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### **UG's Faculty Of Social Sciences Honours Students For Outstanding Performances; Chief Justice Urges Graduates To Maintain Professionalism And To Be Of Service**



Some of the awards presented to the graduates

The University of Guyana's Faculty of Social Sciences (FSS), for the first time in the institution's 58-year history, hosted a special Award and Prize Giving Ceremony to recognise and honour the outstanding performances of its graduates of the Class 2020/2021.

604 students from the FSS, participated in the virtual march of graduates when the university hosted a series of graduation ceremonies in February which saw a total of 2600 persons graduating.

The Award and Prize Giving Ceremony for graduating and continuing students was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at the George Walcott Lecture Theatre, Turkeyen Campus and catered for the award recipients and special invitees only due to strict Covid-19 health protocols being in place.



Chief Justice (ag), Hon. Madame Roxane George S.C

Guyana’s Chief Justice (ag), Hon. Madame Roxane George S.C delivered the feature address. Justice George congratulated the awardees for their exemplar performances and wished them well as they embark on their careers. The CJ urged the graduates to always respect the human rights of persons, maintain a high level of professionalism and be of service to their fellow human beings. “You have a responsibility to provide the leadership that is necessary to ensure that you show respect for all...I urge you to focus on advancing human rights by bold leadership so as to leave a rich legacy of accomplishment, by applying the skills not only to earn a livelihood but in voluntary service,” the CJ urged.

“In order to provide such bold leadership, you must ensure that professionalism is the foundation of all you do. Professionalism requires adhering to sound principles and values as prescribed by and for your particular profession...Professionals see it as their duty to apply their knowledge, learning and skills so as to benefit their organisations,

communities, and ultimately the society as a whole...Professionals must aid to serve and not necessarily to be served," she added.

Justice George noted that with the advent of the oil and gas industry, Guyana will finally achieve the potential that has been touted for many years. "Guyana needs each and every one of you to ensure that what is achieved does not become a reality just for some while remaining in the realm of potential for others," the CJ told the awardees.



University of Guyana's Vice-Chancellor, XI, Prof. Paloma Mohamed Martin

University of Guyana's Vice-Chancellor, XI, Prof. Paloma Mohamed Martin in giving brief remarks at the event made two profound statements - 1. The number one infrastructure of any country is education, and 2. Poverty is the biggest contributor to climate change and environmental degradation. "This tells us that at the center of everything that we do, all disciplines, all of human endeavours, is the human being, and that's who you take care of. You are all social scientists and everything that you do matters to human beings and to our country," the VC expressed.

"Most importantly you are the ones who will fundamentally affect people's outcomes in life, you affect not only how they feel about each other and what they do. You are

the cream of the crop, you are the A Team, and we really want to congratulate you and thank you for doing what you do with excellence,” the Vice-Chancellor conveyed to the graduates.



Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Dr. Paulette Henry

Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Dr. Paulette Henry in her remarks congratulated the awardees and urged them to keep working hard in order to be successful at what they do. “Despite the odds you persevered, we are proud of you... We know that you will raise funds for the University, and we can proudly stand and say you have emerged from the Faculty of Social Sciences. We are so proud and delighted to host this event today and that you are all here.”

Dean Henry also thanked all the sponsors and partners for coming on board to recognise and honour the awardees for their hard work and dedication.

**The following awards and prizes were handed out:**



**The Republic Bank (Guyana) Limited Chairman's Award** was presented to **Miko Akeem Augustus McIntosh** who attained a 4.0 GPA with a Bachelor of Social Sciences, Economics. This award is given to the best graduating student with a bachelor's degree in the Faculty of Social Sciences who has attained the highest GPA.

#### **CENTRE FOR COMMUNICATION STUDIES**

**The Shirley Alma Paul Memorial Award** was presented to **Saudia Changa** who attained a 3.6 GPA for the best graduating Degree Student majoring in Communication Studies who has attained the highest GPA.

