

OVERVIEW OF PORTRAITS OF EXCELLENCE

The University of the Southern Caribbean (USC) has a culturally diverse population of over 2500 students from over 20 different countries. The institution which was founded in 1927 has produced many local and international scholars. USC continues in its commitment to provide avenues for individuals to attain tertiary education, in an atmosphere that fosters spiritual nurture, intellectual curiosity, moral integrity and cultural diversity.

USC recognizes and accepts its responsibility to seek opportunities to effect transformation in the lives of all who pass through its walls. This responsibility is clearly reflected in the institution's mission – "To transform ordinary people into extraordinary servants of God to humanity through an holistic tertiary experience."

This transformation will only be realized through collaboration between the intellectual, social, physical and spiritual learning process.

Portraits of Excellence - the Annual USC Student Scholarship Awards & Gala, is an event that embodies this collaboration. It combines the intellectual, social, physical and spiritual aspects of learning and thereby provides an avenue for both the participants, and the wider student body to be exposed to transforming life experiences that will prove beneficial to their holistic growth and development.

The event is designed to provide an environment of learning and appreciation of cultural diversity. It also creates a forum for students to express their viewpoints, talents and accomplishments to the public and earn scholarship awards that will assist them in furthering their education. Both male and female participants are allowed to participate.

OBJECTIVES OF PORTRAITS OF EXCELLENCE

- To provide an opportunity for students to portray, using various art forms, the excellence that characterizes the USC Man and Woman.
- To provide an avenue for personal and professional growth for students.
- To provide students with the opportunity to engage in undergraduate research as a high impact practice

during their undergraduate experience.

- To raise the awareness of the diverse cultures represented at USC
- To instill a spirit of community service through a variety of unique nationwide community-based programs.

This year's emphasis of the Scholarship Pageant has been on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals # 1 & 2: **No Poverty** and **Zero Hunger**, under the theme: Fighting Poverty and Hunger: Promoting Food Security in the Caribbean-One Plate at a Time.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PORTRAITS OF EXCELLENCE

DELEGATES:

- Conduct a research project based on the chosen theme for the event;
- Present the research findings at a public forum;
- Present a portrayal of his/her talent/skill, an art form based on the theme for the event;
- Engage in, and report on a community project inspired by the theme for the event. This project must be done in association with their territorial clubs or support groups;
- Present a dress or costume related to both the theme of the program and the culture of the territory that he/she represents.
- Respond to an impromptu question (on the evening of the gala event)
- Ensure participation of his/her club or group in support for the event.

CRITERIA FOR SHORT LISTING

The screening committee conducts individual interviews with each applicant to ascertain their readiness, appropriateness and willingness to serve as ambassadors for USC. The following criteria guides the selection process:

- Good Citizenship (determined by the Student Development Council)
- A sophomore or junior with a GPA 3.0 or over
- Willingness to be an Ambassador for USC and to espouse the philosophies of the University
- Willingness and ability to participate in all preparatory activities leading up to the final event
- Active involvement in student life on Campus

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The delegates' presentations are assessed based on the following criteria. The total tally is worth 100%

The Written Research

carries a weight of 30% of the total. Delegates are required to conduct a scholarly research project based on the theme of the event. The project must conform to acceptable standards of research.

The Oral Presentation

is worth 10% of the total. Delegates have the opportunity to present their research findings to their peers in an open forum.

The Talent Segment

is worth 15% of the total and reflects the delegate's creativity.

The Community Development Project

is required to be done along with the support of the delegate's club and is worth 15% of the final mark.

The Costume/Cultural Display

is worth 15% of the final mark. This assesses the delegates' creativity, and the ability to relate his/her presentation to the event theme.

The Impromptu Question

is worth 5% of the final mark and tests the delegates ability to speak intelligently on current issues.

Academic and Personal Development Sessions

is worth 10% of the final mark, and constitutes a series of preparatory workshops, events and training sessions by experts in the various fields.

