



University of Technology, Jamaica

48th Annual University Awards Ceremony



Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, CD, President, University of Technology, Jamaica, addresses members of faculty, staff and specially invited guests at the 48th annual University Awards ceremony held May 31, 2018 at the Alfred Sangster auditorium, Papine Campus.

University of Technology, Jamaica on Thursday, May 31, 2018 honoured members of faculty, administrative, technical and ancillary staff for long service to the institution and for outstanding service given in support of the university's mission of teaching, research and service, at the 48th annual University Awards ceremony held at the Alfred Sangster auditorium, Papine Campus.

Long service awards were presented for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years. The President's Awards for Excellence were presented in the categories of research, community service, customer service, instructional excellence, and for excellence in the ancillary, technical and administrative categories. Three special recognition awards were presented – the Distinguished Past Student award to Pharmacist, Dr. Winsome Christie; the Special Recognition Award to Mr. Fernandez Anderson Lecturer, Faculty of The Built Environment and the Vin Spencer Award to the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in recognition of support for the development of the University. Union awards were presented by the three university staff unions.

President, **Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, CD** in his welcome congratulated the awardees for giving excellence, long and dedicated service to the university.

The President specially recognised **Professor Vernon Buchanan**, Professor

of Engineering in the Faculty of Engineering and Computing and **Mrs. Patricia Eves-McKenzie**, retired UTech, Jamaica Senior Counselor on being awarded the 2018 Prime Minister's Medal of Appreciation for Service to Jamaica in the field of Education. Professor Vasciannie also acknowledged members of the university community who had been recently appointed to positions of national leadership and service, namely, **Mr. Paulton Gordon** who was elected new President of the Jamaica Basketball Association (JBA), **Mr. Anthony Davis** who was appointed Meet Director for the 2018 annual Boys' and Girls' Athletics Championship and **Dr. Sean Thorpe** on his election as President, Jamaica Computer Society.

Professor Vasciannie went on to highlight recent examples of the university's accomplishments in its tripartite mission of teaching, research and service. Among them, improvements in the framework to encourage more research and publications; significant improvement in students' response rate in the evaluation of teaching, enhancement of service delivery with respect to transcripts and the extension of opening hours by the Calvin McKain library to include Sundays.

The President also pointed to infrastructural upgrades on the campus including the new Shared Facilities Building, the SHTM hotel and enhancements to the Caribbean Sculpture Park, the Drawing Room, the Chapel and improvements to lighting and the general security infrastructure. He also commended the FiWi Jamaica community service project and other community outreach efforts being undertaken by faculty and staff.

In pointing the way forward, President Vasciannie asserted that the institution "has had a strong past and has a great future ahead of it," and called on members of the university community to "redouble our efforts in the areas of student services, student friendliness; research output, productivity and productive partnerships, and in the management of scarce resources as we strive to propel UTech, Jamaica forward."

President's Awards for Excellence

EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH



Dr. Gaunette Sinclair- Maragh accepts the President's Award for Excellence in Research from Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, President. Researcher par excellence, Dr. Sinclair-Maragh has presented at several conferences and published in peer-reviewed journals, books and local newspapers on issues in hospitality and tourism management which include ecotourism, environmental sustainability and economic development.

INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE



Mr. Kedrian James (right), Lecturer, Faculty of Engineering and Computing accepts the President's Award for Instructional Excellence from Prof. Stephen Vasciannie. Mr. James has demonstrated excellence in his use of research to support instructional improvement and innovation in the teaching of computer science. His involvement in the wider community through writing, mentoring of students and their participation in competitions locally and overseas, have also been

CUSTOMER SERVICE



Prof. Vasciannie (left) presents the President's Award for Excellence in Customer Service to Mr. Stephen Tyrell, Records Assistant, Division of Student Services and Registry. Mr Tyrell was honoured for exemplary performance of his duties and for significantly improving customer care in the Student Records Office.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXCELLENCE



Administrative Excellence: Miss Yanique Townsend, Administrative Support in the College of Health Sciences receives the President's Award for Administrative Excellence from President Vasciannie. Miss Townsend was acknowledged for her commitment to the advancement of the College, her innovation in creating solutions, and for going beyond the call of duty

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE



Technical Excellence: Prof. Vasciannie (left) presents Mr. Terrence Henry, Technologist, Instructional Media Services at the Calvin McKain Library with the President's Award for Excellence in the Technical Category. Mr Henry was awarded for his unwavering and exemplary service to the University over 25 years in carrying out his

ANCILLARY EXCELLENCE



Ancillary Excellence: Prof. Stephen Vasciannie (left) presents the President's Award for Ancillary Excellence to Mr. Cecil Williams, Groundsman for going beyond the call of duty in the excellent performance of his work.

