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“The Baron- King of Condiments”

Ronald Ramjattan
Pride: Faculty of
Natural Sciences
Department of Chemistry

*"We make
food...Tasty"*

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GO!**

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Editorial Note

Note from the Editorial Team at the University of Guyana Philanthropy, Alumni and Civic Engagement (PACE).

Welcome to the first edition of #UGPPL Online Magazine. Our new quarterly Online Magazine was crafted especially for those Alumni of University of Guyana who are interested in all the exciting things happening at the University of Guyana (UG) since you've graduated. Our aim is to engage, inform, entertain and inspire a diverse readership inclusive of alumni, current and prospective students, faculty and staff and friends of the University of Guyana.

The purpose of #UGPPL (UG People) as the name suggests is to showcase, connect, support and promote our UG PPL in our local, regional and international platforms. The magazine features a creative mixture of stories from inspirational alumni business opportunities at UG. So enjoy and do drop us a line telling us what you great #UGPPL are doing.

Want to Connect with us?

Send us your Photos, Letters, Stories and you could be featured in the next edition of #UGPPL

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4.0 WAY TO GO!

Ms. SHAKTI PERSAUD

Best Graduating Student 2018

I always had a passion for learning and knew that I wanted to pursue my studies well beyond High School. So, four years ago when I matriculated at the University of Guyana to pursue a Bachelor's Degree, I knew it was one of the best decisions I had made in my life so far. Juggling a full time job with the demands that came with university studies, has been no small feat.

The challenges were numerous, the ride turned out to be roller-coaster; but after joining UG, my thoughts flowed, my passion for learning

took a flight, my energy rose and my strength for overcoming hurdles grew. I was determined to achieve my goal so I remained steadfast in my pursuits and pushed myself to go beyond my comfort zone. I left the University of Guyana much richer and stronger than when I first started. The knowledge that I have learned and skills acquired from my time at UG are all applicable to the world we live in today. I will always thank the institution; all of the lecturers, officials and other support staff whom I came into contact with; for feeding my passion and nurturing my appetite for learning and growing.

If you are reading this, I urge you to tap into your potential; unleash your determination, perseverance, endurance and discipline; bask in the support from your support group; and charge forward in the pursuit of your goals and your dreams will come true.



