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Welcome to the 3rd Edition of UG People Online Magazine aka #UGPPL. Our new quarterly, online magazine was crafted especially for those Alumni of the University of Guyana (UG), who are interested in all the exciting things happening at UG since their graduation.

Our aim is to engage, inform, entertain, and inspire a diverse readership inclusive of alumni, current and prospective students, faculty, staff as well as friends of the University of Guyana.

The purpose of #UGPPL, as the name suggests is to showcase, connect, support and promote our UG people in our local, regional and international platforms. The magazine features a creative mixture of stories from inspirational alumni to business opportunities at UG.

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New Chancellor in the House!

On November 9, 2019, the University of Guyana's Council concluded its year-long search for a new Chancellor following the end of Chancellor Emeritus Nigel Harris' term in November 2018. Former UN Special Envoy and CARICOM Deputy Secretary General Professor Edward Greene was elected as the 10th Chancellor for the University of Guyana. Professor Emeritus Greene was installed at a simple ceremony on Saturday, November 16, 2019, at Turkeyen Campus Convocation.

His first duty as Chancellor was to confer degrees and diplomas to the graduating class of 2019. During his address, the Chancellor highlighted that he will work with stakeholders within and outside of the University to build accountability.

He noted,

"Accountability to the future means understanding what the core values of the University are and promoting them. The imperatives for you as you leave this campus are really to be seen as part of the product and part of the investment in higher education from Guyana and to give internal recognition for protecting the integrity of your qualifications."

Chancellor Greene was born in Guyana and attended Tutorial High School. He holds a B.Sc. in Economics (University of London), MSc Political Economy (Mc Master University), and Ph.D. (University of British Columbia) and held visiting Professorships at UCLA, University of Havana, and University of British Columbia.

He is currently CEO, Global Frontier Development and Advisory Services (GOFAD) a Think Tank, a former UN Secretary-General Special Envoy for HIV in the Caribbean 2012-2017. He was previously Assistant Secretary-General, Human and Social Development, at the Caribbean Community Secretariat (2000-2010).

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First Female Vice-Chancellor

Professor Paloma Mohamed Martin is the 11th Vice Chancellor of the University of Guyana, the most youthful and the first woman to ever hold the post in the University's 57-year history. She is a highly decorated scholar and artist. She is a sought after strategist and change specialist having done her Ph.D specialization in these areas.

Prof. Paloma Mohamed Martin is a highly successful fund-raiser and an academic, having widely published on various areas relating to the Arts, Social and Behavioural Sciences. Prof. Mohamed Martin has led an extensive international life and is a beloved teacher and notable researcher. She has been variously referred to as a servant leader, a visionary and a titanium butterfly.

In 2014, she was named by the US government as one of the top 5 most influential women in Guyana and in that same year became the first and only woman to hold the highly coveted Anthony N Sabga Caribbean Awards for Excellence in Arts and Letters which is considered the Nobel Prize of the Caribbean. She is also the recipient of two Presidential awards and a City of New York Award among others.

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Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic Engagement

Dr. Emanuel Fitzpatrick Cummings is a Fulbright Scholar and Reader in Biochemistry Molecular Medicine and Genetics, extraordinary.

His research interests are in Nutritional Management of Diabetes Mellitus, Cancer, and other Chronic Illnesses. He has co-authored several peer reviewed publications with hundreds of citations from researchers across the world and has been the recipient of several research grants.

Dr. Cummings obtained both his PhD in Nutritional Biochemistry and MSc in Biochemistry and Physiology from the University of Central Lancashire in the United Kingdom.

He is a full member of both British Physiological Society and Health System Global and has served on the Editorial Board for the Indian Journal of Community Health. Dr. Cummings was involved in the establishment of the Caribbean Centre for Health Systems Research and Development, an active member of the Advisory Committee, and a member of the Caribbean Community of Practice for Health Policy and Systems Research at the University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus.

During his tenure as Dean in the Faculty of Health Sciences recently renamed the College of Medical Sciences through his vision, he pioneered its development through the introduction of a number of undergraduate programmes

such as Dentistry, Optometry, Medical Rehabilitation, and Medical Imaging.

Dr. Cummings also has assisted with the development of a significant number of Postgraduate specialist programmes in Medicine, including the Masters in Public Health in collaboration with national, regional, and external partners such as Guyana Public Hospital Corporation (GPHC), Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)/World Health Organization (WHO), the Centre for Disease Control (CDC), the University of Toronto, and the University of Calgary. These initiatives resulted in him being awarded for his outstanding contribution by PAHO/WHO in 2015.



Deputy Vice-Chancellor Institutional Advancement

Dr. Mellissa Ifill joined the Department of History at the University of Guyana in 1999.

She has a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Graduate Diploma in International Studies from the University of Guyana; a Master of Philosophy in International Relations from the University of the West Indies and a Doctorate of Philosophy in International Relations and Politics from Sussex University.

Her research specialties include Democratic Governance, Ethnic Contestation, Gender, Crime and Citizen Security, Guyanese and Caribbean Politics, and International Relations.

Apart from teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels, Dr. Ifill has served the University as Assistant Dean in the Faculty of Arts.

She was an active member of the University's Unions' leadership, serving as President and Vice President of the University of Guyana Senior Staff Association and represented faculty and staff on the University's Council, Appointments Committee and Finance, and General Purposes Committee.

Dr. Mellissa Ifill is committed to advancing human rights, workers' rights, transparency, accountability and the development of the University of Guyana.

Apart from her University duties, Dr. Ifill has managed multiple local projects and has been a consultant for international agencies including USAID, FAO and the UNDP and has been chairperson of the Guyana Prison Service Sentence Management Board for the past 5 years.



Whose Extraordinaire?

