



UWI

ST. AUGUSTINE  
CAMPUS

# THE INDUCTION CEREMONY OF

**Professor  
Brian Copeland**

as Pro Vice-Chancellor  
and Campus Principal  
of the St. Augustine Campus,  
The University of the West Indies

Saturday 8th July, 2017 at 6 p.m.  
Daaga Auditorium,  
The University of the West Indies,  
St. Augustine Campus





**Professor Brian Russell Nigel Copeland** might be described as a practical academic, given the way his research seamlessly serves society's needs.

Much of that civic-mindedness was defined by his religious exposure, the general social setting of the day and the Black Power Revolution of the 1970s. A student at The UWI St. Augustine

from the mid-seventies, he graduated with a BSc in Electrical Engineering in 1978. Even as he went on to do an MSc in Electrical Engineering, Control Systems (University of Toronto, 1981) and a PhD in Electrical Engineering, Control Systems (University of Southern California, 1990), his heart was always at The UWI.

When students brought their difficulties to him, it was his practical nature and his innovativeness that helped them find solutions. Those traits quickly led to him heading the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at The UWI, St. Augustine from 1997 to 2007.

As a Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, he was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Engineering at The UWI from 2007 to 2015. He has lectured in Digital Electronics and Microprocessor Systems Design and Control Systems.

He was Coordinator of the Real Time Systems Group (RTSG), a UWI unit developing university/industry liaisons through R&D Projects. At the RTSG, Professor Copeland was Project Leader for design and construction of the first Electronic Scoreboard at the Queen's Park Oval, Port of Spain, T&T. He currently coordinates the Steelpan Initiatives Project (SIP) which saw the development and patenting of the G-Pan, a re-engineered form of the traditional steelpan, as well as the Percussive Harmonic Instrument (PHI), an electronic form of the steelpan. Professor Copeland is Convener of The UWI's Steelpan Research Centre, and a former member of the Board of Directors, CARIRI.

Professor Copeland has won many prestigious awards. In 2008 he was the first recipient of the Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and in 2007 he was joint recipient of the Chaconia Medal, Gold, as a member of the G-Pan development team. He received the Guardian Life Premium Teaching Award in 2002, the 2001 BP/AMOCO Fellowship Award for Senior Academic Staff at The UWI, and a LASPAU/Fulbright Scholarship to pursue a doctoral program at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles in 1987.

On April 29, 2016 he was named Pro Vice-Chancellor and Campus Principal Designate of The UWI St. Augustine Campus. He assumed office on July 1, 2016 and will serve for a period of five years.

**Prelude**

UWI Arts Steel

**Academic Procession**

**Chancellor's Procession** – The Company Stands

Campus Registrar (Chief Marshall)

University Librarian

Campus Council Chair

University Registrar

University Bursar

Pro Vice-Chancellors

Campus Principals

The Inductee

Vice-Chancellor

Chancellor

**National Anthem**

**Welcome Remarks** – Chair

Mr C. William Iton

*University Registrar*

**Remarks**

Professor Sir Hilary Beckles

*Vice-Chancellor*

**Musical Interlude**

"My Tribute"

**Greetings**

Mr Jonathan St. Louis-Nahous

*President, Guild of Students, St. Augustine Campus*

Mr Jerry Medford

*President, UWI Alumni Association, (T&T Chapter)*

Dr Bishnu Ragoonath

*President, West Indian Group of University Teachers (WIGUT)*

**Musical Interlude**

Mr Darren Sheppard on the PHI

**Greetings**

Professor Dyer Narinesingh

*President, University of Trinidad and Tobago*

Mr Gerry Brooks

*Chairman, National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago*

Professor V. Eudine Barriteau

*Pro Vice-Chancellor and Campus Principal, Cave Hill*

### **Performance**

Mr Derron Ellies on the PHI

### **Greetings**

Professor Archibald McDonald

*Pro Vice-Chancellor and Campus Principal, Mona Campus*

Dr Luz Longworth

*Pro Vice-Chancellor and Campus Principal, Open Campus*

Mr Ewart Williams

*Chairman, Campus Council*

The Honourable Anthony Garcia

*Minister of Education*

### **Induction**

The Vice-Chancellor

**Professor Sir Hilary Beckles**

presents **Professor Brian Copeland**  
to the Chancellor who will induct him  
as Principal of St. Augustine Campus

Sir George Alleyne

*Chancellor*

### **Principal's Inaugural Address**

The Chancellor **Sir George Alleyne**  
invites **Professor Brian Copeland**  
to deliver his Inaugural Address

### **Performance**

The UWI Department of Creative & Festival Arts  
"You'll Never Walk Alone"

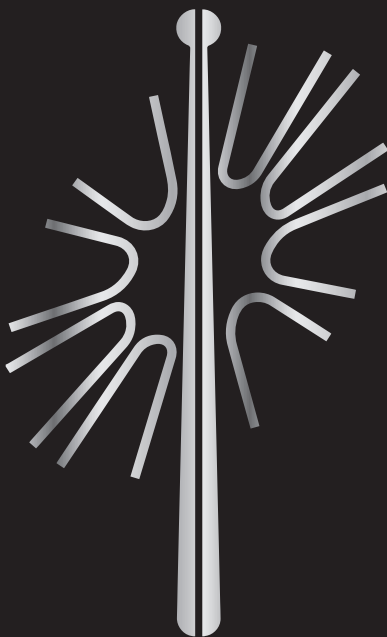
### **Closing Remarks – Chair**

Mr C. William Iton

*University Registrar*

### **Reception**

Grounds, Office of the Campus Principal



### **The Golden Ratio**

The symbol of the Golden Ratio, a concept based on organic growth, where each figure in the progression is the sum of itself and the preceding number, forms the basis of this design. It is nuanced by the shape of the Greek letter PHI, also the name of the Percussive Harmonic Instrument, which represents a significant part of Professor Copeland's work. They come together in a musically adapted image which represents structure, imagination and innovation – the elements that comprise a life's ideal of fostering a Caribbean culture that thinks creatively and constructively, in harmony with the forces of nature.