DISTINGUISHED PAST STUDENT AWARD



Mr. Richard Powell, Pro-Chancellor, presents Dr. Winsome Christie, Pharmacist, with the Distinguished Past Student Award. Dr. Christie who has been chair of the UTech Jamaica Pharmacy Alumni Association (2009 - 2017) was honoured for her contribution to the development of the university through her leadership in several initiatives including the raising of \$5M by the Alumni Association to refurbish a classroom to a lecture theatre and the establishment of an endowment fund on behalf of the College of Health Sciences.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD



Pro-Chancellor, Mr. Richard Powell, (left) presents a beaming Mr Fernandez Anderson, Lecturer, Faculty of The Built Environment with the Special Recognition Award. Mr. Fernandez was recognised for his contribution in assisting the Faculty and the University on the use of technology to assist in the delivery of modules online and offline.



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Long Service Awards



35 YEARS

Chancellor, the Most Honourable Edward Seaga, ON, PC presents citations for 35 years of long and devoted service to the University of Technology, Jamaica to from left, Mrs. Enid Dennis-Barnett, Lecturer, College of Health Sciences, Mrs. Theresa Easy, Lecturer, College of Business and Management and Dr. Glendon Newsome, Lecturer, Faculty of The Built Environment.



30 YEARS



Mr. David Drysdale, University Librarian presents Mrs. Angela Isaacs-Brown, Accommodation Officer and Dr. Claudette Williams-Myers, Associate Professor, College of Business and Management with their long service awards for 30 years of dedicated service to the University.



25 YEARS



Mr. David Drysdale, University Librarian presents awards for twenty-five (25) years of service to Dr. Andrew Isaacs, Vice-Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Computing and to Mrs. Simone Scott-Rhone, Business Services Coordinator, Technology Innovation Centre, Joan Duncan School of Entrepreneurship,

20 YEARS



Professor Colin Gyles, (left) Deputy President presents Miss Denise Allen, Lecturer, Faculty of Engineering and Computing with her 20 years long service award. At right, Mr. Philmore McCarthy, Council Member presents Mr. Patrick Vassell, Supervisor, UTech, Jamaica Printery with his long service award for 20 years.

15 YEARS



Mrs. Karen Lewis (right), Office Attendant is a picture of happiness as she accepts her award for 15 years of service to the University from Miss Lisamae Gordon, Legal Counsel. Mr. Gerald Scale (right), Lecturer, Faculty of Science and Sport accepts his award for 15 years of service from Mr. Ronald Sutherland, Council Member.

10 YEARS



Professor Vernon Buchanan, Professor of Engineering, Faculty of Engineering and Computing presents long service awards for ten (10) years to Miss Akeilyah Buckley, Administrative Support 2, Finance and Business Services Division and Mr. Lebert Langley(right), Lecturer, Faculty of The Built Environment.



LONG SERVICE AWARDEES

10 Years

Mr. David Barnwell
Miss Nardia Brown
Miss Akeilyah Buckley
Mrs. Nicole Cameron
Miss Latanya Davis
Miss Clovia Dixon
Mrs. Andrea Findlayson
Miss Deborah Foreman
Miss Gavette Francis
Mr. Kevin Halstead
Prof. Rosalea Hamilton
Mrs. Rose Marie Headley-Smith
Miss Kerry-Ann Henclewood
Miss Sherine Henry
Mr. Dalton Houslin
Mrs. Edecia Johnson
Mrs. Beverley Josephs
Mrs. Donna Kelly
Mr. Lebert Langley
Miss Julie-May Larmond
Miss Nyoka Lindo
Miss Anokaye Matheson
Mr. Andrew McCarthy
Mr. Laten McLish
Mrs. Norma Morgan
Mr. Merrick Mullings
Mr. Laurence Neufville
Miss Dionne Palmer
Mr. Courtney Palmer
Mrs. Marlene Pottinger-Gyles
Mrs. Patricia Roberts-Brown