In addition to electing the 10th Chancellor, the University of Guyana's Council on November 9, 2019 also named as the University's First Envoy Extraordinaire — Rt. Hon. David Lammy M.P. David Lammy was born to Guyanese parents and began serving in the British Parliament since 2000.

He studied law at the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London. He earned an LLM from Harvard Law School and has served as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills and later as Minister of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills. He has continuously maintained active interest in Guyana.

In November 2011, he published a book, "Out of the Ashes" and married artist Nicola Green in 2005. The couple have two sons and a daughter. The University of Guyana community welcomes them and wishes them a very productive and enjoyable tour of duty.

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David Lammy
Member of Parliament of
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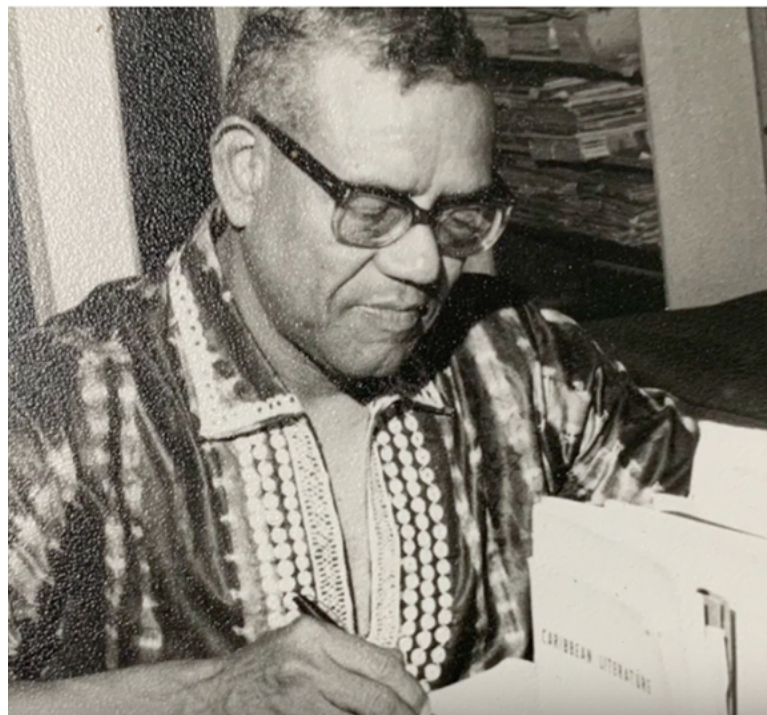
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THINK ON THIS...

Wisdom



"Oh, where can I find wisdom?"
The grave child looked at me
"Go ask the waving butterfly
Weaving its traffic through the sky
Tracing infinity."

"Oh, where can I find wisdom?"
The woman and looked and smiled
"My wisdom's beauty in the glass
For men desire-me as they pass
And now I have my child."

"Oh, where can I find wisdom?"
The old man raised his eye
"Wisdom is grass and waving leaf
Time changed to happiness or grief
Under this mortal sky."

A.J. Seymour (Guyanese Poet)
Collected Poems
1937 – 1989

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Dr. Gyanpriya Maharaj
Entomologist & Behavioural Ecologist

UG's Butterfly Lady

I was always fascinated with nature and knew from an early age that I wanted to explore the natural living world around us. The encouragement and support of my parents was a blessing and they provided me with the confidence from a tender age to pursue my passion. My parents loved the environment and we travelled around and out of Guyana to explore ecotourism. This early exposure influenced my view of the world, extended my passion for it, eventually shaping my career path.

After High School

My academic journey commenced at the University of Guyana where I studied

Biology. Enrolling at such a tender age was a nerve-wracking experience for me but my fascination for learning about the environment continued to grow.

Love At First Sight

My passion for Biology allowed me to explore my wide array of interests which included studying biodiversity and the ecosystems in which they thrive. While there were many hurdles along the way to overcome, I graduated in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. Building on this foundation, I was very privileged to be part of a programme with the University of Guyana and the University of Warwick that focused on

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butterfly diversity and farming within Central Guyana in the Rupununi and other communities. This programme provided the opportunity to expand and nurture my appetite for exploring the environment and in 2011 I completed a MSc in Plant and Environmental Sciences from the University of Warwick. My research focused on the Biology, Diversity and the Ecology of Butterflies. Although the initial decision to study butterflies was chosen for me by my involvement in this project, after my first month in the field I fell in love with this taxon and never looked back.

My academic journey continued to the pursuit of a PhD at the University of Missouri-St. Louis in Ecology and Behaviour. In particular, my research continued to focus on the study of butterflies.

Return to UG

I graduated in 2016 and returned to the University of Guyana as lecturer in the Department of Biology, Faculty of Natural Sciences where I teach in the undergraduate programme in Biology and the Masters of Forest Biology. I am also the Director for the Centre for the Study of Biological Diversity at the University of Guyana.

Follow Your Passion

Often when I tell people, especially students, that I study butterflies and that is what I did for my entire research and continue to do, they are always so intrigued that something like this is possible.

If you are a student, I urge you to follow your passion, explore your options and surround yourself with positive energy. Have a support system that can guide and help you to achieve your goals. In your academic career and life as a whole you will have good days and bad



days, but if you surround yourself with persons who can help you through those days it makes a very big difference in your life.

UG Aids Personal Growth

The University of Guyana continues to be a cornerstone for my personal and professional development. The best thing about my days as a student at the University of Guyana was the relationships created with classmates. Those relationships helped me with celebrating my highs and cushioning my lows.

Furthermore, I was fortunate to have some of the most wonderful lecturers. They were kind, understanding and upheld a high academic standard. Some of my former lecturers are now my colleagues and they have helped me to transition from a student to an academic as they were encouraging and supportive and they continue to help me along the way and for this I am extremely grateful.

Future Goals

As a person who embrace continuous learning, it is my goal to continue my research and explore an MBA in the future which will help develop efficiency and efficacy as an administrator.



