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THE UNIVERSITY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
Our NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE
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A New Way to Learn

UTT EMBRACES ONLINE LEARNING

DUE to the COVID-19 global pandemic, all schools and higher institutions have been closed since March 13th 2020. In an effort of continuity, The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) took definitive steps to ensure the rapid and seamless transition of all its face-to-face and blended programmes to a fully online mode of delivery during this period. This online transition also included support for non-academic staff who were required to work remotely.

These sudden and unprecedented changes to life as we know it, brought with it the opportunity for the wider application of leading-edge technology, as the University sought to enhance its operations in a digitally transformed environment. This allowed the University to implement differentiated assessment strategies to facilitate student success during this semester and beyond, and also to maintain its commitments to all internal and external stakeholders, albeit differently.

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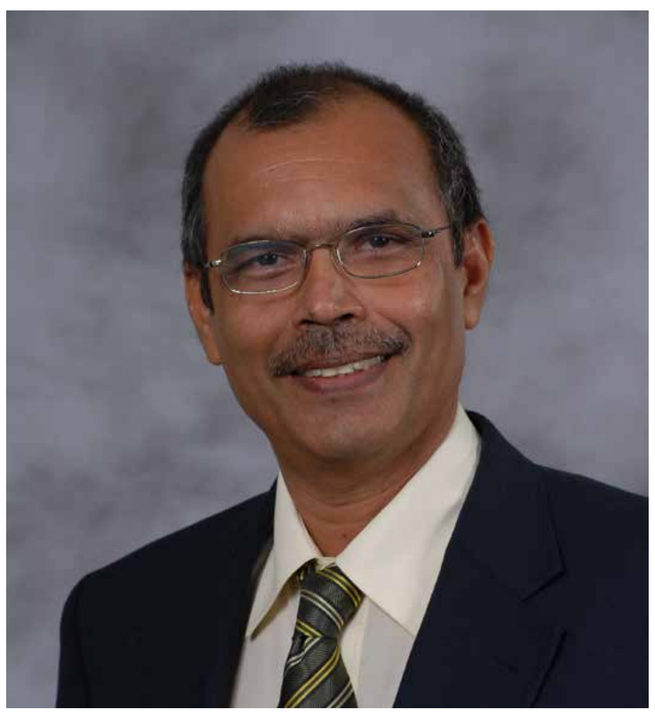
At present, through the University's Learning Management System lead by competent faculty, students are able to engage in discussion forums, simulations, and a range of continuous assessment activities to suit their learning profiles, and are currently preparing for online final examinations.

Professor Prakash Persad, President (Ag.), commented, "The migration to an online platform was always an intent of the University as this provides flexibility and more learning options for our current and prospective students. Additionally, the University has been able to train its faculty in current methods of online delivery; this enhancement of their skillset fully prepares them for the future of teaching and learning as we collectively adapt to a "new norm".

As the University embraces online learning, THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE remains as one of its core values, serving to shape our institutional behaviour and underpinning our work performance. Therefore, despite these extraordinary times, UTT remains committed to delivering quality tertiary education as it continues to produce work-ready graduates, innovators and critical thinkers.



Professor Prakash Persad
President (Ag.), UTT

Dr. Joy St. John
Executive Director, CARPHA

UTT signs MoU with CARPHA to Enhance Health Care Systems in the Caribbean

On April 27th 2020, The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) entered into a formal agreement with the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), aimed at promoting mutual cooperation in health education and research to better serve the Caribbean. Signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) were Professor Prakash Persad, President (Ag.), UTT and Dr. Joy St. John, Executive Director, CARPHA.

This timely initiative underscores the pressing need to enhance the delivery of public health goods and services to address new and emerging public health priorities in the Caribbean. It also seeks to identify and prioritise capacity building for both parties as they fulfil their mandate, but equally will support the delivery and enhance the quality of UTT's Master's degree in Health Administration and Public Health.

Professor Persad noted that signing amidst the current COVID-19 global health crisis is an opportune time, as it strengthens the University's human resource and academic capacity to deliver long-term, viable solutions to some of the challenges facing the health sector both locally and regionally. This also provides the opportunity to increase the University's ability to use effective virtual modalities.

