

CHAPTER VII

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

The UWI aims at all times to promote excellence in all its spheres of endeavour - in research, in teaching and in services to the wider community. Accordingly, it recognises and celebrates the outstanding accomplishments of staff upon whose dedicated service this thrust for excellence is built, as well as the efforts of those members of the wider community, who mirrors the university's quest to foster the development of Caribbean people.



Recipients of National Honours and Awards:

- Professor Frederick Hickling, Department of Community Health and Psychiatry, awarded the Order of Distinction in the rank of Commander (CD) for his contribution to Education and Research in the field of Psychiatry
- Ms Jean Tulloch-Reid, Retired Lecturer, Department of Community Health and Psychiatry, awarded the Order of Distinction in the rank of Officer (OD) for outstanding contribution to family life and health education in Jamaica.
- Mr James Moss-Solomon, Executive in Residence at the Mona School of Business and Management, awarded the Order of Distinction in the rank of Commander (CD) for his contribution to

Professor Frederick Hickling, CD; Ms. Jean Tulloch-Reid, OD; Mr James Moss-Solomon, CD; Professor Terrence Forrester, OJ; Dr. Franklin Ottey, OD: 2012 recipients of National Honours and Awards.



Business and Regional Integration.

- Professor Terrence Forrester, Tropical Medicine Research Institute, awarded the Order of Jamaica for sterling contribution to medical research and the establishment of medical research facilities in Jamaica.

- Dr Franklin Ottey, Associate Lecturer, Department of Community Health and Psychiatry, awarded the Order of Distinction in the Rank of Officer (OD) for outstanding service in the field of Psychiatry

Recipients of the 2012 Musgrave Medal:

- Professor Horace Fletcher, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Medical Sciences, recipient of the 2012 Institute of Jamaica Gold Musgrave Medal for his revolutionary work in maternal health.

- Professor Emeritus Edward Baugh, recipient of the 2012 Institute of Jamaica Gold Musgrave Medal for his contribution to literature.

Professor Horace Fletcher and Professor Edward Baugh, 2012 Institute of Jamaica Gold Musgrave Medal awardees.



Professor Mark Figueroa receiving the Vice Chancellor's Award for Excellence from Professor E. Nigel Harris, Vice Chancellor of the UWI.

VC's Award for Excellence

- Professor Mark Figueroa, former Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, received the 2011/2012 Vice Chancellor's Award for Excellence, for service to the University community from the UWI, Mona Campus.

Honorary Graduands 2012

During the 2012 Graduation Ceremonies, the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus proudly conferred honorary doctorate degrees on eight individuals, for outstanding achievements in their various fields of endeavour.



Mrs. Valerie Bloomfield-Ambrose – DLitt

Born in Glasgow in 1933, the second of four children in a family noted for their artistic and intellectual gifts, Mrs Valerie Bloomfield-Ambrose has contributed tremendously to the cultural development of her adoptive country Jamaica, as an art educator, portraitist, painter, sculptor, actress and set designer. As an art educator, she nurtured and honed the skills of many of Jamaica's renowned artists, such as Hope Brooks, Carol Crichton and Philip Supersad, among others. Described by Edna Manley as "Jamaica's best portrait painter", Mrs Bloomfield-Ambrose has painted portraits of major Jamaican political figures and businessmen. Her work includes the official portraits of four of The UWI's Vice Chancellors, and the iconic full statue of UWI founder, Sir Philip Sherlock. She is a much sought-after portraitist because of her extraordinary talent to reach beyond the surface of her subjects, and convey their inner personalities in her paintings. Mrs Bloomfield-Ambrose has also contributed to the performing arts in Jamaica as an actress and set designer, appearing in many stage productions in the '60s and '70s. To look at Valerie Bloomfield-Ambrose's treasury of art is to see Jamaica as it unfolded in those defining years between the move to independence and the emergence of nationhood. Though she no longer resides in Jamaica, she returns often to participate in art exhibitions and undertake commissioned work. She continues to make her mark as a sculptor in the United States of America, where she now lives.



Professor George Eaton – LLD

Professor George Eaton has made outstanding contributions to the Caribbean in the field of Labour and Economic Development; he is responsible for the building of much of the Caribbean's Civil Service. His contribution to the development of workers' education institutions as well as his influence with respect to the economic development of some Caribbean islands is renowned. Professor Eaton played a major role in the establishment of The UWI's Trade Union Education Institute; he launched the Annual Education Programme of the Barbados Workers' Union; and also helped in drafting the Jamaican Government's Fair Labour Code. By the late 1960s he had established himself as a leading authority in labour relations and labour economics in the Caribbean and internationally. Professor Eaton has served on numerous technical cooperation missions and consultancies focusing on administrative reform and institutional strengthening in Jamaica, Latin America, Western Europe and Asia. He is also the author of several books, reports and articles on trade union development in Jamaica and the Caribbean Region, the role of the Jamaican and Caribbean Labour Movements in Caribbean Regional Integration, and Industrial relations systems and practices.



