



## *University of the West Indies Alumni Association Florida Chapter*

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### **Letter from the President**

Dear UWI Graduates and Friends:

Happy Holidays and all the best for 2009!! The University of the West Indies Alumni Association, Florida Chapter is very appreciative of your support, without which nothing could have been accomplished. With your help, the association was more financially secure in 2008 and was able to make a financial contribution to the University of the West Indies. Earlier this year we had a packed house at the anniversary banquet and I do use this medium to express the association's condolence to the family of Byron Lee whose band was the feature attraction.

As we look forward to the New Year let us take some time to give thanks for the many ways that friends, families and others have blessed our lives and supported us in our many endeavors. Also, let us never forget the education that we received at the University of the West Indies and its positive role on our achievements. We must therefore seek to give back to our alma mater in whatever way we can so that others can have an opportunity to be similarly educated and become productive citizens. Remember, the future is purchased with the present. Let us use some of our current resources to purchase a better future for the community in which we live and for students at the University of the West Indies.

I look forward to working with you next year as together we seek to build a stronger bond among graduates of the University of the West Indies in Florida.

Margaret Barrett  
(President)

### **ALUMNI RELATIONS INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT DIVISION ANNOUNCES UWI E-MAIL FOR LIFE!**

UWI E-mail for life is a permanent e-mail address for all alumni of the University - and it is FREE. It provides you with an easy and secure way of receiving e-mail from friends, colleagues and classmates. Your friends will always be able to contact you, no matter how many times you change jobs or houses! Use your @alumni.uwi.edu address and stay in touch! Show your Pelican Pride - **firstname.lastname@alumni.uwi.edu**. For details contact **iad@uwimona.edu.jm**

## **UWI Graduate Elected President of International War Crimes Tribunal**



Patrick Lipton Robinson, a Jamaican judge serving at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia assumed duties as President of the Tribunal on November 17, 2008. Judge Robinson was first elected to the Tribunal in 1998 and has been re-elected twice since. He has served as the Presiding Judge for Trial Chamber III since 2004 and oversaw the historic trial of the former President of Yugoslavia, Slobodan Milosevic, the first former Head of State to be brought to trial for war crimes.

Mr. Robinson holds a BA from the University College of the West Indies (UCWI), now the University of the West Indies, an LLB from London University and an LL.M. (International Law) from Kings College, University of London. He has had a long and distinguished career in public service, in Jamaica and internationally, particularly, in the field of International Law. His contribution in the justice arena has been recognized through the award of the Commander of the Order of Distinction (C.D.) by the Government of Jamaica for services in international law in 1986, and in 2005, when he was awarded an Honorary Doctors of Laws by the University of the West Indies.

Patrick Robinson began his professional career working as a Crown Counsel in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. He held the post of Legal Adviser in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and held a number of positions in the Attorney General's Department, serving for 12 years as Deputy Solicitor General of Jamaica. He was a member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) from 1987 to 1995, serving as its Chairman in 1991 and representing it in cases heard by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. In 1995, Mr. Robinson was appointed a foreign member of the Truth and Justice Commission of Haiti - the Commission's purpose to establish the truth about the most serious rights violations committed during the de facto military regime between 1991 and 1994.

For 26 years, Patrick Robinson was Jamaica's representative on the Legal Committee of the United Nations General Assembly to which he was accredited as an Ambassador. In that capacity he served on a variety of UN bodies and committees including its Commission on International Trade Law and its Commission on Transnational Corporations of which he was Chairman of its 12th Session in 1986.

Additionally, Patrick Robinson is the author of the book, "Jamaican Athletics – A Model for the World" - the book seeks to explain the reasons for Jamaica's high quality performances in global athletics over the past sixty years.

## ***UWI Wins Gleaner Honour Award***

The University of the West Indies (UWI) has won the prestigious Gleaner Honor Award for Education, 2008. The award was presented on Tuesday, November 11, 2008, by the Governor General, Most Hon. Sir Kenneth Hall (former principal of UWI) and Gleaner Managing Director, Oliver Clarke, to Professor E. Nigel Harris, Vice Chancellor, UWI, Professor Gordon Shirley, UWI, Mona, Principal and Dr. Muriel Lowe, one of UWI Mona's first graduates.

Each year, the Gleaner newspaper invites nominations from readers for Honour Awards for outstanding achievements by Jamaican individuals or organizations. The University of the West Indies was lauded for its "outstanding achievement in contributing professionals, research and other resources for Jamaica's national development".

The citation to UWI noted that over 60 years since it first opened its doors to 33 students who came from across the Anglophone Caribbean to receive a tertiary education, the Mona campus has produced more than 50,000 Jamaican graduates in a broad range of disciplines including Education, Medicine, Science and Technology, Tourism and Hospitality, Humanities, Management and Social Sciences.

The campus, the Gleaner noted "continues to produce research in a wide range of areas that is directly relevant to economic development and has deployed its academic and senior administrative staff in public service, community development and consultancy engagements that directly impact the national and international agenda." The citation noted the achievement of UWI Mona's Professor Anthony Chen named earlier this year among two other UWI (Cave Hill and St. Augustine) and global researchers who received the Nobel Peace Prize for ground-breaking work on climate change.

