



THE
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
OF JAMAICA

"Assuring Quality in Higher Education"



Anniversary Awards Luncheon

Thursday, October 26, 2017
12 noon
The Valencia Suites
Spanish Court Hotel
6 Worthington Avenue

Overview of the UCJ

The University Council of Jamaica (UCJ) is the National External Quality Assurance Agency for higher education in Jamaica. The UCJ was established in October, 1987 by the University Council of Jamaica Act, 1987. It is a statutory body under the portfolio of the Minister of Education, Youth and Information.

As part of its core function, the UCJ registers institutions offering higher education to ensure that certain minimum standards are met, and provides accreditation for degree and specialised programmes, as well as for institutions.

The UCJ evaluates local, regional, and international academic credentials and professional certifications to determine comparability to qualifications awarded locally.

The development of academic standards by the UCJ is achieved through the work of established Standards Committees. These standards are aligned with

Vision Statement

The University Council of Jamaica aims to be a Centre of Excellence enabling national, regional and international development through quality assurance in higher education.

Mission Statement

The Mission of the University Council of Jamaica is to facilitate and oversee the development and maintenance of a robust higher education quality assurance system.

international standards and provide important guidelines as to the requirements for programme accreditation.

The UCJ contributes to the development of best practice principles for quality assurance regionally and internationally through its membership on the Board of the Caribbean Area Network for Quality Assurance in Tertiary Education (CANQATE); and participation at a strategic level in the activities of the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE); and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).



Values

The UCJ is committed to...

Learning and Development

The Council facilitates the growth and development of individuals, higher education institutions and communities towards a culture of quality.

Integrity and Ethics

The Council believes in objectivity, honesty, the establishment of trust and confidentiality while consistently operating in an ethical manner.

Excellence

The Council believes in the attainment of high quality standards in all aspects of its work.

Transparency

The Council exhibits openness and fairness in its operations.

Service

The Council provides high quality services to all its stakeholders.

Respect

The Council believes in and values the diversity of its stakeholders.

Functions

1. To register institutions offering higher education to ensure that certain minimum standards are met.
2. To provide accreditation for degree and specialised programmes, as well as for institutions
3. To grant and confer Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates and other academic awards and distinctions to and on persons who have pursued programmes of study approved by the Council at associated higher education institutions.
4. To develop, on an on-going basis, threshold standards for different levels of qualifications in various disciplines, at the higher education level.
5. To research issues pertaining to quality assurance in higher education with a view to maintaining and improving educational outcomes.
6. To assist in the development of higher education institutions by providing professional advice and services for the development and improvement of programmes.
7. To assure the quality of foreign credentials.
8. To facilitate the recognition of cross-border higher education programmes, and those of awarding bodies being offered in Jamaica.
9. To provide appropriate public information about the institutions, programmes and awarding bodies registered, accredited and recognised by the Council.
10. To monitor and evaluate higher education programmes and institutions on an on-going basis to facilitate continuous improvement.
11. To facilitate the free movement of skills and knowledge within the Caribbean Community.



MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE MOST HON. SIR PATRICK ALLEN ON, GCMG, CD, KSt.J GOVERNOR GENERAL

It is often said that an investment in education pays the best interest. For many Jamaican students, matriculation to a tertiary institution often represents a significant financial expenditure. It is therefore important that the intangible value which a course of study purports to hold, can be converted into opportunities from which students can expect to reap social and economic benefits complemented by their own human efforts.

In the thirty years since its inception, the University Council of Jamaica (UCJ) has made significant strides in promoting a culture of quality assurance in tertiary education and training. The level of awareness and resultant quest by prospective students for accredited programmes offered at registered institutions, truly reflect the fruits of the UCJ's commitment to enabling national development through the strategic implementation of quality assurance protocols.

I therefore extend heartiest congratulations as you commemorate this anniversary milestone.

Thanks to the UCJ, Jamaica is highly regarded for tertiary level accreditation in the Caribbean. This as quality assurance becomes more acceptable and institutions engage in a process of consistent innovation and improvement of course content and delivery, as well as institutional management. The outcome is that our

graduates are more marketable and competitive with their peers anywhere in the world.

