

2010/2011 Student Achievements

Students of the UWI, Mona Campus have proven equal to every challenge they have faced and have met our expectations of excellence in the lecture rooms, in the laboratories, on the international stage and on the field of play.

Mona School of Business MBA Team Wins Business Plan Competition

The 2011 Mona School of Business MBA team was triumphant at the Opportunity Funding Cooperative Venture Challenge (OFCVC) - a Business Plan competition amongst historically Black US Colleges and Universities, held in Atlanta, Georgia. The team of Christine Gittens, Taja Simpson, Danielle Barnett and Rohan Hylton took First Place for the Best Business Plan (on the Resuscitation of the Jamaican Ginger Industry), as well as for the Best Presentation. Twenty schools participated, with MSB's being the only non-US based team.



Rohan Hylton Danielle Barnett Taja Simpson Christine Gittens

UWI, Mona Tops World Debating Competitions

The Carlton Lowrie coached UWI, Mona debating team of Krystal Tomlinson, Ricardo Brooks, Jarred Brewster and Tashna Edwards put in a stellar performance at the World Universities Debating Championships held in Botswana. Krystal Tomlinson copped the top prize and teammate Ricardo Brooks placed 4th in the Public Speaking Competition, providing UWI, Mona Campus with two of the nine coveted spots from 200 of the world's leading higher education institutions.



Tashna Edwards Krystal Tomlinson Ricardo Brooks Jarred Brewster

UWI Student Gets International Year of Chemistry Award

Chardah Watson, PhD candidate, Department of Chemistry received the International Year of Chemistry Award. The prestigious award was presented at the Natural Products, Medicinal & Organic Synthesis Chemistry Symposium in Sao Paulo, Brazil at which four Nobel Prize winners were among the invited speakers.

UWI Graduates Named 2010 Rhodes Scholars

the prestigious 2010 Rhodes Scholarships went to Dr. David Walcott and Dr. Luke Foster, First Class Honours graduates of the Faculty of Medicine. Both are now on full scholarships at Oxford University in the UK.

Dr. Walcott was selected as the Jamaican Rhodes Scholar and Dr. Foster was named Commonwealth Caribbean Rhodes Scholar.

World University Games

Hansle Parchment, 3rd year scholarship athlete in the Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences, brought home the Gold medal from the World University Games in Shenzhen, China, when he clocked a Personal Best of 13.24 seconds in the 110 Metres Hurdle. He is now regarded as the third fastest sprint hurdler of all times in Jamaica. Meantime Jason Young, a 2nd year scholarship student in the Faculty of Social Science, mined Silver in the 200 metres event.

UWI, Mona Track Team Wins Intercollegiate 4x100 Metres Relay

The 4x100 Metres Men's Relay Team of David Dunn, Jason Young, Duece Carter and Brian Jackson produced record-breaking performance clocking 39.66 seconds at the 50th Annual Intercollegiate Track and Field Championships.



Luke Foster, MBBS

Hansle Parchment

Jason Young

David Walcott, MBBS

The Office of Student Services & Development

In seeking to produce the “distinctive University graduate” at Mona Campus, the Office of Student Services and Development (OSS&D), whose services tended to be heavily biased towards resident students, has been refocused to attend equally to the needs of all students, with most changes slated to take full effect in the 2011/2012 academic year.

During 2010/2011, the office has increased its effort to facilitate an environment where positive learning and development takes place on a continuous basis. Two flagship initiatives by the OSS&D aim to meet this objective included the introduction of the ‘Leader Engaged, Activated, Ready to Serve’ (UWILEADS) programme and the establishment of the Academic Support Unit (ASU).

UWILEADS

Guided by research being conducted at the University of Maryland into what is referred to as the Leadership Identity Development (LID), the UWILEADS programme offers a stage by stage approach to leadership engagement. Achieving four certificates, students move from leadership and personal development to leadership skill development, then to leadership for social change and social justice and finally examining and understanding leadership theory and leadership history.

The programme challenges students to identify leadership learning moments as they interact with the campus and with each other. There are clear indications that students at this stage of their development are more impacted by their peers than by authority figures. The input of peer leaders, facilitated through the establishment of a peer leader’s programme, was therefore critical to the delivery of the programme. Student leaders were put through rigorous training to ensure that they were equipped for the role of peer leaders.

During the year, the UWILEADS group worked with the NCB Foundation to launch **the Michael Lee Chin Youth Leadership Series**. Mr. Lee Chin, Chairman of the National Commercial Bank (NCB) delivered the keynote address at the launch.

