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THE UNIVERSITY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Our **NATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

15 YEARS
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UTT Celebrates the Local Culture and Artform for

Carnival 2019

THE WORLD LOOKS ON with great anticipation and excitement as Trinidad and Tobago prepares to celebrate the national festival of Carnival. A cultural explosion of artistry and pageantry in the arts, music and design, Carnival is the quintessential definition of all that is creative.

For the cultural ambassadors of The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT), this forum provides the opportunity to showcase their skills and musical prowess to the delight of local and international audiences.

As Trinidad and Tobago celebrates Carnival 2019, UTT recognises and applauds the work of our very own staff, students and alumni, who have contributed to the festival's success, as they inscribe their names in the local history books.



2013 UTT Artist Diploma in Music Performance graduate **NEVAL CHATELAL** and Nishard Mayrhoo were crowned joint Chutney Soca Monarch for the second time in a row, making them part of a small group of elites who have won the title back-to-back.

The winning duo emerged victorious over twenty-one (21) other competitors with the song *Fyah*, scoring 335 points and beating their nearest competitor by 14 points. The University congratulates both Mr. Chatelal and Mr. Mayrhoo on this feat.



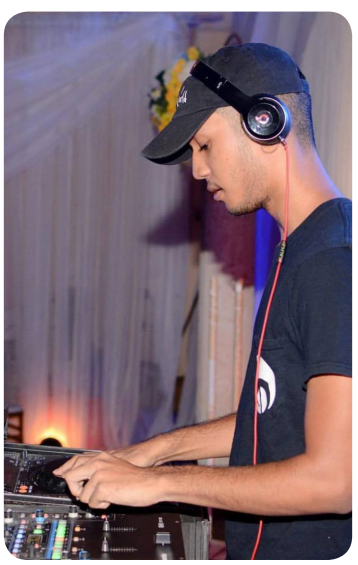
2016 Young King and 2018 Calypso Monarch **HELON FRANCIS** defended his crown on Carnival Thursday at the Queen's Park Savannah. The 2017 graduate of UTT's Bachelor of Fine Arts in the Performing Arts followed up last year's rendition of *Change* with an equally masterful and thought-provoking delivery of *What's Coming Next?*.

UTT congratulates Mr. Francis on placing third on the 2019 Calypso Monarch stage.



Two-time Calypso Monarch and graduate of UTT's Certificate in Music Technology programme **RODERICK "CHUCK" GORDON** was among fifteen (15) competitors challenging Helon Francis for the crown at the Queen's Park Savannah on Carnival Thursday.

With his 2019 rendition *El Muro*, Mr. Gordon made light of the United States-Mexico border wall issue. UTT congratulates Mr. Gordon on his achievements in the local Calypso arena as he continues to carry Calypso to the world stage.



UTT acknowledges its alumnus **TRAVIS HOSEIN**, known in the music industry as "Travis World", one of the most sought after producers of Soca. Mr. Hosein graduated from UTT in 2014 with a Certificate in Music Technology.

He has worked on many hit songs, with his list for 2019 including *The Road* by Dr. Machel Montano *(honoris causa)* and R&B singer Ashanti, Voice and Lil Natty & Thunda's *Pandemonium*, and Nessa Preppy's *Issa Snack,* to name a few.

Remembering the Early Years - UTT at the Start

The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) was launched in 2004 and from the onset, the intention of UTT was to expand opportunities for the nation's youth by making university-level education and learning in the fields of applied sciences, engineering and technology accessible to the majority.

The University's very first Campus was UTT Point Lisas Campus, formerly the main campus of the National Energy Skills Center/Trinidad and Tobago Institute of Technology (NESC/TTIT). In 2005, UTT O'Meara Campus was launched and today, still houses the central administration of the University.

At that time, UTT offered only one postgraduate programme – Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Oil and Gas Exploration and Production at UTT Point Lisas Campus. Today, the University offers more than fifty (50) undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in over twenty (20) diverse areas of study, reaching far beyond the scope of what was initially envisioned.

