



22nd Annual Legacy
AWARDS GALA

We highlight some of the scholarship recipients from across the 4 campuses of The University of the West Indies (UWI) who benefited this year from the American Foundation for the University of the West Indies (AFUWI). The Foundation has regularly facilitated donations and scholarships to students and faculty of The University of the West Indies from individuals and corporations in the USA.

Scholarships were awarded to students from across the Caribbean to attend UWI at one of the four campuses in Barbados (Cave Hill Campus); Jamaica (Mona Campus); Trinidad & Tobago (St. Augustine Campus); and the Open Campus – Anguilla and Bermuda; Antigua; The Bahamas; Barbados; Belize; Bermuda; The British Virgin Islands; The Cayman Islands; Dominica; Grenada; Jamaica; Montserrat; St. Kitts and Nevis; St. Lucia; St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad & Tobago.

AFUWI and The University of The West Indies, on behalf of the scholarship recipients express appreciation for the contributions made by generous sponsors and donors. We encourage you to help us make a difference in the lives of students by supporting the upcoming fundraising events of the AFUWI or by donating to this worthy cause.

TRIBUTE TO A DONOR FROM A GRATEFUL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



“It is an honour to be an awardee of this most prestigious **Shelley Honorarium**. I have big dreams, but in order for them to come through I need to wake up. Sleep deprivations, in deep preparations And separation from early celebrations, In order for some sweet elevation. The feeling is so sweet, that the expressions come in a melody. Because after what you did for me, I noticed that life lasts forever. I live in your memory; and you’re in mine. A choice when I ran out of options, a voice of comfort, expressing a divine love, Unconfined by the laws of society, above the flaws. Saying believing in yourself will heal all the scars.

I still can’t forget when you turned to my co-worker and said, *“You’re barely gonna see Oshane again,”* *Book and Pen!... Book and Pen!* I only had hopes of going back to school. Now, my journey has started, and a great financial burden will be lifted, Making way for a more focused me, while studying. I am humbled, happier and motivated, You paved my way forward, My only wish is to pay it forward. Thank you!”

Author:

OSHANE MORGAN (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Marketing in the Faculty of Social Sciences



JOSHUA WEBSTER (Cave Hill Campus), a Barbadian, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Medicine and Surgery in the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

“I am exceedingly delighted and fortunate to be a recipient of the **AFUWI Stoute Scholarship**. Now into my final year of Medical School at UWI, I can reflect and say it has been a very challenging journey mentally, emotionally and financially. The tuition fee was a heavy financial burden for my family. On numerous occasions, I was left without access to online resources. In some cases, embarrassingly so whereby I would have to take exams on paper whilst everyone did them online. This scholarship motivates me to continue giving my all to complete Medical School and become an extraordinary doctor. Thank you AFUWI and donor(s) - this has been a blessing like no other!”



ZORIA BARKER (Cave Hill Campus), a Barbadian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Social Work (Special) in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

“When I saw that I was awarded the **AFUWI Stoute Scholarship**, tears of joy immediately sprung to my eyes. This scholarship will truly make a big difference as I am now able to afford the necessary resources such as physical textbook materials which are important in the field of Social Work and ease my worries, as I know for certain that I will be able to complete my degree and be one step closer to becoming an agent of change this world needs. I am truly grateful to you donor(s), thank you!”



JAVA SEALY (Cave Hill Campus), a Barbadian, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in International Relations with French in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

“Words cannot adequately convey how humbled and appreciative I am to be a recipient of the **Jordan and Jasmine Cheek Scholarship**. Your support and willingness to invest in my future will allow me to concentrate on my studies without the worry of financing it. One day, I will be able to follow your example and provide a scholarship to a young student, thereby, affording them a similar opportunity. Thank you donor(s), I am forever grateful to you and will never forget your investment in my education!”



