

Mona School of Business and Management Newsletter



MSBM Hosts Historic AIB-LAC Conference in Kingston

The 14th Annual Conference of the Academy of International Business – Latin America and the Caribbean (AIB-LAC) Chapter, held at the Mona School of Business and Management (MSBM) at the University of the West Indies (UWI) and the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel, concluded on a high note on March 22, 2024.

The conference, themed "Rethinking and Reshaping the Role of Business in Creating a More Sustainable and Resilient Latin America and the Caribbean," brought together leading academics, business professionals, and government officials to explore critical issues and solutions for the region's future.

[Read more](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED
for Graduate Programmes



[CLICK TO LEARN MORE](#)

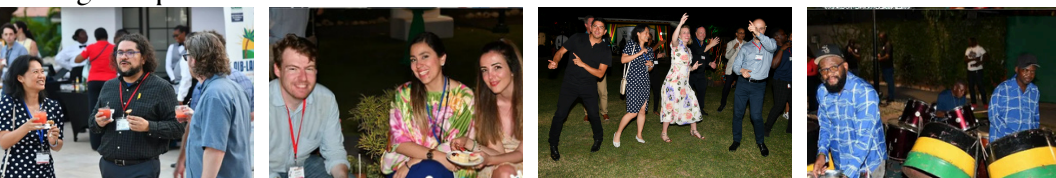
Pre-Conference & Opening Ceremony



Conference Days 1 & 2



Closing Reception



[View more photos here](#)

EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

Discover your inner leader by leveraging cutting-edge university level research to transform organizations globally.

[CLICK FOR FULL SCHEDULE](#)

Mona School of Business & Management
MSBM
The University of the West Indies, Mona

SUMMER SCHOOL 2024

MONA CAMPUS (KINGSTON) & WESTERN JAMAICA CAMPUS (MONTEGO BAY)

FULL LISTS OF COURSES

[CLICK FOR DETAILS](#)

[CLICK FOR MORE INFO](#)

The AIB-LAC Conference was sponsored by



INITIATIVES



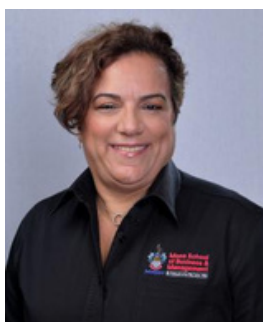
The Global Index within the Caribbean

Caribbean Open Institute (COI) has participated in Expert Surveys for the Global Index for Responsible AI (GIRAI), which was designed to equip governments, civil society, and stakeholders with the evidence needed to advance rights-based principles for the responsible use of AI. The Global Index, funded by IDRC, the Government of Canada, and USAID, currently measures progress on the responsible use of AI in over 140 countries.

Within the Caribbean, COI’s research team spearheaded by Dr. Maurice McNaughton, Director of Excellence at MSBM, was assembled to undertake data collection efforts and analysis. This team comprised of nine researchers spanning across the region. Moving forward, the team will attend the Caribbean AI Conference hosted by The UWI Five Islands Campus in Antigua to launch the Caribbean GIRAI findings and discuss implications for Governance and Capacity-building. The GIRAI Initiative has been recognized in UNESCO’s International Research Centre on Artificial Intelligence (IRCAI) global list of top 100 AI projects. The Flagship GIRAI Report will be launched in London in June 2024.

[Read More](#)

FACULTY / STAFF NEWS



Professor Lila Rao-Graham joins BCIC board of directors

British Caribbean Insurance Company (BCIC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Lila Rao-Graham to its board of directors, on January 31.

Professor Rao-Graham brings a wealth of expertise in strategic business intelligence, data for development and data and knowledge management, areas crucial for navigating the evolving insurance landscape. [Read more](#)



Tenneil Rashford appointed to new Steering Committee for the Houses of Parliament

Congratulations to Ms Tenneil Rashford, Lecturer Behavioural Sciences and General Management on her appointment as a member of the newly established Change Management Steering Committee for the Houses of Parliament.

The committee will be working to transform the Houses of Parliament into a more efficient and responsive institution that adequately supports the country’s legislature and

includes a few members of staff and leadership from within the Houses of Parliament and two external members.



