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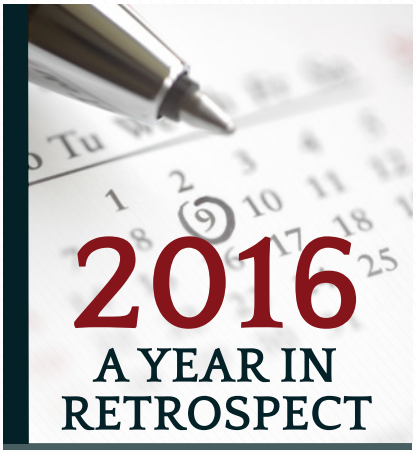

2016
A YEAR IN RETROSPECT

DECEMBER 2016













APA Expo breathed new energy into NAPA

The Academy for the Performing Arts (APA) hosted its very first APA Expo at the UTT Campus at NAPA in November 2016. This three-day event featured a combination of simultaneous artistic performances from different types of art forms that are being taught at the Academy. This included Acting, Dance, Music, Animation, Music Technology and Design Installations amongst others.

As the national University, UTT saw this as an excellent opportunity to promote curation, creation and conversation, whilst fully exploring and exposing the wide gambit of skills of its students who can better impact the performance industry of Trinidad and Tobago.

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GREETINGS from the CHAIRMAN



Professor KENNETH S. JULIEN (Emeritus) T.C.
Chairman, UTT

On behalf of the Board of Governors and in my personal role as Chairman of the Board, I wish to extend to your family and yourself best wishes for the Christmas and festive season.

UTT has an image of a community of scholars and supporting staff, and it is an image that we wish to project further into the country at large.

The Christmas season brings together families and communities in celebration. The community of UTT - the Board, faculty, staff and students join you in spirit in celebration of the festive season.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead of us as the University grows, not only in numbers and expansion of its facilities, but also in confidence that UTT will make a difference to the country and all its citizens.

Have a happy and safe season and best wishes for 2017.

GREETINGS from the PRESIDENT



Professor DYER NARINESINGH
President and Acting Provost, UTT

I wish to take this opportunity to extend New Year's greetings for a self-fulfilling and rewarding 2017 to all staff and students of our national University. As we continue unswervingly to dedicate ourselves, in spite of the many challenges, to the realisation of the Mission of our University, it is my wish that in the process you will in turn benefit both personally and professionally.

As we face the many uncertainties of the new year, let us continue to work together as a team to bring quality education and skills training to bear upon finding solutions to the many challenges facing all our stakeholders not only here in Trinidad and Tobago, but also in the wider Caribbean in general.

On behalf of the University's Executive Management Team I want to wish you and all your loved ones a productive, healthy, happy and hope-filled New Year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JANUARY 2016

Donation of musical instruments by German Embassy

UTT was the proud recipient of a generous donation of musical instruments from the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany. The ceremonial handover took place on Monday January 25th, 2016 at the UTT Campus at the Southern Academy for the Performing Arts.

This handover came on the heels of an official visit to UTT by His Excellency Dr. Lutz Hermann Görgens, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany. His Excellency visited UTT's Academy for the Performing Arts (APA), where he met with APA staff, students, as well as guest performers. The donation consisted of violin strings, a viola and double bass, a drum set with cymbals and a drummer's chair, a baritone saxophone and a conductor's desk.



(FROM LEFT) Dr. Roger Henry, Associate Professor, APA; Professor Dyer Narinesingh, President, UTT; Professor Kenneth S. Julien (Emeritus), T.C., Chairman, UTT; Professor Clement Imbert, Deputy Chairman, UTT, His Excellency Dr. Lutz Hermann Görgens, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany and Kwamé Ryan, Professor and Director, APA.



Music instructors of UTT's Academy for the Performing Arts play a piece on the instruments donated by the German Embassy.