Through a collaborative effort, both UTT and CARPHA will leverage their respective organisational strengths to enable optimum training and development opportunities and research for health systems. Dr.St. John stated "This Memorandum is an important step in the demonstration of our deep commitment to building capacity in our 26 Member States. This collaboration, which is aligned with CARPHA's strategic priorities, will support the strengthening of the agency's training expertise and delivery of programmes to Member States."

Both parties agree that this strategic partnership is an excellent approach to knowledge sharing and capacity building in key areas as it strengthens the health sector, with the overarching intent to safeguard the health and well-being of the Region.

REMEMBERING *Althea McNish*

UTT's First Female Honorary Doctorate Recipient

The Chairman, Members of the Board of Governors, President, staff and students of The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) express their sincerest condolences on the passing of Althea McNish.

A highly acclaimed textile designer, McNish made an indelible mark on the international fashion industry with her use of aesthetically pleasing, brilliant colours and patterns of the natural environment and eye-catching abstract themes.

She holds the distinguished honour of being the first Caribbean woman and black textile designer to achieve international prominence with a list of the most elite clientele and today, her work is featured globally at several leading museums.

For her outstanding contributions in the sphere of Art Design, in 1976 McNish was awarded the Chaconia Medal (Gold).

An educator and mentor, the iconic McNish has been described as both influential and inspirational as she shared her in-depth knowledge and wealth of experience serving to establish a new generation of fashion designers. In recognition of her lifelong work and significant achievements, UTT awarded McNish an Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts in 2006.

Althea McNish will always be remembered for her prolific contributions to the fashion industry.

Professor Clement Imbert, Deputy Chairman, Board of Governors, UTT (left) and Professor Prakash Persad, President (Ag.), UTT (right) distribute fabric face masks to representatives of the North Central Regional Health Authority

UTT Fashion Students Produce and Donate Face Masks to Fight COVID-19

As the national University, UTT rose to the challenge to contribute to national efforts against the effects of COVID-19 by manufacturing fabric face masks to wear in public settings. This forms part of the Government's established protocols to curb the spread of the virus.

To date, the University has manufactured approximately 3,000 face masks which were distributed to staff and students of the University as well as other local entities. Of these, over 700 were donated to the North Central Regional Health Authority and the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA).

This initiative, which began in early April, was undertaken by final year students of the Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) in Fashion Design, alumni of the B.F.A. Programme and Instructors of UTT's Caribbean Academy of Fashion and Design (CAFD). In their varying capacities, they have all taken an active stance in the fight against this pandemic by contributing their time and expertise to a worthy cause.

UTT is pleased to be a part of the nationwide, collective action of both Government and citizens alike, and also views this as a teachable moment of fostering innovation and civic responsibility among its students. Guided by one of its strategic themes, the University saw this as an opportunity to provide tangible solutions to some of society's most immediate challenges.

UTT Congratulates

Mr. LESTER OSOUNA

on his induction into the

First Citizens Sports Foundation Hall of Fame

The Chairman, Members of the Board of Governors, President, staff and students of The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) congratulate Mr. Lester Osouna on being inducted into the First Citizens Sports Foundation Hall of Fame in March 2020.

As UTT's Academy of Sport Head Coach, Track and Field - High Performance, Mr. Osouna has an illustrious career in the art and science of coaching in the discipline of Athletics (Track and Field), and is well-known for developing sport programmes at the administrative level, both locally and regionally. Mr. Osouna has also held many technical positions, all of which have served to enhance his wealth of knowledge and experience.

Today, Mr. Osouna continues to be integrally involved in the nurturing and development of local athletes, who have achieved success and recognition at the national level, with the eventual intent to produce world-class athletes who are set to attain success on the international stage.

For his outstanding work and lasting contribution to the development of sport, Mr. Lester Osouna now sits among the sporting greats of Trinidad and Tobago.

UTT Academy of Sport Promotes Wellness during COVID-19 Pandemic

Staff of the Academy of Sport at The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) produced four (4) videos promoting wellness and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. The videos, which have garnered almost 4,000 views on social media, feature local sport personalities including Clayton Morris, Lester Osouna, Imran Jan and Ria Ramnarine urging the public to be safe, practise social distancing and proper hygiene, and maintain relationships and camaraderie while the local community navigates the current wave of uncertainty.

Click the images below to view the videos.