RASHEED BRYAN (Cave Hill Campus), a Barbadian, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Management (Marketing) in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

“The payment of university fees was often on my mind so much that it resulted in the inability to focus on my studies. Mere words cannot express the emotions that I felt upon receiving the **Jordan and Jasmine Cheek Scholarship**. This scholarship has lessened the financial blow dealt to me by the costs associated with my education and given me a peace of mind. I am beyond thankful as it represents a lifeline that I am extremely grateful for. Thank you AFUWI and donors!”



ASHANNA CARTY (Cave Hill Campus), an Antiguan, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Accounting and Finance in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

“I am ecstatic to be a recipient of the **Parkwood Entertainment Scholarship**. Upon receiving this award, I know that, my educational fees are covered and nothing will prevent my studies from continuing. Thank you to the donor(s) who made this possible and for believing in my dreams and goals. I am honored and appreciative.”



KISHELLE CODRINGTON (Cave Hill Campus), a Dominican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Meteorology in the Faculty of Science and Technology.

“I am honoured to be a recipient of the **Parkwood Entertainment Scholarship**. One of my biggest challenges as a student was not meeting payment deadlines for school, which resulted in being denied access to my online learning materials. This scholarship, however, will significantly ease some of my financial burdens and motivate me to work harder. Thank you for your willingness to contribute towards helping me achieve my goals.”



REGINA ALS (Cave Hill Campus), a Barbadian is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Accounting (Special) in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

“I am very happy and appreciative to be selected as the recipient of the **Deloitte Scholarship**. Thanks to this award - I will now be able to take the financial burden of my university education off my parents, especially my mother who is disabled, and focus on my studies without worrying about having financial support to make it to school and have meals. Thank you donor(s), I hope that one day I will be able to help a student achieve their goals just as you have helped me.”



TANESHA LESLIE (Cave Hill Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Economics and Finance in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

“I am very happy to be an awardee of the **Bert Smith and Company Scholarship**. Coming from a poor background, it has always been a struggle finding funds to finance this journey away from poverty. This award will lighten my financial burdens and get me one step closer to achieving my goals. I can now focus on what is most important, a quality education. I am very grateful and I hope to one day contribute to society by giving back to students like myself. Thank you!”



JUSTINE CHUNG (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Medicine and Surgery in the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

“It has always been a dream of mine to one day become a medical doctor and it brings me great joy to know that I am now fulfilling that dream. Prior to receiving the **Dr. Nikki Bravo Scholarship**, I knew I was unable to attend medical school at The University of the West Indies due to the limited funds that my family had. However, with this award, I am now able to complete my Bachelors of Medicine and Surgery. Thank you for choosing me, this scholarship has motivated me to one day follow in the same foot-steps and establish a foundation that will help medical students overcome the high cost of tuition. I know that with a heavy burden off my shoulders I will be able to excel in my studies. Thank you!”



TONI-ANN MYRIE (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Economics in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

“I am immensely grateful to be awarded the **Ronald and Miriam White Scholarship**. I am happy and most of all, I have no burdens as you have assisted with paying my tuition and it is now up to me to show my gratitude by doing my part. Thank you!”



ACKEEM BROOKS (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Actuarial Science in the Faculty of Science and Technology.

“It is with a wide smile, a light heart and a thank you praise on my lips that I extend my most sincere gratitude to you for the **Caribbean Food Delights Scholarship**. Being awarded this scholarship will most definitely impact my university experience in a positive way, as it is one of my main sources of inspiration. Thank you donor(s), for the financial security you afforded me, and the overall boost of self-confidence.”



AKEEM BENNETT (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Medicine and Surgery in the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

“I am extremely elated and grateful to be a recipient of the **Cyrus McCalla Scholarship**. It has been rough over the past couple of months, worrying about how my tuition and other expenses will be covered, but you have come through for me at the right time. This award has provided an avenue through which the burden has been eased regarding the monetary costs associated with pursuing my dream of becoming a medical doctor and, this investment will not be wasted but will motivate me to work even harder in striving for excellence. Thank you for this act of kindness and May God bless you!”



WILBERT BUCHANAN (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Applied Chemistry in the Faculty of Science and Technology.