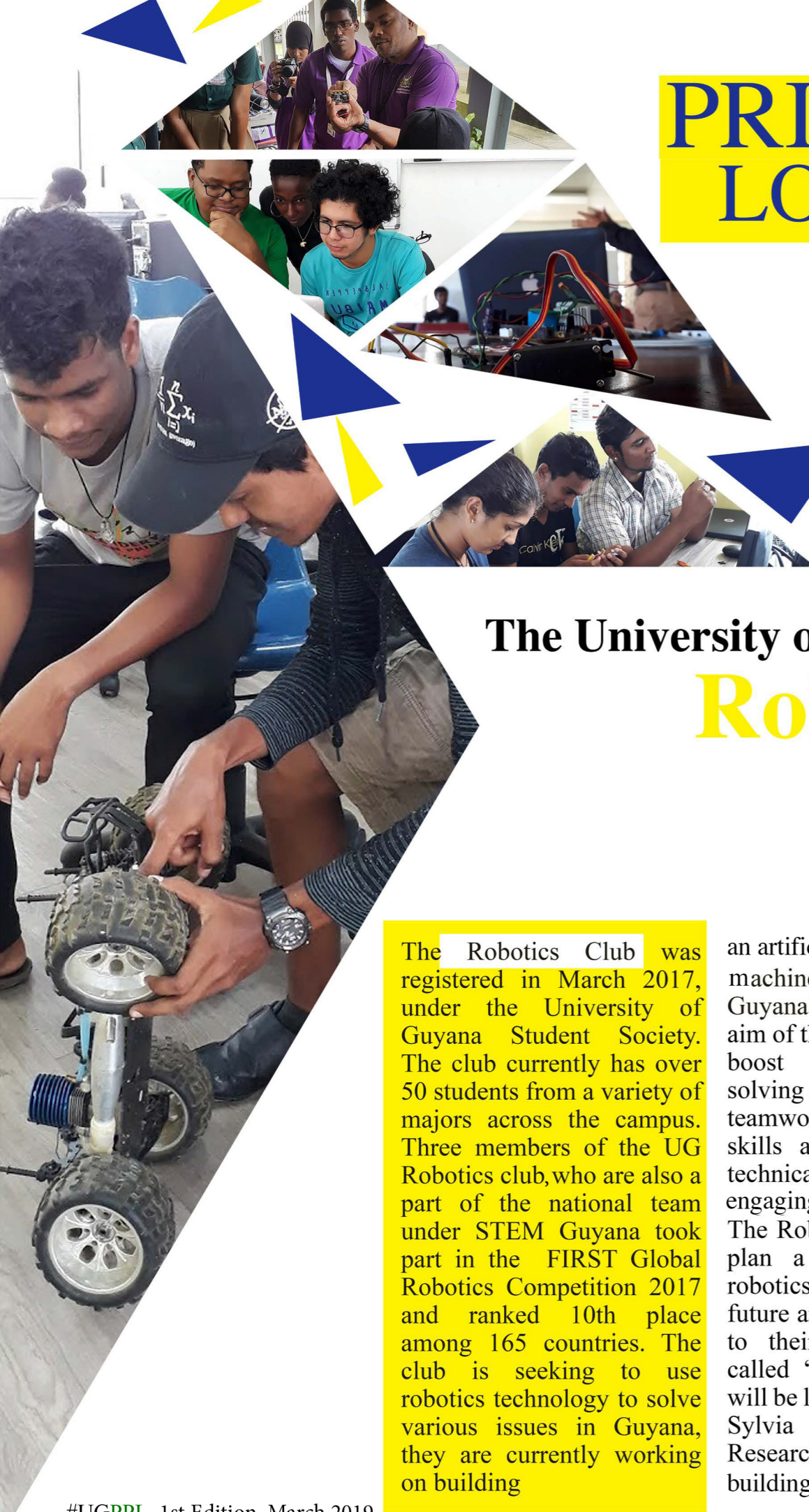
PRIDE

UG ALUM IN CUTTING EDGE INDUSTRY



“We make food...Tasty”. That’s the Baron Food slogan, and truer words have never been spoken. Baron is a brand of condiments, sauces, flavorings, and spices to more than 150 products that maintains the highest in manufacturing standards; for this, Baron Food has received numerous awards and certifications throughout the Caribbean and across the world. Why is this important to the #UGPPL? Well, Baron Foods CEO is a born Berbician and UG Alum. Mr. Ronald Ramjattan the CEO and Founder of Baron Foods is a Graduate of the University of Guyana, who walked the stage in 1972 earning his Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Chemistry. Mr. Ramjattan, went on to work with GUYSCO as a chemist and subsequently worked with Ricks and Sari Industries Ltd in Guyana as a Food Technologist. This job brought Ramjattan to St Lucia and his passion and drive for the work he was doing led him to, in 1991, establish his own company; Baron Foods.

Today, Baron Foods continues to grow with locations in St Lucia, Grenada and Trinidad. Since the establishment of what is now the largest Agro-processing products manufacturer in the Eastern Caribbean, the celebrated entrepreneur, Mr. Ramjattan was deemed Officer of the Order of the British Empire in 2014 by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; served as President of the St Lucia Manufacturers Association, and he is a magnanimous Philanthropist. The University of Guyana proudly salutes this Alumnus and is proud of his achievements in such a cutting edge industry.



PRIDE LOADING

The University of Guyana's Robotics Club

The Robotics Club was registered in March 2017, under the University of Guyana Student Society. The club currently has over 50 students from a variety of majors across the campus. Three members of the UG Robotics club, who are also a part of the national team under STEM Guyana took part in the FIRST Global Robotics Competition 2017 and ranked 10th place among 165 countries. The club is seeking to use robotics technology to solve various issues in Guyana, they are currently working on building

an artificial intelligence machine that may solve Guyana's drainage issue. The aim of the Robotics club is to boost students' problem solving skills, improve their teamwork and creativity skills and enhance their technical knowledge in engaging and collaborating. The Robotic Club hopes to plan a local on-campus robotics competition in the future and is looking forward to their club's new space called 'Makers Space' which will be located in the new Jay & Sylvia Sobhraj: Center for Research and Behavioral Studies building on the Turkeyen Campus.

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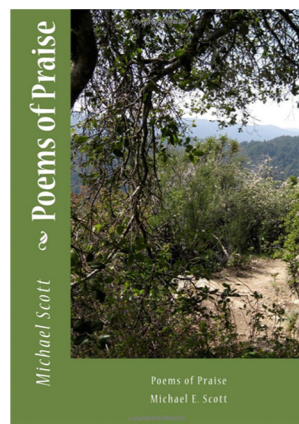
The University of Guyana's Book Shelf

Books Published by The University of Guyana's
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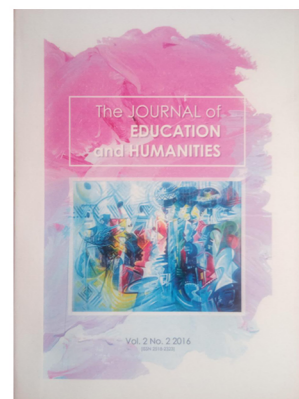
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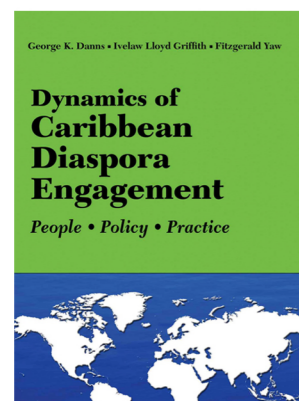
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New Programmes at The University of Guyana

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THINK ON THIS

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BLAST FROM THE PAST

Martin Carter
A Community of Valid Persons

“

... When we look at the contemporary condition, nationally and internationally, we want to mutter “All gone”, acutely aware of our victim’s role in a ruthless world; profoundly critical of what to only too many of us seems to be serious malfunctioning on the part of those who decide how we should live; self-righteously indignant at what is considered the demoralization and apathy of the so-called masses and that out-look which exposes itself as one that sees as irrelevant anything which does not serve its own and immediate crassest self-interest, and these all combine to make our contemporary and civic behavior an ungodly scramble, where each of us is prepared to exploit the other. ...

... This is the war we have to fight, the war against paralysis of the spirit, ... just so this paralysis of spirit if not itself overcome, can delay, if not corrupt, our transformation into a free community of valid persons.

Greater and greater daily seems to grow this paralysis as the individual person is confronted with the sometimes inscrutable workings of political and bureaucratic power, when faced with the crisis which present themselves in the forms of seemingly unresolvable problems of conscience, dilemmas created by a lack of courage or conviction or situations in general about which she feels she can do nothing – a condition of being which hobbles the mind ... it is precisely in times of crisis that we must re-examine our lives and bring to that re-examination contempt for the trivial, and respect of the riskers who go forward boldly to participate in the building of a free community of valid persons ”

....

*From “A Free Community of Valid Persons”
Address to the University of Guyana’s Eight Convocation
Ceremony, October 19, 1974
Excerpted from Kyk-Over-Al Special Issue 44 May 1993 ~
Collection of Martin Carter Prose
Full text available on www.ugalumnipride.com*

University of Guyana,
Faculty of Arts and
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UGAA Georgetown Chapter



UGAA Georgetown Chapter Members

From left, Nelsonia Persaud- Budhram (Interim UGAA Georgetown Chapter Secretary), Sara Bharrat (Interim UGAA Georgetown Chapter President), Sharyl Bacchus, Gladwin Samuels and Averey James

EMBRACING UG's "PRIDE"

On June 1st, 2018 the University of Guyana (UG) launched its Alumni Association under the theme "Proud Legacy: Prosperous Destiny."