As Jamaica commemorates 55 years of independence and celebrates the contribution of Jamaicans at home and abroad, it bears emphasising that the work of foundation leaders of the UCJ whose work in this area of education is helping to advance the realization of the national goal to achieve a high standard of world-class education and training of which we can all be proud.

Happy Anniversary UCJ!



**MESSAGE FROM THE MOST HONOURABLE
ANDREW MICHAEL HOLNESS, ON, MP
PRIME MINISTER**



The University Council of Jamaica (UCJ) plays an integral role in the development of the education sector through the formulation and regulation of systems and guidelines that ensure international standards are upheld by tertiary Institutions. The UCJ is the standard bearer for quality assurance in tertiary education in Jamaica.

for the advancement of the country's education sector and facilitating a better way of life for Jamaicans through the finest quality of education.

Nelson Mandela said "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." This is true and as Jamaicans we must embrace and accept education as the core of Jamaica's mission for social change and development.

As you continue to ensure the tertiary institutions provide gold standard services, I wish you every success in your future endeavours as we partner to make education the centre of socio-economic growth.

As my administration strategically implements strategies to create avenues to double the enrolment of tertiary students, Jamaicans should be able to maximise their potential and compete effectively in the global economy. I implore the Council to remain steadfast in its mission of upholding the standard and guidelines for quality tertiary level education in Jamaica.

Happy 30th Anniversary.

The UCJ's membership with the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA); Caribbean Area Network for Quality Assurance in Tertiary Education (CANQATE); and the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE) has strengthened its ability to increase the availability of tertiary-level training on the island. These partnerships ensure excellence, transparency, integrity and adherence to standards.



As you commemorate this significant milestone under the theme "30 Years of Enabling National Development Through Quality Assurance", I congratulate you on paving the way



MESSAGE FROM THE HONOURABLE DR PETER PHILLIPS LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Let me congratulate the University Council of Jamaica (UCJ) as it celebrates its 30th anniversary as the External Quality Assurance body for tertiary education in Jamaica. The UCJ's pioneering role in the Caribbean

as past Executive Directors of the UCJ have been selected to serve on the Governing Boards of the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies.

Since its inception, the UCJ has accredited hundreds of programmes and courses, from which thousands of students and employees have benefitted. The institution has also made a significant contribution to national development through its support for programmes offered in the social sciences, education, science, engineering, technology, nursing and other areas of study that underpin and promote social and economic development.

as the leader in the field of Quality Assurance is reflected in the support it has given to the leadership of fledgling councils in the Caribbean Territories.

Over the three decades of its existence, the UCJ has fulfilled its mandate to enable National Development through Quality Assurance by ground breaking and exemplary work in the field, locally and internationally.

The UCJ has developed and used rigorous processes and tools, as well as indigenous talent and skills in the quality assurance exercises; this is laudable. The Council has also led the way or/and has collaborated with professional bodies and institutes in the development of standards for various sectors, thus ensuring consistency across institutions and across the country.

The integrity of the work of the Council has enjoyed public acclaim and the confidence from both students and tertiary level institutions alike. This work has been recognized at the highest levels internationally,

Let me encourage the Council to continue to meet the challenges as it continues to expand access to the educational opportunities created by technology and to keep abreast of the advances being made internationally in this field. These challenges are but opportunities for growth and further development.



MESSAGE FROM SENATOR, THE HONOURABLE

RUEL REID

MINISTER OF EDUCATION, YOUTH AND INFORMATION

As The University Council of Jamaica (UCJ) celebrates 30 years of Enabling National Development through Quality Assurance, I commend the Agency for its sterling work and unwavering commitment to quality.

The UCJ is well-respected locally, regionally and internationally as an independent External Quality Assurance Agency (EQAA), which upholds standards and performs its role to the highest level of integrity and transparency.

The UCJ has been at the forefront of assuring quality in higher education in the Caribbean, and spearheaded the establishment of the Caribbean Area Network for Quality Assurance in Tertiary Education (CANQATE). The Agency has also assisted other Caribbean islands in setting up their own EQAAs over the years.

Throughout its 30 years, the UCJ has, and continues to contribute significantly to the development of best practice principles for quality assurance regionally and internationally. This is achieved through its work with UNESCO, its membership and full participation on the Board of CANQATE; the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE); and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation's International Quality Group (CIQG).