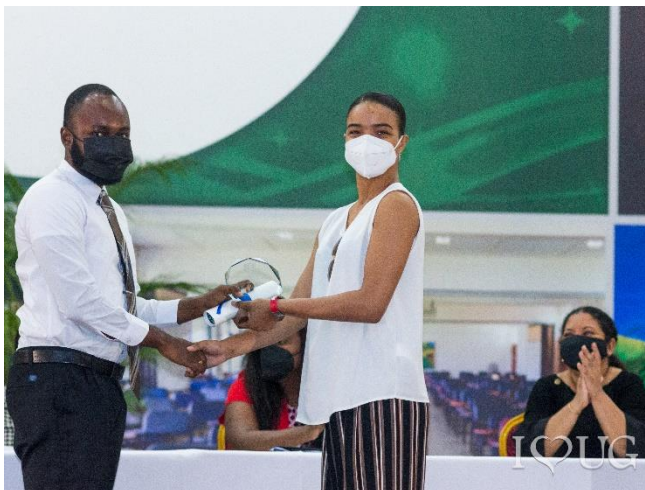
#### **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**



**The First Distinguished Professor Clive Y. Thomas Prize** was presented to **Miko Akeem Augustus** who attained a 4.0 GPA for the best graduating student in Economics who has attained the highest GPA.



**The Dr. Cyril Solomon Memorial Prize** was presented to **Ashanna Abiola Fordyce** who attained an overall average of 82% across the following courses ECN 3100, ECN 3202, ECN 4100, and ECN 4200.



**The University of Guyana Economics Society (UGES) Prize** was presented to **Miko McIntosh** who served as Vice President for UGES for 2020/2021. Prior to that, he served as a third-year mentor. He was very involved in all activities in the work of the UGES.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

**The Rashleigh Jackson Prize** was presented to **Modesty Gelacea Hossanah** who attained a 3.8 GPA for the best graduating student in the Bachelor of Social Sciences -International Relations, who has attained the highest GPA.

## DEPARTMENT OF LAW



**The Guyana Women Lawyers Association Book Prize** was presented to **Rea Cilicia Harris** who attained a 3.8 GPA for the best graduating female Law student in the Bachelor of Laws at the University of Guyana.



**The Ian Chang Prize** for a graduating student majoring in Law who has attained the highest grade in Criminal Law was presented to **Rea Cilicia Harris** who attained a 3.8 GPA.



**The Ian Chang Prize** for a graduating student majoring in Law who has attained the highest grade in Constitutional Law was presented to **Rea Cilicia Harris** and **Sudama Mohanie Devi**.





**The Anne Blue Memorial Award** was presented to **Dishon Persaud** who attained a 3.9 GPA for a law student with the best cumulative GPA at the end of the second year of the LLB programme.



**The Head of Department's Medal** for the second-best graduating student in the Bachelor of Laws Programme was presented to **Abigail Manbodh** who attained a 3.8 GPA.

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY



**The Sybil Patterson Award** for the best graduating student in the Bachelor of Social Sciences Degree Programme majoring in Social Work was presented to **Ove Adams** who attained a 3.8 GPA.



**The Professor George K Danns award** for B. Soc. Sc. in Sociology for the best graduating student was presented to **Whitney Ashley Kingston** who attained a 3.6 GPA.

Prior to the Convocation, there were other awards presented to students from the FSS. These included:



**The Prime Minister Medal** for the best graduating student was presented to **Annette Rosalynn Baksh** who attained a 3.6 GPA with the Degree in Public Management.



**The Pro-Chancellor Medal** for the best graduating Law student was presented to **Rea Cilicia Harris** who attained a **3.8 GPA**.

The programme was chaired by two students from the Centre for Communication Studies, Tiffany Budhoo and Shakel Thomas.

The University of Guyana, Faculty of Social Sciences extends sincere thanks to its donors and partners for making this Awards and Prize Giving Ceremony a success. Big thank you to: Republic Bank, Guyana; Centre for Communication Studies; Georgetown Chambers of Commerce and Industry; University of Guyana Economics Society; Ambassador Elizabeth Harper; The Sybil Patterson Family; The Guyana Women Lawyers Association; Mrs Savitri Chang; Kyte Small Barker Attorneys-at-law Firm and The Guyana Association of Professional Social Workers.

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### UG IN BRIEF

The University of Guyana is the 58th-year State University of Guyana. It offers 150+ programmes in over 60 disciplines online and face-to-face on 8 campuses across Guyana. With a student population of now 10,000, UG has provided education, learning, and research for over 50,000 alumni. The mission of the University is to discover, generate, disseminate and apply knowledge of the highest standard for the service of the community, the nation, and of all mankind within an atmosphere of academic freedom that allows for free and critical inquiry. UG's forward-thinking Blueprint 2040 is currently setting the course for the University's future design and institutional response to the changing needs of Guyana.

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