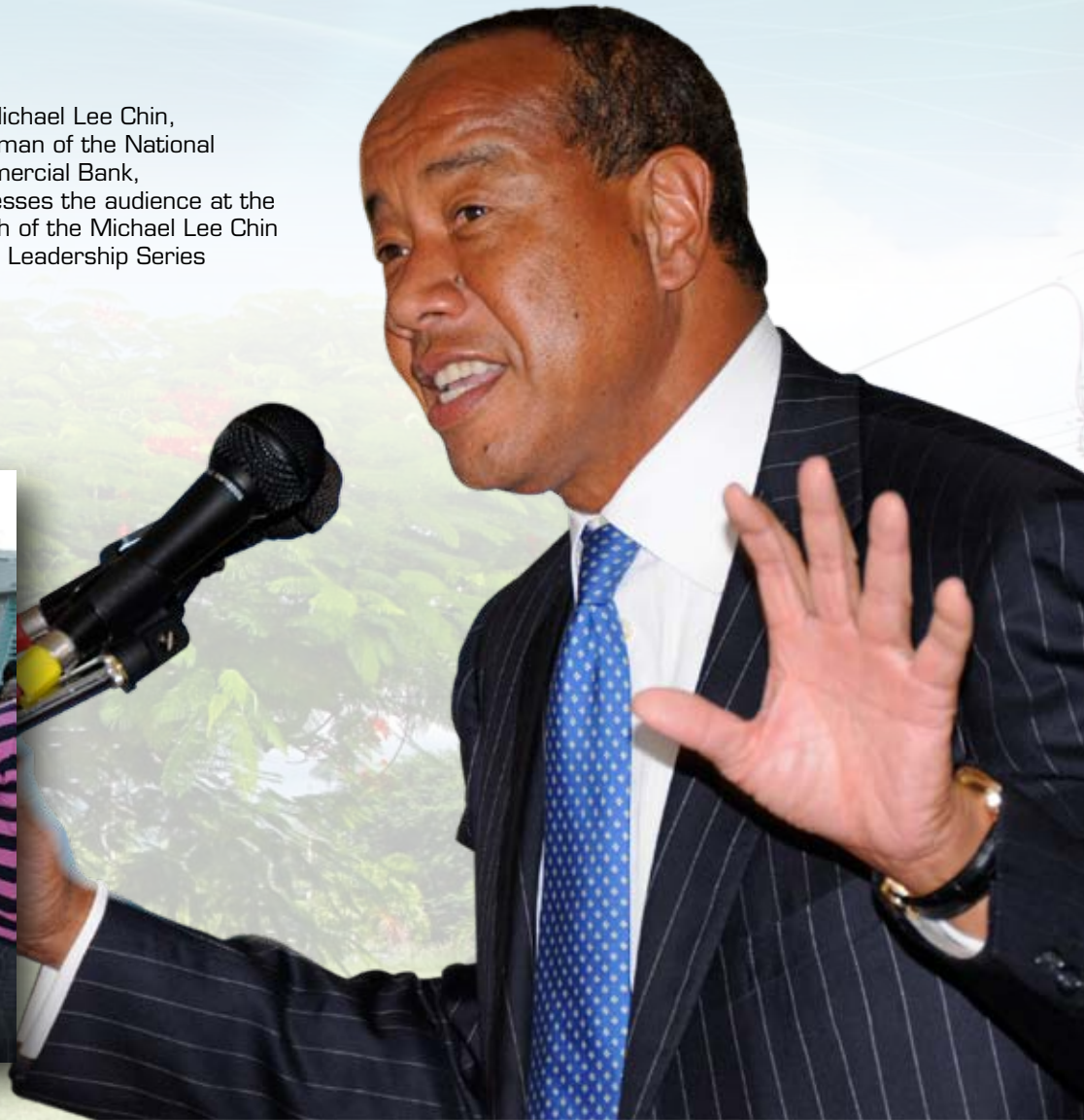


Mr. David Mullings, Entrepreneur | CEO of Random Media, USA, delivers the keynote address at the 2011 UWI Leads Opening Ceremony 2011





Mr Michael Lee Chin,
Chairman of the National
Commercial Bank,
addresses the audience at the
launch of the Michael Lee Chin
Youth Leadership Series



Academic Support Unit (ASU)

The ASU uses targeted workshops and collaborative creations to help students succeed. The unit focuses on students who are at risk academically, in an attempt to improve their performance. Interventions include a mix of quantitative and communication courses.