"Maximising Your Potential" entered Port-of-Spain

The Port-of-Spain edition of Maximising Your Potential was hosted by UTT, in collaboration Member of Parliament for Port-of-Spain, South, Ms. Marlene Mc Donald, former Minister of Housing and Urban Development; the Honourable Stuart Young – Minister in the Office of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs, and Member of Parliament for Port-of-Spain, North/St Ann's West; and the Honourable Dr. Nyan Gadsby-Dolly – Minister of Community Development, Culture and The Arts and Member of Parliament for St Ann's East.This event took place on Saturday 9th January, 2016 at the Grand Stand, Queen's Park Savannah.

This was the second installment of the "Maximising Your Potential" event, the first of which took place on Saturday 10th October, 2015 at the NESC Laventille Campus. Academic and support staff were on hand to present their programmes to the attendees, and were able to provide invaluable guidance on academic choices and programmes which matched attendees' career ambitions.

MoU signing between UTT and Penn State University

UTT signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Pennsylvania State University College of Agricultural Sciences (Penn State University) on January 21st, 2016. The MoU is valid for a period of five years.

Under the scope of this agreement, both universities will endeavour to promote the following types of collaboration:

- Collaborative degree programmes
- Exchanges among academic staff
- Joint research projects and educational programmes
- Exchange of scientific materials, publications and information

FEBRUARY 2016

uSTART hosted Export Basics Seminar

uSTART, the business accelerator facility of UTT, serves to foster an ecosystem that supports the entrepreneurial mindsets of both students and staff of UTT through the provision of a physical business space and business development services.

A needs assessment conducted last year by uSTART revealed that many of the entrepreneurs required additional export knowledge. As a result, on Tuesday 16th February 2016, uSTART hosted ExporTT at UTT's Frederick Settlement facility to present the Export Basics Seminar. The seminar was facilitated by Mr. Hilary J. Bengochea, Director, Sandee Communications Ltd, and was coordinated by Ms. Maria Padilla-Benjamin, Manager of Training, ExporTT. Thirty (30) entrepreneurs were present.



ExporTT's Facilitator, Mr. Hilary J. Bengochea Presenting to Entrepreneurs.

MARCH 2016

Future of the Energy Sector in Trinidad and Tobago

As part of its Distinguished Lecture series, the University hosted a lecture entitled "The Future of the Energy Sector of Trinidad and Tobago" on March 14th, 2016 at the UTT Point Lisas Campus. This event addressed current challenges and opportunities to be derived from the Oil and Gas industry as well as opportunities in Renewable and Alternative Energy.

The presenters were Professor Larry Lake, world-renowned expert on enhanced oil recovery, The University of Texas at Austin, Professor Andrew Jupiter, Distinguished Fellow-in-Practice in Petroleum Studies, University of the West Indies, Dr. Thackwray Driver, President and C.E.O., The Energy Chamber of Trinidad and Tobago, and Dr. Zaffar Khan, Programme Director, Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business.



(LEFT TO RIGHT) Professor Andrew Jupiter, Dr. Zaffar Khan, Dr. Thackwray Driver and Professor Larry Lake.

MARCH 2016



The Emergence of the Oil and Gas Sector

Professor Kenneth S. Julien (Emeritus) T.C. shared his knowledge and experiences of the evolution of the local Oil and Gas sector at a Distinguished Lecture on March 9th, 2016 at the UTT Point Lisas Campus.



Marine Sciences Open Day

The Marine Sciences Programmes hosted its Open Day on March 19th, 2016 at the UTT Chaguaramas Campus. This session allowed prospective students and visitors to interact with staff, current students and the highly qualified lecturers of the different programmes. Persons were also given an insight into the dynamic world of Marine Sciences as they toured the state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories.

APRIL 2016

The road to reaccreditation

On December 17th 2010, UTT was awarded institutional accreditation by the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT) for a period of seven years. As the period comes to an end, the University is required to conduct a comprehensive self-evaluation and produce a self-study report.

The UTT Self-Study Process was launched under the theme "Reaccreditation 2017" and is coordinated by a Steering Committee, which will carefully review the University's educational programmes and services, with particular attention to student learning and achievement.

