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Florida Chapter

# Newsletter



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## *Birthdays for March & April 2010*

Special birthday wishes to the following members of the Florida Chapter of the UWI Alumni Association. The executive and other members of the association hope that your birthday was or will be as special as you are and that the years continue to be good to you.

<b>Pat Montague</b>	<b>March 2</b>
<b>Donna Cooke, PhD</b>	<b>March 8</b>
<b>Christine Wayne</b>	<b>March 18</b>
<b>Colleen Brown-Palmer</b>	<b>March 21</b>

<b>Leighton Taylor, MD</b>	<b>April 4</b>
<b>Ethyl Williams, PhD</b>	<b>April 11</b>
<b>Miriam White</b>	<b>April 11</b>
<b>David Espeut</b>	<b>April 14</b>
<b>Heather Gray</b>	<b>April 13</b>
<b>Marva McClean, Ed. D</b>	<b>April 23</b>

## *"Banquet 2010" Tickets are Available*

The Florida Chapter of the University of the West Indies Alumni Association will hold its Bi-Annual Banquet (*Banquet 2010*) at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Sunrise, Florida. The cost of the ticket is \$65 pre-paid or \$70 at the door. This is the Chapter's major fundraising event for 2010 and we are depending on you to make it a success. To get tickets or to place an ad in the program booklet, please call Margaret at (954) 485-0444 or Rupert at (954) 242-2929. If you would like to be a part of the planning process, please call Margaret (954-485-0444) or send a note to Sandra at [sansch33@yahoo.com](mailto:sansch33@yahoo.com) or Rupert at [rqecon@hotmail.com](mailto:rqecon@hotmail.com).

## *CEC 2010 to be hosted in the Bahamas*

The Central Executive Committee Meeting of all UWI Alumni Association Presidents will take place in Nassau, Bahamas on March 25 and 26, 2010. The Institutional Advancement Division's Alumni arm is responsible for putting on the annual meeting and the Director of Alumni Relations, Mrs. Celia Davidson-Francis will be bringing back reports and recommendations from the alumni to be shared at the University Council meeting in April 2010.

## [CEC 2010 to be hosted in the Bahamas \(cont'd\)](#)

The aim of this meeting is to help determine how best the Chapters can assist in the growth of our Alma Mater, the University of the West Indies. An important item on the agenda is assistance for current students of the University of the West Indies. We welcome contributions for scholarships or any other areas that you would like to contribute to

## [US Congress posthumously honors Professor Nettleford](#)

The US Congress has posthumously honored the late VC Emeritus of UWI, Professor the Hon. Rex Nettleford, OM for his outstanding contribution to Jamaica, the Caribbean and the USA. At a Memorial Service held on March 7, 2010 in Washington DC, a congressional proclamation issued by US Congresswoman, Ms. Yvette Clarke was presented to UWI Chancellor, Sir George Alleyne.

Donations can now be made to the Rex Nettleford Foundation for Caribbean Cultural and Social Studies to support research by outstanding post-graduate students and fellows. Contact the IAD at [iad.mona@alumni.uwi.edu](mailto:iad.mona@alumni.uwi.edu) to donate by check or credit card.

## [How UWI is helping Haiti](#)

The UWI remains committed to helping in the most effective ways that we can and will continue to work with the CARICOM Secretariat and CDEMA to ensure that our efforts are coordinated at the regional level. All four campuses of the University (Cave Hill, Mona, Open, and St. Augustine) have been working at various levels to provide assistance: humanitarian, sensitizing the various stakeholder groups about Haitian issues and positioning the institution to help with mid to long-term recovery and reconstruction.

In terms of humanitarian assistance, staff and students continue to participate in collection drives for clothing, food items and toiletries. These items are being shipped through national collections drives in the campus countries. Of special note is the Cave Hill Student Guild's contribution, which to date is the single largest non Governmental contributor to the Haiti relief in Barbados. Bank accounts were also set up in our campus countries and contributions, though slow, have been coming in. The collected amount stands at approximately US\$12,600 and the funds will be transmitted through an appropriate agency to be used to directly assist persons in Haiti. We ask you to continue to donate!

## [Annual Dues](#)

Please remember to send your annual dues of \$25 to

The Treasurer

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The dues that you pay help the association to meet its recurring expenses and annual contribution to our alma mater for scholarships and financial assistance to students.

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