From inception, to foster the exchange of ideas and accelerate progress in the facilitation of academic excellence and industrial relevance, UTT placed emphasis on forging strategic alliances. The University's first recorded Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with an international institution, signed in November 2004, was with The University of Texas at Austin. This working relationship still exists to this day, proving the dedication of both parties to continuous academic development.

This year UTT, the national University, celebrates its 15th anniversary and continues to stay true to its original mandate by showcasing its adaptability to the changing times through the expansion of its programme offerings.

The University of Trinidad and Tobago maintains its position as a premier choice of tertiary level education in Trinidad and Tobago in its continued pursuit of excellence.



UTT Point Lisas Campus in **2004**



UTT O'Meara Campus in **2005**

WHAT'S ON @UTT

Food Science & Technology Student Final Exam and Showcase
Wednesday March 13th, 2019
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Auditorium, UTT Valsayn Campus,
Graver Road, Valsayn

UTT Distinguished Lecture Series - 'Steel Pan Quo Vadis : The Past, The Present and The Future' by Byron F. Serrette
Wednesday March 13th, 2019
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Theatre 1, UTT Campus at NAPA,
Keate Street, Port-of-Spain

UTT Student Sports Day 2019
Friday March 15th, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Mannie Ramjohn Stadium, *Marabella*

UTT Inter-Campus Windball Cricket Competition
Wednesday March 20th, 2019
1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Constantine Park, *Macoya*

Open Day
UTT Chaguaramas Campus
Saturday March 23rd, 2019
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
UTT Chaguaramas Campus,
Second Avenue North,
Western Main Road, Chaguaramas

The Future of Steelpan

Michael Cooper - UTT Board Member

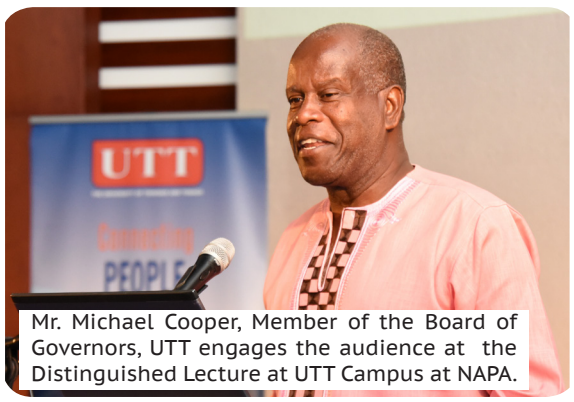
"The Government must create a national structural framework for the optimum development of the national instrument, the steelpan." These were the thoughts of Mr. Michael Cooper, Member of the Board of Governors of The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT), at its Distinguished Lecture held on February 20th, 2019.

In his detailed presentation titled "A National Framework for the National Instrument", Mr. Cooper proposed several ideas which he believes should be implemented and viewed this Lecture as the first of a series of engagements and conversations with all stakeholders, for the formalisation of this framework.

One idea, he suggested, was a three pillar approach which would consist of (1) a new collaborative programme between Government and Pan Trinbago, (2) a steelpan development institute, and (3) a structure which will commercialise Trinidad and Tobago's competitive advantage in the global distribution of steelpan. Mr. Cooper took the opportunity to further expand on the third pillar, indicating that such a strategic move would assist in facilitating a better understanding of the global markets. It may further change current mindsets within the steelpan fraternity as it relates to the ownership and distribution of our national instrument.

Mr. Cooper also touched on the social benefits of steelpan, emphasising that the development of our national instrument is critical, especially when we explore the role that the steelpan has played in deterring our nation's youth from a life of crime.

In closing, he noted that the country's competitive advantage lies in the high level of skills and knowledge found amongst our local steelpan tuners, arrangers and manufacturers, which need to be capitalised for financial benefits.



Mr. Michael Cooper, Member of the Board of Governors, UTT engages the audience at the Distinguished Lecture at UTT Campus at NAPA.