The Unit also tries to reduce the frequency of academic probation and dismissals while increasing retention rates and helping student to graduate within the specified time-frame for their degree programmes.



Expanded Financial Support Programme

New Scholarships Awarded

The financial climate notwithstanding, the Mona Campus through the support of individual donors and private sector entities, successfully secured 11 new scholarships and bursaries during 2010/2011.

Principal's Scholarship Fund

Through the efforts of the Business Development Office, just over J\$2 million were donated by commercial tenants of the Campus towards the Principal's Scholarship Fund to assist academically talented, but financially needy students at the Mona Campus.

Six internships spots were also maintained with these commercial tenants for students in select departments in the Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences.

New Scholarship / Bursary Awards for 2010/2011

| NAME OF AWARD | DONOR | FACULTY | # of Awards | VALUE |
|--|---|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| The TELICON Undergraduate Scholarship | Telecom Industry Construction & Consultancy Limited | Pure & Applied Sciences | 1 | J\$250,000 |
| Jamaica/3M Kenneth Ingram Scholarship | 3M International Inc. | Humanities & Education | 1 | J\$240,000 |
| The Jamaica Committee-Gleaner Company Scholarship in Sociology | The Jamaica Committee Scholarship Funds | Social Sciences | 1 | J\$200,000 |
| UWIDEF Bursaries | UWIDEF | Combined Faculties | 4 | J\$40,000 (each) |
| Hon. Marshall Hall Scholarship | UWIDEF | Pure & Applied Sciences | 1 | J\$300,000 |
| M & M Limited Scholarship | M & M Jamaica Limited | Pure & Applied Sciences | 3 | \$120,000 (each) |

Total Financial Support to Students

The difficult economic climate in 2010/2011 demanded that the UWI, Mona Campus drew on all available resources, both in cash and kind, to assist talented, needy students. Total support from new and existing sources provided to students during the year was approximately J\$363 million.

Financial Support by Category - 2010/2011

| Grant Type | Number of Grants | Value of Grants (J\$ Million) |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Books | 66 | \$0.90 |
| Bursary | 342 | \$155 |
| Grants | 85 | \$1.7 |
| Meals | 54 | \$0.7 |
| Scholarship | 641 | \$205 |
| Loans | 2 | \$0.075 |
| Grand Total: | 1,191 | \$363.7 |



Hon. Dennis H. Lalor, O.J., Chairman of the UWI Development and Endowment Fund (UWIDEF) shares a proud moment with some of the recipients of scholarships and bursaries at the 2011 UWIDEF Donor Recognition and Scholarship Awards Dinner



TELiCON Group Limited is the most recent inductee into the Century Club. The Group was recognized for its contribution of J\$5 million in support of scholarships for deserving students in the field of computer science and engineering, through UWIDEF. Here, Group CEO and Chairman Donovan James (2nd left) makes time for the camera with other members of TELiCON management and staff.



Ms. Tiffany Beharie of the Jamaica Medical Students Association (JAMSA) presents one of three Kevin Wilson Memorial Fund Bursaries to Ms. Kanya Nesbeth at the 2011 UWIDEF Donor Recognition and Scholarship Awards.



Ms. Danielle Walfall, recipient of the Dr. Marshal Hall Scholarship for 2010 /2011, collects her award from Professor Gordon Shirley, PVC & Principal, UWI, Mona.



Dr. Mervin Chisholm, Head of the Instructional Development Unit, engages lecturers in the art of teaching and learning at IDU's annual Teaching Skills Workshop, held in January 2011.



An academic staff member demonstrates her newly gained skills during the micro teaching segment of the IDU'S annual Teaching Skills Workshop.



Dr. Michele Stewart, IDU's faculty associate, addresses participants on the challenges of teaching large classes at the annual Teaching Skills Workshop.

Developing the ideal Faculty

As part of continuing efforts by Mona to develop its Faculty, the Instructional Development Unit (IDU) hosted Professor Joy Mighty, Director for the Centre for Teaching & Learning, Queen's University, and former president of the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE, Canada), from April 4-21, 2011. The visit sought to provide expertise to help build capacity within the IDU for its role in Faculty development and also to guide the streamlining of teaching and learning initiatives.

The IDU also hosted the Annual Teaching Skills Workshop from January 18-20, 2011. The objectives included increasing awareness of how students learn; helping participants to identify problems students might have coping with the demands of university courses; exploring techniques and strategies to help students learn effectively; and determining ways to infuse technology into the university classroom.

