



FACULTY OF
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TECHNOLOGY

Happy Teachers' Day!

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MESSAGE TO ACADEMIC STAFF, FST from the Dean, FST

Dear Colleagues,

Allow me in this brief message to wish you a **Happy Teachers' Day**. I thought it important to do so, especially this year, given what we have all gone through since March 2020. The circumstance of the pandemic has caused us as educators and teachers to have to pivot in ways that we perhaps never anticipated. Or, even if we anticipated what in hindsight we can now see as necessary and perhaps inevitable adaptations with respect to how teaching is to be delivered in the Digital Age, we might not have anticipated, having to pivot so soon.

There can be little doubt that it has been a challenging and stressful period. There can also be little doubt that you have given of your best to ensure that the core business of our university continued. It required agility, vision, the learning of new skills, and innovative approaches to imparting knowledge, especially for the sciences. It also required dedication, perseverance and sacrifice. I speak on behalf of The Faculty management when I say we could not do it without your willingness to try and so we cannot thank you enough.

It is in that light that I salute you today, Teachers' Day. Do know that you are appreciated. And, even as we look ahead to a still unclear future, I am heartened that the collective commitment displayed over the last year will ensure that The UWI remains amongst the best at what it does. Do make sure to take some time to rest and recoup in the months ahead before the new academic year. However, for today please accept the salutations and warm wishes.

Once again, **Happy Teachers' Day**.

Please also view messages from our Principal, Professor Dale Webber (<https://youtu.be/4ZBKD7uWwHs>) and from the Guild of Students (<https://youtu.be/1b6V3Q5TlJ0>) in honour of the occasion.



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