Upon completion of the exercise, UTT will submit a comprehensive Self-Study Report to ACTT in preparation for a site visit by a team of External Evaluators.



Members of UTT's Self-Study Steering Committee.



UTT hosts first local Handball coaching course

UTT partnered with the National Handball Association to help spread the sport of handball throughout the country. Since then, a lot of work has been done making UTT a popular name in this arena. In April, UTT has had the privilege of hosting Professor Maria Estriga, Portugese National Female Handball Coach who worked with our student-athletes, doing a Level 1 Handball Coaching course.

MAY 2016

Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences visited Trinidad and Tobago

In May 2016, UTT welcomed a contingent of eighteen (18) students and three (3) members of faculty on a Study Tour from the Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences, Germany. The 10-day study tour included a unique blend of academic learning, structured visits to several UTT Campuses as well as a tailored cultural programme. The Osnabrück undergraduate students who are currently enrolled in various Bachelor of Engineering programmes were particularly interested in interacting with representatives of UTT's Civil Engineering programmes. The study tour culminated with a presentation by Dr. Amarnath Chinchamee, Assistant Professor, Project Management and Civil Infrastructure Systems Group and other members of his team at the UTT Campus at SAPA.



Visiting students and faculty of the Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences at the site of the Solar House Project at UTT Point Lisas Campus.



Students and faculty of the Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences on tour at the site of the UTT Signature Campus at Tamana.

uSTART's collaborative efforts

uSTART, the UTT Business Accelerator Facility continued to cultivate the minds of entrepreneurs and has formed a number of collaborations; one such collaboration is with Dr. Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Managing Director of Rousseau Ventures.

Dr. Rousseau, based in Toronto, Canada, developed Genius Lab, a digital literacy training initiative which aims to bridge the gap by providing participants with the necessary skill-sets to potentially earn wages.

Dr. Rousseau is currently leading the launch of Haiti's first Technology Business Incubator. His visit to Trinidad aimed to identify collaborative opportunities to promote tech-enabled entrepreneurship on a regional scale. Dr. Rousseau along with his colleague, Ms. Denise Carew visited uSTART to also learn the best practices of the incubator. Dr. Rousseau and Ms. Carew toured the uSTART facility and were able to meet with some of the entrepreneurs.



(LEFT TO RIGHT) Mr. Inshan Meahjohn, Assistant V.P, Entrepreneurship and Business Development, Mrs. Ermine Christopher-Salino, Coordinator, Incubator Projects, uSTART, Ms. Denise Carew and Dr. Jean-Jacques Rousseau.

JUNE 2016









UTT Fashion Week 2016

UTT's Caribbean Academy of Fashion and Design (CAFD) hosted its Senior Thesis and Designer Critic Fashion Show on June 5th, 2016 at the University's O'Meara Campus. Entitled "Fashion Constellations", the show comprised the work of students enrolled in UTT's Fashion Design Programme.







JUNE 2016

Courtesy visit from High Commissioner for Pakistan to Canada

The Honorary Consulate General for Pakistan to Trinidad and Tobago, Mr. Amjad Ali and the High Commissioner for Pakistan to Canada, His Excellency Mr. Tariq Azim Khan paid a courtesy visit to UTT in June, 2016. The visit commenced at UTT's O'Meara Campus with the High Commissioner and Honorary Consul engaging in informal discussion with Professor Dyer Narinesingh and Professor Clement Imbert, Deputy Chairman of the Board of Governors. In light of this, His Excellency expressed his desire for UTT to host more students of Pakistani origin in the coming years.

The delegation subsequently visited UTT's John S. Donaldson Port-of-Spain Campus where discussions were held with two of UTT's current Pakistani students, Ms. Parveen Khan and Ms. Nida Zafar. Ms. Sandra Carr, Programme Leader of UTT's Caribbean Academy of Fashion and Design was also in attendance and welcomed the opportunity to showcase the Academy's work through UTT's fashion exhibition.



