

"There can be no greater gift than that of giving one's time and energy to help others without expecting anything in return." – Nelson Mandela



Although Easter is rooted in the Christian tradition, this season of reflection and renewal resonates across the rich spiritual landscape of our diverse UWI community. Each of us may walk a different path, but we are bound by common values—kindness, unity, peace, and a shared vision of a better life for all. As we focus on renewal, may we let our actions speak powerfully of our commitment to justice, compassion, and hope. To all UWI Pelicans: may this season rekindle your purpose and strengthen your resolve to help shape a more just and united Caribbean—and world.



### **The UWI Nexus Newsletters**

Just in case you missed any or all of the UWI Nexus Publications, we have you covered. Click this [link](#) to the Alumni HUB to view past publications. See what your fellow Pelicans achieved!

## **Pelican Feature!**



### **Langston Roach- A Business Titan**

In 1985, Langston Roach, started Langston Roach Industries Limited (LRI) as a cottage business, manufacturing cleaning and personal care products under the Lanher and Soft & Silky brands.

Under his stewardship Langston Roach Industries Limited has become the largest indigenous manufacturer of Household Cleaners and Personal Care Products in Trinidad and Tobago under brands such as Lanher, Smart Choice, Fire Bright, Soft & Silky and Nature's Collection. The company currently exports its products to fourteen (14) countries throughout the Caribbean.

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## **ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT**



### **First Citizens Bank names Jason Julien as new Group CEO**

Jason Julien has been appointed as the new Group Chief Executive Officer for First Citizens Bank (FCB). He has also been mentored by the country's best Visual Artists and has been recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus by the UWIAA Trinidad and Tobago Chapter.

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### **Elisann Delancy appointed deputy director of education**

The Turks and Caicos Islands now has a new Deputy Director of Education, Ms. Elisann Delancy. She has played a pivotal role in shaping local and regional literacy and numeracy programs, serving as the Turks and Caicos Islands Focal Point for the CARICOM, CDB, and OECS LET's REAP Initiative.

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## **The One UWI Responsible Futures Programme (OURFP)**



The UWI was congratulated by Responsible Futures International for its performance in its first ever annual Teach In as over 4,600 students will be impacted. The UWI also featured on the friendly competition Leaderboard within the first 2 weeks of March, which was noted as some institutions have never been on the Leaderboard, despite having taken part in the Teach In several times. The 2025 Teach In officially began the Phase 2 of the integration of Sustainability and the SDGs into the institution's academic curriculum.

## ALUMNI PHILANTHROPY



### **“Stethoscope Project” HELP UWI STUDENTS IN NEED!**

The UWIAA Florida Chapter is leading the other international UWIAA Chapters (New York, Washington DC, Toronto and the United Kingdom) in this thrust and they are inviting all alumni to support. So, no matter which Chapter you are a member of, or which country you are in - contribute today!

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## AFUWI GALA

The AFUWI 2025 Gala was a resounding success despite the challenging times being experienced worldwide. The six Honorees were celebrated with pride at the excellently curated event crafted by AFUWI Executive Director, Ann-Marie Grant, and the UWIAA New York Chapter, led by Dr. Sheryce Woolery-Balgobin, presented its prestigious Award.

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## CAREER ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITES



Kindly see the list of jobs currently accepting applications across UWI campuses.

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## AUTHOR'S CORNER





### Jason Hendrickson “The Artist’s Eye”

A tale of self - discovery, unrequited love and brotherly friendship emanated from a strong foundation of hope and love. This is an artist's journey from a boy to a young man in a world filled with the unexpected and challenges. Jason Hendrickson is a graduate of the University of the West Indies with a Visual Arts Degree (B.A. Hons) who has worked for Trinidad and Tobago's most notable advertising agencies: Corbin Communications and Lonsdale Saatchi and Saatchi. He has also been mentored by the country's best Visual Artists and his writing is just a wonderful addition.

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## PELICAN PERKS ADVANTAGE PROGRAMME (PPAP)



### FREE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR

Join the upcoming Webinar in collaboration with The UWI Soft and Life Skills Sessions (SLSS) Series to benefit The UWI's Professional Network of Alumni.

**When:** Wednesday 30 April 2023 (10:00 am – 1:00 pm EST)

**Aim:** To assist knowledge-building for professional success.

This is a free seminar with Paulette Lewis, Founder of Bridge Excellence International, collaborating with Joni-Gaye Cawley, HR Consultant & Corporate Trainer. It is designed to help individuals build professional skill sets to navigate the job market. Specifically, to better:

- a) create a personal brand that attracts the attention of recruiters
- b) determine how to prepare job applications and
- c) have successful experiences with 21st-century interviews
- d) identify professional opportunities including scholarships and grant.

[Register Here](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS



## UWI Toronto Benefit Awards - April 26, 2025

The highly anticipated UWI Toronto Benefit Awards is proud to announce its 2025 honourees for the 16th annual evening of recognition in support of scholarships for Caribbean students. The prestigious event will take place on Saturday April 26th, 2025, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, 181 Wellington Street, Toronto at 5:30pm EST.

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## UWI NEWS



### Making a success of UWI Made

When it comes to entrepreneurship, The University of the West Indies (The UWI) has for decades been one of the best-kept secrets in the region. Now, because of increasing financial pressures, The UWI is no longer hiding its innovative light inside an ivory tower.

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### UWI unveils Pan-Africanist mural as PJ Patterson turns 90

Former Prime Minister PJ Patterson, statesman-in-residence at the P J Patterson Institute for Africa-Caribbean Advocacy, has unveiled a mural honouring global Black liberation leaders to The University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona Campus.

The mural, a reproduction of the late Jamaican artist Barrington Watson's masterwork "The Pan-Africanists", was donated by Patterson and officially unveiled on Saturday during a celebration at UWI's Mona campus to mark the former prime minister's 90th birthday.

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Fellow UWI Pelicans,

As we mark this Easter season of reflection and renewal, we honour the many faiths and traditions that shape our diverse UWI family. While our paths may differ, we are united by shared values—kindness, peace, unity, and the hope of a better world. May this time inspire us to live those values through our actions. Wishing all Pelicans renewed purpose and strength as we continue working together for a more just and connected Caribbean.

At present, we remain in challenging and ever-changing times: marked by global uncertainty, burnout, budget reductions, and more. Many of us are being asked to do more —with less. Now is the time to lean into our creativity, innovation and inclusion. Now is the time to be brave enough to take some risks that may not succeed. Ideally go in with a backup plan but do not fear failure. Productivity does not equal output – it is a fact that “busy-ness” is not a sign of productivity and as leaders we must emphasize that output and outcomes are what counts.

Importantly, let us always be kind to ourselves. We will not have all the answers, however we must persevere and also not be afraid to seek out new ideas. I have found this mantra useful and use it daily (sometimes hourly depending on how the day is going!) and share it with you – “Despite rapid changes and challenges, today I will act with purpose and remain focused and agile.”

Each one of us can only do our best and no more. Be well and stay safe my Pelican family!

Warmest wishes,

*Celia*

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