“Words cannot truly express the gratitude and excitement I feel to be chosen as a recipient of the **Patrick Hylton Scholarship**. Being able to know that my tuition fees will be covered not only removes a massive burden off my shoulders but has boosted my confidence and drive to excel in my academics and also my endeavors outside of school. Thank you once more - you have helped to propel other awardees and myself toward achieving our life goals.”



ONESHA SAPPLETON (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Computer Science in the Faculty of Science and Technology.

“I am very honoured and grateful for your confidence and willingness to help me to achieve my goals. The **Shelley Honorarium** motivates me to maintain my GPA and complete my degree. I look forward to being able to give back to my community and country when I begin my career. Thank you for your generosity in funding me.”



ABBEYGAYLE HOPE (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Accounting and Management Studies in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

“I am honoured to be one of the recipients of the **Bert Smith and Company Scholarship**. Growing up in a less privileged community has burdened my family with financial difficulties. However, by awarding me this scholarship, you have lightened my financial burdens, thus allowing me to focus on the important aspect of learning. Your generosity has greatly inspired me to continue helping others and give back to my community in whichever way I can.”



DEVON BREWSTER (Mona Campus), a Dominican, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Medicine and Surgery in the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

“Words cannot truly express the extent of my gratitude as the **Parkwood Entertainment Scholarship** comes at a point of financial turbulence in my academic journey. Following the passage of Hurricane Maria, I was left to fend for myself as my parents were further incapacitated by the destruction of our home. This award, however, puts me one step further to affording the cost of my tuition, which will guarantee me a seat at this institution. Thanks to you AFUWI and donors for making this possible!”



ELTON DALEY (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Actuarial Science in the Faculty of Science and Technology.

“Growing up in a less privileged community had its financial and academic challenges and so, during my first two years as a student at The University of the West Indies, my tuition was covered by virtue of student loans. I am honoured and elated to be the recipient of the **Patrick Hylton Scholarship**. Thanks to your generous financial support. Now, I can shoot for the stars in my long last quest of accomplishing my dreams. This scholarship will cover my tuition and residence fees for this year and has boosted my overall confidence and drive to do well. I cannot thank you enough AFUWI and donors, for this contribution you have made in my life.”



ELIZABETH STANLEY (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering in the Faculty of Engineering.

“Few words can express my utmost appreciation for being an awardee of the **JetBlue Scholarship**. Prior to receiving this award, I spent a lot of time worrying about my finances. Now, I can have peace of mind knowing that I’d be allowed to sit my exams, as well as continue my studies. This scholarship has made a positive impact on my life and so, I can focus fully on my education. Thank you, JetBlue. This is a step forward to reaching my full potential!”



TASHOYA DUFFUS (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Economics and Statistics in the Faculty of Social Science.

“I am extremely elated to be a recipient of the **Dianne Jaffee Scholarship**. Being awarded this scholarship significantly lightened my financial burden, which allows me to worry less and focus more on furthering my education. Your generosity has inspired and motivated me to help other students achieve their goals just as you have helped me. I will be forever grateful! Thank you donors.”



SHANOYA DALLING (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Management Studies in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

“I am sincerely appreciative to have been selected as a recipient of the **Lowell Hawthorne Scholarship**. By awarding me this scholarship, you have reduced my financial burdens, which will now allow me to focus on my studies and not worry about how I am going to pay for school or the possibility of being deregistered. I hope in the future to help struggling students reach their goals by assisting them in the same way that you are assisting me. Thank you AFUWI and donor(s) for such a wonderful deed, with your help. I am one step closer to achieving my goal.”



CHERESE SIMMONDS (Mona Campus), is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Management Studies in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

“I am extremely honoured to have received the **Lowell Hawthorne Scholarship**. Prior to this award, I had no idea where I would receive all the money needed to clear my tuition fees. Growing up in a financially deprived household, failure is my history and disappointments the pillow where I rested my head for countless nights. However, because of this award, I am now able to put more focus on increasing my grades and also to complete my studies for my first degree. Thank you donors, I am grateful and I pray, God Bless you all!”



