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MSBM Culminates 10th Anniversary Celebrations with Gala and Awards

Mona School of Business and Management (MSBM) hosted a Gala and Awards on September 14, 2023, to close out the School's 10th Anniversary activities. The event was an opportunity to recognise MSBM's distinguished cadre of past Executive Directors and Heads of Departments for their "outstanding leadership and dedicated service," honour key business partners "for their unwavering support over the past years" and celebrate top business leaders in Jamaica for their "relentless contributions to nation building."

See below for some of the highlights. Photo gallery and full details of the MSBM 10th Anniversary Awards and Gala available at bit.ly/MSBMGala

PAST HEADS OF DEPARTMENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS



BUSINESS PARTNERS



MSBM 10TH ANNIVERSARY BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDEES



MSBM Announces Endowment Fund, Scholarships at 10th Anniversary Gala

Mona School of Business and Management (MSBM) recently announced an endowment fund and ten (10) scholarships (five undergraduate and five postgraduate) that will be awarded to students who have demonstrated excellence in their chosen field of study. [Read more](#)



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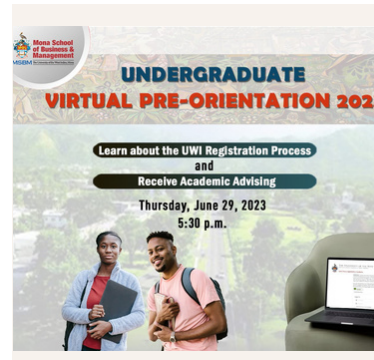
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

MSBM Welcomes New Students

MSBM welcomed new undergraduate and graduate students for the academic year 2023/24 during a series of sessions in the month of August. Orientations for Graduate Programmes kicked off with a General Session online on August 8. This was followed by face-to-face Orientation sessions for the MBA programme on August 10, and MSc programmes on August 29.

The Undergraduates were introduced to faculty and staff on August 29 in a session held under the theme "Rooted. Ready. Rising. For Excellence and Innovation."

Workshops



PARTNERSHIPS

MSBM launches 2023 Staging of the UWI Vincent HoSang Venture Competition

Coming off the heels of its 10th Anniversary Gala and Awards; celebrating excellence and innovation, the Mona School of Business and Management (MSBM) recently launched the 2023 staging of the UWI Vincent HoSang Venture Competition (UWIVC).

A major new development of the competition this year is the UWIVC's collaboration with RevUp Caribbean that will see the strengthening of the capacity building initiatives of the competition in addition to providing greater mentorship support to the participants, a key element to the success of any budding entrepreneur. [Read more](#)



[See photos here](#)

JUMP Caribbean Launch

Jump is an initiative developed to foster greater digital inclusion across Jamaica. The Jump program was designed to create a more inclusive digital society by providing subsidized internet connections, a compatible device (laptop/tablet) and digital literacy training for those families most in need supported by subsidies provided by funding partners.

MSBM through its Caribbean School of Data initiative continues to be the strategic partner of choice for the digital skills component of the program. The JUMP Regional initiative was launched in Barbados on June 10, 2023, the CSOD was represented by Dr. Maurice McNaughton, Director COE, MSBM.

The JUMP Programme in partnership with FLOW Foundation / Cable Wireless which involves the provision of Broadband internet access, digital devices and digital literacy skills training to marginalized households (1500 PATH beneficiaries in Jamaica) is being extended to four (4) additional countries in the Caribbean: Barbados, St. Lucia, Grenada and Bahamas.

For more information about JUMP visit discoverflow.co/jamaica/jump



[See JUMP Press Summit highlights here](#)



U.S.-Funded DIA Lab Belize and Caribbean School of Data Empower Young Inmates through Digital Literacy Training

The Trust for the Americas, in collaboration with the Caribbean School of Data (CSOD) is pleased to launch a digital literacy initiative at the Kolbe Foundation, Belize Central Prison.

The CSOD Digital Foundations and Data Fundamentals program is a 12-week initiative comprising of four courses and 16 modules covering a wide range of topics. Upon completion, participants received a certificate from The Trust for the Americas and the Mona School of Business and Management. Find out more [here](#).





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APPOINTMENTS



William Mahfood Appointed Chairman of Mona School of Business And Management

Mr. William Mahfood, Chairman of the Wisynco Group was appointed Chairman of MSBM with effect on August 1, 2023.