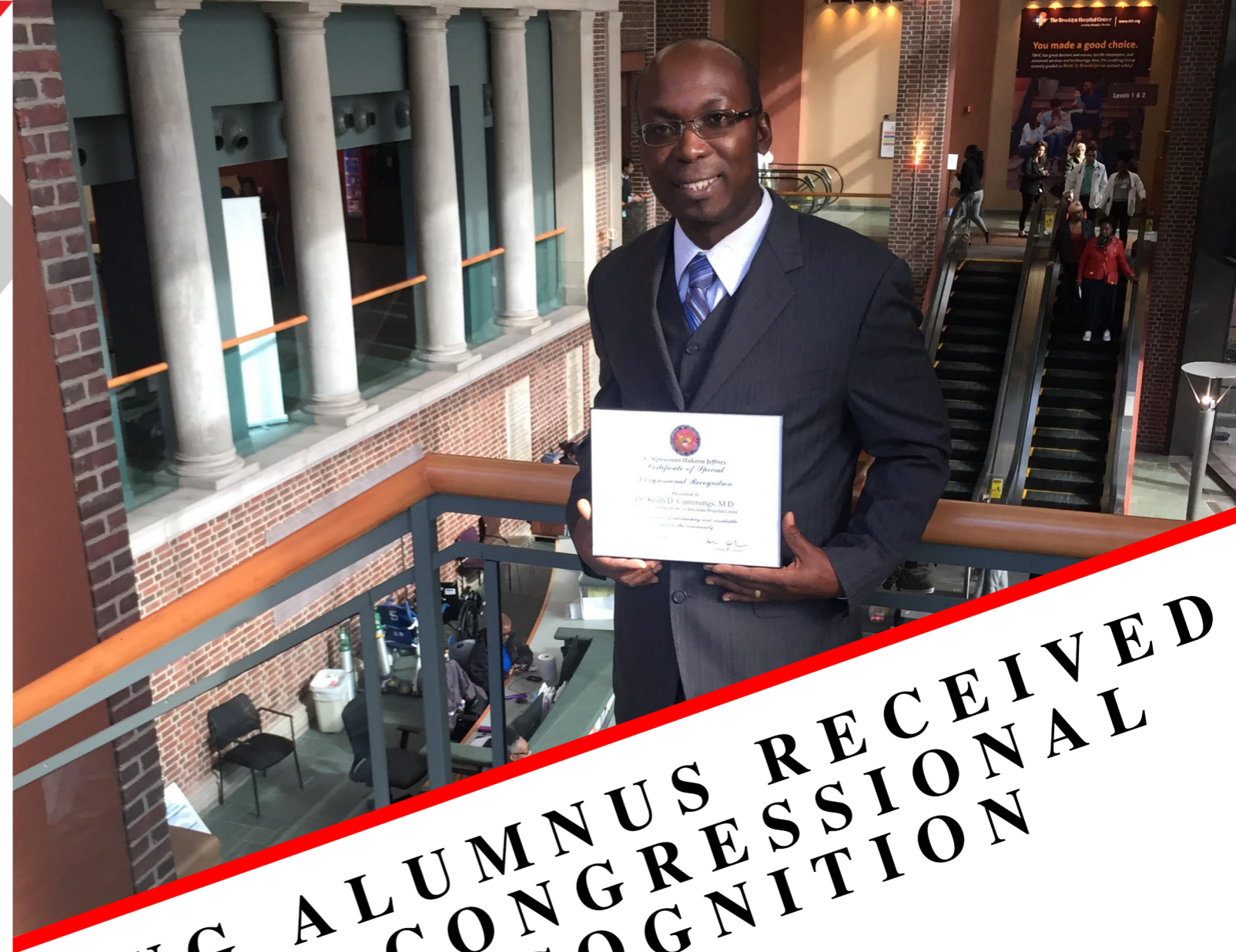
The Goal of the Alumni Association is to connect graduates, past faculty, staff and supporters of the University in Guyana in a reciprocally beneficial relationship of investing, nurturing, fundraising, mentorship and development.

Among the objectives of the associations are to support the developmental efforts of The University of Guyana; to serve as supporters to fund raising, talent acquisition, research as well as recruitment of staff and faculty; to provide mechanisms and opportunities for connecting, fellowship and sharing, networking, and professional growth and; to lend guidance on matters pertaining to the general welfare of the University or which may be of interest to the Administration, Academic Board and Council.

Members of the Alumni Associations are called "THE PRIDE". This is because of the association's logo featuring a majestic lion astride Guyana's globally significant Roraima mounting range. The interim Executive of UG Pride in Georgetown are: Ms. Sara Bharat (President), Ms. Desiree Edghill (Vice President), Dr. Nigel Gravesande (Treasurer), Ms. Nelsonia Persaud- Budhram (Secretary), Ms. Paulette Paul and Mr. Denis Chabrol (Media Relations); Mr. Michael Brotherson (Chair alumni outreach). Among the chapter's goals for 2019 are: to register the chapter as an NGO; grow membership via social media, on campus talks etc. Elections will be held early 2019. For more information on joining the Georgetown Chapter

visit <http://www.ugalumnipride.com/>

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UG ALUMNUS RECEIVED US CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Dr. Keith D Cummings, a graduate of the University of Guyana School of Medicine recently received a certificate of special congressional recognition from Congressman Hakeem Jeffries for excellence in Health Care in the Brooklyn Hospital Center and recognition of outstanding and invaluable service to the East New York Community.