The UCJ's expertise and advice is constantly sought by the Government of Jamaica and throughout the Caribbean coupled with its invaluable assistance to higher education institutions. This commitment to quality is reflected in the improving standards in higher education in Jamaica and the region.

The UCJ's service to our Nation, its adaptability and its willingness to share its expertise, and to keep our citizens informed is worthy of commendation.

On behalf of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information, I extend hearty congratulations to the Council, Staff and Assessors of the UCJ – past and present, who have all contributed to making the UCJ a shining light in the higher education sector and the quality assurance arena.

I look forward to participating in the celebration.

Happy 30th Anniversary.





**MESSAGE FROM THE HONOURABLE
REV RONALD THWAITES
OPPOSITION SPOKESPERSON, EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

The Jamaican nation is indebted to the University Council of Jamaica for thirty years of uplifting the cause and quality of higher education. All efforts to transform other areas of education; all plans for economic growth and social cohesion are largely founded on the extent and quality of the tertiary sector.

Over the life of the UCJ, the twin objectives of increased access and the highest quality have been blended. Good partnerships have been created between public and private offerings.

Going forward the UCJ is challenged to maintain the highest quality standards and the broadest reach for the advancement of the nation.

Congratulations and Best wishes.



**MESSAGE FROM
DR CAROLYN HAYLE
CHAIRMAN, THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF JAMAICA**

As the UCJ celebrates “30 years of Enabling National Development through Quality Assurance,” the Agency will continue to use its efforts and resources to facilitate and oversee the development and maintenance of a robust higher education quality assurance system. All this will be achieved while recognising the diversity of institutions and the need for ongoing innovation and creativity in the development of higher education programmes.

It is the Council’s expectation that the higher education landscape in Jamaica will continue to change as more institutions strengthen their Internal Quality Assurance (IQA) system and seek Institutional Accreditation. In addition, greater use of technology in programme delivery, the movement of people, increased competition to attract students between institutions and across borders, and prospective students exploring more cost-effective and creative ways of achieving certification will all play a part in this dynamic environment.

As the UCJ moves forward, capacity and operational efficiency will be strengthened to face the new challenges – known and unknown. Customers and stakeholders will also benefit from the UCJ’s plans to streamline and automate critical management and operational processes. The UCJ will continue to challenge institutions to develop a sustainable culture of quality, which in turn will result in the improvement of student learning outcomes and the marketability of our graduates.

The UCJ’s journey as the National External Quality Assurance Agency for higher education in Jamaica is a story of dedication and commitment by both present and former Council members, Staff, Assessors and Institutions, who have been instrumental in supporting the UCJ to be an exemplar in the field of external quality assurance.





MESSAGE FROM MRS ALTHEA HERON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF JAMAICA

The UCJ's focus these past 30 years has always been on using its developmental role to assist institutions in developing a culture of quality.

The UCJ has delivered on its mandate to increase the availability of tertiary level training in Jamaica with the number of registered institutions now standing at 42 and with 339 programmes being accredited.

The UCJ has benefited tremendously from the professional expertise and wisdom of Council Members, Staff, Assessors, and key stakeholders and will continue to strive to be "a Centre of Excellence enabling national, regional and international development through quality assurance."

As the UCJ celebrates "30 years of Enabling National Development through Quality Assurance," the Agency is working toward achieving the International Standardization

Organisation (ISO) 9001:2015 Certification. This will improve systems and processes to better serve our customers.

In addition, as the UCJ improves on its service delivery and practices, we will continue to ensure that they are aligned with the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education's (INQAAHE) best practice.

As the UCJ keeps abreast of changes and developments in the higher education sector and the quality assurance arena specifically, the Agency will continue to share new ideas and learning with institutions and other stakeholders locally and regionally.

It is our commitment to all our stakeholders that we will continue to deliver a first-class service and exhibit openness and fairness in our operations.



**MESSAGE FROM
DR CECIL CORNWALL
CHAIRMAN, THE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION
(JCTE)**



Boston College in 2010, identified the arena of higher education as a plethora of diversity among institutions, students, resource and professors. No doubt this diversity prompted the response for a quality framework which, as a mechanism for quality control, would determine the technical inputs and outputs necessary for quality performance. Quality control mechanisms in the field of education must include systematic activities for quality performance as well as evaluation towards corrective measures.