Jason Benjamin, President (a.i)
University of Guyana Alumni Association
(New York Chapter)

WORDS OF WISDOM — UG GRADUATION:

Turkeyen Campus

Graduands, I bring congratulatory greetings from the Chapters of the University of Guyana Alumni Association and I invite you to join a University of Guyana Alumni Association Chapter today and become actively involved with its diverse activities and opportunities.

This evening, I stand before brilliant minds who will become leaders of tomorrow with clean hands, fit and proper minds; working together you can nurse the earth with nutrients to ensure its continuous sustainability.

Guyana is rich and alive. It is incumbent for you the graduands to nurture. It matters not who or where you are from, for you all have a goal and a common ground.

Graduands, you are the seeds of this soil and the drop of liquids that Guyana needs. The most important resource is not oil, gold nor sugar, it is the people and that is you, the seeds of Guyana soil.

My challenge to you is to become intricately involved in all aspects of Guyana's developmental capacities. You cannot change the direction of the wind but you can adjust your sails to always reach your destination.

Arise from the mentality of being Third World, we are First World. I urge you to work with and for all races for the common objective of uniting citizens of Guyana. Seeds of Guyana's soil each one teaches one...

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

WORDS OF WISDOM — UG GRADUATION:

Berbice Campus

Graduating from UG is a joyous occasion and you have every right to cheer and clap. Congratulations to each and every one of you on behalf of University of Guyana Alumni Association. You are an excellent example of what hard work and dedication can bring.

I recall my first day at Turkeyen Campus in 1996, I travelled from Berbice to Turkeyen on many rainy days and it was my years at UG that gave me the foundation for who I am today. It is this moment that you move one step closer to making a greater impact in the world around you. UG graduates have gone out to do many great things worldwide. Many have gone on to become professors, writers, business owners and even presidents.

Always remember that we should do what we can to serve our community, our University, and our country. We stand on the shoulders of those who came before us but the work that you do now will provide a step forward for the next generation of graduates.

The people that came before you worked to make the university the way you see it today, they made the choice to improve their country and now you are benefiting from their efforts. Never forget you are special, amazing and powerful.

Help support the people that will come after you, one way to do that is by joining the UGAA, step-up and step forward to make things better...



Alexander Ramessar, President (a.i)
University of Guyana Alumni Association
(Toronto Chapter)

UG's 2019 Valedictorians

Karishma Narain and Shane Rampertab were the best graduating students at the University of Guyana's 53rd Convocation ceremony this year at Turkeyen Campus. With a GPA of 4.0, both Karishma and Shane delivered their valedictorian speech at the two ceremonies which were held at the University's Turkeyen Campus. Juanita Beejaimal was named the 2019 valedictorian at the University of Guyana Berbice Campus 18th Convocation Ceremony with a 3.8 GPA.

Here are some quotes taken from their speeches:



Graduate: Shane Rampertab
Degree: Bachelors of Science in Biology (Faculty Natural Sciences)

"There were probably times when you felt like quitting but I must say I am thankful and proud that you chose not to because look at you now, proud graduates of the University of Guyana.

We all had our fair share of struggles.

Although it was at sometimes exhausting it was the little moments in between that made everything all worth it; from the dumb jokes to the random trips every little thing wove us into a fabric I like to call family.

To those continuing their education, one thing about University life is that it fluctuates but I implore you to keep pushing, it will all be worth it in the end.

We are the ones who have to be the proponents of change if we want to see a change.

No more promises nor expectations, if you want something to get done you have to get it done, it is not enough for us to sit idly and complain, we need to be the pioneers of our future."

WAY TO GO!



Graduate: Karishma Narain
Degree: Bachelors of Science in Medicine (Faculty Health Sciences)

"I would like to congratulate the University on another year of success. I implore that they continue to take steps forward so that we can achieve even greater heights.

As graduates of the University of Guyana we should take pride in ourselves and our University. There are Guyanese all over the world who studied at this University and are making a difference in their respective field of work. Our infrastructure may not be of first-world quality but yet we turn out quality products year after year.

I believe the first step in convincing the rest of Guyana of our worth is to first believe it ourselves. Being the change you want to see in the world surely takes much strength and resilience, but such an attitude is also infectious. I urge you to look beyond race and religion and any other bias you may have seen that the person next to you is a struggling human just like you and attempt to be a part of their support system. No matter how big or small a role we can play in their life eventually we will be a happier healthier population."



Graduate: Juanita Beejaimal
Degree: Bachelors of Science in Biology (Faculty Natural Sciences)

"It was not all sunshine, however, there are people who made our struggles not so intolerable and those friendships made here are bonds that will last a lifetime..."

For as long as I could remember I wanted to attend the University of Guyana. It took me five years after high school to be able to start my University education. It was no easy walk in the park. I can say determination really pays off.

As we move on to the next phase there is a lot we risk. We risk oblivion, we risk failing by not trying. Despite us now having our degrees, let us remain open to learning and now that we are embarking on this new chapter let us define success by our own terms; let us rise even more bright after every fall and actualize the ambition cradled in us.

Our mission is not to follow in the footsteps of those who graduated before us but to exceed their footsteps and to crush the shoulders of the giants upon who we stand. Class of 2019 looking back we have much to be thankful for."



From Left: Chevvy Devonish, Frances Carryl, Kristal Abrams, Anansa Swain, and Michael Munroe at the Hugh Wooding Law School's (HWLS) graduation in 2019. (Trinidad & Tobago)



Chevvy Devonish delivering valedictorian speech to the Hugh Wooding Law School's (HWLS) graduating class of 2019.

From Hugh Wooding Law School with award...

