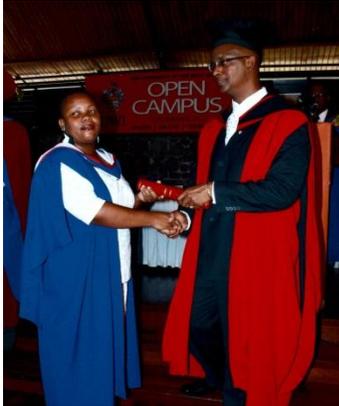


Robertine George

B. Ed Literacy Studies

First Class Honours



George and Dr. Francis Severin
(Head of UWI Open Campus)

Robertine George was awarded First Class Honours in the Bachelors of Education in Literacy Studies degree from the University of the West Indies (UWI) Open Campus. George was formally recognized and gave the vote of thanks at the Dominica Site's Recognition of Graduates Ceremony at the Fort Young Hotel on Thursday, March 29, 2012.

George is originally from the northern community of Bense. She attended both the Bense and Massacre Primary Schools. Her secondary education occurred at the Portsmouth Secondary School. There, among her other subjects, she majored in Principles of Business and Literature. She began her teaching career in 1997. In 2005, she graduated from the Dominica State College Teacher's Programme and received the Student Teacher of the Year Award. Thus, she received the Olive Harris Scholarship and used the award to attend the UWI Open Campus. She has worked at the Bense Primary School, the Woodfordhill Primary School and the Wesley Primary School. She is currently the teacher responsible for the special reading programme at the Massacre Primary School. This current responsibility has occurred primarily because of her studies at the Open Campus.



George gives vote of thanks

Speaking of her academic achievements, George says, "I am indeed very academic. God has blessed me with that gift."

She has one daughter who is seventeen and one son who is eleven. George believes that she initially chose Literacy Studies because of her own love of reading and her determination to

help her family.

"I love reading, and not a day goes by that I don't spend some time reading," she says. "I chose literacy studies at first because I thought it would be a good

way to help my son to improve his skills. Then, I found that with what I was learning at the UWI Open Campus, many other students would be able to benefit.”

George’s goals include continuing her education. She also encourages young people to take their studies as far as they can.

“I would like to get a PhD in Literacy Instruction. I think that many students do not get as far as they should get because their reading skills are poor. We need to address that,” she remarks. “To be able to get somewhere and to make a difference, I believe that people need be as educated as possible. Having a few CXC’s is no longer going to suffice because education is what will take people where they want to go.”



George (left in bottom row) and other BEd Graduates

George says the BEd programme with the UWI Open Campus was tough, but she was determined to do well. Some of the courses were more challenging than others, but all in all, she did enjoy the experience.

UWI Open Campus, Dominica congratulates Robertine George on her extraordinary achievement.