His Excellency Mr. Tariq Azim Khan, High Commissioner for Pakistan to Canada (second from right) during his visit to the Caribbean Academy for Fashion and Design at UTT's John S. Donaldson Port-of-Spain Campus.

Startup Weekend at UTT O'Meara Campus

UTT partnered with Launch RockIt Community to host the 6th edition of Startup Weekend from June 17th to 19th, 2016.

The collaboration between Launch RockIt and UTT saw students and alumni afforded the opportunity to present their innovative ideas and business concepts towards developing their business plans. Over 60 entrepreneurs worked on developing their ideas and laying the groundwork for developing successful businesses. Such activities seek to promote UTT as a key influencer in the area of entrepreneurship development, and also encourage students to benefit from an environment that continuously ignites their entrepreneurial spiririt.



Members of the Launch RockIt Community and participants of the 6th edition of Startup Weekend at UTT's O'Meara Campus.

JULY 2016

UTT and Johns Hopkins Medicine International hosted symposium on digestive diseases

The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) in collaboration with Johns Hopkins Medicine International and the Trinidad and Tobago Medical Association (T&TMA) hosted a one-day Symposium titled "Innovations and Recent Developments in Digestive Diseases" at UTT's Chaguanas Campus. Facilitated by a highly qualified team of visiting doctors from one of the world's leading medical institutions, Johns Hopkins Medicine, the Symposium highlighted the most current research findings and advances that have been made in the field of digestive diseases. Geared toward medical practitioners and allied health professionals, the audience was exposed to a wealth of information, through presentations, lectures and break-out sessions on new developments in the diagnosis, treatment and care of digestive diseases and associated conditions.



(FROM LEFT) Dr. Anthony Kalloo, Dr. Zhiping Li, and Dr. Mouen Khashab of Johns Hopkins Medicine International during the one-day symposium on digestive diseases at UTT Chaguanas Campus.

UTT presented at the 52nd Congress of the Food Crop Society

The 52nd Congress of the Caribbean Food Crop Society (CFCS) was held in Guadeloupe from July 10th to 16th, 2016. The theme was "Engineering ecological modernisation of agriculture and exploring the potential of tropical biological resources for innovation, while moving toward bio-economic development of the Caribbean region". The objective of this Congress was to share regional and international experiences and develop a collective strategy for the modernisation of agriculture and food sectors in the Caribbean region. UTT's Food Science and Technology Unit presented three (3) papers. This opportunity allowed UTT to showcase its applicable programmes, conduct networking sessions, disseminate research findings and improve skills and knowledge in the field of Food Security.



(FROM LEFT) Dr. Rohanie Maharaj, Associate Professor and Programme Leader, Food Science and Technology, Ms. Urshelle De Castro, Programme Officer, Mr. Adam Quintal, Ms. Maria Chan and Dr. Wilfredo Colón, Chair, Congress of the Caribbean Food Crop Society.

JULY 2016

UTT's Maritime Programme makes waves

The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) continues to create waves with its Maritime Programmes as the Centre for Maritime Studies has recorded milestone achievements through ground-breaking initiatives for the growth of the maritime sector. Facilitated by a team of professional experts, the programme consistently produces a cohort of highly qualified graduates who are then absorbed into the local maritime sector within months of graduating. As a testament to this, there was a pass rate of almost 70% for the Deck Cadets and 100% for Marine Engineers at the most recent oral examination; this is indeed a noteworthy achievement as UTT's students are surpassing their counterparts at colleges in the United Kingdom (UK). International accrediting body for the programme, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) of UK has also granted approval for UTT to deliver the High Voltage Training Course and to offer support level training for a host of careers in the field of Maritime Studies.



Mr. M. Rahman, MCA Engineering Examiner (5th from left) surrounded by a group of students from UTT's Maritime Studies Programme.

AUGUST 2016

Exhibition of the Life and Times of Patrick Manning

To honour the life and work of the former Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Mr. Patrick Manning, UTT mounted an exhibition titled, 'The Life and Times of Former Prime Minister Patrick Augustus Mervyn Manning' at the Southern Academy for the Performing Arts (SAPA).