Dr David McBean appointed to RJRGleaner Communications Group Board

Congratulations to Dr. McBean, Executive Director, MSBM, on being appointed as a Director on the Board of the RJRGleaner Communications Group.

He brings a wealth of experience in media and management and will make a valuable contribution to the board.

Staff Updates

Departures

- Sabrina Adams
- Deidra Miller
- Edward Phang
- Nadia Tracey

New Hires

- Nicara Barnes
- Rosemarie Smith

PARTNERSHIPS



MSBM WJC at Montego Bay Chamber of Commerce and Industry Expo

Senator Aubyn Hill (second right) is flanked by the Mayor of Montego Bay and Councillor Richard Vernon (right), alongside Oral Heaven, President of the Montego Bay Chamber of Commerce, and Sandra March, Programme Officer of Student Services at MSBM, at The Montego Bay Chamber of Commerce and Industry Expo 24, held from March 22 to March 24, 2024.



Meeting with ACCA Representatives

MSBM faculty and Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) Representatives met on Monday, January 15.

ACCA representatives featured are on the left Anouska Sammy, Business Relationship Manager, and in the second row at the right, Petr Castka, Education Relationships Leads-Americas.



UWIVC Finals Spotighting Innovation: The UWI Vincent HoSang Venture Competition Sets the Stage for Future Entrepreneurs

Innovation and entrepreneurial prowess emerged once more at the 2024 UWI Vincent HoSang Venture Competition Finals and Awards event held at the Mona School of Business and Management (MSBM), UWI.

The event showcased the final pitches of students' business ideas, offering them a chance to be funded. The competition finals held on January 26, 2024, brought together 8 dynamic student teams, each poised to unveil their ground-breaking ventures, aiming to reshape the future of various industries within Jamaica. [Read more](#)



[View more photos here](#)

ALUMNI UPDATES

Dr. Kevin Blake Appointed as New Police Commissioner



Congratulations to Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kevin Blake on his appointment as the next head of the Jamaica Constabulary Force.

The announcement was made by Minister of National Security, Dr. Horace Chang, during a post-cabinet media briefing on Wednesday, March 13.

Dr. Chang revealed that Blake was to assume his new role on March 19, succeeding the current commissioner, Major General Anthony Anderson, whose tenure concluded on March 18. Dr. Blake holds an MSc in Computer-Based Management Information Systems from MSBM, graduating in 2005.

STUDENT NEWS / UPDATES

Debra-Kaye Brown awarded Kenneth Chung Memorial Scholarship



Congratulations to Miss Debra-Kaye Brown, honoured as the 2023 recipient of the prestigious Kenneth Chung Memorial Scholarship.

The Kenneth Chung Memorial MSc Accounting Scholarship is opened annually to second year students who are registered at MSBM in the MSc Accounting programme. [Read more](#)

JMMB Joan Duncan Memorial Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to our student recipients of the JMMB/Joan Duncan Foundation Scholarships 2024! The award is open annually to Caribbean Nationals who are enrolled in the MSc Accounting and Corporate Finance programmes at MSBM.

After a competitive set of interviews with a panel which included representatives of the donors as well as faculty of MSBM, the four recipients for this year's awards were chosen and lauded for their commitment to excellence.

MSBM remains grateful to the JMMB/Joan Duncan Foundation for their continued support of our students through the annual scholarships.



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

The Student Engagement and Enrichment Committee hosted a series S.E.E. Talks as well as a job fair, to kickstart 2024.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

GRADUATE STUDENTS
LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD: S.E.E TALK

HAVE YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY OUR PANELISTS
Dr. David McBean
Dr. Indianna Minto Coy
Mr. Leighton McKnight
Mrs. Dawn Morgan

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024
STARTS AT 6:00 PM

Join us on Zoom
Meeting ID: 893 0611 1131
Passcode: 303055
www.bit.ly/msbmsee

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Let Your Voice Be Heard: S.E.E Talk

DR. DAVID McBEAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - MSBM

MR. STANFORD MOORE
UNIT HEAD, MIBES

MR. LEIGHTON MCKNIGHT
EXECUTIVE-IN-RESIDENCE

DR. ROSEL COWELL
UNIT HEAD, SCBA

DR. CHARLETTE DONALDS
UNIT HEAD, OISS

MS. SHIRLEY-ANN EATON
UNIT HEAD, FINANCE & ACCOUNTING

MS. NURDIA LAWRENCE
CO-CHAIR, MSBM STUDENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Join Us!
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024
Time: 6:00 p.m.

zoom
Meeting ID: 893 0611 1131
Passcode: 303055
<https://bit.ly/msbmsee>

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

JOB FAIR

Explore Boundless Opportunities at our Job Fair!