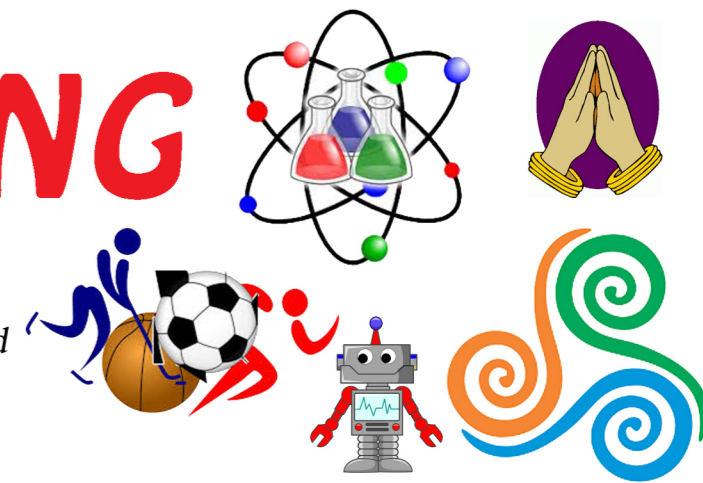
Dr. Cummings has been providing high quality health care to the patients and the community he serves. He also has been providing free health coaching for chronic diseases to the underserved in the East New York Community.

He is a strong supporter of the University of Guyana's School of Medicine and Library, through generous book and journal donations over the past three years. Further, he has been a regular provider of CME (continuous medical education) to many doctors in Linden, Georgetown and Berbice over the years. Congratulations Dr. Cummings, the University of Guyana is proud of your great achievement.

UGAA
Berbice Chapter

CONNECTING

Registered Student Clubs on Campus 2018/2019
Enables growth experiences and learning beyond
the classroom setting.



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Reconnecting...

The strength of any University has to do with its graduates, and how they help to strengthen the brand of the university by paving the way for others. At a simple ceremony held at the University's Berbice campus the University of Guyana Alumni Association, launched its Berbice chapter on June 27th, 2018. The creation of the association which comes more than 50 years after the opening of UG is part of a renaissance journey to rebuild the University.

Interim Executive members for the Berbice Chapter are: President, Ms. Somattie Sayrange; Vice President, Mr. Imran Sacoor; Secretary, Mr. Treshan Budhram; Treasurer, Ms. Paula Nassy; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Ms. Nadine King; Communication officer, Mr. Lauristan Choy and Chair of fundraising, Mr. Kalyan Etwaroo.

The Chapter held its first fund raising event in the form of a take away lunch on December 1st, 2018. This activity was hosted to raise funds to cover the processing fees for the registration process of the Chapter as a NGO. According to interim president of the association "the event provided an excellent opportunity for the development of a sense of camaraderie amongst the members of the newly established body. With teamwork and dedication members were able to successfully execute their first fund raising activity". Elections for selecting the executive members will be held during the first half of 2019. For more information on joining the Berbice Chapter visit <http://www.ugalumnipride.com/>

Somattie Sayrange (Interim President UGAA
Berbice Chapter (Centre) and other

UGAA Berbice Chapter Members



UGAA Toronto Chapter Members

From Left: Carwyn Holland, Alexander Ramessar (Interim President of UGAA Toronto Chapter) and Lindsay Davidson

“Reignite”

The University of Guyana rejuvenated the Toronto Guild of Graduates on July 19th, 2018. The event was held at the Tropicana Community Services Hall at 1385 Huntingwood Drive Scarborough, MIS 3J1, ON; under the theme ‘reignite’. A UG Guild of Graduates has been working since the early 1970’s under the leadership of Mr. Harry Hergash and a dedicated group in Canada. This group has adopted the recently sanctioned Constitution of The University of Guyana Alumni Association and is seeking to increase its membership and infuse new blood into the association. “Reignite” was made possible through the partnerships between the University of Guyana’s office for Philanthropy, Alumni and Civic Engagement (PACE), The Guyana Consulate in Toronto, the Alexander Learmond Strategic Leadership Group and CGX Energy Inc. Interim President of the Toronto Chapter, Alexander Ramessar explained that they are in their early stages of determining what structure the association will take going forward. As such, the newly formed Toronto Chapter held its first public event on Sunday November 25, 2018. This event took the form of a Meet and Greet and was held at the Kalypso Hut Restaurant located in Mississauga, ON. The second Meet and Greet was held at the Tropical Nights Restaurant and Lounge 1154 Morningside Ave, Scarborough, Toronto. The purpose of these gatherings is to increase the chapter’s membership through networking. The association will also be holding their first elections early 2019. More information on re-igniting the Alumni association can be found at <http://www.ugalumnipride.com/>



COMING SOON

YORK UNIVERSITY, GUYANESE STUDENTS' COUNCIL PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIP

**The criteria we are implementing for this scholarship
is as follows:**

1. The candidate must categorize as a female
2. The candidate must be a first year student at the University of Guyana
3. The candidate is to write a 1-2 page double spaced letter as to why they think they deserve the scholarship, how they've contributed to their community and what their future plans are.
4. The Candidate must take a course from the Institute of Gender Studies at the University of Guyana

**For more information contact us on
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Email address: pace@uog.edu.gy**



UGAA London Chapter Launch

“Reunite”

The University of Guyana now in its 56th year of existence as Guyana’s national University. The April 2018 sitting of the new Council of the University of Guyana approved the first UG Alumni Association constitution which gave formal expression to the provisions of the 1963 Act to establish Guilds of Graduates, (now called Alumni Associations), in Guyana and internationally.

UG has produced over 30, 000 graduates many of whom are trail blazers nationally and internationally. Thus, the University of Guyana Alumni Association launched its London Chapter on August 3rd, 2018. The event “Reunite” in London, England was an attempt to bring together UG alum and well wishers in the UK. The simple but very elegant event was held at the historic Malborough House, home of the Commonwealth Foundation in London.