The University Council of Jamaica (UCJ) has embraced the parameters of such control mechanisms in the design of a national quality assurance programme that has resulted in high quality performance as the seal for established standards in a tertiary education environment where there is diversity in approaches to education.

The JCTE commends the UCJ's established quality assurance standards, which continue to review the methods for quality from the perspectives of effectiveness and efficiency as well as qualitative change in the tertiary landscape. This milestone achievement evidenced in the design of threshold standards for quality assurance, was a creditable occurrence in the field of education in Jamaica in 1987.

Today the UCJ is recognised as Jamaica's national accrediting agency for tertiary education. The JCTE for which I am chairman, is honoured to identify with this outstanding institution in which it was formed by the UCJ's first Executive Director, Dr Ethley London, who is an outstanding local and international educator and luminary

of Quality Assurance. As the output of this accrediting agency, which is recognised for its focus on upholding the quality of education in the tertiary landscape, the JCTE is always cognisant of its position and was pleased to launch the 'Dr Ethley London, OD, Lecture & Professional Development Day for Educators' in 2016, with the first lecture at the Northern Caribbean University on February 24, 2016. The overwhelming response from educators resulted in two such lectures in 2017.

The JCTE holds a great debt of gratitude to Dr Ethley London, founding Executive Director of the UCJ, for the formation of the JCTE under section 6.1 of the Ministry of Education Youth and Information Act, creating a forum of bringing together both public and private tertiary institutions to share best practices and enter into dialogue that serve to benefit all stakeholders.

The JCTE congratulates all past leaders and employees of this great institution and wishes for the current leaders and TEAM members continued success as you build on the legacy of the past.

On behalf of the Executives and members of the JCTE, it is our pleasure to extend heartfelt congratulations in wishing a successful period of celebration to this credible authority on quality tertiary education - the University Council of Jamaica.



**MESSAGE FROM
MS KATHERINE GRIGSBY
DIRECTOR AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
UNESCO CLUSTER OFFICE FOR THE CARIBBEAN**

UNESCO Cluster Office for the Caribbean presents its greetings and hearty congratulations to the University Council of Jamaica (UCJ), the

With the current influx of many (HEIs) emerging across Jamaica, there is a need for a greater focus on the quality of output in education, UCJ has been instrumental over the years in ensuring that Jamaica meets universal standards in that regard.

UNESCO salutes the efforts of this august institution as it champions the cause for appropriate accreditation in higher education. We support the development of Internal Quality Assurance (IQA) systems in HEIs so as to detect and discern that the level of knowledge impartation meets the highest possible world standards.

While we congratulate the UCJ on its 30 year anniversary, UNESCO also stands ready to assist the Jamaican Government where possible in the realization of good higher educational standards and practices so that the gap between educational delivery and employment may be bridged. We salute the team at the UCJ and wish for them many more productive years.

National External Quality Assurance Agency, which will celebrate its 30th Anniversary in October 2017. Quality Assurance remains one of UNESCO's top priorities especially in light of the launch of our Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) particularly Goal 4 -**Quality Education**-To ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all with keen focus on target 1- By 2030, ensuring that all girls and boys complete free, equitable and quality primary and secondary education leading to relevant and effective learning outcomes.

We draw to memory the 2007 partnership established between the World Bank and UNESCO that launched the Global Initiative for Quality Assurance Capacity (GIQAC) which supported the gradual process of bolstering quality assurance in higher education in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and other countries. This initiative helped to renew the focus on quality, best practices, implementation of guidelines and the promotion of dialogue among countries in order to monitor and promote the effective use of quality assurance among these vast networks of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).



**MESSAGE FROM
SUSANNA KARAKHANYAN, PHD
INQAAHE VII PRESIDENT**

Honorable founding members of the University Council of Jamaica, leadership and staff, on behalf of the INQAAHE Board of Directors, I am honored to extend our heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the University Council of Jamaica's.

As UCJ marks 30 years of success in excellence, the Council has every reason to be proud of its past, its commendable achievements as well as excited about its future.

This milestone offers a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the major achievements and the important contributions it has made to the higher education system's enhancement and sustainability. Major human resource capacity building at the system wide level coupled with the safeguarding of the system and its continuous enhancement are only some highlights.

