

The University of the West Indies
Office of Alumni Relations
and
UWI Alumni Association
Barbados Chapter

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**Mission, Membership and
Programmes**

Linking the University and its alumni

Mission and Goals of the UWI Office of Alumni Relations and UWIAA Barbados Chapter

- To advance the mission and vision of The University of the West Indies through links between the University and its alumni.
- To promote UWI as the University of first choice in the Caribbean.
- To be the voice of the alumni in the University governance system.
- To support the University's strategic development by galvanising alumni gifts of time, talent and treasure.
- To mentor and contribute to the development of current students.
- To provide opportunities for alumni to network among each other for their ongoing personal and professional development.
- To celebrate and promote the achievements of UWI alumni.



Career Fair and Career Development Workshop

UWIAA and the Cave Hill Campus Alumni Office, are keen to ensure that alumni give back of their time, talents and knowledge to current students. Two ways in which this can be done is through participation in our annual Career Fair or Career Development Workshop for current students and recent graduates.

Alumni vs. Students Sports Evening

Alumni compete in cricket, netball and ladies and gents football against students in an action-packed evening of intense rivalry.

Student Book Award

UWIAA Barbados Chapter has established a fund from which it will offer one award annually valued at BDS\$500 to a needy student.

Juice Bar for Graduation

Members of the Association organise the annual Juice Bar at the Graduation Ceremonies to provide needed refreshment for graduates.

Freshers Airport Meet and Greet

During the month of August alumni join staff of the Office of Student Services and the Guild of Students to meet incoming freshers at the airport and ensure they arrive safely to their new home at UWI.

Alumni Events and Programmes

Alumni Week/Month

Normally celebrated during the month of October, when the Cave Hill Campus was founded, this week/month is the focal point of alumni celebrations—a prime time to reconnect with and revisit the Campus.

Alumni Reunions

Reunions are a very enjoyable way for UWI alumni to reconnect with each other and with UWI. Two reunion celebrations have been held so far targeting alumni from the decades of the 1960s and 1970s.

Pelican Alumni Awards

These awards are presented on special occasions to alumni who have brought prestige and honour to the University through achievement of excellence in their professional careers, outstanding contributions to society and/or the University. The first awards were presented in 2005 on the occasion of the Reunion of the Classes of the 1970s.

Distinguished Alumni Lecture Series

This event was started in 2006. The purpose of the lecture series is to honour the exceptional contributions of alumni to a chosen career or professional field and to provide an opportunity for such outstanding alumni to share their knowledge and expertise with the University community and the general public.

Student Centredness Awards for Staff

This award is presented annually to members of the academic and frontline administrative staff who through their exceptional dedication, caring attention and commitment to the delivery of excellent service to students (past and present) may be considered role models within the University community. The award aims to support student centred behaviours in recognition of the link between positive student experiences and alumni affinity post graduation.



It's all about fun, friendship, personal and professional development and supporting UWI

Frequently Asked Questions

How Do I Join UWIAA?

Complete the UWIAA application form, which is available from the UWI Office of Alumni Relations or the Chapter Office, and return the form to either office, along with the annual membership fee of BDS\$50. An application form is available online at www.cavehill.uwi.edu/alumni.

What's In It For Me?

Your UWIAA membership card will allow you access to a growing range of benefits. We are in the process of revamping the membership benefits programme and will launch the new programme soon. In the meantime, members of UWIAA Barbados can continue to access the Main Library with the UWIAA card.

Who are the Officers of UWIAA Barbados?

The constitution provides for the following offices: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary Treasurer, Public Relations Officer and two floor members. Elections are held every year normally during the month of July. The Central Executive Committee (CEC) is the overall governing body of UWIAA. There are chapters in each of the 14 territories which support the UWI financially (the contributing countries), as well as chapters for medical, law and social sciences alumni. The Chapters are required to present an annual report and audited financial statements to the annual CEC meeting. The Chancellor of the UWI is President of UWIAA.

Where Can I Get UWI Merchandise?

The University Bookshop has a wide range of UWI memorabilia, including everything from pens, ties, UWI pins, portfolios, t-shirts, polo shirts, caps, key-rings etc. The UWI ring is available through the Office of Alumni Relations at Cave Hill.

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How Do I Give A Financial Contribution to UWI?

The UWI Alumni Circle and the UWI Visa Card from FirstCaribbean International Bank offer two ways for alumni to make a financial contribution to their alma mater.



The Alumni Circle is a giving club for University of the West Indies alumni and friends who are committed to ensuring that the Cave Hill Campus continues to provide a world class educational experience in an environment of excellence. Members of the Circle pledge by Deed of Covenant to make a total contribution of a minimum of BDS\$1,000 over a minimum period of three years to the Cave Hill Campus. The Office of Alumni Relations would be pleased to provide further information about this historic initiative.



The UWI Visa Card from FirstCaribbean International Bank is another excellent way to support your alma mater. The card is available to students, staff and alumni of UWI only. It offers benefits for both cardholders and the University. Cardholders will benefit from a reduced annual fee, a reduced annual percentage rate (APR), plus all the other benefits of the Visa card. UWI will benefit every time an account is opened or renewed and each time a UWI Visa Cardholder makes a purchase. The funds will be used to support capital development projects at the University. In supporting the card, you will be making a direct personal contribution to the future development and advancement of the University. Application forms are available from any branch of FirstCaribbean International Bank, the University Bookshop, the Office of Alumni Relations and online at the Alumni Office website.