Chevvy Devonish, 31, was selected as valedictorian of the Hugh Wooding Law School's (HWLS) graduate class of 2019. The graduation and award ceremony was held on October 5, 2019 in Trinidad. The graduation ceremony followed the graduate class' completion of the Council of Legal Education's two-year Legal Education Certificate (LEC) programme, which is the final academic qualification required to make a person eligible for admission to the bar in Guyana and other Commonwealth Caribbean countries as an attorney-at-law.

Although Devonish was not the school's top student, he was made valedictorian on the strength of his academic and extra-curricular achievements, as well as other qualities exhibited during his two years at the HWLS. During his time at the law school, Devonish served in several capacities inclusive of increased SRC's involvement in orientation activities, conceptualization and implementation of the 'SRC's LL.B Outreach Initiative'. Devonish, who also served two terms as President of the University of Guyana Law Society, was also awarded the Keith S. Sobion Memorial Prize for demonstrated leadership and innovation for his exploits in and out of law school for the period 2017 – 2019.

Michael Munroe, 24, was the only Guyanese to make the Principal's Roll of Honour, having secured six (6) A grades in the 11 examinable courses during the programme. Munroe was awarded the Book Specialist's Prize for the best overall performance in academic and extra-curricular activities, and the Guyana Government Prize for the best academic performance by a student from Guyana.

Munroe, together with teammates, also picked up prizes for winning the 11th Annual Caribbean Court of Justice Law Moot and representing the HWLS at the American Caribbean Law Initiative at Stetson University in Florida. In addition, Munroe also picked up two prizes in first year for his performance in Legal Drafting and Interpretation.

Meanwhile, Frances Carryl, 23, was awarded the Miles Greeves Fitzpatrick Prize for the best performance in Legal Aid by a Guyanese student. In first year, Carryl had won the prize for best performance in Civil Practice and Procedure 1. Kristal Abrams, 23, took the Cameron and Shepherd Prize for best performance by a Guyanese student in Civil Practice and Procedure 1 and II, and Anansa Swain, 23, copped the Pelham, Sloane-Seale Memorial Prize for the best overall performance in Conveyancing and Registration of Title.

*Excerpt: Stabroek News Online, October 9, 2019.
<https://www.stabroeknews.com/2019/10/09/news/guyana/guyanese-win-top-honours-at-hugh-wooding-law-school-graduation/>*

The University of Guyana Astronomical Society

Receives Donation from Oil Giant



The Orion Nebula is 1,500 light-years away, the nearest star-forming region to Earth.

“With the rapid development in technology, to aid in space exploration and the vast discoveries of deep space, we aim to expound the knowledge through fun, interactive means.”

~ The aim of the University of Guyana Astronomical Society.

The Society has been passionately fulfilling this aim by take an active role in sharing knowledge of astronomy to communities across Guyana.

The most exciting of all their events thus far was the Society’s Astronomy Camp. Thirteen students along with four staff and overseas Astronomer Mr. Esa Mohamed travelled to Lake Capoey from August 7 – August 9, 2019.

“The experience was fascinating. The lake water was calm and what we saw looking up was the exact thing we saw looking down,” stated the current club Adviser and Physics Lecturer, Mr. Samuel Lee. What made it even more special for Mr. Lee, was the fact that they saw the Milky Way.

“Orion’s Nebula, which is a diffuse nebula situated in the Milky Way, south of Orion’s Belt, is one of the brightest nebulae, was visible to the naked eye in the night sky, and we were lucky to photograph this,” said Lee.

With smiles on their faces, Fourth Year Chemistry Majors and Members of the Society Ms. Selena Arjune and Ms. Shontell Davis added; “having a visiting astronomer on the trip was exhilarating. Mr. Mohamed told us that in his fifteen years of experience he has never seen skies like ours. This evoked a feeling of excitement that we have potential to facilitate activities similar to this in the future. Also, we were excited to learn how to read the sky and do measurement using the hands so if ever we get lost we will be able to find our way.”

For more information on the University of Guyana Astronomical Society kindly contact Mr. Samuel Lee, Campus Advisor on +592 670-8551 or email samuel.lee@uog.edu.gy.

Secretary of the Society and Second year Physics Major Mr. Clifford Hicken along with Third Year Computer Sciences Major and member of the Society Mr. Quacy Basil noted that; “the University of Guyana Astronomical Society has committed, dedicated and friendly members. The Society is open to everyone and has diversity when it comes to its members. In addition to the Society’s continuous outreach programme, at a low cost of GYD\$100, the public is invited to gaze at the moon and the stars on Sunday afternoons at the Seawall Bandstand Kingston from 18:00 hrs. – 21:00 hrs.”

The University of Guyana Astronomical Society was originally established in the early 1980s by Mr. Alfred Bhulai who was a former Chemistry Lecturer in the Faculty of Natural Sciences. In 2015, a devastating fire destroyed a section of the Faculty of Natural Sciences building. Among the items destroyed was most of the Physics Department’s Equipment. With a generous gift of US\$40,000 from American Multinational Oil and Gas Corporation, Exxon Mobil and under the guidance of Mr. Samuel and the Head of Department for Physics, Mathematics and Statistics Mr. Dwayne Renville, the Society was rejuvenated to what it is today.

The Society expressed gratitude to the Office for Philanthropy, Alumni and Civic Engagement for funding through GGMC for their Lake Capoey trip and for being instrumental in the Exxon Mobil gift they are now enjoying.





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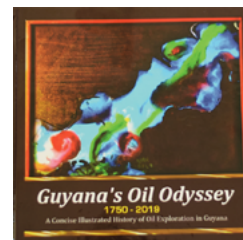
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MSc in Clinical Psychology

Start Date:	2020
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Course Name:	Master of Science in Clinical Psychology
Faculty/Academic Unit(s)/	
Department(s)/Body:	FHS/CEBRES
Institution Bestowing Award:	University of Guyana, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana
Programme Level:	Master's Degree - Graduate
Duration of Study:	Two (2) years (full time)
Minimum Number of Credits	
Required for Graduation:	63
Delivery Mode:	Blended
Projected Enrollment:	10–12 students (annually)
Entry Requirements:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A good Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from a recognized or accredited university 2. Personal Statement (1–2) 3. Two Letters of Recommendation 4. A curriculum vita listing educational and professional experiences and accomplishments. It should include a Statement of Prior Research Experience – and a Statement of Voluntary or work experience 5. Other Qualifications that may be considered for entry in the programme by persons with good degrees from other helping professions who do not have the requisite grounding in psychology. 6. Bridge Access will consist of 9 courses offered over a one year period in three semesters.