PRIZES & AWARDS

The following prizes and awards will be given for the various segments of the event:

Mr. and Ms. USC prizes - \$30,000 x 2

1st Runners Up (Male and Female) - \$15,000 x 2

All other Delegates - \$7,500 x 4

OTHER PRIZES

Best Talent Award- (Male and Female) - \$3,000 x 2

Woolford Community Project Award - \$5,000 (Territorial club prize)

Eastern Group of Companies Research Award - \$10,000

Congeniality Award - \$1,000

Best Cultural Wear Award- Male and Female - \$1500 each

People's Choice Award - \$1000

Best Oral Research Presentation - \$500

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Safety Briefing - IMC

National Anthem
Ms. Simona Jackson

Opening Prayer
Faith Charles & Kahlan Roach

Welcome and Opening Remarks
Mr. Michael Ron Christopher
& Mrs. Josann Christopher

Opening Segment
POE 2024 Delegates

Patroness's Remarks
Mrs. Sharon Clark-Rowley

Research Projects
Video Presentation

Talent Segment
POE 2024 Delegates

People's Choice Award Voting
Mr. Michael Ron Christopher
& Mrs. Josann Christopher

Community Projects
Video Presentation

Cultural Wear Segment
POE 2024 Delegates

Musical Rendition
Dr. Andy Manzano

Delegates' Interview Segment
Mr. Michael Ron Christopher
& Mrs. Josann Christopher

Farewell: Mr & Ms. USC 2023
Jad Isidore (St. Lucia) & Abigail Collins (Jamaica)

Judges' Deliberations
Mr. Michael Ron Christopher
& Mrs. Josann Christopher

Entertainment Item
Mr. Kahlan Roach (Best Talent 2023 - Barbados)

Vote of Thanks
Pastor Onesi La Fleur

Results & Presentation of Awards
Mr. Michael Ron Christopher
& Mrs. Josann Christopher

Presentations to Mr. & Ms. USC 2024.
Mrs. Sharon Clark-Rowley

Congratulations to Delegates
President Colwick Wilson
& Dr. Deleise Wilson

Closing Prayer
Pastor Terry John

Farewell
Mr. Michael Ron Christopher &
Mrs. Josann Christopher

UNIVERSITY OF THE
SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN



MR. & MS. USC
SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDS AND
GALA



SUNDAY MARCH 10TH, 2024

TIME: 5:30PM – 8:30 PM

USC AUDITORIUM

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PATRONAGE OF



MRS. SHARON CLARK-ROWLEY

The Adventist education system reflects the heavenly "society" God intended for us. It gives us tools and resources to become wiser and healthier. It provides us opportunities to look beyond ourselves and to serve others. It connects us as friends, as partners and as a community. Most importantly, it helps us fulfill our potential of being "good" citizens, eagerly anticipating an eternity with the God who created us. Adventist education is about teaching a whole and complete life, for a lifetime. Portraits of Excellence embraces that philosophy.

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MISSION...

The University of the Southern Caribbean seeks to transform ordinary people into extraordinary servants of God to humanity.

VISION...

An academy fit for God's approval through intellectual, spiritual, social and cultural development.

MOTTO...

Beyond Excellence

THE USC MAN & WOMAN

Consistent with our goal and vision, the Administration of the University of the Southern Caribbean (USC) has taken the challenging position to characterize the USC man and woman. For, if the USC graduate is unique, as we maintain, then there must be a set of observable characteristics that the university must work toward replicating in each graduate. Thus, the following characteristics identify the USC man or woman:

A clear knowledge of God, faith in the Supreme, and an appreciation and respect for diverse beliefs;

Morals, which positively impact society, inclusive of integrity, honesty, and fairness;

An awareness of, and sensitivity to characteristics of a multicultural society;

Critical thinking and problem-solving skills;

A passion for life-long learning;

Agents of change in discharging civic responsibility;

Experiences that demonstrate the development of the head, the hand and the heart;

Ability to communicate effectively to diverse populations;

Appreciation for the finer graces of life, inclusive of appearance, graciousness, kindness, mercy, and the arts;

A healthy lifestyle, inclusive of practiced laws of physical and emotional health;

Acquisition and demonstration of responsible use of the world's resources, inclusive of natural resources, money and other acquired wealth.