Note was made also of UWI Mona's vote as "Government's first point of call for research into critical areas affecting Jamaica's development including agriculture, crime, security, health-related issues and Education" and its leadership in "applying technology to investigate and solve national development challenges and provide improvements in areas such as criminal investigation, housing development, malaria mapping and other challenges."

"Mona's graduates bring knowledge that has been informed by research activity and output in the relevant disciplines to the Jamaican work place.

Other awards were presented in the fields of Science & Technology, the public service, health and wellness, arts and culture, entertainment and voluntary service.



## ***UWI Graduates Making a Difference in South Florida***



**Pauline Grant**, Chief Executive Officer of Broward Health North Broward Medical Centre, has been selected as one of the top 25 minority executives in healthcare by Modern Healthcare magazine. She is one of four women who will be recognized at the award ceremony to be held in Chicago in June.

Grant was named CEO of North Broward Medical Centre in 2003. North Broward Medical Centre is a 409-bed community hospital and Broward Health's second largest hospital. Services include Adult Level II Trauma Centre, Comprehensive Cancer Centre, Neurological Institute and Joint Commission certified Primary / Comprehensive Stroke Centre. Prior to her appointment as CEO, she was vice president of ambulatory services for Broward Health where she was responsible for the operations of 14 primary care sites, Healthcare for the Homeless, HIV/AIDS programs and home health and hospice agencies.

Grant received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from the University of the West Indies, Jamaica. She received her Master of Business Administration from Nova Southeastern University in Florida. She is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE).

Grant serves on the board of numerous community organizations including: American Lung Association Broward County, Urban League of Broward County, John Knox Village and the Aging & Disability Resource Centre of Broward County (AADRC). She is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and is active in the Wolmer's Alumni (High School) Association. She was the recipient of the 2006 March of Dimes Women of Distinction award.

Broward Health, providing service for more than 50 years, is a nationally recognized system offering world class health care services to our neighbors in South Florida. One of the five largest public health systems in the nation, Broward Health includes Broward General Medical Centre, North Broward Medical Centre, Imperial Point Medical Centre, Coral Springs Medical Centre, Chris Evert Children's Hospital, Broward Health Weston and more than 30 facilities of the Community Health Services and Broward Health Physician Group.



**Lloyd Finlay**, BSc. (Honors), Business Administration, (UWI Mona) - Finlay's Ship to Jamaica, more popularly known as Finlay's Ship to Caribbean is a Freight Consolidator and has been in business since 1978. This company was founded by Lloyd Finlay who is a graduate of Mico Teachers' College, the College of Arts, Science and Technology, (now the University of Technology), and the University of the West Indies, Jamaica, with a degree in Business Administration. A former Teacher, Salesman and Marketing Representative for many years, he brings all his experience to the development of this Company.

When one thinks of Finlay's Shipping in the Jamaican community and now in the entire Caribbean community, one thinks of growth and longevity. This Company has grown from a one man operation to a staff of 17. Finlay's Shipping is a family business not only because Mr. Finlay's children are involved in the business, but because the staff has also become a part of the Finlay family. The Management team is made up of Lloyd & Julia Finlay, Wendy Finlay, and Derren Finlay who are actively involved in the day to day operation.

**Ann-Margaret Esnard**, Ph.D, is an Associate Professor in the School of Urban & Regional Planning at Florida Atlantic University (FAU). Prior to joining FAU as the Director of the Visual Planning Technology Lab in 2005, Dr. Esnard was a professor of city and regional planning at Cornell University from 1997-2005.



Her expertise encompasses GIS/spatial analysis, coastal vulnerability assessment, land use planning, and disaster planning. She has been involved in a number of related research initiatives and is currently the Principal Investigator for a 3 year National Science Foundation grant to study hurricane-related population displacement, housing and land development policy issues in eight U.S. coastal states.

She has served on a number of local, state and national committee including: the Steering Committee for Evaluation of the National Flood Insurance Program; the Disasters Roundtable of the National Academy of Sciences; the review committee for the Institute for Business & Home Safety's Award for Scholarship in Planning and Natural Hazards; and is currently a member of the State of Florida Post-Disaster Redevelopment Planning initiative.

Dr. Esnard is from Saint Lucia and holds degrees in Agricultural Engineering (B.Sc., University of the West Indies-Trinidad), Agronomy and Soils (M.S., University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez) and Regional Planning (Ph.D., UMASS-Amherst). She also completed a two year post-doc at UNC-Chapel Hill.



## UWI 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY - COMMEMORATIVE POSTCARDS

As part of the University of the West Indies 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, the Campus Libraries have developed a set of limited edition commemorative postcards which will be launched to the local and regional community in August 2008. The Cards feature the following images:

1. Collage on the History of the UWI
2. An ICTA Experimental Banana Plantation
3. The Principal's House
4. A Samaan Tree
5. The Administration Building
6. A Carlisle Chang Painting of the Campus



**Sets can be purchased at a cost of US \$20.00 from:**

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*Although graduation marks your entry into the "world of alumni", it doesn't mean the end of the sense of community or the benefits that go along with being associated with the UWI Alumni Association (UWIAA) ... so make the UWIAA your professional and personal enrichment partner for life! Stay connected to your alma mater, show your PELICAN PRIDE!"*

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