By providing quality assurance guidance and services to tertiary education and its stakeholders you have set a standard of excellence higher education providers try to emulate.

As President of INQAAHE, I take this opportunity to extend my highest commendations for the admirable job done by the UCJ to enhance and sustain a quality culture in the Jamaican tertiary education sector and wish you absolute success with this noble mission. I am certain that the UCJ will continue to successfully deliver its services to the tertiary education sector in Jamaica for many years to come.

We wish you continuous success and many more years of fruitful service and contribution to the community.





**MESSAGE FROM
DR JUDITH EATON
PRESIDENT, COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION (CHEA)**

As President of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), I send congratulations as you celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the establishment of the University Council of Jamaica (UCJ). UCJ has been in the forefront of Caribbean nations in promoting and advancing quality assurance in higher education. UCJ also plays an important role in advancing quality assurance internationally as a member and active participant in the CHEA International Quality Group.

We congratulate you on this significant anniversary and applaud your work to support quality improvement efforts of colleges and universities in Jamaica.

**MESSAGE FROM
DR RONALD BRUNTON
PRESIDENT, CANQATE**

There is no doubt that tertiary level education and training play a critical role in ensuring social and economic sustainability in today's increasingly competitive and unpredictable global environment.

However, in the increasingly complex tertiary education landscape, marked by rapid advances in educational technologies, new learning modalities, growing demand for flexible learning, shifting learner demographics, influence of foreign providers and the many other dynamics shaping the sector, it is becoming increasingly difficult to determine what constitutes quality in tertiary education.

Overcoming such challenges is critical to the survival and legitimacy of any quality assurance agencies today, including the University Council of Jamaica. Conscious of the changing education landscape, the

University Council of Jamaica (UCJ) has demonstrated a commitment to continuous improvement of its own processes and operates in a manner consistent with international best practice in external quality assurance.



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The UCJ has made significant progress in refining its operations since its establishment in 1987, by implementing new quality assurance services and procedures that ensure greater depth in its review of institutional practices and closer monitoring of registered and accredited institutions and programmes.

As a result, students, parents, employers, government and other key stakeholders are assured that graduates of tertiary level institutions are developing the knowledge and skills needed to meet the growing complexity of the country's development challenges.

Inspired by the vision of past and present leaders, including its Boards of Directors, the UCJ's leadership team continues to be champions of quality in tertiary education. Throughout the years the UCJ has shared its expertise in quality assurance nationally through seminars, training workshops, publications, lectures and events within its quality assurance week typically hosted in March each year. While I may not be there in person I have learnt of the many informative and auspicious activities planned during the month of October to celebrate this important milestone.

I also note the UCJ's emphasis on sensitising the public on the importance and multi-faceted dimensions of quality in tertiary education, the importance of establishing a quality culture, as well as systems, policies and practices that assure quality within institutions.

As the UCJ celebrates 30 years as the established quality assurance agency in Jamaica, it is important to acknowledge the pioneering vision of the UCJ's first Executive Director, Dr Ethley London, who established CANQATE in 2004 and continues to provide her advice to the UCJ and other

quality assurance professionals across the region. Following in this leadership role, the UCJ continues to share its expertise in quality assurance across the Caribbean, providing invaluable advice to newly and well established quality assurance agencies, CARICOM, quality assurance professionals and support to CANQATE initiatives.

CANQATE looks forward to its continued collaboration with the UCJ and the other external quality assurance agencies throughout the Caribbean as we work towards the harmonisation of quality assurance practices throughout the region.

On behalf of the Board of Management of CANQATE, as well as the broader quality assurance community in the Caribbean, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the UCJ for turning 30 this year.



Programme

Prayer

Dr Bryan Wallace, Principal, Regent College of the Caribbean

Welcome

Dr Carolyn Hayle, Chairman, the UCJ

Opening Address

Senator, The Honourable Ruel Reid, Minister of Education, Youth & Information

Lunch

Live Band, The Mico University College

Overview of UCJ's Achievements

Mrs Althea Heron, Executive Director, the UCJ

Musical Performance

Northern Caribbean University

Presentation of Awards

Registration and Accreditation
Staff - Long Service
Assessors, Standards Committee
Council and Special Awards

Musical Performance

Northern Caribbean University

Responses

Institutions
Staff
Assessors/Standards Committee/Former Council Members
Special Awardee