UTT Facts

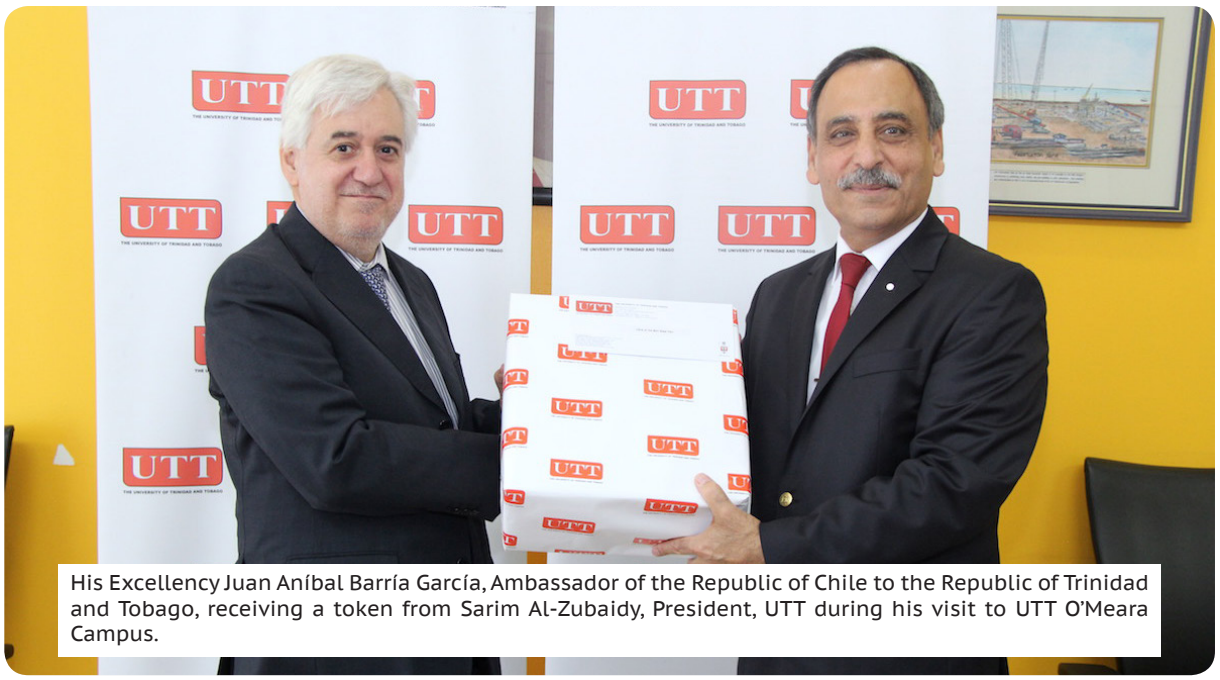
In 2017, UTT received Continuing Institutional Accreditation until 2024 – the maximum period that can be awarded to tertiary institutions.

UTT offers the Co-op approach which is a structured educational strategy that combines institutional learning with relevant practical experience in the workplace. This allows for a smooth transition into industries.

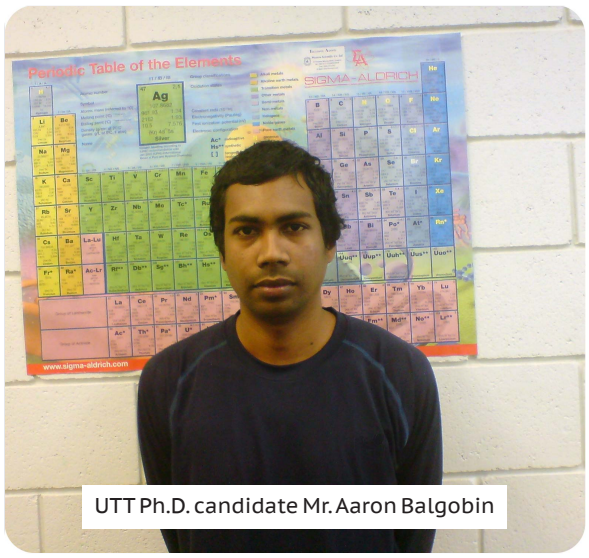
Ambassador of the Republic of Chile Visits UTT

HIS EXCELLENCY Juan Aníbal Barría García, Ambassador of the Republic of Chile to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, paid a courtesy call to Sarim Al-Zubaidy, President, UTT, at the O'Meara Campus on Monday 11th February, 2019. President Al-Zubaidy and His Excellency Juan García engaged in dialogue on UTT's entrepreneurial efforts as he toured uSTART, UTT's Business Accelerator/ Incubator.