The exhibition included gifts Mr. Manning would have received from visiting Heads of States, local and international organisations and individuals; awards from local and regional organisations, such as the Guyana Institute of Democracy; photographs of official foreign visits and other hallmark moments; a wide array of personal copies of books; policy documents from Vision 2020; video recordings from overseas visits; personal and intimate artifacts such as clothing, newspaper articles and other significant memorabilia. The extensive collection, which highlighted his achievements and noteworthy accomplishments provided a keen insight and a comprehensive profile of Mr. Manning throughout his tenure as Prime Minister during the period 1991 to 2010.



A sample of some of the awards bestowed to former Prime Minister Patrick Manning from local and international bodies.

AUGUST 2016



New Executive Student Guild President

The Executive Student Guild at The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) inaugurated its new President Kamal Hunte at UTT O'Meara Campus. The event, hosted by the Student Support Services Unit, facilitated the traditional "pinning" of the new Guild President by Dr. Letitia Williams, AVP Student Support Services. Speaking on behalf of UTT's President Professor Dyer Narinesingh, Professor Chadee Persad, Vice Provost Postgraduate Studies, called for a smooth transition from one Executive Student Guild to the next, reminding students of the power that they possess to effect change.

Congratulations to the awardees of the Canada-Caricom Funding Programmes

UTT, through its partnership with Canadian universities, has been able to access opportunities for funded study, research and exploratory exchanges from the Canadian Government through the Canada-Caricom Funded Programmes. Several of these programmes are offered in an effort to encourage participation in international study and research partnerships towards fostering understanding among peoples, developing global citizens and leaders, and contributing to the development of nations. This year's successful awardees of the 2016 Canada-Caricom Funding Programmes were as follows:

THE EMERGING LEADERS IN THE AMERICAS PROGRAMME

- Alan Wong – Diploma in Animation Studies (UTT Student)
- Mala Ramlal – Bachelor of Education- Early Childhood Care and Education (UTT Student)

CANADA-CARICOM FACULTY-LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

- Dr. Zameer Mohammed – Assistant Vice President, Professional Education Unit
- Dr. Letitita Williams – Assistant Vice President, Student Support Services
- Professor Betty Mc Donald – Professor, The Learning Centre (TLC)
- Dr. Natasha Ramroop Singh – Assistant Professor, Biomedical Engineering

UTT/Johns Hopkins University Summer Internship 2016

2016 Biomedical Engineering graduate, Ms. Kember Arrindell shared her experiences with the University community, after successfully completing a two (2) month Summer Internship programme at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland. This intense programme allows UTT students to be exposed to and interact with experts in the dynamic field of biomedical engineering. Ms. Arrindell gave insights into her research project entitled "The effects of monolayer and gel cultures on blood vessel and bone formation from stem cells".



SEPTEMBER 2016

International Coastal Cleanup 2016

Students and staff from UTT O'Meara, San Fernando, Point Lisas, Valsayn and Chaguaramas Campuses joined with thousands of volunteers globally to clean coastlines from human pollution. The University partnered with the Trinidad and Tobago Solid Waste Management Company Limited (SWMCOL) at Hart's Cut Bay, Chaguaramas and worked throughout the day collecting and categorising every article of waste collected. The Student Social Responsibility and Volunteerism Centre of the University continues to engage in initiatives such as these as it works towards developing well rounded, holistic graduates.



UTT signed MoU with Youth Business Trinidad and Tobago (YBTT)

The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) and Youth Business Trinidad and Tobago (YBTT) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at a symbolic signing which took place at UTT O'Meara Campus in September, 2016. Signatories to the document were Professor Dyer Narinesingh, President, UTT, and Mr. Shedron Collins, General Manager, YBTT.

The signing of this MoU stands to benefit entrepreneurs of UTT's Business Accelerator facility, uSTART, who now have access to increased grant funding from TTD$30,000 to TTD$50,000. Additionally, both parties will co-operate in entrepreneurial development and other areas inclusive of research and branding. UTT's entrepreneurial ecosystem will certainly benefit from this MoU as both Institutions have further cemented a business relationship, which has facilitated the coordination of Global Entrepreneurship Week activities for the past three (3) years.



