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## Annual Meeting of UWI Alumni Association, Florida

Please plan to attend the annual meeting of the UWI Alumni Association, Florida Chapter on May 28, 2016, from 4 PM to 6:00 PM at Florida Atlantic, Davie Campus. The specific room location will be sent at a later date.

### Agenda for the Meeting

1. Election of the New Board
2. Annual Giving Kick-off
3. End of Year Social & Fund-Raising Dance
4. Annual Coalition of Jamaica Alumni Association Walkathon
5. UWI Florida Chapter Scholarship
6. 2017 UWI Florida and the American Foundation of the University of the West Indies Joint Fundraising event

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## Margaret Barrett and Donat Grant Get UWI Alumni Association Florida Chapter's Pelican Award



***Margaret Barrett** (Left) and **Donat Grant** (Right), the 2016 recipients of the University of the West Indies Alumni Association (Florida Chapter), Pelican Award for outstanding contribution to the local community, Jamaica, and the University of the West Indies. Standing between them is Jamaica's Consul General to the Southeast United States, Mr. Franz Hall, also a graduate of the University of the West Indies, and who presented the awards at the Myrna Hague Concert in Miramar, Florida, on April 17, 2016*

**Margaret Barrett** earned a Master's degree in Human Resources, Bachelor's in Sociology, and a Diploma in Social Work from the University of the West Indies. Margaret served commendably in the public sector in Jamaica, as Senior Probation Officer, Senior Administrator, Senior Industrial Relations Officer and Senior Personnel Officer before joining the private sector, where she was employed by Jamaica National Building Society. There she served as Personnel and Training Manager establishing the Personnel systems and policies for the Society. As Senior Manager, she was transferred to Florida to set up and manage the affairs of the newly established Representative Office. She is now retired and presently is a consultant in the life insurance industry.

Margaret's community involvement includes her role as president of the Probation and Aftercare Association in Jamaica, founding president of the Government Personnel Managers Association, deputy chairman of the Building Societies Association of Jamaica (BSAJ), and vice president of the

Jaycees of Jamaica. She has given great support to community-based associations here in Florida. Currently, Margaret is serving on the board of the University of the West Indies Alumni Association (Florida Chapter), as is the Immediate past president of the Florida Chapter.

**Donat Grant**, a resident of the City of Weston since 1994, graduated from UWI 1979 with a B.Sc. (Honors) degree in Pure and Applied Physics and did graduate work at Nova Southeastern University earning a Master of Science degree in Computer Information Systems. Donat is also a graduate of Excelsior High School in Jamaica. He is currently employed as a software engineer at Bluegreen Corporation.

Donat is the cofounder of Pioneer Community Church (2004); president of Missions for Health (M4H), a 501c corporation that has been offering free dental care at East Queen Street Baptist Church in Kingston, Jamaica since 2014; and director of a Summer Your Camp since 1984. He has served as the Second Vice President of South Florida's UWI Alumni, and actively supports the initiatives of the association





## Dr. Cecil Aird



UWI Graduate Dr. Cecil Aird, who is internationally recognized in his field, has opened the US\$250,000.00 Carnegie Hand Institute and Surgery Centre, not only with the aim of assisting individuals who need this specialized service but also with the aim of passing on these specialist hand surgery skills to Jamaican and Caribbean doctors.

Cecil is a proud UWI Pelican, who often reminisces about his UWI days and has kept in touch with his classmates. Through his membership in the **UWI 1948 Society** (the non profit UWI Medical Alumni Foundation) he has helped to raise funds for scholarships to assist UWI Medical Students over a number of years.

He is the Executive Director of the Carnegie Hand Institute and Surgery Centre (CHISC) and has over 30 years' experience in hand treatment. The Carnegie private medical facility will offer

the identical services offered at the Tampa Bay Hand Centre in Florida, which he operated before. He named the facility in honour of one of Jamaica's top twentieth century physicians and surgeons, Dr. Alfred Carnegie.

Cecil has a philanthropic and altruistic outlook, and is working with Dr. Delroy Fray, the Senior Medical Officer at Cornwall Regional Hospital (CRH), to explore possibilities for young doctors at CRH be trained in hand surgery at the CHISC. We salute our distinguished alumnus, Dr. Cecil Aird, and thank him for the gift of movement that he has brought back to the hands of so many individuals during his career.

"When educating  
the minds of  
our youth, we  
must not forget  
to educate  
their hearts."



## ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS' EVENTS ON THE HORIZON

(Click on the [link](#) or go to the page listed for more details)

**JAMAICA AWARENESS & WOLMER'S ALUMNI**  
**MOTHER'S DAY [PLAY DUPPY WHISPERER](#)**  
MAY 8, 2016

**YORK CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, FLORIDA CHAPTER**  
**[CLASS 2 PARTY](#)**  
MAY 14, 2016

**ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
**[TWO EVENT – ONE DAY PICNIC AND DINNER DANCE](#)**  
MAY 21, 2016

**CAMPERDOWN PAST STUDENTS ASSOCIATIONS**  
**[WHITE NITE FETE](#), [DINNER DANCE](#), & FAMILY FUN DAY**  
MAY 27 – 29, 2016

**MONTEGO BAY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE**  
**[A WHITE AFFAIR](#)**  
MAY 21, 2016

**THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF TITCHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL**  
**[MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND PORTIE DANCE & FAMILY DAY PICNIC](#)**  
MAY 28 – 29, 2016

**HOLMWOOD TECHNICAL PAST STUDENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**[24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BANQUET](#)**  
MAY 28, 2016

**FRIENDS OF KINGSTON TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**[TEA PARTY](#)**  
JUNE 4, 2016

**CHURCH TEACHERS' COLLEGE**  
**[FAMILY FUN DAY](#)**  
JUNE 11, 2016

**KINGSTON TECHNICAL PAST STUDENTS ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA**  
**[3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC](#)**  
JUNE 18, 2016

**IMMACULATE INTERNATIONAL ALUMNAE & STGC ALUMNI (TORONTO)**

**CRUISE**

**JULY 9 – 15, 2016**

**WOLMER'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL FUND RAISING BANQUET**

**JULY 23, 2016**

**MOUNT ALVERNIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER)**

**GLITZ & GLAMOR ATLANTA WEEKEND**

**JULY 29-31, 2016**

**ALPHA ALUMNAE**

**WHITE NIGHT OLDIES DANCE**

**NOVEMBER 12, 2016**

**COALITION OF JAMAICAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS OF FLORIDA**

**ANNUAL WALKATHON & AFTER PARTY**

**DECEMBER 3, 2016**

**MOUNT ALVERNIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (SOUTH FLORIDA)**

**10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**DECEMBER 10, 2016**

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