The evening was filled with great speeches and delightful company. The purpose of these chapters is not merely to garner funds, but to also play a vital role in helping to bring others into the University so that they could have similar or better experiences. Interim President of the London Chapter Ms. Vonetta Victor highlighted two reasons in her opinion why persons should join the association: 1. connections and networking opportunities, 2. humility and inspiration. She encouraged the gathering to look back and acknowledge the trail that has brought them to where we are today, especially those who were molded by UG. Visit <http://www.ugalumnipride.com/> for more information on joining an alumni chapter near you.

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“Education is the cornerstone of life and higher education provides an opportunity to create leaders, advance knowledge and to improve society”

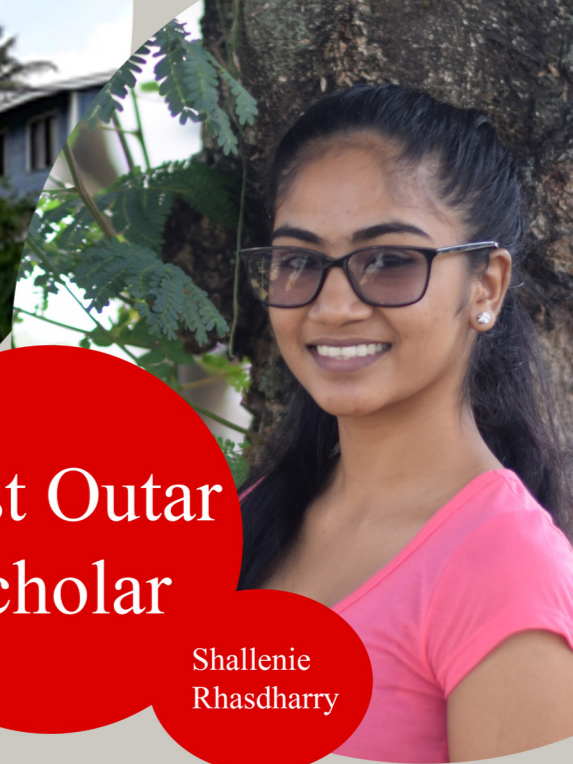
Mrs. Rajdai Elizabeth Outar



The Outar gift of property
2018

First Outar Scholar

Shallenie
Rhasdharry



Seventeen year old aspiring pathologist, Ms. Shallenie Rhasdharry is the first to be awarded the Outar Bursary for 2019.

“This scholarship will make a tremendous difference in my life, you have helped me at a time when I needed it the most. I can now focus on my self-development and spend more time excelling at my studies. Thank you Mrs. Outar and family for investing in my future”

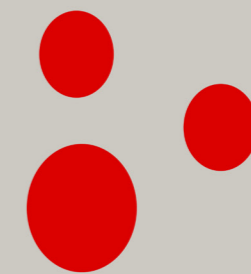
Shallenie Rhasdharry

Meet 79-year-old Guyanese born philanthropist Mrs. Rajdai Elizabeth Outar; founder of the recently established Rajdai Elizabeth and Seobarran James Outar Bursary at the University of Guyana. She is a woman with a generous nature and a firm believer in education. The Rajdai Elizabeth and Seobarran James Outar Bursary was birthed through the University of Guyana after the family gifted a plot of land and other remaining assets in Guyana to the University subsequent to Mr. Outar’s unfortunate passing in June 2014.

The Outar Bursary is being administered through the University’s Student Support Fund. One (1) bursary a year will be granted at the Undergraduate level as a tuition waiver for the next 12 years. The present-day value of this substantial gift is GY\$5,000,000. The value to 50 years is approximately GY\$26,000,000.

This gift of love from Arizona will transform the lives of many scholars facing financial challenges by enabling tuition support, living expenses and books for outstanding students from Berbice and other areas who are incapable of affording a tertiary education.

“My family and I hope that our gift will not only benefit worthy students but that it also will inspire other expatriate Guyanese to support talent development. We are thankful to PACE and others at The University for creating the possibility of establishing such a gift.”



**Mr. and Mrs Outar
with their grand children**



OUT GOING CHANCELLOR OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF GUYANA'S
COUNCIL

Professor
Eon Nigel Harris

“ It has been a privilege to serve as Chancellor of the University of Guyana. During my tenure I welcomed the opportunity to meet talented students, dedicated academic and non-academic staff and administrators who contribute to the University and Guyana in numerous ways -sometimes under the most challenging circumstances.

During the past few years, I have been enthused by the readiness of an increasing number of philanthropists and international agencies to make significant gifts to the university. I am pleased too by the increasing number of alumni and friends of the University in Guyana and abroad who have been also supportive.

As a Guyanese, in my capacity as Chancellor, I welcomed this opportunity to contribute in some small way to the most important institution necessary to engineer the growth and resilience of our country. My wife (also a Guyanese -Dr Yvette Williams) and I intend to do all we can to continue our relationship with this important place of learning and discovery. ”

The University of Guyana thanks you for your distinguished service.



Ms. Ethel Carew

The Ethel Carew Bursary at the University of Guyana was founded by Professor Eon Nigel Harris and his wife Dr. Yvette Harris. The Ethel Carew Bursary is designed to support tuition and books for outstanding students from the First Peoples of Guyana who may hail from regions 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, 8 or 10 who have been accepted into any undergraduate programme at the University of Guyana. The Ethel Carew Bursary will be administered through the University. The application materials will be a letter from the applicants, their letter of programme acceptance from The University of Guyana; the costs to be borne, evidence about their personal inability to pay, proof of origin as being an Indigenous person, information on their academic and extra-curricular or service track records. Application materials will be available on the University of Guyana's website once the Bursary becomes enabled. Applications must be sent via email to The Registry Student Welfare Division and copied to PACE. The first offering will be in academic year 2019. Awardees will be expected to maintain a passing grade of a B average 2.7 GPA for each year of the bursary in order to retain it. The gift will be in the sum of US\$1500 a year.