New Student Orientation 2016

With much anticipation and flair, UTT welcomed all new students at its New Student Orientation Ceremony and Fair. The University looks forward to this yearly event as it signals the intent of the student to engage in tertiary education and all it entails. Students are exposed to the different University resources as they prepare to embark on a life-changing journey supported by a cadre of highly qualified academics and resource staff.

OCTOBER 2016

Inaugural Caribbean Cancer Survivorship Conference

In recognition of Cancer awareness during the month of October, the Masters in Health Administration Programme (MHA) of UTT collaborated with the Caribbean Survivors in Action (CSIA), Healthy Caribbean Coalition (HCC) and Centre of Community Alliance for Research and Education (CCARE) to host the inaugural Caribbean Cancer Survivorship Conference. Held at UTT Campus at NAPA, the Conference addressed the concept of survivorship in the cancer care continuum, while providing a forum to discuss strategies and solutions to reduce the burden of cancer, both on the patient and our communities. Addressing the audience were the Honourable Terrance Deyalsingh, Minister of Health and Professor Kenneth S. Julien (Emeritus) T.C., Chairman of the Board of Governors, UTT. The facilitators of the Conference were local and foreign experts involved in cancer-care and cancer-care research, whose focus was on the medical, psycho-social, health policies and economic issues involved in cancer survivorship.



Professor Kenneth S. Julien (Emeritus) T.C., Chairman of the Board of Governors, UTT makes a presentation to one of the guests at the Inaugural Caribbean Cancer Survivorship Conference.

UTT hosted its first Open Day in Tobago

In October 2016, the University hosted its first ever Tobago Campus Open Day. This highly interactive activity held at Scarborough, was geared toward highlighting the University's various programme offerings and addressing questions from potential UTT students of Tobago. The event was a success as there was a high level of pedestrian traffic and attendees from the nine (9) secondary schools in Tobago. Those showcased on the day included Sport, Performing Arts, Health Sciences and Marine Sciences. Addressing the audience was UTT's President Professor Dyer Narinesingh and Mrs. Marslyn Melville-Jack, Member of the Board of Governors, UTT. The audience was treated to performances from the UTT Ibis Ensemble and Mr. Jessie Mc Barrow, a graduate of UTT's Academy for the Performing Arts (APA). There was also a live fashion display from the collection of Ms. Delia Alleyne and Ms. Nicketa Frank, members of UTT's alumni. UTT encourages persons from Tobago to look out for us again, as we seek to increase our presence on the island.





Students of Tobago at UTT's Open Day.

NOVEMBER 2016

UTT celebrated Quality Month

UTT became the first tertiary educational institution to recognise and celebrate Quality Month under the theme "Quality Matters", as it joined the international community in celebrating quality and its impact in the world. This annual event seeks to raise awareness of issues in the field of quality, continuous improvement and performance excellence.

Through the Office of Quality Assurance & Institutional Effectiveness (QA&IE), UTT hosted a Panel Discussion entitled "Can Accreditation Agencies be Effective Gatekeepers for the Public Financing of Tertiary Education?" This forum saw major stakeholders of key industries, delivering valuable contributions in light of the current changes on the local landscape of the public financing of tertiary education.
The University lauds the efforts of its staff and student body as it highlights the importance of quality at all levels and in all areas of operation.



Ms. Janel Phillip, Secretary, the Human Resource Management Association of Trinidad and Tobago speaks at the Panel Discussion



Ms. Maria Allong, QHSE Manager, Solid Waste Management Company Limited (SWMCOL), presents an overview on solid waste managment in Trinidad and Tobago.

Waste to Energy Symposium

UTT, in collaboration with the Energy Chamber of Trinidad and Tobago, hosted a Symposium that brought awareness to renewable sustainable energy sources in the face of depleting conventional forms of energy, as it explored technologies and opportunities for Trinidad and Tobago to utilise waste for sustainable power generation, while addressing the issue of the disposal of waste in an efficient and environmentally friendly manner.