Mr. Lowell Hawthorne – LLD

Lowell Hawthorne demonstrates how individuals from humble Caribbean backgrounds can, through the dint of hard work, good sense and entrepreneurship, achieve remarkable success in the most competitive environments. As an entrepreneur and philanthropist, Mr Hawthorne has made significant contributions to The UWI and Jamaica as a whole. Born in Jamaica and educated up to the secondary level, he migrated to the US in 1981, with a dream of working for a year to earn enough to purchase a minivan and start a business on his return to Jamaica. His sojourn however extended beyond the year he intended. By the late 1980s, he started a "patty business", and over the next two decades, Mr Hawthorne built the Golden Krust Caribbean Bakery and Grill Inc., an enterprise that grosses more than US \$100 million in annual sales and now has 122 branches across nine states in the USA. This achievement has been recognised both in the USA and the Caribbean through numerous awards, including Entrepreneur of the Year for the Tri-State Area in 2001, Top Franchise Opportunities in the Nation by Entrepreneur Magazine in 2008, Man of the Year by Gleaner's North American edition and the Jamaica Observer Business Heads Award in 2010. Far more than a successful businessman, Mr Hawthorne invests heavily in the education of students both in Jamaica and the USA. His business contributes sizeable endowments and scholarships to high school students in Jamaica and to university students, primarily from the Caribbean diaspora in the USA. Mr Hawthorne is currently the Chair of the American Foundation for UWI's (AFUWI) Partnership Board.



Mr. Vincent HoSang – LLD

Chinese Jamaican entrepreneur Vincent HoSang's generosity has helped many institutions expand and students excel. Mr HoSang is the President and CEO of Royal Caribbean Bakery and Caribbean Food Delights. Described as one who epitomizes the essentials of entrepreneurship, vision, courage, commitment and risk-taking, Mr HoSang has received several honours for his business acumen. In 2010, Mr HoSang was awarded the First Commonwealth Award by the St George's Society of New York, instituted to recognise the growing contributions of the Commonwealth immigrant population to New York City. He was nominated for the Jamaica Observer Business Leader Award in 2011. In that same year he was recognised by Wal-Mart as one of its best minority suppliers. Mr HoSang is also well known for his charitable contributions and has received many accolades for his untiring work and dedication to nation building, through his unselfish giving to the children of Jamaica in sport and education; and for his dedication, commitment and compassion to the community. Through the Vincent HoSang Family Foundation he gives thousands of dollars annually for student scholarships and donations to institutions and community organisations like the Cornwall Regional Hospital in Montego Bay, Jamaica, and his contribution of a state-of-the-art medical bus to bring services to Jamaica's poor rural communities.



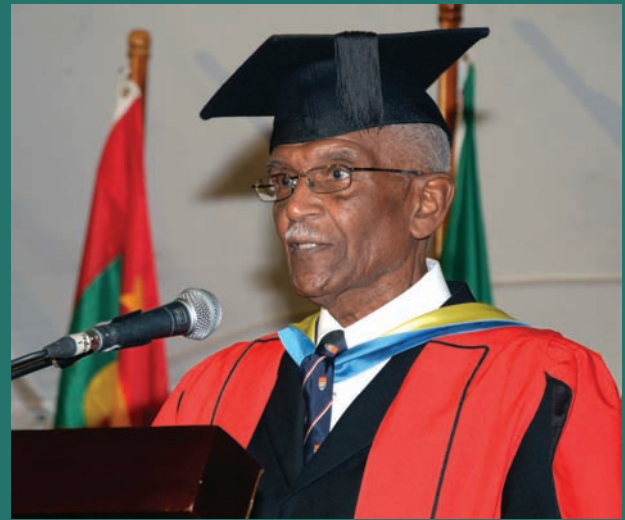
Professor Emeritus Errol Miller – LLD

Errol Laurence Miller, OJ is described as a visionary, consummate educator, scholar, trailblazer, nation builder, Caribbean man, committed church leader and family man. Not only did he pioneer the online delivery of UWI programmes at the School of Education, as a trailblazer, he has racked up a number of firsts: the first graduate of both the UWI Masters and PhD in Education programmes; the first non-Englishman appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Lady Mico Charity in England; Jamaica's youngest Permanent Secretary and the first educator from the Commonwealth Caribbean to receive the Andres Bello Award of the Organization of American States for contribution to Education. Professor Miller has served on numerous boards and in many capacities including Chairman of the Jamaica Broadcasting Corporation and National Committee of Libraries, Archives and Documentation Services, Independent Senator in the Jamaican Parliament, founding President of the Jamaica Association of Teacher Educators and President of the Jamaica Teachers Association. More recently as Chairman of the Electoral Advisory Committee of Jamaica, Professor Miller has been at the forefront of Jamaica's achievement of consistently fair and peaceful General Elections. In the wider Caribbean and the international community, Professor Miller has served major international agencies funding education, such as the World Bank, UNESCO, UNDP, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Canadian International Development Agency, International Development Research Centre, the British Department for International Development, the European Union and the United States Agencies for International Development.



