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UCCI: GROWING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

As it celebrates its 10th charter anniversary, the University College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI) continues to achieve milestone after milestone. Just recently, Cayman's premier tertiary education institution has been granted international accreditation by the UK-based Accreditation Service for International Schools, Colleges and Universities (ASIC). Recognised for its many areas of strength and good practice, UCCI has been deemed commendable overall and has been designated as an ASIC Premier Institution.

Furthermore, the College of Business Studies and Professional Development at UCCI has been awarded the status of Candidate for Accreditation by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE) located at 11374 Strang Line Road in Lenexa, Kansas, USA. In granting candidacy status, the IACBE has determined that the business programmes in the following degrees are eligible for accreditation:

- Commonwealth Executive Master of Business Administration
- Commonwealth Executive Master of Public Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with concentrations in:
 - Accounting
 - Management
 - Marketing
- Associate of Applied Science in Accounting
- Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration
- Associate of Arts in Business Administration

"Accreditation is the objective of every credible educational institution as it represents the ultimate in quality control and standards. The University College faculty and staff have worked diligently to achieve this important milestone," Mr. JA Roy Bodden, JP, UCCI President.

He expressed his delight that UCCI achieved this distinction upon its initial application, saying. "This to my mind speaks volumes about the administration, quality of faculty and staff as well as the curriculum of the University College. We endeavor to build upon this positive achievement so that UCCI can continue to be the leader in tertiary education in these islands."

The ASIC and IACBE accreditation are but two of the latest developments in UCCI's quest to ensure that its programmes are on par with international standards. The BSc Degree in Nursing, for example, is accredited through the Nursing Council of Jamaica. The legal and teacher education programmes, on the other hand, are accredited through the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEx) and the Joint Board of Teacher Education (JBTE), respectively. The auto mechanics certificate

programme is accredited through the Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI) and the hospitality programme through City and Guilds.

Extra-Curricular Programmes

In an effort to produce well-rounded graduates, UCCI has embarked on various extra-curricular initiatives such as a performing arts programme, the international anti-corruption conference and the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) conference. In April, the institution made history with its inaugural TEDxUCCI event which generated participation from students, staff and members of the wider community.



UCCI makes history with its first ever TEDxUCCI event.

With these undertakings having such a wide regional outreach, one might not be aware that the student body is just around 1,400. But that modest scale, which incidentally is a positive advantage for students, is balanced with a highly qualified faculty, members of which possess either master's or doctoral degrees.

Overseas Scholarships and Internships

Another exciting development is the overseas experience that UCCI students are now enjoying through various study abroad and exchange initiatives in countries like Germany, Canada, Panama, Costa Rica, Curacao and Trinidad & Tobago. Over the summer, UCCI will send one of its students to Austria and another in Hong Kong.



UCCI students Reeva McLaughlin and Derron Connor (second and third from left) receive congratulations from President JA Roy Bodden (first from left) and Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Allan Young (first from right) before leaving for their semester abroad at Mount Royal University in Calgary, Alberta, Canada (Fall 2014).

“Here at the University College, we recognise the need to expose our students to international best practices. It is for this reason that we place such high value on providing the Study Abroad experience to our students,” said President Bodden.

These programmes are something that the institution is keen on expanding according to President Bodden. “Over the next academic year, it is expected that our Study Abroad programme will be able to provide twice the opportunities currently available to UCCI students. These offerings will be on a competitive basis, thus ensuring that the best students are selected. Importantly, too, this method will serve to raise the standards of our students by instilling in them the notion that only the best is good enough,” he said.



Two German students from Fachhochschule Frankfurt am Main enjoyed the Fall 2014 semester at UCCI. (L-R) First row: Kristin Zeller, President JA Roy Bodden and Christina Tode. Second Row: Admissions Coordinator Allison Anglin, Registrar Heather Hogarth-Smith and Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Allan Young.

UCCI continues to become the institution of choice for many Caymanians and expatriates alike, as they are able to experience the demands of a university environment right on their doorstep and with a myriad of opportunities on their horizon.