The Symposium featured experts on the subject matter of waste to sustainable energy, while UTT's presenters examined the technologies available for the conversion of waste to energy. The event was rounded off by a Panel Discussion which was moderated by Dr. Thackwray Driver, Chief Executive Officer, The Energy Chamber of Trinidad and Tobago.

Virtual Exhibition and Fashion Motivational Talk with international Textile Designer

The Caribbean Academy of Fashion and Design (CAFD) proudly hosted UTT's 2006 Honorary Doctorate recipient of the Arts Dr. Althea Mc Nish *(h.c.)* at a Virtual Exhibition and Fashion Motivational Talk. Dr. Mc Nish, a Trinidadian-born British artist, is an internationally renowned Textile Designer, who capitalised on this opportunity to share her vast experiences and wealth of knowledge with students of CAFD, representatives of the Fashion Association of Trinidad and Tobago (FATT) and other stakeholders of the Fashion Industry. Dr. Mc Nish's work in the world of design and textiles, which has received recognition in the international fashion industry, was also seen at this feature event. Dr. Mc Nish's visit was facilitated through the Merikin Commission.



Dr. Althea Mc Nish (h.c.), Honorary Doctorate recipient of the Arts, with her husband. Also present at the event were Professor Clement Imbert, Deputy Chairman, UTT, Ms. Sandra Carr, Senior Instructor and Programme Leader, UTT's Caribbean Academy of Fashion and Design and Professor Dyer Narinesingh, President, UTT.

NOVEMBER 2016

UTT's 2016 Presentation of Graduates

This year's Graduation exercises held on November 9th and 10th, 2016 saw over seventeen hundred (1700) graduands receive Undergraduate and Higher Degrees in areas of Engineering, the Arts, Health Sciences, Education, Food Science, Security, Sport, ICT and Aviation.

After a five-year hiatus, on this auspicious occasion, the University also honoured the invaluable contributions of eleven (11) of this country's greatest pioneers in the fields of, Energy, Law and The Arts by the conferment of distinguished titles. The recipients at this year's Graduation were:

- **Mr. DAVID BOOTHMAN**
  Master Artist-in-Residence, Visual Arts
- **Mr. RAY ANTHONY HOLMAN**
  Master Artist-in-Residence, Steelpan
- **Dr. EARL LOVELACE, D. Litt.** ***(h.c.)***
  Master Artist-in-Residence, Literature
- **Dr. PETER MINSHALL, D. Litt.** ***(h.c.)***
  Master Artist-in-Residence, Carnival
- **Dr. MUNGAL PATASAR, D. Mus.** ***(h.c.)***
  Master Artist-in-Residence, Indian Music
- **Dr. MICHAEL ANTHONY, D. Litt.** ***(h.c.)***
  Honorary Distinguished Fellow, Literature
- **Mr. ANGELO BISSESSARSINGH**
  Honorary Distinguished Fellow, The Arts
- **Mr. WINSFORD DEVINE**
  Honorary Distinguished Fellow, The Arts
- **Justice ANTHONY LUCKY**
  Honorary Doctorate, Law
- **Mr. ERROL MAHABIR**
  Honorary Doctorate, Energy
  (posthumous)
- **Mr. KELVIN POPE, "The Mighty Duke"**
  Honorary Doctorate, The Arts
  (posthumous)













NOVEMBER 2016





APA Expo at UTT Campus at NAPA

APA Expo featured free workshops and demonstrations in Acting, Dance, Music, Animation, Music Technology and Performing Arts, all managed by APA's students with the support of their instructors.

The Expo culminated in three ticketed shows — "A Werewolf Howls", a theatre production developed by playwright Marvin Ishmael and APA students, "Pride in Our Calypso", a tribute to calypso from the string band era featuring the UTT Ibis Ensemble as well as contemporary pieces by Chuck Gordon (two time Calypso Monarch), Helon Francis, Spicey and Lani K., and "Sunday Stew", an afternoon of Caribbean Jazz.









