

Georgetown, Guyana

Former Barbados Foreign Minister joins UG as Distinguished Visiting Professor

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Barbados, Ms Maxine McLean, will on Wednesday, October 17 begin a one-week visit to Guyana in her new role as Distinguished Visiting Professor of Entrepreneurship at The University of Guyana.

During her visit she will deliver guest lectures in the School of Entrepreneurship and Business Innovation and the Faculty of Social Sciences, speak at the Yesu Persaud Symposium on October 23 and pay courtesy calls on several government ministers and private sector leaders. This visit is a forerunner to her more active engagement at UG from January 2019, including being one of the main speakers at the combined second Diaspora Engagement and Entrepreneurship Conference, which is being planned for next June.

A graduate of University of the West Indies (UWI) Cave Hill Campus in Public Administration, she was awarded an OAS Fellowship in 1979 to do graduate work at Ohio University, where she received the MBA in 1981 and the MA in International Affairs in 1982. She also received a Fulbright Fellowship to Louisiana State University in 1986.

She is a former lecturer at UWI Cave Hill for seventeen and half years, where she introduced the teaching of Entrepreneurship and taught Management courses within the Department of Management Studies, in the Executive MBA and in the Executive Development Programmes of the Centre for Management Development. She also taught at the Barbados Institute of Management and Productivity (BIMAP) and Louisiana State University. Ms McLean also is the CEO of her consulting firm, Strategic Interventions Inc.

Ms Mc Lean joined the Cabinet of the late Barbados Prime Minister David Thompson as a Minister in the Prime Minister's Office in January 2008 and she was appointed Leader of Government Business in the Senate. In November of the same year she was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade and served in that role until May of this year.

In commenting on her appointment, Vice-Chancellor Professor Ivelaw Lloyd Griffith indicated, "Distinguished Visiting Professor Maxine McLean brings to us a rich combination of academic expertise and national and international policy experience, which will excite and expand the intellectual perimeter of our students, especially those in School of Entrepreneurship and Business Innovation and the Faculty of Social Sciences".

An active entrepreneur, Ms McLean has been involved in the start-up and management of several small businesses and frequently assists a range of small entrepreneurs on a voluntary basis. She was President of the UWI Alumni Association, a former member of the St. Stephen's Church Council and the first female Trustee of the Anglican Church in Barbados.

Professor Griffith further stated, "I'm also excited that she's joining us because she will enable us to expand our international relationships and strengthen our philanthropic and entrepreneurial outreach, which are crucial aspects of Project Renaissance."

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With a current enrollment of some 8,000 students, The University of Guyana (UG) has graduated more than 20,000 students who have gone on to successful careers locally, regionally and internationally. The University is also a major contributor to the national economy and to business and industry. Established in 1963 on a part-time basis with shared space at Queens College, UG moved to its own campus at Turkeyen in 1970 and expanded in 2000 with the addition of the Tain Campus. It now offers more 116 under-graduate and post-graduate Programmes including the Natural Sciences, Engineering, Environmental Studies, Forestry, Urban Planning and Management, Tourism Studies, Education, Creative Arts, Economics, Law, Medicine, Business, Optometry and Nursing. Several online programmes are available and The UG also offers extra-mural classes at four locations through its Institute of Distance and Continuing Education (IDCE). The UG also offers the opportunity for student engagement in debating, sports, and cultural, religious and professional activities.

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