Mr. Patrick Rodney
Mr. Kirkland Rowe
Dr. Keshawna Salmon-Ferguson
Mrs. Yvette Stewart
Mr. Fabian Vassel
Mrs. Trudy Ann Whyte Green
Miss Alicia Williams

15 Years

Mrs. Jasmine Smith
Miss Millicent Branch
Mrs. Caren Chambers-Cox
Miss Jacqueline Lawton
Mrs. Joan Spencer-Rowe
Mrs. Michelle Beckford
Dr. Gaunette Sinclair-Maragh
Mr. Nyron Green
Mrs. Tanyhata Malcolm-Hew
Miss Coral Barnes
Mrs. Janet Roper
Mrs. Janet Clarke
Mrs. Primla Williamson-Munroe
Mrs. Dannah Sanderson-White
Mrs. Jacqueline Douglas-Brown
Dr. Shermaine Barrett
Mr. Balford Lewis
Mr. Stanford Graham
Dr. Damiyah Wickramanayake
Mrs. Tollyn Bleary
Miss Janette Grayson
Dr. Sean Thorpe
Mr. Nathan Martin

Mrs. Karlene Barton
Mrs. Deirdra Wright-Jarrett
Mrs. Novlette Gordon
Mrs. Margaret Christian
Mr. Troy Hanson
Mr. Kevin Williams
Mr. Paul Ricketts
Mr. Gerald Scale
Mr. Xhano Soares
Mr. Biju Tom Manianghattu
Mrs. Laura Reynolds
Miss Krishna Rose
Miss Jayan Thomas
Miss Michelle Drummond
Mrs. Marlene Salmon-McPherson
Mrs. Philippa Morgan-Brown
Miss Carmen Bailey
Mr. Hopeton Pommells
Mr. Steve Henry
Mr. Rolando Bell
Mr. Kenneth McDonald
Mrs. Doreen Nelson-McGowan
Mr. Cecil Williams
Mr. Winston Knight
Mr. Kevin Miller
Mrs. Karen Lewis
Mr. Bryan Ellis
Miss Mitzie Hines
Miss Donna Drake
Miss Keisha Weston
Miss Stephanie Morris
Miss Shamin Douse
Miss Aqueleasha Dawkins

20 Years

Mr. Martin Henry
Mr. Adrian Wray
Mrs. Anita Thomas-James
Miss Denise Allen
Mr. Robert Johnson
Miss Anna-Marie Thompson
Mr. Patrick Williams
Mr. Mark Wong
Mrs. Carmen Facey
Mr. Deuane Taylor
Mr. Kenneth McHayle
Mr. Lennox Pindling
Mr. Patrick Vassell
Mr. Dwight Sibbles
Mr. Dexter Perry
Miss Myralin McKenzie
Mrs. Elaine Robinson
Mr. Stanford Cohen
Mrs. Fay Wray
Mrs. Leith Parkinson
Mr. Donovan Blairgrove
Miss Angella Livermore
Mrs. Daphne Spencer
Mr. Robert Riley
Mr. Wilfred Watson
Ms. Heather Barrett
Mr. Hudson Thomas
Miss Kerry-Ann White
Mrs. Paulette Groves-Robinson
Mrs. Denese Brown-Bell

25 Years

Mr. Henry Gardener
Mr. Terence Henry
Miss Tamara Henry
Mr. Corey Limonious
Mrs. Simone Scott-Rhone
Mrs. Vanetta Skeete
Dr. Earl Bailey
Dr. Sylvia Hall
Dr. Andrew Isaacs
Miss Janet Murphy

30 Years

Dr. Claudette Williams-Myers
Dr. Janet Campbell-Shelly
Mr. David Finlay
Ms. Bevon March-Brown
Mrs. Angela Isaacs-Brown

35 Years

Ms. Theresa Easy
Mrs. Enid Dennis-Barnett
Dr. Glendon Newsome