

GRADUATION BULLETIN #4

Dear 2025 Graduand,

Congratulations on the completion of your designated programme!!!

We celebrate this momentous occasion with you and invite you to **read this information very carefully and in full to avoid missing important information regarding your Commencement ceremony.**

Update 1

Graduation date: Sunday, July 20, 2025
Venue: National Arena, Kingston, Jamaica
Start time: 11:00 a.m. sharp!

All graduates are required to be at the National Arena by 9:00 a.m.

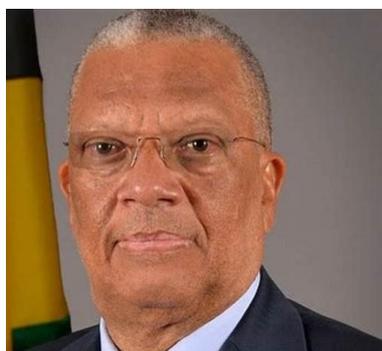
All guests must be seated by 10:00 a.m.

Doctoral Awardee



Dr. Nigel Clarke, DPhil., currently Deputy Managing Director at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and former Minister of Finance and the Public Service (2018–2024), will receive the **Honorary Doctor of Finance (D.Fin. Honoris Causa)**. A Rhodes Scholar and Oxford-trained economist, Dr. Clarke has emerged as one of the most influential financial strategists in the Caribbean. Under his stewardship, Jamaica's economic policy framework gained international recognition, attracting foreign investment and setting new benchmarks for economic resilience.

Doctoral Awardee



Dr. Peter Phillips, MP, former Minister of Finance and Planning, will be awarded the **Honorary Doctor of Economics (D.Econ. Honoris Causa)**. Widely regarded as one of the chief architects of Jamaica's fiscal reform, Dr. Phillips is celebrated for his pivotal leadership between 2012 and 2016, during which he negotiated a landmark IMF agreement that restored international financial credibility and led Jamaica out of economic crisis. His legacy is marked by prudent policy-making, a commitment to inclusive development, and tireless efforts to stabilize the national economy and reduce public debt.

Update 2

UCC will be publishing a graduation supplement in both The Gleaner and The Observer on July 27th. This supplement will celebrate the achievements of our graduates and provide a unique opportunity for personalized recognition.

Kindly visit the official UCC website www.ucc.edu.jm for more details. This is an opportunity for employers, family and friends to place congratulatory messages accompanied by images or graduation photos in the newspapers.

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BE FEATURED IN OUR

Graduation
SUPPLEMENT

EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST

Don't miss your chance to be featured!
Two (2) exclusive graduation supplements will appear in
The Sunday Gleaner and The Sunday Observer.

CLICK HERE >>

Update 3

GRADUATION PACKAGE

Each graduand will receive a graduation package which includes the following:

- a. Graduation regalia (gown, hood, mortar board)
- b. Digital invitations (A QR code will be shared with you)
- c. Directions to the National Arena (*will be sent to your email address*)
- d. Parking ticket for the National Arena car park.

Graduation packages will be available for distribution beginning Monday, June 30 at the following campuses:

Montego Bay
Mandeville

Ocho Rios
May Pen

Distribution of regalia for Kingston graduands will begin on Monday July 7, 2025.

There will be no distribution of graduation regalia at the National Arena on Sunday, July 20, 2025. All graduands are required to collect or make arrangements to collect their graduation package from their respective affiliated campus by Friday, July 18, 2025 by close of business at 4:00 p.m.

Update 4

Guidelines for Robing and Academic colour

1. Do you know the academic colour seen in graduation attire for your field of study?
2. Do you know how to properly attire in your regalia.

The videos in the link below provides answers to these important questions.

Please click the link to view the respective video in [this folder](#).

Update 5

Important points to note:

- You **must** complete your graduation application (even if you will graduate in absentia).
- You **must** complete your graduation application by the deadline of 4:00 pm on Friday, July 11, 2025.
- You **must** book your place by the deadline, even if the publication of final grades is delayed.
- Any outstanding debt to the University **must** be cleared.
- Five (5) graduation invitations each will be provided in the week leading up to your ceremony.
- If you need more than the allotted invitations, please send an email to graduation@ucc.edu.jm.
- You are required to be at the arena by 9:00 a.m. on July 20, 2025. Guests are required to be seated by 10:00 a.m.
- If you apply, then discover you are unable to attend, please send an email to graduation@ucc.edu.jm.
- We cannot take any responsibility for costs (for example, accommodation and travel) incurred by yourself or your guests in relation to the ceremony.
- Group photos will be taken at 9:30 a.m. on July 20, 2025.

Update 6

Visit the UCC website www.ucc.edu.jm and view previous graduation bulletins for important information and updates.

I hope the above information proves useful.

Please make contact at graduation@ucc.edu.jm if you need further assistance.