Mr. Mahfood succeeds Mr. Patrick Hylton,

President and CEO, NCB Group who served as Chairman since August 2021 in his second stint as Chairman of MSBM.

[Read more](#)



Dr. David McBean Re-Appointed as JCC Director

Dr. David McBean, Executive Director, MSBM, has been re-appointed as a Director at the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce (JCC) for a three-year term.

This achievement is an example of Dr. McBean's dedication to leadership and excellence which we are positive will contribute to the success of the JCC.

STAFF ENGAGEMENT



The MSBM 10th Anniversary Staff Luncheon and Awards held on

August 18, 2023, honoured long serving staff members, retirees and the 2023 Star Awardees. After a hiatus of the STAR Awards due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, we were happy to be able to salute our high performing colleagues.



We also celebrated our long-serving and retiring staff members who made their mark on MSBM.



Team MSBM also enjoyed an afternoon of festivities including the 360 booth and dancing competitions.



[More photos from the MSBM Staff Awards here](#)

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

MSBM Faculty Receive Recognition in the Area of Research

Several MSBM Faculty members were awarded at the UWI 75th Anniversary Principal's Research Awards Ceremony held on July 26, 2023, which recognised outstanding researchers for the period 2020-2023. The Awardees were:



Dr. Charlotte Donalds

Best Research Publication 2020

Toward a cybercrime classification ontology: A knowledge-based approach.



Dr. Indianna Minto-Coy

Most Outstanding Researcher 2020

Extensive work covered in several publications within the area of Entrepreneurship and SME development.



Dr. Delroy Chevers

Most Outstanding Researcher 2020

Extensive work covered in several publications within the area of ICT in the hotel and software development industries.



Dr. Michelle McLeod

Best Research Publication 2023

Island Tourism Sustainability and Resiliency.

STAFF UPDATES

New Hires

Natovia Shand

Natalie Rush

Departures

Sicourney Jackson

Kimberly Stewart

Terence Campbell

Sanjay Wilson

Katryn Graham



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MSBM Commits \$1M to FSS Free Likkle Cupboard Initiative

The Faculty of Social Sciences (FSS) launched an initiative to provide food and personal care items for students in need. This initiative came out of the realization that many students were struggling in the current socioeconomic climate and as such were finding it difficult to obtain sufficient nutrition.

As a means to addressing this problem, FSS partnered with the local NGO, the Free Likkle Cupboard (FLC). The Free Likkle Cupboard initiative was started in 2020 by De-Andrea Jackson and Kyle Reynolds who wanted to create a culture of people giving back with a view to helping those in need.

"MSBM believes that this is a noble and well needed venture which will benefit students in the faculty in a very meaningful way," said Dr. David McBean, Executive Director, MSBM.

He continued "To that end we wish to formally indicate our support for the FSS Food Cupboard. MSBM will commit the sum of One Million Dollars Jamaican Dollars (J\$1,000,000.00) to purchase items for the Food Cupboard over a ten month period for the academic year 2023/2024."

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES UNIT

Mona School of Business and Management (MSBM) offers Data Protection Officer Certification Course to Empower Professionals to Navigate the Jamaican Data Protection Act

Mona School of Business and Management (MSBM) through the Professional Services Unit introduced a Data Protection Officer Certification Course to provide a comprehensive understanding of the role of a Data Protection Officer (DPO) as prescribed by the Jamaican Data Protection Act.

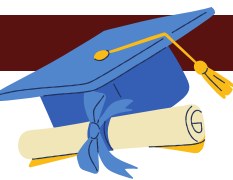
Offered in conjunction with Design Privacy, the course was led by Chukwuemeka Cameron, founder and experienced attorney with a demonstrated history of working in regulatory compliance in the Telecom and Financial Industry. He is skilled in Privacy Law, Commercial Law and Copyright law and in 2019 completed an advanced Master Class training as a Data Protection Officer from an ISO certified provider IT Governance UK in the United Kingdom. [Read more](#)

Mona School of Business and Management's Professional & Executive Education Programmes

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MSBM ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

Congratulations to...



Rochelle Stephenson on her appointment as Assurance Partner at EY Caribbean.

Major Raymond Warren on being awarded a Chevening Scholarship.

Dr. Andrew Edie on successfully completing his Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA).



For more information visit lac.aib.world/aib-lac-2024/

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