmeade (left) Administrative Support, COBAM Student Affairs Centre with her 2nd place prize and Miss Karen Haughton, Senior Accounting Assistant, Department of Student Financing with her 3rd place prize in the Mystery Shopping exercise. Both winners received a gift certificate. The Office of the Customer Service Advocate conducted a mystery shopping exercise during Staff Development Week to ascertain if staff members were adhering to the University’s standards of answering the telephone.



President Hosts Reception for Alumni



President Vasciannie updates CAST/UTech, Jamaica alumni on developments at the University during a special reception held at the Papine campus on Thursday, June 1, 2017.

Over one hundred CAST/UTech, Jamaica alumni came out for a cocktail reception and information-sharing session with President, Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, CD, on Thursday, June 1, 2017. The well attended reception organized by the Alumni Relations Office, was held at the new School of Hospitality and Tourism Management (SHTM) Hotel, University of Technology, Jamaica Papine campus.

In his wide-ranging talk with alumni, President Vasciannie updated the gathering on recent developments and shared plans for the future direction of the University.

The President provided updates on the status of accreditation; matters concerning research and scholarships, student-related concerns, changes in senior staffing; status of union negotiations and thoughts related to greater engagement between the University and its alumni community.

The President closed with thanks to the alumni membership for on-going support to the University through various activities and encouraged the

Association to think of additional ways in which alumni can be “energised.” He noted that for the period 2012-2017 contributions by alumni amounted to \$8.6 M in the form of scholarships, lab upgrades, development of a SMART classroom and cash gifts.

The President’s update was followed by a robust question and answer session.

Mr. Ronald Sutherland, President of the Alumni Association also addressed the gathering, commenting on the importance of positive student experiences in promoting alumni loyalty. Mr. Sutherland, who is a member of Council, also stressed that UTech, as Jamaica’s national university should insist on obtaining institutional accreditation from the relevant authority.

Among the Alumni in attendance was a group dubbed, “CAST Pioneers.” They represent the first set of students who entered the University of Technology, Jamaica in 1958/59 at the then College of Arts, Science and Technology (CAST) and who graduated in 1961.

PIONEER GRADUATES: Prof. Stephen Vasciannie (right) raps with “CAST Pioneers” Cowell Lyn (2nd left), retired Engineer and Keith Lumsden (3rd left), Architect, who were both part of the 1961 Graduating Class of the then College of Arts, Science and Technology (CAST). Prof. Colin Gyles, Deputy President shares in the discussion.



CSA Annual Student Exhibition showcases innovation in Tropical Designs



Fourth year student Nieco Francis (2nd left) presents the 3D miniature model of his design done for the Grenada National Library. The model was developed following his group's study tour of that island during the 2015-2016 Academic Year. Listening intently from left are Arch Dr. Patricia Green, Head, CSA, Mrs. Denise Ramharrack, Programme Director, undergraduate programmes and Dr. Elizabeth Pigou-Dennis, Programme Director, MA, Architecture programme, CSA

The Caribbean School of Architecture (CSA), Faculty of The Built Environment launched its annual end of year Student Exhibition on May 17, 2017 on the grounds of the CSA. The annual exhibition showcases the best of student's work from all four year groups in the undergraduate programme and by Master of Architecture graduate students done as part of their assessment by internal and external examiners.

The exhibition was open to members of the public and ran from June 5 to 23. Guest speaker at the launch ceremony and cocktail reception was well-known Jamaican theatre icon Mr Oliver Samuels who quipped

