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Welcome to Mona School of Business and Management's e-Newsletter. In this issue we highlight the activities of The School during the period July –December 2013. During this period, the School experienced significant changes and implemented several new initiatives.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT

Jackie Sharpe Named CEO of Scotia Group Jamaica



MSBM Alumnus Jacqueline Sharp crowned a 16-year career at the bank with her latest appointment as president and CEO of Scotia Group Jamaica, putting her in charge of Jamaica's second-largest commercial banking group. [Read More](#)

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Tourism Students Represent Jamaica Overseas



MSBM undergraduate students, Andre Plummer & Christopher Burke, Tourism Management Majors and members of the UWI Tourism Society team won **1st place** in the Jamaica Tourist Board (JTB) / Global Travel and Tourism Partnership (GTTP) Case Study Competition, following a first place run off held on October 25, 2013.

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OFCIE Champions Honoured/ UWIVC 2013 Winners Named

Dr. Densil Williams appointed Professor and Executive Director of MSBM



The University of the West Indies Mona Jamaica, congratulates Dr. Densil A. Williams, Deputy Executive Director of Mona School of Business & Management, on his promotion to the rank of Professor as well as his appointment as Executive Director of Mona School of Business & Management. [Read More](#)

MSBM Strategic Plan unveiled at Faculty and Staff Retreat



A Reception was held for the international champions of the OFCIE business plan competition. The team won the top prize and was the only non-United States team to enter the business plan competition for historically black colleges and universities.

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Three teams of entrepreneurs emerged as the best of 10 finalists whose business plans underwent several rounds of rigorous assessment of the total of Twenty teams who submitted entries to the competition. [Read More](#)

MSBM Student is 'Sunshine Girls' MVP



MSBM undergraduate student Thristina Harwood was named MVP and in the Fast5 World Netball Series held in Auckland, New Zealand in November 2013. MSBM student Malysa Kelly (MBM) also represented Jamaica as a member of the Sunshine Girls team. [Read More](#)

Gore Scholarships Awarded to 4 MSBM Students



Mona School of Business & Management

Our Vision

To be the premier business school in the region, globally recognized for management education, research and consultancy.

Our Mission

To be a solution-oriented school of business and management which produces internationally competent and capable professionals and leaders through teaching, research and service.



Prof. Densil Williams, Executive Director, presented the MSBM Strategic Plan 2013-17 to a gathering of Faculty and Staff at a retreat held just before the beginning of the new academic year. He also presented the new organizational structure and encouraged Faculty and staff to play their role in helping to fulfill the new mission and vision of the School. A special feature of the retreat was the honouring of outgoing Principal, Prof, Gordon Shirley for "outstanding leadership and dedicated service to MSBM and the wider UWI." [Click Image to View Gallery](#)

MSBM Appoints Board of Directors

Mona School of Business and Management (MSBM) has appointed a Board of Directors. We extend a hearty welcome to them and look forward to their engagement with the School. Members are as follows:

Ms. Minna Israel	Chairman, Special Advisor to the Vice Chancellor UWI
Ms. Patricia Lothian	Company Secretary, Director Finance & Administration, MSBM
Professor Nigel Harris	Vice Chancellor, UWI
Professor Archibald McDonald	Pro Vice Chancellor & Principal, UWI, Mona
Professor. Densil Williams	Executive Director, MSBM
Professor Evan Duggan	Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, UWI, Mona
Mr. Patrick Hylton	Group Managing Director, National Commercial Bank
Mrs. Paula Kerr-Jarrett	Director, Barnett Limited
Mrs. Lisa Lewis Soares	CEO, Great People Solutions
Mr. Kenneth Mason	Group Business Development Director, Digicel
Mr. Gary Peart	CEO, Mayberry Investments Limited
Mr. Devon Rowe	Financial Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Planning
Mrs. Jacqueline Sharp	President and CEO, BNS
Jamaica	

PARTNERSHIPS RADA and MSBM Sign MOU

Four undergraduate students of MSBM are among nine students at The University of the West Indies, Mona who will benefit from \$3.5 million dollars in scholarships provided by housing developers Gore Developments Limited for the 2013/2014 academic year.

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MSBM Student Awarded HRMAJ Bursary



Sandy Gray (right), MSBM final year Human Resource Management student received the of the Human Resources Management Association of Jamaica (HRMAJ) annual student bursary award, valued at J\$50,000 from Fern Hamilton, vice president, HRMAJ. Ms Gray was presented the award at the Association's annual conference held late last month in Kingston. [Read More](#)

Post Graduate Students Awarded for Exceptional Performance

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The Faculty of Social Sciences (FSS) hosted its annual graduate Student Awards Ceremony on Wednesday November 27 at the Mona Visitor's Lodge. Graduates from the Mona School of Business and Management were well represented on the list of awardees. [Read More](#)

MSBM Welcomes Fulbright Scholar: Dr. Wanda Costen



A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed formalizing the continuation of the Open Data in Agriculture initiative between the Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA) and MSBM [Read More](#)

MSBM and Ernst & Young Launch Jamaica's First Co-op programme



A collaborative initiative between The University of the West Indies (UWI) Mona and the public and private sectors is offering accounting students at the Mona School of Business & Management (MSBM) the opportunity to graduate with a skill and experience level a cut above the rest. [Read More](#)

US Embassy Awards MSBM with Small Grant



The MSBM Family extends warm welcome to Dr. Wanda Costen, a Fulbright Scholar who has been assigned to the MSBM for the academic year. [Read More](#)

