DECADES OF ACHIEVEMENTS 1948 - 2008

We honour two of our most distinguished graduates

Prof the Hon Sir George Alleyne
Chancellor of the University of the West Indies (UWI)

Professor E. Nigel Harris
Vice Chancellor of UWI

- Professor Alleyne is recognized for his eminent academia and his career path with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) which culminated with his appointment as the Director of PAHO in 1995. He was installed as the 5th Chancellor of UWI in 2003.

- Professor E. Nigel Harris a post graduate student of UWI and international renowned rheumatologist has garnered recognition for his work in the definition of antiphospholipid syndrome and the anticardiolipin diagnostic test. Prior to his appointment at UWI he was Dean and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Moorehouse Medical School of Medicine in Atlanta, USA.

The Faculty of Medical Sciences (FMS) having the distinction of being the first established faculty of the University of the West Indies (UWI) celebrates 60 years of remarkable history in 2008

Thirty three medical students began the trek in 1948 and set the groundwork for the many students who have followed in those illustrious footsteps. Many graduates from the UWI Medical School have distinguished themselves in the field of medicine both locally and internationally resulting in vast improvements in health services in Jamaica over the past 60 years. Although it is not possible to completely document the significant milestones of the last six decades some of these noteworthy achievements and pioneering work which profoundly accentuate “Caribbean Impact: Global Reach” are recorded below:

Some of the other graduates who have made contributions in different areas over the decades are highlighted below. This list is by no means exhaustive as graduates of the Medical Faculty at UWI continue to excel in areas too numerous to list.
### Contributions

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<td>Dr. Halmond Dyer</td>
<td>Past Caribbean Programme Coordinator of PAHO/WHO</td>
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<td>Dr. Knox Hagley</td>
<td>Former Medical advisor to PAHO/Chairman, Heart Association of Jamaica</td>
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<td>Dr. Muriel Lowe</td>
<td>Pioneer in Pulmonary Medicine in Jamaica</td>
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<td>Dr. David Picou</td>
<td>First Director of the Caribbean Health Research Council (formerly Commonwealth Caribbean Medical Research Council)</td>
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<td>Prof Pamela Rogers Johnson</td>
<td>International researcher in neurology</td>
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<td>Sir Kenneth Standard, Professor Emeritus</td>
<td>World renowned Public Health authority/WHO Public Health Hero of the 20\textsuperscript{th} Century</td>
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<td>Professor Michael Woo Ming</td>
<td>Pioneer in Cardiac Surgery</td>
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<td>Professor Hugh Wynter</td>
<td>Obstetrics &amp; Gynaecology – ground breaking work in fertility management</td>
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<td>Dr. Cecil Aird</td>
<td>Recognized researcher, Tampa Bay Hand Centre</td>
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<td>Dr. Kenneth Baugh</td>
<td>Deputy Prime-Minister of Health, Jamaica</td>
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<td>Professor Lawson Douglas</td>
<td>Pioneering work in renal transplantation</td>
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<td>Professor Nigel Gibbs</td>
<td>Director of Health Services, WHO, Geneva, Switzerland</td>
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<td>Professor Barrie Hanchard</td>
<td>Principal Investigator of HTLV Project</td>
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<td>Professor Renn Osmond Holness</td>
<td>Prof. Neurosurgery/Dalhousie University Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Canada</td>
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<td>Professor Franklyn Prendergast</td>
<td>Director of Research Mayo Med. School &amp; Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Centre</td>
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<td>Dr. Derrick Aarons</td>
<td>First Caribbean trained Bioethicist, International</td>
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<td>Professor Celia Christie</td>
<td>Advisory Board on Bioethics for PAHO/WHO Pioneering work in paediatric &amp; perinatal HIV/AIDS</td>
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<td>Dr. Winston Clarke</td>
<td>Pioneering work in radiology</td>
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<td>Dr. Winston Davidson</td>
<td>Head of Telemedicine Research &amp; Development Unit, UWI – IT a high tech solution to health care</td>
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The dynamics of medicine have changed profoundly since the first 33 students entered the FMS. The expanding student body, with now up to 170 students per class, has seen marked changes in their integrated curriculum. Distinguished graduates continue to chart new courses in these expanding and exciting frontiers and some of these, such as Dr. Tracy Gibson, who graduated with a MS in Medical Genetics at the University of Glasgow at the top of her class, (her overall grade was the second highest in the history of the course); Dr. Colin McKenzie, a Jamaican Rhodes scholar (1991) attached to the TMRI has excelled in the field of molecular biology, younger Rhodes scholars (1999) Dr. Neil Hanchard, working at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, USA on paediatric genetics and (2006) Dr. Ramon Arscott obtaining a Masters Degree with Honours at Oxford and now reading for the PhD continue to follow in the footsteps of the 33 pioneers, who lead the charge in the FMS, UWI.