FACILITATORS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

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Ms. Stacy Ann Quintero
Dr. Amanda Thomas
Senator Dr. Paul Richards
Mr. Josh Rudder
Ms. Shirley Ann David
Mr. Derron Sandy
Mrs. Lois Baynes
Mrs. Joslyn Pierre-Isaac
Eve Anderson Recruitment
Dr. Edward Clarke

JUDGES FOR GALA EVENT

Dr. Deirdre Charles
Mr. Kivonne Ramsawak (Lead)
The Honorable Minister Shamfa Cudjoe-Lewis
Mr. Derron Sandy
Ms Candace Alcantara

JUDGES FOR RESEARCH PAPERS

Dr. Gersha Pierre
Dr. Barbara Constance
Dr. Peter Smith

JUDGES FOR RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Fiona Rajkumar
Dr. Kyra McGowan-Santana
Dr. Paul Richards

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Dr. Glenda Hinkson

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Mrs. Stacey Simmons-Roberts
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USC's Corporate Communications department

HOST AND HOSTESS FOR GALA

Host- Mr. Michael Ron Christopher
Hostess - Mrs. Josann Christopher

PATRONESS Mrs. Sharon Clark-Rowley

MEET THE DELEGATES

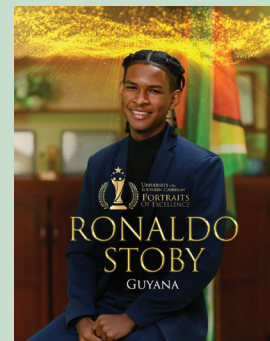


SHAUNTAE PRICE
BARBADOS

TERRITORY: BARBADOS CLUB
AGE: 20
MAJOR: FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE AND GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY, YEAR 3
CAREER ASPIRATION: FAMILY THERAPIST
HOBBIES: READING, WRITING POETRY

One recommendation I would make if I were a member of the United Nations General

Assembly in order to assist in the eradication of poverty and hunger in the Caribbean would be to take the time to teach food security methods in school. This includes land cultivation, food preparation, rationing and other important lessons. This way, in the future, it will be less likely for people to not be able to have a meal or not be able to save money on produce.



RONALDO STOBY
GUYANA

TERRITORY: GUYANA CLUB
AGE: 18
MAJOR: B.S COMPUTING/ 2ND YEAR
CAREER ASPIRATION: CYBERSECURITY ENGINEER
HOBBIES: VOLLEYBALL, DRAWING, SINGING, PLAYING BASS GUITAR AND CODING

If I were a member of the United Nations General Assembly, I would recommend

that the Caribbean works on sustainable agriculture and intra-regional trade to improve measured growth and food security.



NKOSI CATO
TOBAGO

TERRITORY: TOBAGO (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO CLUB)
AGE: 21
MAJOR: BSC ACCOUNTING, YEAR 3
CAREER ASPIRATION: FORENSIC ACCOUNTANT
HOBBIES: PLAYING CHESS, READING, VIDEO GAMES, WATCHING DOCUMENTARIES, PLAYING, AND LISTENING TO MUSIC, AND LEARNING NEW THINGS.

My recommendation as a member of the

UN General Assembly, would be to promote peace and reduce food wastage. If we can establish an inviolable ecological condition that is beneficial to both economic growth and poverty reduction by boosting collaboration among Caribbean countries and encouraging peaceful dispute resolution, we can redirect financial resources towards initiatives that directly address poverty within our own societies. This approach not only fosters self-sufficiency but also empowers individuals to break free from the cycle of

dependency on external aid, ultimately leading to sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction.

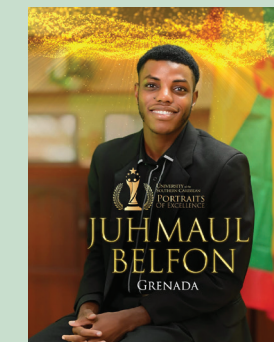


MARICA HECTOR
ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

TERRITORY: ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES (VINADA CLUB)
AGE: 18
MAJOR: BS BIOLOGY AND BIOMEDICAL, YEAR 2
CAREER ASPIRATION: MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGIST
HOBBIES: SINGING, CROCHETING, AND COOKING

If I were a member of the United Nations general assembly;

one recommendation that I will make is for the governments of the Caribbean islands would be, to utilize their natural environment and resources, by expanding their farmlands to create and maintain better food security by producing crops and rearing animals whilst providing jobs for the unemployed citizens of their respective countries and decreasing their overall import of food items and retaining more money with their own economy. Caribbean Islands that have fertile soils such as St. Vincent and the Grenadines should invest in training persons and farmers in crop cultivation, fishing, and animal rearing, since they are the bread baskets of the Caribbean. Then they would be able to supply resources for other countries while allowing people to make an honest living.

