

**Greetings by Deputy Campus Principal Professor Rhoda Reddock
Induction of Professor V. Eudine Barriteau as Principal and Pro-Vice-Chancellor
of the UWI Cave Hill Campus**

**Roy Marshall Teaching Complex, Cave Hill Campus
Saturday 12th December, 2015 | 5:00 p.m.**

- **Official Greetings on Behalf of the St. Augustine Campus**

On behalf of the St. Augustine Campus Principal, myself and the entire St. Augustine campus community, I bring special greetings, best wishes and hearty congratulations to Professor Eudine Barriteau on her induction as Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the Cave Hill Campus. Unfortunately, Professor Sankat could not be here this evening as he is away on University business. However, he has asked me to extend his apologies to all and to express that his thoughts are with us on this auspicious occasion.

PVC Barriteau, you have been an exceptional leader at the UWI, serving excellently in various teaching and administrative roles; always with an interest in the advancement and development of the UWI as an institution, our students as future leaders, and the citizens of the Caribbean community. We at the St. Augustine campus believe that your vast experience, track record as a scholar and work as an advocate has allowed you to command the respect of

stakeholders, both within and outside the University thus placing you in an ideal position for leadership of the Cave Hill Campus. Therefore, we acknowledge that the Cave Hill campus is in the capable hands of a thoughtful, fair and very determined Captain; or as the Bajans say Skipper; in you PVC Barriteau.

- **Personal Greetings**

I am particularly proud to be here this evening in my own capacity as a comrade, sister and colleague of Professor Barriteau. We have shared so much as scholars and administrators as we served at the same time as the first Heads of the then Centre now Institute for Gender and Development Studies for 14 years, then as Deputy Principal of our respective campuses for a period of at least six years. There were many useful skills and competencies gained over the years, especially in our roles as Head of the Centre/Institute. For example we learned how to make a small unit operate beyond its capacity to impact the society and indeed the region in significant ways. We learned the art of stretching limited funds and becoming creative in finding and securing additional funds. We learned the importance of being visible and active in society since our very existence depended on it, we learned how to win over colleagues, students, the UWI administration and the wider society; many of whom were skeptical of our

new and sometimes revolutionary ideas; which we knew were critical to our societies' development and its quality of life but which were not always initially understood. Finally, we learned how to ensure that a record of scholarship would be developed and sustained, accepted globally and useful locally. These and the other skills gained will serve you well in your new position.

My dear sister, words cannot express how delighted I am to see you as the first female to hold this position on the Cave Hill Campus and in a way the second and third in the UWI's history. As Professor of Gender and Public Policy you have spent much of your career labouring to effect policy change in the region, and because of this you have served as an inspiration and mentor to the younger generation of Caribbean feminists and future leaders of our nations. The demands of your job are enormous but you are strong and there is no doubt in my mind that you are capable of handling all the challenges that surely will come. We know that you can effect positive change so I encourage you to keep your vision before you at all times. I salute you and wish you the very best in your tenure as Principal and Pro-Vice Chancellor of the Cave Hill Campus. Walk good my sister, we have your back!

Rhoda Reddock (Prof.)

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