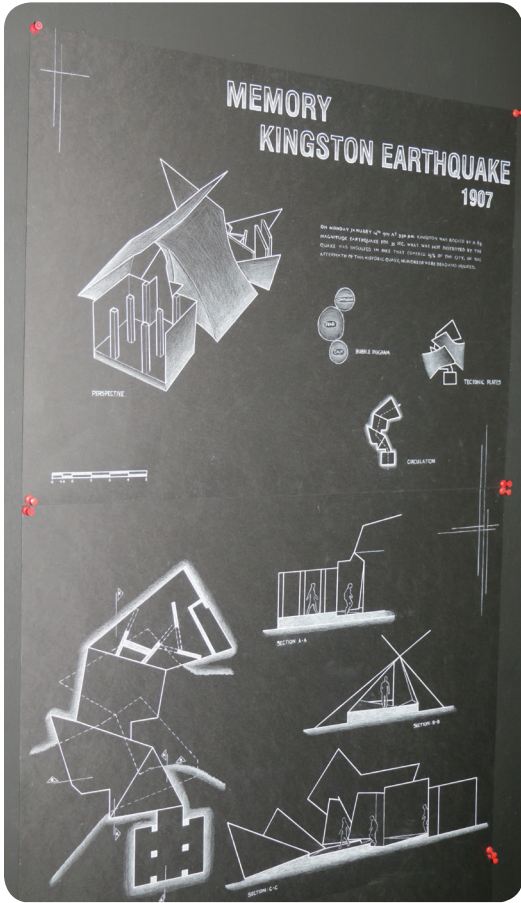
that "architecture is just like theatre, the buildings are the actors and the city is the stage." In his engaging presentation he talked about his lifelong fascination with architecture and encouraged students to pursue "architectural integrity" in all their work.

A large gathering comprising parents and family members of students, members of faculty and staff and members of the architecture fraternity were impressed with the student's talent and innovation as they toured the exhibits.



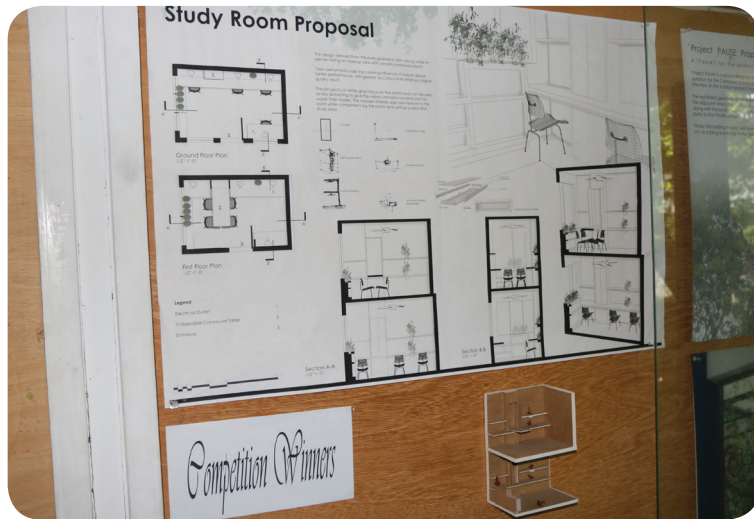
At left is a first year students' miniature model of his final project – a pavilion which would house pop up exhibitions and other public gatherings. At right, Architect Dr. Patricia Green, Head, CSA shows Mrs Michelle Beckford, Corporate Communications Manager part of a site analysis for the Hope Botanical Gardens done by first year students.

The learning and teaching spaces on all three floors of the CSA were transformed into exhibition halls, each room carefully planned by a Design Studio lecturer and artist Mrs Allison West-Martin. Below are pictorial highlights of just a small sample of the architectural design work that was on display.



At left is a project capturing a historical event memorial structure that tells the story of the Kingston Earthquake of 1907. The display at above presents miniature models of the 'Live/Work' designs for an early childhood education facility. The live/work concept design spaces that combine living and working in an urban area.

Fourth year students designed a study room for a future project at the Dennis Johnson Halls of Residence on the UTech, Ja. Papine campus. The project was proposed by President, Prof. Stephen Vasciannie.



Architect Dr. Patricia Green points to designs by a graduate student for a project in Downtown, Kingston to develop an incubator for non-traditional sports. At right is a project for a Technology Park designed by MA Arch graduate student, Matthew McFarlane. His concept uses sustainable Caribbean design strategies for the development of the Downtown Kingston Harbour.

