



### Scotiabank Contributes \$1-Million to UWIDEF



Jacqueline Sharp (l), President and CEO Scotia Group, hands over a million dollar cheque to The Hon. Dennis Lalor (r), chairman of the University of the West Indies Development & Endowment Fund (UWIDEF) as part of the Bank's contribution to their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Sharing the moment is Carla Seaga (c), Executive Director of the Fund.

[August 4, 2015] Scotiabank has endorsed their commitment to the continued development of the University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona Campus, by recommitting \$1 Million towards the UWI Development and Endowment fund (UWIDEF). The presentation was made by of Jacqueline Sharp, President and CEO, Scotia Group, to the Hon. Dennis Lalor, Chairman of the Fund, and Executive Director Carla Seaga at the ScotiaCentre building downtown this morning.

"We are always happy to support the University, as we too are committed to empowering youth development and the building of leaders in Jamaica", said Jacqueline Sharp, President & CEO Scotia Group.

Twenty-five years ago, Scotiabank was one of a number of corporate entities to respond to the plea for assistance after the campus was devastated by the passage of Hurricane Gilbert. Then, to effectively restore the campus, they needed \$100-million. Seventy-Eight companies responded to the call and subsequently, to honour them, the prestigious Century Club was created.

Since then the Fund has supported a number of projects that have impacted student life, increased access to education, and enriched the quality of the UWI Mona Campus' offerings to its students. These include Funding of the Tropical Metabolic Research Institute for Discover Research for Obesity,

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refurbishing a number of lecture theatres, varied grants and the establishment of over 50 scholarships for students.

Now, in recognition of their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the UWIDEF has reached out for an additional contribution of \$1-Million to be better able to assist the University meet the needs of the growing and changing campus community. Scotiabank has once again responded to the appeal.

“Scotiabank has been really great to us”, said Lalor, as he expressed his appreciation for the support. “It is because of Scotiabank and other companies like you, why the University exists today”, he continued.

Through numerous programmes and partnerships, Scotiabank has maintained its mandate to enhance youth through developmental opportunities in sport, education and health. This contribution aligns with the bank’s focus on education and the development of future leaders.



Jacqueline Sharp (r), President & CEO Scotiabank greets The Hon. Dennis Lalor (l), chairman of the University of the West Indies Development & Endowment Fund, just before presenting him with a \$1-million cheque towards the Fund.

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