This meeting formed part of a cooperation agreement between Chile and Trinidad and Tobago, which was formalised in 2017, through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).



His Excellency Juan Aníbal Barría García, Ambassador of the Republic of Chile to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, receiving a token from Sarim Al-Zubaidy, President, UTT during his visit to UTT O'Meara Campus.



UTT Ph.D. candidate Mr. Aaron Balgobin



UTT Sport alumna Kielle Connelly (centre) in action on the Netball court.

UTT Ph.D. Candidate Published in Environmental Journal

MR. AARON BALGOBIN, Ph.D. candidate of UTT's Centre for Maritime and Ocean Studies published the findings of his research in the highly prestigious Elsevier journal, *Science of the Total Environment*.

Entitled *Source Apportionment and Seasonal Cancer Risk of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons of Sediments in a Multi-use Coastal Environment Containing a Ramsar Wetland for a Caribbean Island*, Mr. Balgobin's work focused on the cancer risk which polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) substances pose to the population via marine sediments. Given that there has been an alarming increase in the incidence of cancer, this body of work is of great significance, particularly since a substantial portion of our population's food supply is derived from coastal regions such as the Gulf of Paria.

Mr. Balgobin believes these results can be utilised for developing an effective environmental management policy for coastal areas in Trinidad and the wider Caribbean region. Additionally, given that the major sources of PAHs into the environment are from gasoline and diesel fuel combustion, these results may assist in boosting current efforts of policymakers towards phasing out crude oil-based fossil fuels for cleaner energy sources such as compressed natural gas.

UTT Sport Student Masters the Courts

KIELLE CONNELLY, a graduate of The University of Trinidad and Tobago's (UTT) Bachelor in Sport Studies in 2012, represented UTT in netball. Additionally she played basketball for the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service and netball for the Police Youth Club among others. She assisted both teams in earning honours in their respective leagues.

Kielle has represented Trinidad and Tobago, securing 36 caps at various tournaments in the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Australia and the Caribbean. She also represented England's Grangetown Netball Club as a defensive player. As a student, Kielle was awarded both 'Best Defender' and 'Most Valuable Player' titles, and also represented UTT in matches played in Canada, New Zealand and the United States.

The knowledge and training gained as a student of UTT, the national University, have no doubt allowed Kielle to parlay her skills in both sporting disciplines. She also gives back to her home community of Manzanilla by teaching sporting fundamentals to youngsters interested in both disciplines.

While at UTT, Kielle played under the encouragement and guidance of internationally certified netball coach and current UTT Ph.D. student, Bridget Adams. Kielle is thankful to the University for presenting her with opportunities she would not have otherwise had access to.

The University applauds Ms. Connelly and wishes her continued success in her endeavours!



Mr. Marlon Indar Persad, Coordinator, New Business Ventures, UTT (left), presents a copy of "I Am MALALA" to staff of Naparima Girls' College.

UTT Donates *I Am MALALA* to Secondary Schools

The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) is intent on promoting education as a viable tool for the transformation of society. To assist in this effort, UTT donated copies of the book *I Am MALALA*, written by Nobel Laureate Malala Yousafzai, to secondary schools throughout Trinidad. This initiative was designed to promote enhanced reading by younger audiences while providing insights into the challenges that girls and young women face globally in their quest for education.

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Bachelor of Fine Arts in **DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS*** *with specialisations in* ***Animation*** *and* ***Music Technology***

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Bachelor of Science in **FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

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Bachelor of Applied Science in: **MANUFACTURING AND DESIGN ENGINEERING**

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