UTASU Agreement Signed



Signing UTASU Heads of Agreement: (l-r), Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, President, UTech, Jamaica, Mrs. Joan Lawla, President, University of Technology, Jamaica Academic Staff Union (UTASU) and UTASU members Mr. Leebert Langley and Mrs. Jenice Lynch affix their signatures to the UTASU Heads of Agreement. The signing ceremony was held at UTech, Jamaica's Papine campus on Friday, May 12, 2017.

The Heads of Agreement between the Government of Jamaica and the University of Technology, Jamaica Academic Staff Union (UTASU) was concluded and formally signed by all relevant parties on May 12, 2017. The Agreement pertains to the period April 1, 2015 and March 31, 2017.

The UTASU Heads of Agreement which has now been signed by senior Government officials from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information and the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service set out benefits, allowances and procedures applicable to academic staff at the University.



Members of the UTech, Jamaica executive team and administrators from the University of Technology, Jamaica Academic Staff Union (UTASU) pose for a group photograph following the signing of the Heads of Agreement.

UTech, Jamaica Shines at Penn Relays and Racers Track Meet

Congratulations to all UTech, Jamaica Knights student athletes, coaches, administrators and support staff on their performance at the recently concluded 123rd Penn Relays held April 27-29, 2017 in Philadelphia, USA and at the Racers Grand Prix meet held June 10, 2017 at the National Stadium.

UTech, Ja sent a contingent of 25 student athletes to the 2017 Penn Relay Carnival. The athletes competed in both the traditional 4 x100, 4 x400M relays, 100M sprint, 110M hurdles and field events such as long jump, shot put, high jump and discus. A number of the athletes are first year students and so the team is a relatively new one. Despite this, credible performances were given with some athletes setting personal records.

Ronald Levy came out on top in his individual event – 110M Hurdles and Michael Campbell was able to secure second place in the 100 M dash. Both women's relay teams gave noteworthy performances winning in their respective heats. Shanika Bryan's 1.71m jump in the high jump was the best field result. The team coached by Stephen and Paul Francis consisted of the following student athletes:

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| Derriann Hill | Jesse Urikhon | Romarie Turner |
| Junelle Bromfield | Odane Taylor | Michael Campbell |
| Tjipekapora Herunga | Kemar Green | Devaughn Baker |
| Jessica Noble | Ojamu Graham | Gilbert Hainuca |
| Shimayra Williams | Shannon Kalawan | Shanan Wright |
| Shanice Reid | Kimberly Leach | Herbert Thomas |
| Donya Ewers | Alec-Verne Longmore | Javoy Tucker |
| Kalesia Hunter | Ronald Levy | Latifah Smith |
| Kwisi McFarlane | | |



Star hurdler Ronald Levy (left) shines in the College Men 110 M hurdles event on his way to winning the race at the Penn Relays.



Athletes from left: Kimberley Leach, Shimayra Williams, Shanice Reid and Donya Ewers as they prepare to participate in the College Women's 4x 100M.

Racers Grand Prix Results

Athlete	Placement at Racers Grand Prix 2017
Ronald Levy, student, FOBE	1st Men's 110M Hurdle Race Time : 13.17
Junelle Broomfield, student, FOSS	2nd Women's 400M Dash A Race Time: 52.08
Megan Simmonds, graduate, FELS	5th Women's 100M Hurdles Race Time: 13.16
Natasha Morrison, graduate, COBAM	3rd Women's 100M Race Time: 11.26
Aneshia McLaughlin Whilby, graduate, COBAM	4th Women's 400M Race Time: 52.03
Christine Day, graduate, FELS	5th Women's 400M Race Time: 52.25
Rusheen McDonald, student, COBAM	6th Men's 400M Race Time: 45.93
O'Dayne Richards, graduate, FENC	2nd Men Shot Put Distance: 21.11M
Twayne Crooks	6th Men 400M Race Time: 47.18
Tjipekapora Herunga (current UTech, Ja student athlete) representing her home country of Namibia	5th Women's 400 M Dash A Race Time: 53.54



Romario Turner participating in the Men's 4 x 400M event.