The various other activities hosted by the IDU during the 2010/2011 included three seminars under the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning (SoTL) initiative geared towards stimulating faculty to research their own teaching. Table 8 below provides examples of the faculty development workshops and seminars hosted by the IDU during the year.



Dr. Aldrie Henry Lee, Research Fellow, Sir Arthur Lewis Institute for Social & Economic Studies receives the UWI/Guardian Life Premium Teaching Award for 2011, from Mr. Eric Hosin, President of Guardian Life Limited.



List of Workshops/Seminars offered by the IDU in 2010/2011

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| Diversity in the Classroom: Implications for Teaching and Learning |
| Workshop on Team-Based Learning |
| Understanding and Incorporating Undergraduate Degree Level Expectations (UDLEs) in your Course |
| Creating a Learning Centred Syllabus |
| Teaching Adults & Young Adults / Engaging Adults |
| Improving Learning Through Metacognition |
| Cooperative Learning Workshop |
| Deep Learning Workshop |
| Teaching Skills Workshop |
| Orientation to University Teaching for New Academic staff |
| Making your Teaching Come Alive UWI/GLL Premium Teaching Workshop |
| Incorporating Peer Review Activities in Your Class |
| Developing Ethical Students: Dealing with Plagiarism - Use of Turn-it-in |
| Copyright Law and Teaching Seminar |
| Marking: Fast but Fair Method to Grade |

The audience shares a light moment at the UWI, Guardian Life Premium Teaching Awards Ceremony, held October 14, 2010 at the Guardian Life Seminar Room, 12 Trafalgar Road Kingston 10. The Premium Teaching Award is a joint initiative by the UWI, Mona Campus and Guardian Life to honour excellence in university level teaching.

Improving Campus Infrastructure

The UWI, Mona has maintained a strong infrastructure development focus to support current priorities and its vision for the future. Despite challenges, 2010/2011 unfolded as a year in which our capital projects moved at a commendable pace. We have been able to design quality facilities while achieving maximum functionality and aesthetic appeal.

As you look around the campus we expect that you will be impressed with the new facilities, and those that have been renovated and upgraded. Projects started and/or completed include:



Basic Medical Sciences Complex - The first phase of the sprawling multi-story Basic Medical Sciences Complex is near completion. We are entering an exciting era of medical training with this 330,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility, the “greenest” on the campus. It will provide students with a world-class environment in which to achieve their medical education. From technologically advanced laboratories to modern teaching and recreational spaces, this ultra-modern building is energy-efficient, allowing for maximum air-flow and an abundance of natural lighting.

A 500-seat lecture theatre with superb technological infrastructure is just one example of the many features this facility will boast as it prepares the next generation of physicians and other healthcare officials.



Faculty of Law - This aesthetically striking new Faculty of Law complex is a great place for students to pursue their legal education.

From the Moot Court which boasts the latest in trial technology, to ultramodern lecture rooms, a state-of-the-art two-story library and comfortable gathering spaces, the students are provided with the ideal environment in which to acquire the necessary skills to compete and succeed in today's legal market place.

Teleconferencing technology allows for delivery of information to shared audiences, including at the Western Jamaica Campus.

In keeping with the mandate to create revenue-earning opportunities, executive seminar rooms are rented to clients for staging public lectures and other fora. The rooftop terrace which is ideal for hosting social functions is also being eyed for potential revenue generation.



Construction commenced and is well advanced on **600 undergraduate** and **400 postgraduate** student rooms. The new facilities will boost the Campus' room stock by 45%. They will offer the most modern accommodation and appropriately equipped options available to students anywhere.



The refurbished **Microbiology** and **Pathology** departments now offer state-of-the-art laboratories and equipment, seminar facilities, as well as office spaces.