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Ganesh Persaud, Embryologist with a Bachelor's in Medical Technology.

Photo credit: Guyana Times Newspapers

Guyana's First Embryologist: Ganesh Persaud

Ganesh Persaud, who is originally from Essequibo, realized at an early age his passion for Science and moved to Georgetown at the age of 17. He started studying at the University of Guyana in 2008 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Technology in 2012.

Mr. Persaud pointed that, *“the best decision I made was to attend UG, although I had many challenges along the way I am grateful... UG made me the man I am today”*. After completing his studies at UG he began working at Dr Balwant Singh's Hospital laboratory where he worked for six years, and later became head of the laboratory.

After working with visiting embryologists at the institution, and doing preparations for the infertility procedures at the hospital, he was inspired to specialise in this field, and applied to the Dr Balwant Singh's Hospital for a scholarship. Ganesh successfully completed his training at the Craft Hospital and Research Centre in Kerala, India. In 2019, he returned home as Guyana's first embryologist. Embryology is the field of medicine concerned with the study and development of embryos.

Currently, Mr. Persaud is Head of the IVF lab at Dr. Balwant Singh's Hospital. Under his supervision, the lab is expected to grow tremendously over the coming years, with the hopes that the centre will become the largest infertility centre in the Caribbean. IVF is a process whereby fertilisation of an egg and sperm is completed in the laboratory, after the eggs have been harvested by the gynecologists.

Excerpt from the Guyana Times Newspaper August 9, 2019
<https://guyanatimesgy.com/guyana-gets-its-1st-embryologist/>

Human Resources Course

Course Name: Human Relations

Course Description: This course is aimed at supporting exposure, dialogue and modelling appropriate attitudes and behaviour amongst UG community of staff and students. This first of its kind Human Relations Course include six (6) modules, a pre-test and a post-test which are all offered online.

Delivery Type: Online

Duration: 12 Hours

Registration Opened: September 15, 2020

SRMS Student Registration Link:

<https://turkeyenonline.uog.edu.gy/srms/student/current/registration/login.php>

HRMS Staff Registration Link: <https://hrmis.uog.edu.gy/hrms/login.php>

THE PROGRAMME IS CURRENTLY BEING PILOTED FREE OF CHARGE, ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS.

Course Structure

Item	Description	Number of hours
Pre-test	Knowledge of Human Relations before taking the course	10 minutes
Module 1	Cross Cultural Diversity (race, religion, and nationalities)	3 hours
Module 2	Introduction to the Geography of Guyana	2 hours
Module 3	Introduction to Gender	1 hour
Module 4	Introduction to Entrepreneurial Thinking	2 hours
Module 5	Soft skills (Etiquette and Grooming)	2 hours
Module 6	Personal Health, Immune Health, Nutrition, Mental and Emotional Health	1 hour 40 minutes
Post-test	Knowledge of Human Relations after taking the course	10 minutes

Please note: All modules must be taken for certification but modules are flexible and can be taken over a period of three (3) months. For more information email humanrelationservices@uog.edu.gy or contact +592 623-3159.

Initiative developed in the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Philanthropy, Alumni and Civic Engagement and Office of the Vice Chancellor, Xi. The programme is managed by the University's Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CoETAL) and supported by Tactical Online Services (TOS) Unit.



Kishan Ramesh, UG graduate and proud creators of Alchio, a chilli flavoured dipping sauce.

Photo credit: Kishan Ramesh

Young Agro-Processor: Kishan Ramesh

At 23 years old, Kishan Ramesh envisioned taking agro-processing to a new frontier and in 2018, with a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture and Forestry he felt the desire to create a product that would stimulate the taste buds of Guyanese. The young entrepreneur's initial plans did not involve becoming an agro-processor. It was whilst pursuing studies at the Tain Campus he was introduced to the benefits of the industry from his lecturers Sherena Persaud and Ashmi Mangal, and his interest was piqued.

The University of Guyana graduate and Crabwood Creek resident is now the creator of "Alchio's" - a chilli flavoured dipping sauce that is currently creating waves on the local market across the country. The sauce is prepared from a variety of quality local ingredients and has a mouth-watering flavour and aroma that enhances any dish it is paired with.

"Alchio" which is a derivative of the Greek word "icho" which means to echo was selected as the ideal name of the product since it "resonates with quality." According to Mr. Ramesh, "our primary goal is to let people know about our brand and our products. We want to be a household name that people must feel an attachment towards." Mr. Ramesh noted that, "each bottle of sauce is carefully crafted to represent the diversity in Guyanese flavour with the promise of maintaining quality". He said there are many opportunities available for agro-processors in Guyana.

He encouraged others who are interested to tap into the opportunities and take advantage of all of our local products and the value-added content that can be derived from them. For the future, the budding entrepreneur said he will be creating various new products that will hit the local and international markets as he seeks to expand his business.

Excerpt: DPI, Guyana, Saturday, July 27, 2019

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Chef Kashif Browne, formerly served as the Executive Sous Chef for Ridgewells during a 6-year tenure, having left in 2017 to Sous Chef at the White House.

Photo credit: Ridgewells Catering

Guyanese Chef in the White House: Kashif Browne

Guyanese Chef Kashif Browne is living his dream as is the Executive Sous Chef at The White House, the official residence of the President of the United States. He completed his secondary education at The Bishops' High School and attended the University of Guyana (UG) but he migrated to the United States before completing his studies at UG.