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Lila Rao Graham
Deputy Executive Director

Mr. Michael Williams
Unit Head- Accounting & Finance

Dr. Twila Mae Logan
Lecturer-Finance

Dr. Trevor Murray
Human Resources Specialist

NEW TO MSBM



Althea Bailey
Accounting Clerk



Pauline Bennett
Accounting Officer



Former United States Ambassador to Jamaica Pamela Bridgewater presented Professor Densil Williams- Executive Director at Mona School of Business & Management with a grant of U.S. Fifteen Thousand Dollars. [Read More](#)

INITIATIVES

MSBM stages Personal Financial Seminar for WI Cricketers



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The West Indies Players Association (WIPA) and MSBM collaborated to host two Personal Finance seminars . The programme was tailored for those WIPA members who are on the rosters of the Limacol Caribbean Premier League (LCPL) franchises. [Read More](#)

MSBM Demystifies Logistics Hub Debate



Dr. Tolulope Bewaji
Lecturer-International Business



Annick Brissett
Administrative Secretary and Coordinator
of the
Enterprise Risk Management (ERM)
programme



Marie Ebanks
Administrative Assistant



Elijah Green
Administrative Assistant



Lisa Lee



MSBM collaborated with members of the University community and the Caribbean Maritime Institute to organize a symposium: "The Jamaica Logistics Hub: "The Economy Vs. The Environment?" held at the UWI Regional Headquarters. Discussions were rich and well received by those who attended, many of whom expressed having gained a better understanding of the hub [Read More](#)

ADVOCACY & OUTREACH

Public Forum: Jamaica's Social Partnership Agreement



Mona School of Business and Management (MSBM), The Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica (PSOJ) and Jamaicans United for Sustainable Development (JUSD) jointly hosted a special high level Forum on Jamaica's Social Partnership Agreement and its implications for growth and development of the economy.

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MSBM spearheads anti-doping Forum

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Dr. Clive Scott
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BON VOYAGE



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In response to the recently-publicised breaches of substance use protocols in the athletics field, Mona School of Business & Management (MSBM) in partnership with the University of the West Indies (UWI) Faculty of Medical Sciences engaged key stakeholders in the sporting fraternity to raise a proactive response. [Read More](#)

National Conference on Cyber Security



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A two-day Cyber Security and Digital Forensics Conference held under the theme: 'Protecting Identity, Banking and Citizen Information Networks' was organized by the Mona ICT Policy Centre, MSBM, in association with international organization the Internet Society (ISoc) and in partnership with Henlin-Gibson-Henlin. The conference was in response to the upsurge in ICT-based crimes locally and globally and sought to inform stakeholders on the various types of cyber threats, as well as discuss the key developments in the area. [Read More](#)

Public Forum: Campaign Finance Reform

Prof. Paul Simmonds

MSBM said goodbye to former Executive Director Professor Paul G. Simmonds in July 2013. He was appointed Executive Director in September 2012 and provided key leadership during the period following the merger of the former MSB and DOMS. We place on record our appreciation for this leadership and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.



Ralph Thomas,

MSBM congratulated Mr. Ralph Thomas on his appointment as Jamaican Ambassador to China in July and has moved to that country to take up his post. Thomas served as Senior Teaching Fellow and Lecturer in Strategic Management, Policy, Risk, and Treasury Management at MSBM.



Harry Abrikian

After more than two decades at MSBM Harry Abrikian retired from the post of Lecturer and Unit Head- Accounting and Finance. During his tenure Mr. Abrikian brought a wealth of international and private sector experience to MSBM. We wish him a happy retirement.



Uylander Jack

Programme coordinator Uylander Jack served at MSBM for over 15 years in several posts, the last of which was Coordinator for the MBA Part Time programme. Known for her unwavering support of her students, Mrs. Jack was an integral part of the



As part of its continuing efforts to raise the level of discourse on national issues, MSBM in partnership with National Integrity Action (NIA), Jamaicans United for Sustainable Development (JUDS) and the PSOJ hosted a much needed public forum to address the long outstanding issue of financing elections in Jamaica. The objective of campaign finance reform, among other things, concerns the lack of transparency and accountability in donor contribution which can give way to corruption. Those present discussed how to move toward final proposals which are to be finalized in Parliament. [Read More](#)

CORPORATE ENGAGEMENT

MSBM Roundtable 2013



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CEOs, academics and members of the public sector were among key members of Jamaica's business community who participated in the fourth annual Mona School of Business and Management (MSBM) Roundtable. [Read More](#)

MSBM team and we wish her the best as she pursues other opportunities.

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Kingston 360 Breakfast Series: Peter Blair Henry



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Jamaican born Peter Blair Henry, Dean of the Leonard Stern School of Business, New York University (NYU), met with members of the MSBM faculty as well as key members of the private and public sector at this year's Kingston 360 Breakfast held at the Spanish Court Hotel. [Read More](#)

HAPPENINGS

Public Lecture: Ambassador Pamela Bridgewater



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Former United States Ambassador to Jamaica Pamela Bridgewater was guest speaker at the Public Lecture: "Women's Leadership: Transforming Self, Community and Country", a joint initiative of MSBM, the Women's Leadership Initiative (WLI) and the Institute for Gender Development Studies, Mona Unit (IGDS) [Read More](#)

Celebrating the Life of Nelson Mandela



Shortly before the passing of the great South African leader, MSBM led the children of the National Children's home participated in a special fun and learning session, as they celebrated Nelson Mandela Day. [Read More](#)

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