Mrs. Carew started the first school in Paramakatoi. Initially it had mud walls, a thatched roof and benches. She began to teach the children with Agnes Williams, the wife of the Toshao as an interpreter. In addition to children, she started an afternoon class for teenagers and young adults, many of whom could not read or write at the time. Many of the graduates of this school joined the church and became important in the continuation of church activities. Mrs. Carew came to be known as “Mummy Carew” by the community. Zilla Pinkerton left Paramakatoi after a few years and went to work as midwife and pastor in Leguan. She was replaced by an American nurse, Nota Higgins (called Amai Kengkeng) by the villagers. Ms. Higgins remained in Paramakatoi for many years administering to the health needs of the community. After the school in Paramakatoi was well established, Mrs Carew was asked by the Pilgrim Holiness church to go to Phillipai, in the Upper Mazaruni to start a school there. Although first reluctant to undertake this new venture, her faith persuaded her that this was important. Thus, she went to Phillipai and started a school there. After her missionary work was complete, Mrs Carew went to Georgetown to live with her sister (Mrs Maud Dingwall). In the succeeding years, they took in a number of children from Paramakatoi so that they might further their education in Georgetown. The school in Paramakatoi has developed over succeeding years so that today there are Nursery, Primary and Community High Schools. The school in Phillipai is now the Phillipai Primary School. Mrs. Carew died in 1985 at the age of 95.

(this account is based largely on an Article in Stabroek News, Monday, October 16,1995 as part of its History Today section)



Professor Eon Nigel Harris and his wife Dr. Yvette Harris.

UG EDUCATED FOR SUCCESS



The town of New Amsterdam is now the home to a new Family Fun Park and Recreational Resort, ‘Outback Adventures’. The fun park/resort was dreamt up by twenty-three-year-old UG student Havendra Sookraj who thought his town and little East Canje village (Gold Stone Hall Village) should have a recreational place for residents and tourists alike to unwind. Havendra shared his idea with his parents who were thrilled with the idea.

Havendra presented potential designs to his parents and the family took some time to think about it before finally

financing their son’s vision and began constructing the fun park on a large plot of land they owned. Since Havendra dreamt up the recreational facility it seemed only fitting that he spearheaded the official design of the project at a cost of \$35 Million dollars. The Sookraj’s have three children all of who are University of Guyana Alums from the Berbice Campus. Outback Adventures is a prime example of business ventures in Guyana by University of Guyana Alum and students are striving for, achieving and producing in Guyana.

Excerpted from: Department of Public Information (DPI) 12/18/2018

Wine inspires social connections. Wine is the quintessential drink where so much can be discussed said UG Alum Michelle Howard. “A simple bottle of wine can invoke amazing conversations about the nuances, about what you taste and don’t taste,” she added. Winedays is owned and operated by married couple Keon and Michelle Howard. The couples search for quality wine in Guyana led them to starting Winedays. Wine was a shared experience for the two while they were dating and it remains a part of their lives, so much so that Mr. & Mrs. Howard wanted to share the ‘winning’

experience with Guyanese in hopes that they would indulge and enjoy it. The Howards expressed their vision for Winedays future as more than just wine imports but also as a company that bottles and distributes their own brand of wine; Winedays is the recipient of the Roraima Wedding Expo 2018 Best Booth Award and the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI) Small Business of the Year Award. “Our purpose is that we really don’t want it to be exclusive to certain price brackets and certain incomes; we want it to be accessible to anybody who loves it and wants to immerse themselves in it”, said Michelle.

Excerpted from: Guyana Chronicle 01/13/2019

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Campus Connections?



Mr. and Mrs. Quintyn expressed having fond memories of their time at UG and stated that “besides meeting each other while at UG, they were able to build strong friendships through their classroom interactions and by participating in several activities Campus Crusade for Christ hosted both on and off campus”. In fact, their love story flourished after meeting at a Campus Crusade retreat in 2007.

They have been married for six years and live in the United States of America where Esprene attends the University of Miami, as she pursues her doctoral degree in Community Psychology. Royston has since completed his doctoral degree and is now employed as a Mass Spectrometry Applications Scientist at one of America’s leading biotechnology product development companies.

As Esprene and Royston continue on life’s journey they often reminisce on their time at UG and are grateful for finding Love. Royston added that the foundational knowledge garnered during his BSc. studies and the time spent in the lab as a student and a lecturer prepared him for the rigors of graduate research and helped him to build skills that he still use today when conducting training at some of the leading biopharmaceutical companies in the US. Together, Esprene and Royston are products of Linden & Georgetown respectively and they proudly classify themselves as UG Renaissance.

Join The Psychology Team at The University of Guyana



The field of Psychology in the Caribbean is growing at fast pace as our societies recognise the critical role for and value of Psychology in understanding and predicting human behaviour, addressing mental health, promoting psychological wellbeing and building positive psychological capital in its citizens. In Guyana, The University of Guyana (UG) is leading this zeitgeist through the development of several programmes in Psychology.

I became involved approximately 2 years ago as part of the Caribbean Alliance of National Psychology Associations (CANPA) Professional Education and Training Committee who was invited by UG to help conceptualize the initiative. Since then I have been working with Prof. Paloma Mohamed, the UG Philanthropy, Alumni and Civic Engagement (PACE) office and the UG Psychology Task Force to develop high quality, professional, accessible and sustainable Psychology programmes. The Diploma in Psychology has already successfully graduated its first cohort and the Master’s Degree in Clinical Psychology is next in line to be launched, followed by a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology. It has been immensely

fulfilling to work with Guyanese colleagues who are excited and committed to bringing these programmes to fruition. An important element of the success of these Programmes however, lies in recruiting keen, qualified and competent lecturers and clinical supervisors who can be based at the Turkeyen campus or are available to teach or supervise students online. If you are interested and have the following, please contact: (592) 623-3154 or 623-3159 or email: pace@uog.edu.gy.