WHAT'S HAPPENING in SPORT

Cruz Presents for Venezuelan Olympic Committee

UTT Patriots Volleyball Coach Francisco Cruz, was invited by the Venezuelan Olympic Committee (COV) to present on the "Truths and Myths about Sports Training for Volleyball" on 29th April, 2020. The COV launched an Olympic Knowledge Cycle online series through virtual classrooms experiences to connect interested stakeholders of sport with specialists such as Cruz.

Campbell Named Sportswoman of the Year

Past UTT student Teniel Campbell was named the First Citizens Sports Foundation Sportswoman of the Year on 12th April, 2020. The outstanding national cyclist who is currently based in Italy, graduated with a Certificate in Sports Studies in 2017. Teniel was also crowned the Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee's Sportswoman of the Year and placed second overall in the TV6 Viewers' Choice Sport Personality of the Year in 2019.

Former UTT Part-Time Swimming Instructor Passes

UTT staff members and past students of the Academy of Sport - Centre for Kinesiology, Physical Education and Sport were plunged into mourning following the passing of former UTT Part-Time Swimming Instructor, Mr. Ralph 'Linky' Yearwood. During his tenure at UTT, Mr. Yearwood trained well over 300 students in the methods of teaching and coaching swimming. Mr. Yearwood passed away on 29th April, 2020 at the age of 69.

Wallace, King, Lee Nominated for 'Athlete of the Year' Award

UTT Patriots Netball player Samantha Wallace, UTT's Academy of Sport Ambassador and Patriots Cricket player Stacy-Ann King and UTT student Will Lee (National Badminton Athlete) were nominated for the Sportswoman and Sportsman of the Year awards presented by the First Citizens Sports Foundation during its Sports Awards Ceremony held on 12th April, 2020. The Foundation has been hosting the annual Ceremony in recognition of excellence displayed by national athletes.

Jan Endorsed by Trinbago Knight Riders Coach

UTT's Senior Sport Officer, Imran Jan has been highly praised and publicly endorsed by Trinbago Knight Riders' (TKR) Head Coach, Brendan McCullum for the Head Coach position of the Trinidad and Tobago (T&T) Red Force. Jan who has been an Assistant Coach with the TKR team for the past six (6) years showed his interest in leading the Force when the position was advertised by the Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board (TTCB). UTT wishes him all the best.

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U BELONG HERE in SEPTEMBER 2020

RESEARCH DEGREES:

- Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.)
- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

MASTER of ARTS in CARNIVAL STUDIES

MASTER of EDUCATION in INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

MASTERS in HEALTH ADMINISTRATION – HEALTH SYSTEMS

MASTER of SCIENCE in:

- Coastal and Ocean Management
- Information and Communication Technology
- Innovation, Manufacturing Management and Entrepreneurship
- Innovative Design and Entrepreneurship
- Cybersecurity
- Kinesiology
- Operational Maritime Management

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE in ICT FOR TEACHERS

MASTER of ENGINEERING in:

- Petroleum Engineering
- Process Engineering
- Utilities Engineering

BACHELOR of APPLIED SCIENCE in:

- Civil Engineering Systems
- Criminology and Public Safety
- Manufacturing and Design Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Petroleum Engineering
- Process Engineering
- Utilities Engineering

BACHELOR of FINE ARTS in:

- Digital Media Arts
- Fashion Design
- the Performing Arts

BACHELOR of SCIENCE in:

- Food Science and Technology
- Kinesiology
- Aeronautical and Airworthiness Engineering
- Agriculture and Entrepreneurship
- Aircraft Maintenance and Management
- Coastal and Ocean Management
- Nautical Science/Maritime Operations

BACHELOR of EDUCATION

DIPLOMA in:

- Agriculture
- Animal Health, Production and Veterinary Public Health
- Fashion Design
- Food Technology
- Computer, Network and Telecommunication Engineering
- Forestry
- Ornamental Horticulture
- Maritime Operations - Engineering
- Maritime Operations - Navigation
- Software Engineering
- Natural Resource Management**
- Security and Public Safety
- Visual Communications Design

NATIONAL ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN DIPLOMA in:

- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Instrumentation Engineering
- Electrical/Electronic Engineering
- Petroleum Engineering
- Renewable Energy Engineering Technology*

CERTIFICATE in:

- Applied Engineering
- Aviation Technology
- Early Childhood Care and Education
- Food Technology
- Process Operations
- Security and Public Safety
- Sport Studies

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