

Celebrating Excellence

Faculty members, diverse in interests and specialties, are the heart and soul of our institution. Their various concentrations have spawned ground-breaking research and scholarship.

Among those recognised for outstanding work in their respective fields were:

Professor Maureen Samms-Vaughan, Department of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Child Health, on receiving the prestigious 2010 Vice Chancellor's Award for Excellence for contribution to Public Service. The award was presented at a special ceremony on October 21, 2010 at the UWI, Cave Hill Campus;



Professor Terrence Forrester, Tropical Medicine Research Institute, who received the Institute of Jamaica's Golden Musgrave Medal for contribution to Science. Professor Forrester's work in the area of hypertension research is significant in the Caribbean context, given the region's prevalence of hypertension and high death rate from heart disease;



Professor Wayne McLaughlin, Department of Basic Medical Sciences, received the Gleaner's Honour Award for Science and Technology, for producing scientific research results that have positively impacted agricultural production in Jamaica and the Caribbean;



Professor Everard Barton, Department of Medicine, received the First Caribbean Bank's Unsung Heroes Award for Medical and Community Service. Professor Barton established clinics in Mandeville and St. Ann's Bay, providing relief and free treatment to more than 300 persons in these communities over the past seven years;



Ms. Camille Daley, Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social, received the First Caribbean Unsung Heroes Award, for her work with persons with sickle cell disease. Ms. Daley is co-founder and director of the Sickle Cell Support Club of Jamaica which provides social and emotional support to persons with sickle cell disease and has helped thousands to manage their illness and lead fairly normal lives;



Dr. Eris Schoburgh, Lecturer in the Department of Government and Coordinator of the Public Sector Management Unit was elected to the Board of the Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF), at its recent conference in Wales. Dr. Schoburgh will serve for a two-year period from 2011-2013.



Mrs. Beverley Lashley, Head, UWI Mona Science Branch Library and Coordinator of the Caribbean Disaster Information Network (CARDIN,) was named Caribbean Information Professional of the Year for 2011 by the Association of Caribbean University Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL). The recognition is given to a member of ACURIL who demonstrates individual commitment, excellent performance and outstanding achievement as an information professional.



Professor Dale Webber now occupies the James S. Moss-Solomon Chair in Environmental Management.



Professor Ian Boxill now holds the Carlton Alexander Chair in Management Studies



National Honours

National recognition was accorded to current staff and retired members of the UWI, Mona community in the 2011 Independence Day awards.

Professor Patrick Earle Bryan

conferred The Order of Distinction in the Rank of Commander (CD) for excellence in academia



Professor Everard Nathaniel Barton

conferred The Order of Distinction in the Rank of Officer (OD) for outstanding contribution to medicine (Nephrology) and community service.



Mrs. Rodina Madeleine Reid

conferred The Badge of Honour for Meritorious Service (BH) (M) for dedicated service in the field of educational administration.



Professor Peter Raymond Fletcher
conferred The Order of Distinction in the Rank of Commander (CD) for contribution to the practice and teaching of medicine



Professor Barrie K. Hanchard
conferred The Order of Distinction in the Rank of Commander (CD) for contribution to practice, teaching and research in medicine.



Honorary Graduands

The UWI proudly conferred honorary doctoral degrees on five prominent Jamaicans including the man who currently holds the title of the world's fastest human, Hon. Usain Bolt.

The Doctor of Laws Degree:

Professor Lenworth Jacobs

Professor Lenworth Jacobs received his medical degree from the University of the West Indies. He completed his surgical residency in Boston at the Peter Brigham Hospital and the Boston University Medical Centre. He then received a Master's Degree in Public Health from Harvard University. He is a past president of the American Trauma Society, Governor of the American College of Surgeons, Founder and past President of the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma. Professor Jacobs is also the Founder and National Director of the Advanced Trauma Operative Management (ATOM) course. More than 1200 surgeons have been certified by ATOM across the US, Canada, the Middle East and West Africa.

Professor Jacobs has made more than 200 presentations in various fora across the world and he has 180 publications to his credit. He was conferred with the West African College of Surgeons Fellowship in 2007.



Ms. Minna Israel

A career banker, Ms. Minna Israel has been Country Manager and president of the Royal Bank of Canada since 2008. Before that she filled various senior positions at Scotiabank Jamaica both in Jamaica and the Bahamas.

Her performance and contribution to the wider society has earned her a number of awards including the University of the West Indies Luminary Award as well as the University of Technology's alumni award. She holds a BSc in Management Studies from the University of the West Indies and an MBA from the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario. She is Chair of the Board of Mona School of Business; a member of the UWI Vice Chancellor Award Selection team; and also serves as a member of the UWI Capital Development task force.



Hon. Usain Bolt, OJ

The Hon. Usain Bolt is an outstanding Jamaican sportsman known for his amazing performance in athletics. He won three gold medals in 100m, 200m and 4x100 meters events and set new world records at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games and at the 2009 World Championships. Among his many accolades is his induction in the Society of Order of Jamaica (OJ) (2009) by the Government of Jamaica for distinction in the field of sports. This followed his 2008 recognition when he received the Order of Distinction in the rank of Commander for outstanding service to Jamaica. In 2009 also, he was named Ambassador-at-large.

Additionally, Bolt was voted the International Association of Athletic Federation (IAAF) Male Athlete of the Year (2008/2009) and was one of two Jamaicans named for the 2009 United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Champion for Sports award.

Professor Erna Brobder

Jamaican author Professor Erna Brobder has used her writings to offer a measure of healing to those with untold stories. Professor Brobder earned her BA from the University of the West Indies while it was still the University College of the West Indies. She immersed herself in academia along the way earning her Masters and DPhil degrees.

The professor tried many other careers before settling on writing and was a member of staff of the Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) at the UWI, Mona. While at ISER she collected oral histories of elders in rural Jamaicans a project that would later inspire her novel Louisiana. Encounters with the Black Power movement and women's liberation coupled with her early familial indoctrination to the importance of family have led Professor Brobder to pen novels that deal with the healing power of community.



Mr. Earl Jarrett

Mr. Jarrett has been recognised for his sterling contribution to banking in Jamaica. He holds both a BSc. and MSc. in Accounting and is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Jamaica. He has been the General Manager of the Jamaica National Building Society (JNBS) since 1999 and has also held leadership positions at the International Union of Housing Finance and has been Board Advisor to the Inter-American Dialogue Financial Services.