Ronald Levy (right) getting the better of Hansle Parchment in the Men's 110 M hurdles at the UTech Jamaica Track and Field Classic held April 15, 2017 at the National Stadium.



Coach Paul Francis discusses strategy with his charges (from left) Derrian Hill, Shannon Kalawan, Tjipekapora Herunga and Junelle Bromfield (partially hidden).

Recent Publications

UTech, Jamaica congratulates the following persons on their recent publications



Prof. Fitzroy Henry, Professor of Public Health Nutrition, College of Health Sciences

– on his article, **“Raising Healthy Children...Tackling Jamaica’s Lifestyle Health Crisis”** published in Nex Generation – Jamaica’s Premier Education, Career and Lifestyle Magazine, Volume 2 - Number 6 – 2017.



Dr. Paul Golding, Dean, College of Business and Management and Dr. Vanesa Tennant, former Lecturer, School of Computing and Information Technology (SCIT) – co-authored a journal publication and teaching case titled, **“Strategy and Technology in Telecoms: “Digicel Withdraws IPO.”** The case was published in the Journal of Information Technology Teaching Cases, July 2017 and will be distributed via Harvard Business Cases.



Dr. Sherrene Bogle



Mr. Lushane Jones

Dr. Sherrene Bogle, Lecturer, School of Computing and Information Technology (SCIT), and Mr. Lushane Jones, MPhil Student and Technologist in the School co-authored the Journal paper titled: **The Use of ICT Multimedia Tools to Enhance Literacy at the Elementary Level** in SCIREA (Science Research Association) <http://www.scirea.org>. SCIREA is an academic publisher of open access journals and currently has 40 open access journals in the areas of science, technology and medicine. The paper investigates the impact of interactive gaming on improving literacy at the primary or elementary level of education.



Mr. Rushane Jones

Dr. Sherrene Bogle has also co-authored the peer-reviewed conference paper **“An Investigation of the Use of Facebook groups as a Learning Management System to Improve Undergraduate Performance”** with **Mr. Rushane Jones, MPhil student and Technologist, School of Computing and Information Technology (SCIT)**. This study investigates the use of Facebook as a Learning Management System on junior and senior students doing multimedia-based courses. Mr. Jones has submitted the conference application form to attend the International Conference on Education and Information Technology 2017 hosted by the International Association of Engineers.

UTech, Jamaica Summer Programmes Expected to Generate over \$200 Million Dollars

Over three thousand students have registered in sixty-nine (69) courses of study being offered during the summer semester across all Colleges and Faculties at the University. It is expected that these programmes will yield over \$200 M in revenue. In addition to modules being offered across colleges and faculties in the Summer 2017 Semester, several summer programmes targeting children as well as continuing education programmes in collaboration with the UTech, Jamaica Academy are being hosted for adults. These programmes are expected to generate an additional \$3.3 M.

Visit UTech, Jamaica website at www.utechjamaica.edu.jm for more information on summer programmes.

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For further information, please contact Dr. Denise Daley or Ms. Yanique Townsend at 927-1680-8 Ext. 3528 or 3797
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DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017
LATE REGISTRATION: \$1,000

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The Cynthia Shako Early Childhood Education and Daycare Centre

Presents

Summer School 2017

JULY 3rd - 28th
Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Register by FRIDAY JUNE 23
Age group 3 - 10 years

Registration fee \$1,000
\$3,850 weekly (per child)

Swimming
Art and Craft
Mathematics
Sign Language
Language Arts
Football
Dancing
Science
Field Trips
And others*

*Field trips and swimming are offered at an additional cost

*Learning activities will be carried out in spacious air-conditioned classrooms

CONTACT: Melisa Porter or Michelle Silveira
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