NOVEMBER 2016

UTT worked with WAND Foundation to bring IT Infrastructure and Training to Local Communities

With social contributions for those who have been marginalised as a hallmark of their vision, the Women in Action for the Needy and Destitute (WAND) Foundation, in collaboration with UTT, the Ministry of Community Development, the offices of various Members of Parliament and FLOW will equip an additional fourteen (14) community centres throughout Trinidad and Tobago with networked computer equipment and Internet access. These latest donations were made possible through funds contributed by the Price Philanthropic Foundation out of California, USA and are a continuation of an initial donation of eight computers by the High Commission of Canada to WAND to assist the St. Francois Valley Road Community Centre in Morvant.

As part of the University's community outreach, UTT has been helping to setup and network the computers and will provide relevant training and objective measurement of the educational gains made in support of this initiative.

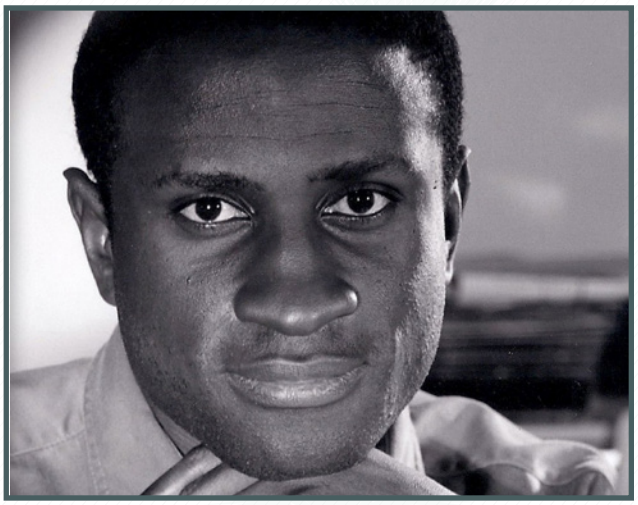
The Computer Handover and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Upper El Dorado Community Centre, the first of the fourteen (14) community centres to benefit from this phase of the project, took place on November 15th, 2016. Delivering the Keynote Address at the ceremony was Mrs. Sharon Rowley, Attorney-at-Law and wife of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

DECEMBER 2016

UTT's Professor Kwamé Ryan wins prestigious regional title

Professor and Director of UTT's Academy for the Performing Arts, Kwamé Ryan, is a 2017 Laureate of the Anthony N. Sabga Caribbean Awards for Excellence in the category of Arts and Letters, an award which he shares jointly with Guyanese sculptor, Mr. Winslow Craig.

The award recognises Professor Ryan's consistent track record of professional excellence, as well as his potential to make significant contributions to the Performing Arts, not the least through the Youth Music Exchange (YMX), an international peer-learning platform which he founded in 2014. According to Professor Ryan "In humbly accepting this award, I thank them for their support, and look forward to the growth of this and all the other innovative programmes and projects emanating from the Academy now and in the near future." Hats off to Professor Ryan!





Mr. Chuck Faulner, Director of Services for Efficiency One (Canada) spoke on energy efficiency in Nova Scotia, Canada at the Energy Efficiency Symposium.

Energy Efficiency Symposium

On Friday 9th December 2016, UTT, in collaboration with the Energy Chamber of Trinidad and Tobago and other key stakeholders of the energy industry, hosted the Energy Efficiency Symposium at its UTT Point Lisas Campus. This Symposium highlighted the potential for energy efficiency and energy-saving measures in Trinidad and Tobago, as they are considered the fastest and least expensive ways to lessen the economic and environmental costs associated with the energy sector.

Speakers at the event included Mr. Chuck Faulner, Director of Services for Efficiency One (Canada) and Ms. Shawnette Reid, Senior Engineer of the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC). Also addressing the audience was Professor Kenneth S. Julien, (Emeritus) T.C. Chairman of the UTT Board of Governors.



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