Chef Browne comes from a family of Chefs and developed a love for the culinary arts from an early age and while living in the US his interest in food blossomed and he later got accepted into the International Culinary School at The Art Institute of Washington. While there, he was recognised as a “genius in the kitchen” with “gifted hands” for any dish that he cooked.

Over the span of his career, he has moved from being a Saucier to a Sous Chef, to Executive Sous Chef and now has a full-time job at the residence of the White House, where he caters to the First Family of the United States of America. Kashif remembers his roots and often recalls growing up with his family in Carmichael Street, where mother would be in the kitchen whipping up dishes for him and his siblings. Along with attending the St. Margaret's Primary School and his enjoyable years at The Bishops' High where he met and married his high school sweetheart, Dental Surgeon, Dr. Sulan Fung who is a UG grad and together they have two sons.

With an eye for detail and quality, Kashif has also been climbing the ladder to greater success, while building a family of his own.

Excerpt from: News Source Guyana — July 21, 2019

Disclaimer: Chef Browne has since left the White House and has returned to his former employer, Ridgewells Catering as the Executive Chef.



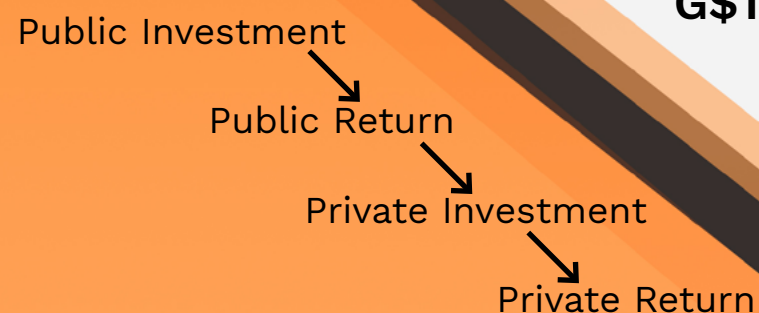
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Dr. Seon Levius, SUNY Potsdam Assistant Professor, has been awarded the 2020 Thomas L. and Jane D. Russell Distance Education Faculty Excellence Award.

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Changing The World Through Technology: Dr. Seon Levius

Dr. Seon Levius is rising to the challenge of helping students think in new ways. Dr. Levius, an assistant professor of technology in the SUNY Potsdam Department of Business Administration, has been awarded the Thomas L. and Jane D. Russell Distance Education Faculty Excellence Award for his pedagogy using inquiry-based learning. His methods challenge students in his business process analysis class to identify problems and inefficiencies in real-world business processes, and then create workarounds and solutions that push the envelope through their use of information systems and technology solutions.

Dr. Levius teaches in the Master of Science in management program which is the first fully online degree program at SUNY Potsdam. He holds a Doctor of Business Administration degree from Walden University in Minneapolis and a Master of Science degree in information systems management from the University of Liverpool. Dr. Levius also completed Harvard Business School Executive Education programs in business analytics and big data, and attended the University of Guyana, where he studied Public Management.

Before joining SUNY Potsdam, Dr. Levius led the information and communication technology portfolios for two Caribbean intergovernmental and multilateral agencies based in Barbados. His teaching draws from sharing this eclectic knowledge and life experiences to inspire lifelong curiosity.

*Excerpt from: Potsdam State University of New York
<https://www.potsdam.edu/news/suny-potsdam-professor-honored-business-course-confronts-pandemic-realities-looks-future>*

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First Ethel Carew Scholar

"I am deeply grateful for this scholarship as it has lifted a huge financial burden off my shoulders." ~ Euville Xavier



Euville Xavier hails from Kopinang Village nestled in the North Pakaraimas and is home to approximately 1000 people primarily the Patamonas. He began his teaching career approximately twenty years ago at Kopinang Primary School however, at the time he didn't want to venture into the profession, he wanted to become a health care professional but life had vastly different plans for him.

Mr. Xavier became enshrined in teaching and began attending the Cyril Potter College of Education in 1997. He is currently a senior assistant master at Kopinang Primary School but since his enrolment at the University of Guyana in 2015 he has been seconded to David Rose Special School. Mr. Xavier is a father of four (4) children. His favourite activities when he is not in the classroom imparting knowledge are farming and manual mining. Upon completion of his tertiary education Mr. Xavier said he will return to Kopinang Village to share his knowledge and experiences with the youth in the hope that it will inspire them to want to attend the University of Guyana.

In September 2019, Mr. Xavier was awarded the first Ethel Carew Scholarship at the University of Guyana to complete his Bachelor's Degree in Education Primary. The Ethel Carew Bursary at the University of Guyana was founded by Professor Eon Nigel Harris and his wife Dr. Yvette Harris. The Bursary is designed to support tuition and books for outstanding students from the First People of Guyana who hail from regions 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 or 10 who have been accepted into any undergraduate programme at the University of Guyana.

Mr. Xavier will graduate in November, 2020 and is expected to maintain a passing grade of a B average 2.7 GPA.

Paulette Lyslen Paul:

A Short Autobiography

“Looking back, I have no regrets, the universe is always talking to us and I believe everything happens for a reason. The disappointments I have faced in life, helped me to grow and become the woman I am today.”

With over 30 years of memories during her time at UG, both as a student, staff and mother, Ms. Paul would not trade a minute of it. A vivid memory of her days as a student, was time spent at the Kimbia, National Service Centre in the Berbice River.

“During my student days, one-year of National Service was mandatory, the days were spent picking peanuts in the field, or tending to the cows or pigs, doing military drills, assisting in the kitchen or bakery and working on the cash crop farm. My approach at Kimbia was that I was there to learn and experience something new that would enrich my life and it did. The bonus was that I gained a few friends-for-life during my national service stint. Also, as a student, I recall having interesting lecturers, like Mr. Ken Danns and Mr. Forsyth who made me realize the importance of dotting the I’s and crossing the T’s.”