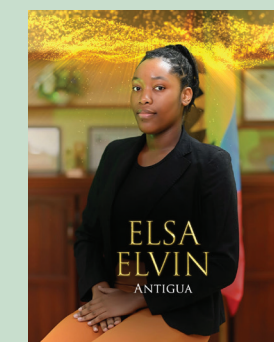


JUHMAUL BELFON
GRENADA

TERRITORY: GRENADA (VINADA CLUB)
AGE: 22
MAJOR: THEOLOGY, YEAR 2
CAREER ASPIRATION: PASTOR
HOBBIES: COOKING, HIKING, PREACHING, SINGING, SHOPPING AND HELPING OTHERS

If I were a member of the United Nations General Assembly, one recommendation

I would give for the eradication of poverty and hunger in the Caribbean region would be to suggest that case studies and experiments be considered to determine how the dangerous effects of climate change can be reversed. I would also look at ways that agricultural food production can be boosted Globally.

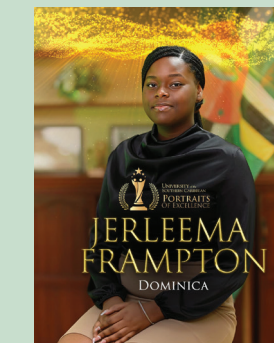


ELSA ELVIN
ANTIGUA

TERRITORY: ANTIGUA (NORTH CARIB CLUB)
AGE: 22
MAJOR: BS PSYCHOLOGY, YEAR 2
CAREER ASPIRATION: INDUSTRIAL-ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST
HOBBIES: COOKING & TRAVELLING

If I were a member of the United Nations general assembly I would recommend self sustainable in-

come by each household growing their own food to maintain their family and feed their home; as well as selling their produce to generate more income.

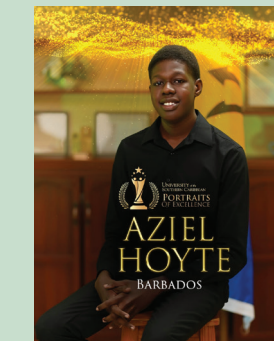


JERLEEMA FRAMPTON
DOMINICA

TERRITORY: DOMINICA (DOMINICAN/ST. LUCIAN CLUBS)
AGE: 19
MAJOR: BIOLOGY WITH A BIOMEDICAL EMPHASIS, YEAR 3
CAREER ASPIRATION: PEDIATRICIAN/PHARMACOLOGIST
HOBBIES: READING, LISTENING TO MUSIC, WATCHING SHOWS, COOKING

If I were a member of the United Nations General Assembly,

I would suggest creating an agricultural development and food security initiative in the Caribbean to begin effectively dealing with these issues. This initiative would include the allocation of funds for the development of water supply systems, routes for transportation, and storage facilities in the main agricultural areas of each Caribbean country, as well as encouraging the production of a wide variety of crops and implementing numerous training programs to improve farmers knowledge and skills best for profit in their trade. Functional school meals and community outreach programs to increase knowledge of proper nutrition would be put into action to ensure everyone would be able to benefit from this initiative.



AZIEL HOYTE
BARBADOS

TERRITORY: BARBADOS CLUB
AGE: 19
MAJOR: B.S COMPUTING, 2ND YEAR
CAREER ASPIRATION: CONTENT CREATION/ INFLUENCER
HOBBIES: SKATEBOARDING, PLAYING PIANO, CONTENT CREATION

If I were a member of the United Nations General Assembly, one crucial recom-

mendation I would propose to eradicate poverty and hunger in the Caribbean region is to advocate for the widespread adoption of regenerative and sustainable agricultural practices. This would not only promise to generate a substantial number of job opportunities but also foster a sense of food security among the population.

