



UCCI /UWI/ICCI 50-50 Caribbean Conference 2012 Essay Competition (Tertiary Level)

The University College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI), in collaboration with the University of the West Indies (UWI) and the International College of the Cayman Islands (ICCI), is staging the 50-50 Caribbean Conference with the theme, "Surveying the Past, Mapping the Future".

We invite you to express your views on issues revolving around this theme. This is your opportunity to be a part of a historical event and win prizes at the same time! Winners will be declared on March 23, 2012, during the closing ceremonies of the 50-50 Conference.

Word Limit: 2,000-2,500

Mark Scheme:

Content	12 pts.
Organization	5 pts.
Use of Language/Expression	8 pts.
TOTAL	25 pts.

Prizes: First and Second Prize

Guidelines:

Writers are expected to supplement their essays with relevant authoritative sources. The MLA referencing style should be used. The essay must be the original work of the writer.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES:
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2012**

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Topics (Choose One):

- 1) Female heads of state in the Caribbean have done a much better job at leadership than their male counterparts. Discuss.
- 2) The link between crime and politics must be blamed for the state of lawlessness in independent states of the Caribbean.
- 3) The agents of socialisation should be held accountable for the lack of tangible progress among independent states in the Caribbean.
- 4) Voluntary colonialism is better than independence.
- 5) Leaders of independent Caribbean nations have failed their people and have ushered them into a state less desirable than dependence or colonialism.
- 6) Patriotism, nationalism and independence are incompatible with economic progress and development.
- 7) Caribbean countries that have opted to be British Overseas Territories have fared better than those that chose independence.

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