MOESHA JONES (Mona Campus), a Jamaican is pursuing her undergraduate in Nursing in the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

“I can’t express enough how grateful I am to be awarded the **Dennis Shipping Scholarship**. Thank you for your generosity in providing this great opportunity for students like myself. This scholarship has rescued me from a hectic financial burden and my mind is now at ease because I don’t have to question expenses for school. Thank you!”



KAREN DACOSTA (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate in Nursing in the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

“I was very excited to learn of my selection for the **Bert N. Mitchell Foundation Scholarship**. The financial assistance that you have provided will be of great help towards paying for my educational expenses, allowing me to concentrate more on my studies. Thank you for your generosity and support, I promise to work hard and return the favour you gave me by firstly giving back in the form of service when I become a registered nurse and also, to assist others just as you have done for me.”



IMANI JAMES (Mona Campus), a Jamaican is pursuing her undergraduate in Management Studies in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

“My heartfelt and enthused appreciation to the donor of the **Dennis Shipping Scholarship**. University may not be the destined place/first choice for my peers where I come from, but for me, it had always been a dream. However, I struggled financially and I thought that I would have to put off attending university. I knew it would have been a hard road to travel, but I’m glad that I began the journey and the results are fruitful. My appreciation to you AFUWI and donor(s) is endless, I am thankful to have been considered for this prestigious award. Thank you all!”



RAVIN SINGH (Mona Campus), a Guyanese, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Political Leadership, Strategy and Management in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

“It is with distinct pleasure and honour that I express my profound gratitude for the **Shelley Honorarium**. I hail from a single-parent working-class family, therefore, it would have been impossible for me to attend the UWI. This act of generosity is more than just a financial contribution to my academic pursuit as it imposes a requirement for higher academic and co-curricular standards. This scholarship will serve as a constant reminder that there are benefits to be derived from striving for excellence. With a humbled heart, I thank you, my donors!”



JANELLE BAILEY (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Diagnostic Imaging in the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

“I am elated and appreciative to the recipient of the **Wayne Hosang Scholarship**. Prior to this award, my family’s financial standing was more burdensome as I reside in a single parent household. By awarding me this scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus on the most important aspect of school, learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to my community. I hope to one day help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me. Thank you AFUWI and donor(s) - I am one step closer to attaining my goal!”



TAMEKA VYPHUIS (Mona Campus), a Nevisian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Medicine and Surgery in the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

“It is truly a blessing to receive the **Tulsi and Claudette Singh Scholarship**. Since I began attending the UWI, I have been experiencing financial strains to the point where I would sit back and wonder if I should continue my dream of becoming a doctor. This financial worry lingered and impacted my studies greatly. However, with the help of this award I am able to pay off more than a half of my tuition and, purchase some of the medical instruments I once could not afford. Thank you to the donors and the AFUWI for giving me this opportunity to continue my academics with confidence.”



CHEZON TUCKETT (St. Augustine Campus), a Kittitian, is pursuing his undergraduate in Geomatics in the Faculty of Engineering.

“It is a privilege and honour to be selected and awarded the **J.D. Quinlan, Esq. Memorial Scholarship**. I have been met with many challenges - financial being the most daunting. This award will provide some much needed relief from my financial struggle and assist in helping me to focus on completing the three year journey on which I have embarked. I am eternally grateful, and will continue to work to the best of my ability to make this a worthwhile investment. Thank you!”



JADA BURNETTE (St. Augustine Campus), a Trinidadian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Management Studies in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

“I am beyond grateful to be the recipient of the **Diane Jaffee Scholarship**. Before this award, I was unable to cope financially, as there have been many struggles, which ultimately impacted my ability to focus. However, I am hopeful that the situation will improve as I have been blessed, and will now be able to focus solely on my studies without the stress of financial problems. For that, I am extremely grateful. Thank you AFUWI and donors for your generosity!”