Vote of Thanks

Dr Dawn Barrett Adams, Chairperson, The UCJ's 30th Anniversary Planning Committee

National Anthem

**UCJ 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
LONG SERVICE AWARDEES — 10 YEARS AND OVER**

NAME	PERIOD	YEARS OF SERVICE
Ms Thelma Mollison	1993 – 2017	24 years
Miss Kerry-Ann Robinson	1995 - 2017	22 years
Mr Ripton Watson	1997 - 2017	20 years
Mrs Annie Sutherland	2000 - 2017	17 years
Dr Angela Penny	2004 - 2017	13 years
Mrs Lisa Henlin	2006 - 2017	11 years
Mrs Arlene Lawrence	2006 - 2017	11 years
Mrs Diane Butler	2007 - 2017	10 years

**OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDEES
ASSESSORS AND STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Dr Felix Akinladejo	Dr Jean Dixon	Mrs Vanetta Skeete
Dr Peta-Anne Baker	Miss Stephney Ferguson	Mr Halzen Smith
Dr Christopher Clarke	Professor Zellyne Jennings-Craig	Mrs Dolsie Townsend
Professor Daniel Coore	Dr Rosemarie Johnson	Dr David Wendler
Dr Patrick Dallas	Mrs Marilyn Robinson-Cornelius	
Dr Carlton Dennis	Mrs Sherlette Rookwood-Brown	

**OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDEES
COUNCIL, COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL, ASSESSORS**

Dr Carol Hordatt Gentles
Professor Elsa Leo-Rhynie
Professor Ronald Young

SPECIAL AWARDS

Dr Claude Packer
Mr John Randall

PICTORAL HIGHLIGHTS: 1987-2017





MILESTONES 1987-2017

- 1991 – First institution registered (Jamaica Theological Seminary)
- 1991 – First programme accredited (Bachelor of Arts in Theology)
- 1991 – Establishment of the Joint Committee for Tertiary Education
- 1992 – Publication of the first Directory of Jamaican Tertiary Institutions
- 1995 – First locally offered overseas programme accredited
- 1995 – First UCJ-Approved Degree
- 1997 – Establishment of the first Board of Studies
- 1997 – Establishment of the Credit Transfer Committee, later renamed the Tertiary Articulation Committee
- 2000 – Publication of the first set of standards developed by a Board of Studies
- 2003 – Launch of the Tertiary Qualifications Framework
- 2004 – Launch of Quality Assurance in Tertiary Education Week
- 2004 – Launch of the Caribbean Area Network for Quality Assurance in Tertiary Education (CANQATE)
- 2006 – Launch of the Guidelines for the Accreditation of Short Courses
- 2007 – Launch of the Dennis Irvine Lecture Series
- 2007 – 20th Anniversary Celebrations (125 programmes accredited)
- 2012 – 25th Anniversary Celebrations (247 programmes accredited)
- 2012 – Launch of Teacher Education Standards
- 2012 – Institutional Accreditation (The University of the West Indies)
- 2014 – Launch of Distance Education Standards
- 2015 – Launch of Standards for Guidance and Counselling
- 2016 – Relaunch of the Tertiary Articulation Committee to the Technical Advisory Committee
- 2017 – The UCJ launched its new website (www.ucj.org.jm)
- 2017 – “Programmes Under Review” published by the UCJ
- 2017 – 30th Anniversary Celebration (42 registered institutions and 339 programmes accredited)
- 2017 – Revised Tertiary Qualifications Framework (to be launched)
- 2017 – Standards for Information Technology, Associate degree level (to be launched)
- 2017 – Standards for Natural Science and Mathematics, Undergraduate degrees (to be launched)
- 2017 – Standards for Engineering, Bachelor’s degree level (to be launched)
- 2017 – Standards for Bachelor’s degree in Education (to be launched)
- 2017 – Standards for Occupational Associate degree in Fitness Management (to be launched)
- 2017 – Revised Institutional Accreditation Standards (to be launched)
- 2017 – The UCJ embarked on a mandate to increase the number of institutions with Institutional Accreditation
- 2017 – The UCJ has begun the process of automating critical management and operational processes
- 2017 – The UCJ is working toward achieving the International Standardisation Organisation (ISO) 9001:2015 Certification

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