Mrs. Joy Spence – LLD

Mrs Joy Spence has the distinction of being the first woman to hold the position of Master Blender in the Jamaican Rum industry. According to her, rum-making is a perfect balance of art and science, and so intricately intertwined that it is difficult to pinpoint where the science stops and the art begins. She fell in love with chemistry at age 13 and set her mind on a career as a scientist. The UWI Alumna taught high school chemistry and was also a lecturer at the College of Arts, Science and Technology (now the University of Technology, Jamaica) before moving to England to pursue a Master of Science degree in Analytical Chemistry at the University of Loughborough where she excelled, earning the highest exams score ever achieved by a student at the time. She returned to Jamaica and to lecturing, and in 1979 switched careers to work as a Research and Development Chemist at Estate Industries Limited, the producers of Tia Maria Liqueur. Mrs Spence joined Appleton Estate Jamaica Rum as Chief Chemist in 1981, and held a series of key positions before she was appointed General Manager, Technical and Quality Services in 1996, a position she still holds along with that of Master Blender, which she took up in 1997. She is also a Director of the Jamaica Bureau of Standards Foundation. In 2005, Mrs Spence was honoured by the Government of Jamaica with the Order of Distinction in the Rank of Officer, (OD) for her service to Industry. In 2011, she received the Rum Experience Pioneer's Award for outstanding rum achievement at the Golden Rum Barrel Awards. Mrs Spence is committed to promoting science in schools and frequently gives motivational speeches at high schools, colleges and universities across Jamaica.



Professor Emeritus Hugh Wynter – DSc

Professor Hugh Wynter is currently Professor Emeritus of The University of the West Indies, Mona Campus; a post to which he was appointed in 2003. An early graduate of the University College of the West Indies, Professor Wynter spent his entire career at the University and has the distinction of being the first of the University's graduates to be appointed Professor and Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology from 1973-1984. His pioneering research in the field of fertility management has been published in a number of distinguished regional and international medical journals. Professor Wynter founded the Advanced Training and Research in Fertility Management Programme in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in 1979. He has been a member of the Board, Faculty of Medicine since 1967 and the Jamaica National Family Planning Board since 1980 as well as an Overseas Examiner in the Membership Examination (MRCOG) of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. Professor Wynter has been the recipient of numerous awards for meritorious service among which are the Order of Jamaica in 1991, the Vice Chancellor's Award for Excellence in the area of Public Service (1994) and the United Nations Population Award – Laureate (1998).



Mr. Glen Mills - LLD

Mr. Glen Mills, currently recognised as the leading sprinting coach in the world, has had a long and distinguished career as a coach. For many years, he was head coach at Camperdown, one of Jamaica's high schools noted for its sporting prowess, Coach Mills subsequently became national coach in 1987, serving in that capacity until 2009. He came to international attention when he resuscitated the career of Usain Bolt who, having shot to fame in the World Junior Championship Games in 2002, had experienced a significant slump in performance immediately thereafter. Having joined forces with Mr Mills, Bolt went on to repeatedly win every major sprinting title and is currently the holder of the world records in both the 100m and 200m sprint events and a key member of the world record-breaking team of Jamaicans in the 4x100m men's relay team.

Mr Glen Mills' reputation as the world's best sprinting coach rests not only on his accomplishments with Dr the Honourable Usain Bolt (himself a 2011 UWI honorary graduate). He is also the only coach in the history of the Olympics to have coached five of the six medallists in the male sprint events in any single Olympic Games, having trained the gold and silver medallists in the 100m sprints for men, and the gold, silver and bronze medallists in the men's 200m event at the 2012 Olympics in London. He has also been inducted into the Penn Relays Hall of Fame.

As founder, president and head coach of the Racers Track Club, Mr Mills has seen its membership swell, with a corresponding growth in the Club's output of Olympians. The Club, which from its outset has been located at the University of the West Indies' Mona Campus, has produced over a dozen Olympic and IAAF World Championship medallists, including non-Jamaican athletes such as Mr Kim Collins of St Kitts & Nevis. Because of his instrumentality, The UWI Mona Bowl of Sporting Excellence can safely claim to have produced more Olympic and World Championship medallists than any other sporting academy in the world.

For over a decade Mr Mills has been a coach at UWI Mona and has contributed substantially to the growth of the athletics programme at the Campus and its emergence as a pre-eminent academy in the Caribbean for athletic scholars. For the above reasons and for his outstanding contribution to the development of athletics in Jamaica and the Caribbean, this singular honour has been bestowed on Coach Glen Mills.

