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Dear Colleagues,

As the festive season approaches and the year draws to a close, I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude

for your unwavering dedication and commitment to our school community. Your passion and hard work have played an instrumental role in shaping our students' lives and creating a nurturing environment where they can thrive.

This year, we have witnessed remarkable achievements and milestones, a testament to your collective efforts. You have consistently gone above and beyond to ensure that our school remains a symbol of excellence.

The spirit of Christmas is a time for reflection, for appreciating the blessings in our lives, and for spreading joy and kindness. It is also a time for coming together as a community, celebrating our shared values, and strengthening the bonds that connect us.

As we gather with our loved ones during this special season, let us remember the true essence of Christmas - compassion, love and hope. May your homes be filled with laughter, your hearts with love, and your lives with the warmth of the holiday spirit.

Thank you once again for your unwavering commitment to ensuring we remain the premier business school of the region. I am incredibly proud to be a part of such a dedicated and passionate team.

Wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,
David McBean, Executive Director





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MSBM Awards Top Performers of Graduate Programmes

The Mona School of Business and Management (MSBM) Graduate Awards Ceremony took place on November 30 at the UWI Regional Headquarters. Top performers in each Graduate Programme, in the MBA concentrations, as well as all those who received Distinctions, were specially recognized at the event.

In addition, groups who performed best in the Final Field Project/Paper received awards and commendation for their hard work. These projects were done in conjunction with private sector entities to provide a solution to an existing problem under the supervision of a faculty member as well as a company representative. [Read more](#)

See below for some of the highlights.

Photo gallery available [here](#).





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GRADUATION SEASON!



Beres Hammond receives UWI Honorary Doctorate at MSBM Graduation Ceremony

Jamaican reggae icon Beres Hammond was conferred with an honorary degree of Doctor of Letters at the MSBM graduation ceremony at the University of the West Indies, Mona on Saturday, November 4.

The UWI Honorary Degree is conferred on people who have distinguished themselves by their substantial contribution to the development of the region and or the advancement of the university.

Individuals upon whom such a high honour has been bestowed are not referred to as "Doctor" but are entitled to use the abbreviated honorary degree behind his or her name. Top performers in each Graduate Programme, in the MBA concentrations, as well as all those who received Distinctions, were specially recognized at the event.

Congratulations to our Team MSBM Graduates

Congratulations to members of Team MSBM who have successfully completed their studies and were conferred with their degrees at the graduation ceremonies at the University of the West Indies, Mona in November.



Nordia Lawrence

Secretary/Receptionist
MSc Marketing and Data
Analytics



Tanya-Lee Lawrence

Systems Administrator
BSc Computer Science



Juddy-Shae Wallace

Technical Support
BSc Computer Science and
Statistics



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STAFF ENGAGEMENT

Pink Day



In commemoration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month observed annually in October, MSBM celebrated PINK Friday on October 27, 2023. Several MSBM team members joined in on Pink Friday by wearing their pink attire to show their support of the survivors and raise awareness of the early screening of breast cancer. A special display in honour of Breast Cancer Awareness Month was produced by Ms. Jinelle Peart, MSBM Librarian which highlighted survivors and provided resources for early detection.

The Jamaica Cancer Society provided several brochures which were shared with team members and students who viewed the Display.



[More photos from Pink Day here](#)

MSBM Celebrates 12 Days of Christmas

Team MSBM was thrilled to kick off the Yuletide season early with the exciting launch of our 12 Days of Christmas Activities. 'Twas the season to be jolly, and what better way to spread holiday cheer than by partaking in a series of festive activities! From engaging in holiday trivia and decking the halls to indulging in sweet treats, a special nostalgic holiday movie, getting artsy with wreath making or stocking decorating, and a charming Sip & Paint, our lineup was designed to ignite the holiday spirit.

But that wasn't all; we indulged in a delightful Christmas Luncheon, sang our hearts out during Carol Singing and, donned our best festive wear.

In the true spirit of the season, team members contributed to our Charitable Giving Drive and presented gifts and the Christmas cheer to all the residents at the Anne Dawson Girls Home on Tuesday, December 19, 2023.