4 April, 2024
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
MSBM NORTH

MORE INFORMATION

Resume Writing Workshop
Interviewing Skills Workshop

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Social gathering upstairs in the canteen



Jamaica one of two Caribbean countries in World Economic Forum's Groundbreaking 'Future of Growth Report'

In 2023 the World Economic Forum (WEF) announced a strategic shift in its publication approach, discontinuing the Global Competitiveness Report in favor of two new flagship reports: the "Global Risk Report" and the "Future of Growth Report".

The Global Competitiveness Report (GCR), published between 2004 and 2020, relies on the results of an Executive Opinion Survey, completed by at least 80 companies per country, which has been administered in Jamaica by Mona School of Business & Management (MSBM). [Read more](#)



MSBM ranked among Best Hospitality And Hotel Management Schools for 2024, for BSc Tourism Management programme

The University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, Jamaica, BSc. Tourism Management programme is on the list of Best Hospitality And Hotel Management Schools for 2024, ranked by CEOWORLD Magazine.

According to Caroline, JD, Esq., Chief Economist & Senior Analyst of CEOWORLD, the "Mona School of Business and Management at The University of the West Indies, Jamaica was ranked No. 118 in 2024, and for the first time, a School from the Caribbean has appeared in our ranking. Congratulations." The ranking award includes a Ranking Seal and Certificate signed by the Chairman of the Management Board and Dr. Amarendra Bhushan Dhiraj.

[Read more](#)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES UNIT

Diane Edwards presented with the coveted John Maxwell Live2Lead Leadership Award

Diane Edwards Director, Professional Services Unit, Mona School of Business and Management, was presented with the coveted John Maxwell Live2Lead Leadership Award during a recently held lavish ceremony at Terra Nova All Suite Hotel in Kingston.

The award selection committee said it was a fitting acknowledgement of a leader who consistently demonstrates the Maxwell DNA values criteria and has provided unquestionable leadership to top notch local and international organizations for over 30 years.

"Being nominated for this award is very exciting and yet humbling. I don't seek these kinds of awards so the fact that it was offered, it was humbling to be recognize for something I love doing. Leadership is about helping other people to be their best selves and live their best life. It is about how we take problems and mold them into answers and bring people along the journey." Edwards said.

Mona School of Business & Management Hosts Exclusive CEO Event on Leveraging AI for Corporate Transformation

On March 1, 2024, the Mona School of Business & Management (MSBM) hosted an exclusive CEO event titled "Leveraging AI for Corporate Transformation" at the Terra Nova hotel. This event, part of MSBM's prestigious CEO Roundtable series, aimed to equip CEOs with key insights into harnessing the power of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for business growth and transformation. [Read more](#)

 [View event photos here](#)



GRADUATE PROGRAMMES INFORMATION SESSIONS



MSBM Engages Prospective Students Through Masters Talk Series

Mona School of Business and Management hosted a series of Virtual Information Sessions specific to each graduate programme.

The sessions included Faculty and Programme Coordinators related to each programme of study, and facilitated question and answer sessions between prospective students and faculty. Masters Talk Series was held between January and March 2024.



MSBM Graduate Information Sessions for Kingston & Montego Bay

Information Sessions were held in Kingston and Montego Bay, St. James for prospective students of MSBM's Graduate Programmes. Presentations on course offerings, tuition and school facilities, were conducted on January 31 at Summit Kingston, and March 10 at MSBM Western Campus. Financial intuitions were also on hand to provide options for financing.

A Virtual Session will be held in June 2024.

Highlights from Kingston and WJC



[View more highlights from Kingston here](#)
[View more highlights from WJC here](#)

Contact Us

The University of the West Indies | Mona Campus, Kingston 7
Tel: (876) 977-3775 / 977-6035

Western Jamaica Campus | 10 Queens Drive, Montego Bay
Tel: (876) 566-0252

Email: msbm@uwimona.edu.jm | Website: www.mona.uwi.edu/msbm

We Are Social