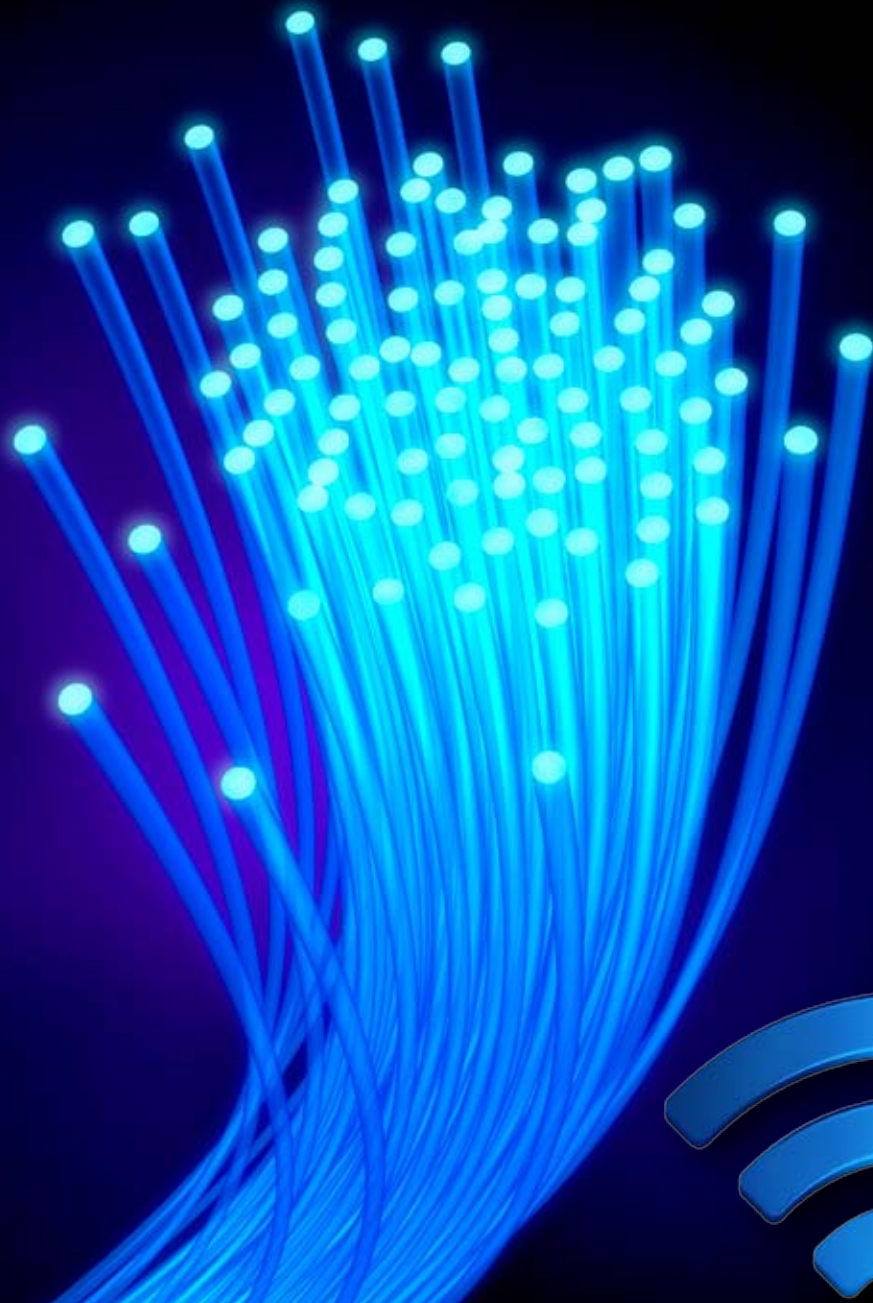


Miss Stephanie Abrahams, President of the Guild of Students, sees the development currently taking place on the Mona Campus as “an indication of the University’s commitment to ensuring the holistic development of students.”

She believes that “the renovation of existing structures and the construction of new, state-of-the-art facilities for Law and Basic Medical Sciences will greatly improve the delivery of programmes, leading ultimately to better student performance. These developments, combined with the creation of more students’ residences and study and recreation spaces will allow us to maximise our University experience in a more comfortable environment. While we experienced some challenges as a result of the construction, we recognised these as a side effect of progress. The Guild of Students is fully committed to continued partnership with The University’s Administration to ensure that UWI, Mona, is truly students’ place to shine.”

Dr. Glendee Reynolds, Resident in Department of Microbiology who has witnessed the transformation describes the development as “a good thing”. She spoke of a clean environment that is aesthetically pleasing and conducive to creative research. “I am particularly happy about the new technology that we now have in the Department.”





Campus ICT Infrastructure

The campus ICT network provides high-speed Internet connectivity for some 4,200 computers, with increased deployments in student-centric areas to maintain a computer to student ratio of better than one in ten.

During the period under review, Campus broadband Internet bandwidth was doubled to the Enterprise. MITS also expanded the Campus' wireless network infrastructure by adding 21 new access points (hotspots) at Mona and its Western Jamaica Campus.

The upgraded and expanded Mona Information Technology Services (MITS) building now ensures excellent protection of the Campus' information technology assets, while offering staff a modern working environment.