[More 12 Days of Christmas highlights](#)



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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES UNIT



First Cohort of Data Protection Officers graduate at Mona School of Business and Management

Mona School of Business and Management (MSBM), in collaboration with Design Privacy Ltd, successfully hosted the Graduation Ceremony for Cohort 1 of the Data Protection Course. The event took place on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at the Executive Lecture Theatre, MSBM,

Mona Campus. [Read more](#)



[More photos from DPO Cohort 1 Graduation here](#)

MSBM Director Diane Edwards receives Live2Lead Leadership Award

Director of the Professional Services Unit, Mona School of Business and Management, Diane Edwards, was presented with the coveted John Maxwell Live2Lead Leadership Award during a recently held on October 7, in a 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. [Read more](#)

EXECUTIVE EDUCATION COURSES SCHEDULE (JANUARY 2024)

COURSE	DATE	TIME
Principles & Practices of Project Management	January 13 – February 17, 2024	(SATURDAYS 9am – 4:30pm)
PMP Exam Prep	January 9 – February 15, 2024	(TUES & THURS 5:45PM – 9PM)
Enterprise Risk Management	January 27 – February 10, 2024	(SATURDAYS 9am – 4:30pm)
Supply Chain Management Principles	January 27 – February 24, 2024	(SATURDAYS 9am – 4:30pm)
Finance for Non-Finance Managers	January 16 – February 10, 2024	(Tuesdays 5:45pm – 9pm & Saturdays 1pm – 4pm)

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UWIVC Semi-Finals

The Semi Finals for the UWI Vincent HoSang Venture Competition (UWIVC) were held over two days November 28 and 29. The competition started with 100 participants, comprising 62 teams with representatives from all Faculties.

Teams included undergraduate and graduate students, across all faculties, and representing industries such as food, manufacturing, service, and technology

Some 24 teams advanced to the semi-finals which took place on November 28 and 29, and presented to a virtual panel of nine (9) judges, comprised of members of the private sector with expertise in various fields.

Leading up to the Semi-finals Students participated in boot camps in preparation for their presentations. The Bootcamps covered the areas of "Business Model Canvas", "Finance", "Marketing" and Corporate Social Responsibility"

Eight (8) teams will move on to the finals, which will take place on January 26, 2024.

The UWI Vincent HoSang Venture Competition aims to propel ideas from student entrepreneurs into thriving businesses.



**Vincent Hosang UWI
Venture Competition
Boot Camp**



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MSBM ALUMNI UPDATES



Nicola Madden-Greig, OD

Nicola Madden-Greig, OD, Group Director of Marketing & Sales at The Courtleigh Hospitality Group, was among a cadre of Caribbean tourism

industry luminaries honoured with a 2023 Caribbean Media Exchange (CMEx) Leadership Award recently in Miami.

Presented regularly since 2013, CMEx Awards celebrate the most influential trailblazers shaping the Caribbean's US\$60 billion travel and tourism industry.

Commenting on the award, Mrs. Madden-Greig stated: "I could not be more pleased, or more proud to be recognized by CMEx. To be honoured alongside so many other women and esteemed colleagues makes this award even sweeter."

[Read more](#)



Dr. Karrian Hepburn Malcolm

Congratulations to Dr. Karrian Hepburn Malcolm on her appointment.

National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited (NCB) announced that Dr. Hepburn

Malcolm will be leading a newly established Wealth Management division, effective December 4, 2023.

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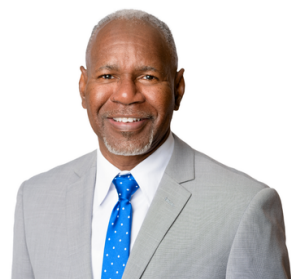
STUDENT UPDATES

Dr. Andrew Edie

The Mona School of Business and Management extends congratulations to our 2023 DBA graduate, Dr. Andrew Edie, for successfully completing his Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA). We wish Dr. Edie the very best as he embarks on this new and exciting chapter in his life!

Mr. Cedric Wilson and Mrs. Susanne Palmer

The Mona School of Business extends heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Cedric Wilson and Mrs. Susanne Palmer for successfully defending their Doctorate in Business Administration dissertations.



Mr. Wilson's dissertation, titled 'The Relevance of Regulatory Strategy in the Electricity Sector of Small Island Developing States,' was defended on Thursday, November 16, 2023, when he received "high commendation" from the examiners.



Mrs. Susanne Palmer explored the topic 'Managing a Diverse Workforce: Exploring the Role of Multiculturalism in Work Teams in the Cayman Islands' and successfully defended her dissertation on Friday, Dec. 8, 2023.

STAFF UPDATES

Departures

Stephen Henderson
Rondine Hutchinson

New Hires

Miss Natalie Rush –
Receptionist/Secretary

Camille Glenister –
Head, Education and
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Renee Hutchinson –
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