She was one of the first persons to graduate with a BSc degree in Communication Studies, on January 2, 1992 her journey as the Public Relations Officer (PRO) for the University of Guyana started in full swing. After 27 years of service at UG, Ms. Paul has retired. She noted that as PRO she was lucky to have an understanding daughter and to always have fairly skilled staff who would go that extra mile to get things done. As PRO, she was faced with a number of challenges along the way; balancing a career and motherhood was an interesting experience.

However, the main bugbear over the years for her is that, *“the view is shared by many on and off campus that the University’s Corporate Image has much to be desired. There is an established structure, the rules, roles and regulations that exist in the institution but a proud organizational culture, shared values and beliefs are lacking in the way we do things.”*

Ms. Paul added that despite the many challenges our national University faces, UG has and continues to produce graduates who are worth their weight in salt in all fields of endeavour. She commended those lecturers, administrators and general staffers who work above and beyond the call of duty to ensure the University



functions effectively.

Also newsworthy she noted is the growth and development that has taken place at UG during the past two decades. *“We opened a second campus at Tain, Berbice in 2000. Our student services were also enhanced 10 years ago with the introduction of the online application Student Record Management System (SRMS) and all that it connotes”.*

Also, with the University’s Secondary School Outreach initiative, the Public Relations Division has visited schools in all 10 Administrative Regions in Guyana; telling students about the UG option after secondary school. Ms. Paul emphasized, *“with new initiatives planned by the institution for the not too distant future, I believe that the University of Guyana will be a force to be reckoned with amongst higher education institutions.”*

UG STAFF

UG Honours Long Service Staff Members

“At the University of Guyana, we value each staff member; your contribution is important...Our success as a University is as a result of people taking action, and true power is in the initial insight from our employees.” ~ Dr. C. Nigel Gravesande.

These were the sentiments expressed by Dr. C. Nigel Gravesande, Registrar, University of Guyana, during his Opening Remarks at the 29th Annual Long Service Awards Ceremony held on December 12, 2019 in the Education Lecture Theatre (ELT), Turkeyen Campus. The event was organised by the Personnel Division, under the theme **‘Respect and Resilience.’** The exquisite ceremony sought to recognise long service employees and reward them for their loyalty, dedication, hard work and commitment to the University over the years.

Employees were recognised for 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service to the University of Guyana. Among the awardees were Ms. Hermattie Ramkarran, Ms. Leelawattie Singh, Mr. Mohammed Ally, Professor Brij Tewari and Mr. Samuel Lee, recognised for 20 years of service; Ms. Vera April, Ms. Lorraine McLeod, Ms. Nicole Grant, Ms. Sandra Peters, Ms. Florentia Wilson, Dr. Paulette Bynoe A.A. and Dr. Rishee Thakur were recognised for 25 years of service; Ms. Tagebrittie Singh-Jaichand, Mr. Phillip Da Silva A.A., Ms. Marcellin D’Aguiar and Ms. Barbara Holder were recognised for 30 years of service; and Ms. Syndrene Harris, Mr. Oswald Aaron and Ms. Jacqueline Morris were recognised for 35 years of service to the University.



Professor Paloma Mohamed Martin, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Philanthropy, Alumni and Civic Engagement (PACE) and Chair, Transitional Management Committee (TMC) during her Welcome Remarks acknowledged the sacrifice of not only the employees, but their families as well. She cited a poem by Martin Carter noting ‘All are involved and all are consumed...’ and that great sacrifice must have been involved in achieving such a milestone. Further, she extended a special thank you to the employees; *“I thank you for what you have given and what you continue to give to the University of Guyana. I know you are here because of love, commitment and passion for what you do... you have shown love to this University and we love you.”*

*Excerpt from: [Public Relations Division](#)
[December 13, 2019](#)*



A Stolen Glance And Eight Years After...

It was her second year at the University of Guyana when Krest Cummings first connected with the love of her life, Allan Petty, a young aspiring engineer.

“Allan and I met on campus through the University of Guyana Christian Society. I remember walking to the then Spicy Dish Building and opening the door to the Christian Society Room. I saw this young man deep in thoughts on his computer. He didn’t acknowledge me so as I sat there looking at him. I thought he must be shy and very quiet, qualities that my ideal husband should have,” Krest related. According to Allan, *“I stole a glance at Krest without her even knowing, and for me, I was mesmerized by her beauty, her long curly hair and her pink backpack caught my eyes.”*

The two didn’t talk to each other that day but as fate would have it, they saw each other at an event a week later. Krest then decided to break the ice by inviting Allan to Bible Club and soon after they began to spend time together. Krest found out Allan was a gospel singer while she was a dancer,