ALLAN ABASS (St. Augustine Campus), a Trinidadian, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Accounting (Special) in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

“My deepest thank you for the **American Foundation for the University of the West Indies Scholarship**. Your generous award will go a long way in funding the remainder of my university programme, as well as, purchasing much needed school supplies such as textbooks that are very costly. I am tremendously touched by your kindness. This award not only acts as an incentive for me to strive for excellence but has also given me the motivation and desire to one day repeat this act to a student that may be in my position. Thank you AFUWI, for your confidence and investment in me.”



ALANA DAVID (Open Campus), a Grenadian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Literacy Studies.

“Undoubtedly, university life comes with challenges and the most challenging aspect of this journey to me is that of financing it. However, after hearing I successfully attained the **AFUWI Scholarship**, I was very elated because I knew it would allow me to continue my studies with a peace of mind. Thank you donors for your support, this award will make my educational experience at the UWI Open Campus much more meaningful since I can now focus wholeheartedly without having to worry about the lack of finance.”



KAHALIA SAMPSON (Open Campus), a Vincentian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Secondary English/Literacy.

“It is truly an honour to have been considered and accepted for the **AFUWI Scholarship**. Embarking on my studies at The UWI has always been a financial struggle and I have had to make many financial sacrifices in order to meet the needs of my tuition fees and living expenses. However, receiving this award would eliminate the many financial worries and expenses and give me peace of mind for the duration of my studies. AFUWI, your generous donation has evoked great motivation and enthusiasm within me, propelling me to aim for higher academic achievements. Thank you, donors!”



DARCIE SIMEON (Open Campus), a Dominican, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Accounting.

“Being a recipient of the **Parkwood Entertainment Scholarship** has granted me the ability to move forward academically. Prior to receiving this award, I was anxious and concerned about matters regarding my financial stability as a result of the many monetary obstacles I face. Therefore, I am very grateful for your kind donation as it will bring me forward in my studies. Thank you donors, for your benevolent gift.”



DIANA EDWARDS-MARTIN (Open Campus), an Antiguan, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Early Childhood Education & Family Studies.

“It has been a challenge for me to pay for my studies and this stress caused me to take a longer time adjusting and maintaining my grades. Thank you for awarding me the prestigious **Parkwood Entertainment Scholarship**. This award is an answer to my prayers and will most definitely impact my life as a student. Thank you, AFUWI and donors!”



JAMARLY TONEY (St. Augustine Campus), a Barbadian is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering in the Faculty of Engineering.

“I am honored to be the recipient of the **Canada Hall Scholarship**. Growing up in a less privileged community and coming from a low income family, financial and academic challenges have always been present in my life. Prior to receiving this scholarship, I had to stretch one semester’s worth of funds over two semesters - funds which were mostly acquired from summer internships where I saved my stipend every week. Though the amount was not much, I budgeted and made sacrifices to ensure that I had the necessities for school, food and accommodation. My Canada Hall Scholarship will provide a well needed financial boost to my university life. I will use it wisely in an effort to become the first university graduate in my family. Thank you, AFUWI and donors!”



KEMAR MATTIS (St. Augustine Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Law in the Faculty of Law.

“I am elated, yet humbled, to be the very first person from my family to pursue a tertiary education. In this my final year, I encountered another financial hurdle being unable to foot the bill for my accommodation. Despite this ... my hopes were renewed upon receiving the **Canada Hall Scholarship**. This award will afford me the ability to realize my goal of becoming a Prosecutor and, will also allow me the latitude to focus wholeheartedly on my studies in order to complete my Bachelor of Laws degree. Thank you very much for your investment in me, I assure you that it will bear fruits of success.”



JANVIÈVE PICKETT (Open Campus), a Guyanese, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Psychology/Human Resource Management.

“Words cannot describe the joy I felt on receiving the **AFUWI Pilgrim Scholarship**. After surviving the devastation of Hurricane Irma, I struggled daily to make ends meet and to remain focused at school. With no income and no help, this scholarship offered a source of hope, as it allowed me to confidently pursue my studies and, I am overjoyed that I will be able to finish my degree without having to worry about paying for my classes. Your investment in me and others like me, restores hope and build futures that would have never been possible otherwise. Thank you for your help and support.”