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NEWS RELEASES

The UWI mourns the passing of Honorary Graduate Nesta Patrick

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ST. AUGUSTINE, Trinidad and Tobago. Saturday 12 March 2022 – The St. Augustine Campus of The University of the West Indies (The UWI) joins the nation and the wider Caribbean in mourning the passing of Mrs Nesta Patrick, widely recognised for her decades’ long commitment to social activism.

In 2001, The UWI St. Augustine Campus conferred Nesta Patrick with an honorary degree in recognition of her dedicated and distinguished achievements, particularly her profound community service involving women and children as well as her work on behalf of the mentally challenged, hearing impaired, and as an educator. She was the oldest surviving member of the Trinidad and Tobago Association for the Hearing Impaired.

At the conferral of her honorary doctorate in the university’s graduation ceremonies, she encouraged her listeners to ‘look, listen, learn and love’ at a time when ‘machines and men mix’.

The Campus Community deeply echoes the words of UWI Professor Emerita of gender, social change and development, Dr Rhoda Reddock: “We are privileged to have worked alongside Nesta. To have listened to her stories and spicy titbits, to have learned from her vast knowledge, strategic sensibility and experience, and most importantly, for many of us to have been her friend. Thanks, Nesta from all of us.”

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About The UWI

The UWI has been and continues to be a pivotal force in every aspect of Caribbean development; residing at the centre of all efforts to improve the well-being of people across the region.

From a university college of London in Jamaica with 33 medical students in 1948, The UWI is today an internationally respected, global university with near **50,000** students and **five campuses: Mona in Jamaica, St. Augustine in Trinidad and**

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The UWI offers over **800** certificate, diploma, undergraduate and postgraduate degree options in **Culture, Creative and Performing Arts, Food and Agriculture, Engineering, Humanities and Education, Law, Medical Sciences, Science and Technology, Social Sciences, and Sport.** As the Caribbean’s leading university, it possesses the largest pool of Caribbean intellect and expertise committed to confronting the critical issues of our region and wider world.

Ranked among the top universities in the world, by the most reputable ranking agency, *Times Higher Education*, The UWI is the only Caribbean-based university to make the prestigious lists. In 2020, it earned ‘*Triple 1st*’ rankings—topping the Caribbean; and in the top in the tables for *Latin America and the Caribbean*, and global *Golden Age* universities (between 50 and 80 years old). The UWI is also featured among the top universities on THE’s *Impact Rankings* for its response to the world’s biggest concerns, outlined in the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including Good Health and Wellbeing; Gender Equality and Climate Action.

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(Please note that the proper name of the university is The University of the West Indies, inclusive of the “The”, hence The UWI.)