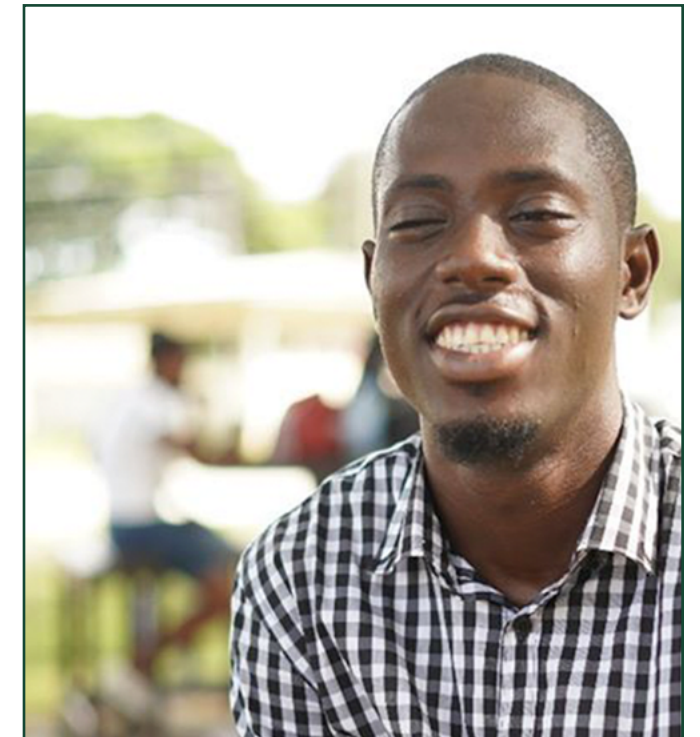
and as time went by their friendship bloomed with common interests and future plans. Two years after meeting they decided they wanted to be more than just friends and started dating. Krest graduated in 2014 with her BSc in Communication Studies and in 2018 with her BSc in Law. Allan graduated with his Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 2017 and is currently pursuing a B.Sc. in Oil and Gas Engineering in Russia. Krest is the Public Relations Officer for the Ministry of Infrastructure and will be pursuing a Masters Degree in the future.

With a bright smile on her face Krest said: *“We got engaged two years ago and are planning to get married next year when Allan will be visiting. I truly enjoyed my days at UG. What I can say is UG is a special place for us; we not only graduated with our degrees but found each other. My advice to young people is to read a lot, don’t ever look down on yourself, do your best and don’t listen to what people say especially when they tell you wouldn’t succeed. Also, some things are worth waiting for.”*

UG STUDENTS

UGSS President

“Being the second of six siblings, leading was always a natural skill.”



Met Jafar Gibbons, a second-year International Relations student who was elected president of the University of Guyana Student Society (UGSS) (2019—2020). Gibbons took his oath at the installation ceremony for the Executive Council of the UGSS for the academic year 2019—2020 on October 15, 2019. Born and raised in Linden, Jafar is hoping to help transform UG into to a first choice for Secondary School students. He believes that the University is heading in a great direction and that over the years there have been numerous improvements by the administration.

Mr. Gibbons was encouraged to run for the UGSS presidential position by persons on and off campus including his wife who is also a University of Guyana student. *“I have a knack for initiating change through advocacy...”* he said during a one-on-one talk with the creative team for #UGPPL. For Mr. Gibbons one of the most exhilarating things about being student president is knowing that he can help to “enhance” the University of Guyana’s student campus lifestyle. *“My team is in full action mode and are taking up their responsibilities as UGSS council members. Although we have*

not been in office for that long, we have started to make changes for students.”

One such change is the signing of an agreement the UG bus service to provide transportation for students living on the East Coast of Demerara. He noted that the UGSS team will soon be launching a project called, ‘Project Hot Spot: Cooling Down the Hot Spots’. The purpose is to ensure that there are fans in all the classrooms that do not have air-conditioning.

This event will not only showcase the talent of the University of Guyana’s students, but will also give them a chance to have fun. Apart from presidential duties Jafar has always had a passion for extra-curricular activities, especially football. This ambitious young man is hoping to be able to complete his Masters Degree within the next five (5) years. He aspires to build his International Diplomatic ties by not only being the change he wants to see but through hard work and dedication.

Facebook: [University of Guyana Students Society](#)

UG Sports Awards Ceremony

Photo Highlights

The University of Guyana (UG) once again lauded their student athletes during its 2019 Sports Awards Ceremony at the institution's Turkeyen Campus on Friday, December 13, 2019. The Awards Ceremony, which has been a regular feature under the administration's sports organizer Lavern Fraser-Thomas, highlighted the sterling athleticism of students of the nation's highest learning institution.



UG's premier student athletes were recognized on Friday, December 13, 2019. Excerpt from Stabroek News December 15, 2019: <https://www.stabroeknews.com/2019/12/15/sports/ug-hosts-2019-sports-awards-ceremony/>



Sports Finals:

Scrabble, Chess, Domino, and Football

The University of Guyana concluded their final Chess and Scrabble Competitions for the academic year 2019—2020. According to Sports Director Ms. Lavern Fraser the “Chess Queen and King” finals were held on December 4, 2019 and December 6, 2019, respectively at Turkeyen Campus. Faculty of Engineering and Technology student, Ms. Jessica Callender was crowned Chess Queen after competing against seven other female students. Mr. Davion Mars who is also a Faculty of Engineering and Technology student secured the position as Chess King after competing against fourteen of his colleagues.

The final competitions for “Scrabble Queen and King” were held on November 20, 2019 and November 29, 2019. This time, the Faculty of Social Sciences student Mr. Dane Rai earned the title of Scrabble King after competing against fourteen others. Faculty of Education and Humanities student Ms. Feona Jones was named Scrabble Queen after opposing her five female counterparts.

In addition, the finals for the University of Guyana Inter-Faculty Domino Competition took place on November 29, 2019 with the Faculty of Education and Humanities defeating the Faculty of Engineering and Technology Staff. Fraser further highlighted that in addition to the Scrabble and Chess Competitions, the inaugural Cross Over Games were held this year. Fraser said, *“these games are where each team that represents the University of Guyana in their different discipline compete against each other in every discipline. Meaning that they competed against each other in basketball, cricket, chess, scrabble, football, rugby and volleyball. The team that scored the most points based on their pacing in each discipline came out as ‘the Champion University Team’ and that team was the Athletics Team. Cricket however was the only team that didn’t win their discipline; in fact, the chess team defeated the Cricket Team in the finals.”*

She also mentioned that, *“the UG Football Team is back on track after about two years of not having a coach. The team competed in a game on Friday December 6th against the Cougar Football Club of New Amsterdam Berbice but was not successful.”* Nevertheless Ms. Fraser stated that, it was a good game and start for the University of Guyana Football Team.





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