An Opportunity for Partnership

The University of the West Indies
Cave Hill Campus, Barbados
Higher Education Is Pivotal To Development In the Caribbean

A well-organised and effective higher education system is essential to national social and economic development in countries worldwide:

- Economies with higher enrollment rates and years of schooling are more dynamic, competitive in global markets and successful in terms of higher income per capita.

- Higher education is a powerful mechanism for upward mobility, allowing talented people, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, to thrive irrespective of their social origins.

- Better skills, higher productivity and enhanced human capacity contribute to the alleviation of poverty; improve quality of life; and promote social stability.

- Good governance, strong institutions and a developed infrastructure all require highly educated people. Higher education promotes enlightened citizenship and democratic values, such as pluralism, open debate and reasoned argument.

The nation states in the Caribbean have an international reputation for stability, good governance, law and order and a high level of social cohesion. The University of the West Indies (UWI) has been at the heart of development of Caribbean peoples and the building of Caribbean societies for more than 50 years.

UWI graduates can be found in leadership positions in every sphere of Caribbean life from politics and business to education, agriculture and health, in public and community service.

The Cave Hill Campus has itself produced four of the seven Prime Ministers of Caribbean countries, who are UWI alumni.

The Caribbean region must continue to enlarge the pool of trained, highly educated human resources in order to improve their economic and social prospects in the global marketplace.

The hemispheric average for enrollment in higher education is 35% of the age cohort 18—30 years. Regional higher education enrollment ratios of 12% compare unfavourably with this ratio. Caribbean Community (CARICOM) governments have set a 15% target for access to tertiary education, with 40% of these to be provided by the UWI.
In the first decade of the 21st century, the UWI faces an increasingly competitive higher education market; rapid technological innovation; the impact of globalisation; funding constraints; the requirement for greater self-sufficiency; and strong pressure to expand access to higher education. The UWI’s vision is to transform into a truly 21st century higher education academy, with an enhanced global reputation for excellence and global reach, acting as a catalyst for regional development and reflecting the distinctive character of the Caribbean society it was established to serve.

The Cave Hill Campus has set a target to double student enrollment in undergraduate, graduate, summer and international programmes from 5,000 to 15,000 by 2020. The thousand fold increase in student enrollment on the present site, between 1966 and 2003, has not been accompanied by additional land space. Land at Cave Hill is seven times more densely occupied than at both sister Campuses at Mona (Jamaica) and St. Augustine (Trinidad) and dramatically more so than a sample of 14 Universities in the United Kingdom (UK).
The Campus is in a continuous process of upgrading and renewing its physical plant in an effort to make the best and most creative use of available space. However, the need for additional classrooms, lecture theatres, faculty offices, large assembly halls, study rooms, conference and meeting facilities is acute in all Faculties. Central to the advancement of the Campus’ physical capacity are the following priorities:
“The Campus intends to develop a significant competitive advantage as the premier institution in the region for graduate studies, research and professional training.”

NEW DONOR OPPORTUNITIES

1. The development of a Creative Arts Centre, which will include a theatre and cinema; a dance studio, music room, practice rooms and lecture theatres; a Visual Arts Centre; and a Pedagogical Centre. The Centre will deliver academic programmes aimed at developing strong theoretical and practical insights into the arts, emphasising the Caribbean experience; research and specialist programmes, supporting establishment of an authoritative body of information in the Caribbean aesthetic and Caribbean art; and will provide avenues for increased cultural performances and focus on the development of the arts and cultural industries.

2. The Centre For Teaching Excellence, a complex of lecture theatres, seminar and classrooms, will provide some alleviation of current congestion.

3. A Graduate and Professional Teaching Complex, comprising postgraduate offices; teaching and seminar spaces; and conferencing, meeting and training rooms outfitted for the delivery of post-graduate professional training workshops, seminars and conferences.
"An important strategic goal is to internationalise the Cave Hill Campus and take advantage of the international student market, which rates the Campus highly as a desired location for study abroad programmes."

4 The development of an extension of the campus on 35 acres of land in the Black Rock area adjacent to the existing compound. The development will comprise:

- Facilities for expanded teaching and research in the sciences, information communication technologies and the cultural industries
- A Housing Complex offering accommodation for 120 postgraduate students
- Undergraduate and International Student Residence Halls to provide a total of 800 additional beds
- A large indoor multi-purpose sports auditorium and an outdoor sports facility
- Office accommodations for Student Services
- Business facilities, such as restaurants, post office etc.
- A multi-faith worship centre

The first phase of this project, the construction of student residences and the sports auditorium, is proposed to be used as a Cricketers’ Village for the Cricket World Cup 2007 in the first instance.
The support of philanthropic and civic minded individuals and institutions has been vital to supplement core funding from the fourteen governments in the region, which provide the majority of funding for the University. The Campus’ benefactors include international development agencies, as well as individuals and local and regional companies, conscious of their corporate social responsibility and committed to the development of human resources in the Caribbean.

The Cave Hill Campus Development and Endowment Fund was launched in July 2003. The purpose of the Fund is to provide a mechanism through which philanthropic and civic minded individuals and organisations worldwide can contribute to the development of the Cave Hill Campus, protect and enhance the quality of life in the Eastern Caribbean and develop Caribbean competitiveness, Caribbean peoples, institutions and societies. **Mr. Paul Altman**, Managing Director of AAALTman Real Estate, is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Fund. He is supported by a team of outstanding members of the Barbados and OECS business communities and the Campus Management Team:

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- The Fund has been mandated to raise **US$35 million** to support the long-term infrastructural development programme of the Campus and to build an endowment for the future.

- The Fund is a registered charitable trust and gifts are tax deductible.

- Donors may also wish to associate their name or that of a loved one with the contribution to the Campus.

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