- ï Master’s level or higher degree in Psychology from an accredited university
- ï Experience teaching or supervising at the university level
- ï Membership in a recognised professional Psychology association
- ï Passion and commitment to teaching and training future Caribbean Psychologists and Psychology professionals

Come join us at UG and be a part of the exciting future in store for Psychology in Guyana.

Letters



My Dear Fellow Alum,

A brand-new month in a wonderful new year is a propitious time to greet you with this new initiative—the UG Alumni Magazine—and to extend best wishes for a healthy and rewarding 2019. This initiative reflects the importance we attach to you and thousands of other graduates over the past five-and-a-half decades, and it is part of a larger effort called Project Renaissance, which aims to rebuild UG's educational and economic enterprise and enable it to become a consequential national and international education stakeholder. Project Renaissance is both a Dreaming project and a Doing project, with four main pillars or Imperatives.

The first, Capital Investment, involves human, finance, physical and brand capital, while the second, Academic Enhancement, entails improving instructional needs and credentials, curricula, teaching and learning, and introducing new educational programmes. The third Imperative is Economic Viability, which requires fortifying the major existing revenue streams (government subventions and tuition fees)

and expanding the revenue base through alumni and corporate giving, and grants. The final imperative most directly involves us as alumni; it is Alumni and Civic Engagement, and it entails embracing alumni and business and civic partners within and beyond Guyana, celebrating their achievements, and inviting them to invest in the University and the society's human capital development, as well as re-branding the institution.

The late United States President John F. Kennedy once averred: "... the success of any school can be measured by the contribution the alumni make to our national life." Using that measure, with which I agree, UG's success has been not just impactful within Guyana, but also internationally, given the global dispersal of our graduates and the powerful roles we have played as teachers and professors, scientists and engineers, cultural entrepreneurs, in business, industry, the bar and the bench, government, and other spheres in small and large nations around the world.

Thus, we want to share and celebrate your successes, tell some of the stories of our current 8,000 plus students and 1,000 plus academic and non-academic staff, and keep you abreast of institutional developments. We invite you to enhance the value of your certificates, diplomas and degrees by sharing your pride in your alma mater and giving back—in time, treasure, and talent. This and other efforts to connect with you involve considerable hard and creative work by DVC Paloma Mohamed and her team in PACE. I extend my deep appreciation to them and to all who have aided them, and I commend this magazine to you in hopes that you will read and share it and join our Renaissance Journey as we rebuild and rebrand our beloved UG.

Keep on keeping on!

Ivelaw Lloyd Griffith, Ph.D, C.C.H.
Class of 1980



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THANK YOU

Washington

The University of Guyana Gathering Of Alumni and Friends held an exclusive fundraising event “Renaissance Gala” on October 26th, 2018, at the University of The District of Columbia Student Complex in Washington D.C. The event was truly a fabulous one attracting a diverse audience of over 300 Alumni and friends of The University of Guyana (UG). The evening was filled with great speeches, memories, delightful conversations, Caribbean music and delicious cuisine and drinks.

The Gala delivered optimistic support to the University of Guyana in mobilizing resources in support of the University’s Development Renaissance Plan.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ivelaw L. Griffith and Deputy Vice-Chancellor PACE, Professor Paloma Mohamed expressed heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Edward Green and team and all patrons for the sold out event. Special thanks to the sponsors, table hosts, those who made donations to the silent auction and all those who attended and created the buzz and excitement of a memorable occasion.

The calls for a follow-up event in 2019 seems promising as Alumni and friends of UG can look forward to another elegant event with fabulous décor and fine dining experience.

Information will be available on The Official UG Alumni website:

www.ugalumnipride.com

or the University of Guyana Gathering of Alumni

and Friends (UGGAF) website: www.uggaf.org as the date is finalized.



Thank you

Mr. Ralph Bazilio Vice-Chair,
UGGAF

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Chapter Activities



The Berbice Chapter held its first fund raising event in the form of a take away lunch on December 1st, 2018. The activity was hosted to raise funds to cover the processing fees for the registration process of the Association as a NGO. The event was held at the University of Guyana Berbice Campus.

The Toronto Chapter

The University of Guyana Alumni Association Toronto Chapter held its first public event on Sunday November 25, 2018. This event took the form of a Meet and Greet and was held at the Kalypso Hut Restaurant located in Mississauga, ON. The second Meet and Greet was on March 3rd, 2019 at the Tropical Nights Restaurant and Lounge 1154 Morningside Ave, Scarborough, Toronto.



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Mr. Harry Hergash

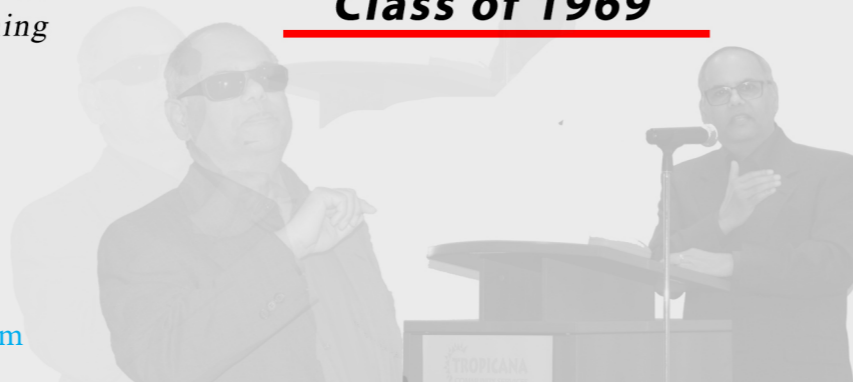
I lived at Annandale on the East Coast of Demerara and started UG during the riots in 1963. My first year at UG was very traumatic. I was a country boy, just 17 years old and very shy. Coming from the country and having to adjust to the highfalutin scholars who were from the top schools in Georgetown was nerve-wrecking. I felt intimidated by the QC and Bishops students especially after I had to complete an extra year for fooling around because of talk that UG would have closed down. In the end, I received the prize for the most outstanding Biology student in 1969 from the Guyana Teacher's Association, realizing there was nothing to be intimidated by and I was very happy.