Dedicated to those who set the bar so high and are no longer with us & those who have scaled it.
The Jamaica Chapter was instrumental in obtaining a grant of over J$6M (six million dollars) from the CHASE Fund for equipment for this unit. Money has also been raised from past film premieres, golf tournaments and donations from alumni.
NEWS
The Annual General Meeting of the University of the West Indies Medical Alumni Association (UWIMAA) Jamaica Chapter was held on Saturday January 16, 2010.

The Executive Committee for the year 2010 is listed on the following page.

20/20 CRICKET

Cricket Lovely Cricket!!
The Dean in the Field

The Sports Committee of the Jamaica Medical Students Association (JAMSA) invited members of the Faculty of Medical sciences (FMS) and Alumni to take part in a 20/20 match which took place on Saturday February 27, 2010 at the UWI Bowl. The Faculty/Alumni Team was captained by the Dean, Prof. Archie McDonald and included Prof. Mike Branday, Drs. Tomlin Paul and Granville Smith. The team put up a commendable performance with some help for students-drafted- as-alumni for the day. The JAMSA team was only able to snatch victory by one wicket in the last over.

UWIMAA Jamaica Chapter provided lunch for all present.

We are eager for a rematch!! All cricketers out there please come forward!!

GOLF TOURNAMENT
The Annual Golf Tournament was held on Saturday February 6, 2010 at the Constant Spring Golf Club. This year there were over seventy entrants and in spite of the recession we got good support in the form of donations from doctors and businesses.

Special thanks to Drs. Guyan Arscott, Jennifer Alexander and Prof. Hon Lawson Douglas for their work on this project and to the many persons who contributed.

PROJECTS

Medical Intermediate Care Unit (MICU), UHWI Project
After years of conceptualization and planning this project is coming to fruition. The 4-Bed Unit, will be annexed on the Medical Floor and will provide more intensive nursing care, ventilatory support and monitoring of critically ill non-surgical patients.

The Chapter was instrumental in obtaining a grant of over six million dollars from the CHASE Fund for equipment for this unit. Money has also been raised from past film premieres and golf tournaments. Prof. Renn Holness also made a contribution from donations given at his father’s funeral. The opening of this unit is now imminent.

Contribution to Haiti Relief Funds
Thanks to members who have contributed to this cause. The association will be handing over a cheque shortly.

Medical Student Bursaries
We were not able to make our usual contribution in 2009 but with your help we hope to rectify this in 2010

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2010

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Dr. Betty Isaacs Welds
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Dr. Trevanne Matthews
Prof. Renn Holness
Dr. Althea Aqart Stewart
Dr. Loraine Barnaby
Dr. Jennifer Mamby Alexander
Dr. Rory Thompson
Dr. Marsha Barnett Hunter

Co-opted for special projects
Prof. Hon. Lawson Douglas

Mentorship Programme
Alumni willing to be a mentor for a medical student please let us know.

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DUES
Dues for 2010 are now payable. These were increased as shown on the Dues form at the AGM in January. An additional contribution of $500 to the UWI Alumni Association Jamaica Chapter (Guild of Graduates) will allow our members to become full members of UWIAA with all the benefits thereof. (This is a special rate if we pay as a group and is optional to individuals)
We encourage you to pay dues for the year 2010, if you have not already done so, and we thank those of you who are paid-up. Your dues will not only service our commitment to the Secretariat so that funds raised from special events can be used for projects but now can also benefit you through membership of UWIAA.
We are in the process of arranging Photo IDs for our members and are negotiating a number of benefits which you will hear of shortly.

We look forward to your positive response.