



# UWI

ST. AUGUSTINE  
CAMPUS

## The Induction Ceremony of Professor Rose-Marie Belle Antoine

AS THE PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR & CAMPUS PRINCIPAL,  
THE UWI ST. AUGUSTINE



**Saturday January 21, 2023 at 6pm**

Daaga Auditorium,  
The University of the West Indies,  
St. Augustine Campus




# Professor Rose-Marie Belle Antoine


**Professor Rose-Marie Belle Antoine** has been described as a history maker and modern-day freedom fighter whose work has been transformational regionally and internationally.

Professor Antoine's UWI journey began in 1989, in the Faculty of Law, Cave-Hill, as a Temporary Lecturer who became the inaugural Director and initiator of the successful Master of Law (LLM) programme, The UWI's first multi-campus, hybrid delivery programme, launched in 2002. She was one of the youngest UWI lecturers to be appointed to the rank of Professor in 2004, and was the first sitting Dean of the Faculty of Law, St. Augustine, serving two terms. In 2021, she was appointed Pro Vice-Chancellor, Graduate Studies and Research.

A UWI alumna, a Cambridge Pegasus Fellow, an Oxford and Commonwealth Scholar, Professor Antoine holds a doctorate from Oxford University in Offshore Financial Law and has served as lead consultant to all of the Caribbean Community governments, Canada, UK, USA, and numerous international organisations, on a wide range of diverse issues. Her consultancies include the authoring of transformational reports on key issues of legal policy and development, drafting of new laws, advocacy, training and capacity-building of NGOs and the judiciary legal professionals.

In 2011, the OAS elected Professor Antoine as a Commissioner at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Washington. Then, in 2014, she was elected President - the first person from Trinidad and Tobago. She served as the OAS Head of the Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights Unit and was appointed





Rapporteur for Persons of African Descent and Rapporteur Against Discrimination and Rapporteur of Indigenous Peoples. Antoine has served as a Temporary Court of Appeal Judge in the Commercial Division of the Eastern Caribbean Court of Appeal. In 2021, the Caribbean Court of Justice named her a *Pioneering Caribbean Women Eminent Jurist Awardee*.

Due to this path-breaking scholarship, activism, and consultancy work, she is described by governments, international sources and others as the “foremost labour law expert in Labour Law in the region,” the “leading” authority in the region in International Financial Law and HIV law and a “change agent”. Antoine remains committed to development within the framework of human rights.

Among other things a trained classical singer, amateur painter and gardener, Professor Antoine is also President of the Family Planning Association of Trinidad and Tobago, a member of Trinidad and Tobago’s Industrial Relations Advisory Committee, an Honorary Fellow and the only Caribbean person of the International Society for Trust Practitioners (STEP), and a Trustee of the London IPPF Board.

On August 1, 2022, she was named Pro Vice-Chancellor and Campus Principal Designate for The UWI St. Augustine and will serve for a period of five years.

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the change





## Prelude

**UWI Arts Steel**

## Academic Procession

**Chancellor's Procession** – The Company Stands  
**Campus Registrar (Chief Marshal)**  
**University Registrar**  
**Campus Council Chair**  
**Deputy Principals**  
**Pro Vice-Chancellor for Global Affairs**  
**Campus Principal**  
**The Inductee**  
**Vice-Chancellor**  
**Chancellor**

## National Anthem

**Welcome Remarks** – Chair  
**Dr Maurice D Smith**  
University Registrar

**Remarks**  
**Professor Sir Hilary Beckles**  
Vice-Chancellor

**Musical Interlude**  
**Song - “The Lord is My Light”**  
**Natalia Dopwell**

**Greetings**  
**Mr Kobe Sandy**  
President, Guild of Students, St. Augustine Campus

**Mr Cheridan Woodruffe**  
President, UWI Alumni Association, (T&T Chapter)

**Dr Indira Rampersad**  
President, West Indian Group of University Teachers  
(WIGUT), St. Augustine Campus

**Professor Prakash Persad**  
President, University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT)

**Professor Paloma Mohamed Martin**  
Vice-Chancellor, University of Guyana (UOG)

**Musical Interlude**  
Duet  
**Laurissa and Renelle Maharaj**  
on violin and viola





## Greetings

### **Professor Densil Williams**

Pro Vice-Chancellor  
and Campus Principal,  
Five Islands Campus

### **Professor Winston Moore**

Deputy Campus Principal, Cave Hill

### **Dr Emily Dick-Ford**

Deputy Campus Principal, Open Campus

### **Professor Ian Boxhill**

Deputy Campus Principal, Mona Campus

## Performance

### **Song**

**Abhijit Anchortassoo**

## Greetings

### **Ms Sharon Christopher**

Chair, The UWI St. Augustine Campus Council

### **The Most Honourable PJ Patterson**

Former Prime Minister, Jamaica and Statesman in Residence

### **Dr The Honourable Nyan Gadsby-Dolly**

Minister of Education, Trinidad & Tobago

## Induction

The Vice-Chancellor

**Professor Sir Hilary Beckles** presents

**Professor Rose-Marie Belle Antoine**

to the Chancellor who will induct her as  
Principal of the St. Augustine Campus

### **Mr Robert Bermudez**

Chancellor

## Principal's Inaugural Address

The Chancellor **Mr Robert Bermudez** invites

**Professor Rose-Marie Belle Antoine**

to deliver her Inaugural Address

## Performance

### **Duet – Year for Love**

**Khion De Las and Daniel Ryan**

on pan and saxophone

## Closing Remarks

### **Mr Robert Bermudez**

Chancellor

## Reception

**University Inn and Conference Centre**





# Together we can Create the change

A belief in the joint Power and Potential  
of Caribbean People.

A love of and respect for nature and the  
harmony and security that it provides.

The certainty that our Caribbean people  
can create change and shape genuine  
development if we work together for the  
benefit of all, enhancing our capacity to lead  
with new ideas and approaches.

The monstera, bamboo, and palm in the image  
reflect the very essence of our Caribbean  
people – majestic, resilient, adaptive and  
beautiful in their communion with each other.

We are as intelligent, creative, and capable as  
anyone anywhere, and our abilities find their  
greatest expression in the service of justice,  
equality, protecting our natural environment  
and improving lives.

It is fortunate that I am afforded the  
opportunity to work so closely in alignment  
with these values thanks to both my  
profession and the institution that I represent.

*Rose-Marie Antoine*







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