Professor Harold Drayton was my best lecturer. We did some interesting courses as Drayton was very innovative and he would invite persons from the Ministry of Agriculture as guest lecturers. I did a course called plant pathology which focused mainly on plant diseases and fungus. The second course focused on insect disease entomology. I enjoyed those two courses and I did pretty well..



I was the first UG graduate to join Bookers sugar estate as a senior staff. I was in my early twenties and I had this big job and house that was given to me in the estate compound; my family was proud of me. I went onto teaching at the Indian Education Trust after leaving Bookers. My time at UG was good, without UG I wouldn't be anything. After migrating to Canada I went back to school and did a Commerce Degree. I got exempted from all the non-commerce courses. I believe in UG; the University of Guyana gave me my start in life, I am now a refined Senior Manager for the Government of Ontario Canada.

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We will be transparent accountable stewards and will empower our students and clients to take advantage of national and world class opportunities.

Philanthropy

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Engaging UG Alumni, supporting student welfare, mentorship, internships etc.

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Bringing the civic community to the University through media and community relations, events, internships, business opportunities etc.

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University of Guyana Students' Society

MADAM PRESIDENT

Devta Ramroop

What a remarkable story of achievement and perseverance! Where does she get the time and energy? The answer could be found in the very personality of Devta Ramroop, Madame President of the University of Guyana Student's society. She is the third child in a five-person household of her mother and two siblings in the semi-rural community of Mon Repos on the East Coast of Guyana.

Devta credits her mother's example of resilience, and it shows today in the woman we see. She is very busy dealing with coursework, final year research, work at the family stall, her own job, volunteering at more than four organisations, youth parliament, debating competitions, attending administrative meetings and of course managing the student society. We got dizzy writing that.

Perhaps the most endearing thing about Madame President occurred to us when we heard a few students refer to her as "miss" and "teach". That kind of endearment must be why she chose to focus on student welfare issues such as buses to operate after 7pm on the campus, upgrading of facilities, improved social life and personal development. It is clear Madame President will succeed as a final year Biology major and go on to be wildlife conservationist. For now let's celebrate her resilience - #resilience #UGpeople.

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Invitation

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"Dave: The Documentary on Life and Work of Musical Icon Dave Martins"

produced by the University of Guyana's Artists in Residence Programme

Date:
Friday, 22 March, 2019

**Venue: The Theatre Guild,
Kingston, Georgetown**

Please RSVP to (592) 623-3159 or 623-3154



UG SPORTS

UG TROJANS GIVES US PRIDE

University of Guyana (UG) Trojans secured a win in the U23 Division of the Georgetown Amateur Basketball Association (GABA) 'League Championship' last October at the Burnham Court, Middle and Carmichael streets.

TROJANS V. GUARDIANS
72 - 62

The Turkeyen-based team schooled Plaisance Guardians 79-62. Jonathan Browne top scored with 18 points. He was closely followed by Kadeem Peterkin on 17 points. The trio of Jabari Joseph, Cubator Stephen and Denzil Ross chipped in with eight, and seven points respectively.



For the defeated team, Nigel Bowen and Terrence Daniels netted 13 and 12 points apiece, while Delroy Critchlow and Hillman Bovell supported with seven and six points each.

Guardians marginally reduced the deficit in what would be a competitive second period, outscoring Trojans 16-15 to trail 29-25 heading into the halftime interval. However, the second half of the match was all about the Trojans offence, which outshot Guardians 21-16 to seize control at 50-41 heading into the final quarter.

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The University of Guyana's UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 7, 2019 - The Third Annual Panel Discussion Guyana: The Role of Religion in A Multi Ethnic Society, Education Lecture Theatre, Turkeyen Campus

Tuesday, March 19, 2019- The second Dr. Ulric Neville Trotz Distinguished Lecture

Friday, March 22, 2019 - The launch of "Dave: The Documentary on the Life and Work of Musical Icon Dave Martins" produced by the University of Guyana's Artists in Residence Programme, The Theatre Guild, Kingston, Georgetown.

Thursday, March 28, 2019- Turkeyen and Tain Talks 17

Friday, March 29, 2019 -18:00h-20:00h- Launching of "Ameena Gafoor's Bibliography of Guyanese Writers (Hansib, London 2018), Theatre Guild.

Tuesday, April 16, 2019, The Ninth Law and Society Conversation Sovereign Wealth Fund: For Our Prosperity and Our Posterity

Sunday, April 21, 2019- Jazz Festival

Sunday, May 12, 2019, 10:00h - 16:00h - RACE FOR PACE 3, Annual Fund Raising Go Kart Race for the Student Support Fund (SSF), GMRSC Track, Thomaslands

Saturday, May 17, 2019- Vice-Chancellor's All Inclusive Ball Bow Tie Edition

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Architecture has for long been one of the favourite pursuits of human beings. Over the years, those in power have built great structures to commemorate their rule, to honour their ancestors and as a reminder of the glory of that period. Many of these structures still stand today and are examples of remarkable feats of engineering and architecture since they were built using primitive tools and technologies. Here is the Centre For Communication Studies, one of the University of Guyana's most memorable buildings

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