



UWI SPEAK

An Evening To Remember

It started out as a simple “Presentation of Certificates Evening” in honour of those students who had successfully completed a recently introduced group of Certificate Level courses offered by the UWI Open Campus – namely ***Events Management, Effective Public Speaking and Presentation Skills and Theatre Arts in Education.***

However, the audience soon realized that they were in for a very special treat as each graduating group in turn gave the audience of well wishers and colleagues the opportunity to experience a little of what had been learnt during their time spent at the Open Campus.

It was indeed an evening with a difference. After the formal address by Head, Mrs. Veronica Simon who exhorted the virtues of life-long learning, the spotlight turned on the students. First up was Ms Shanna Clifford who kept the audience spellbound with a riveting Power Point Presentation of her winning Valentines Day event. Her detailed presentation left the audience longing for the return of February 14th by conjuring up images of a romantic evening for two planned down to the last rose petal. Indeed, an interesting feature of the programme is that the event presented actually has to be staged by the students –thereby providing them with hands on experience of the real life challenge of managing an event outside of a classroom setting.



Ms. Shanna Clifford making her presentation.

Ms Clifford was followed by the Open Campuses very own Mrs. Marlene Francis who took off her Senior Administrative Assistant hat to don her Public Speaking one. Exuding confidence, Mrs. Francis ably represented her group by garnering her freshly honed oratorical skills and presenting an inspiring speech on the value of "Team Effort."



But perhaps the highlight of the evening were the two theatrical pieces put on by the Theatre Arts in Education group who for the past year had immersed themselves in methodology and were now eager to share what they had learnt. Nor did they disappoint!

They presented not one but two pieces- the first a well rehearsed presentation called Taboo-What We Never Speak and the second, an improvised piece which not only stretched the limits of the performers creativity but also required all present to be active participants in the "play". The audience was left with no doubt that this group of educators would be returning to their respective schools fully equipped to integrate their newly learned skills into their teaching programmes



Societal hypocrisy represented by masks



The masks come off and all is revealed

The presentations were followed by a formal presentation of Certificates as well as Special Awards for the highest scoring student in each cohort. A sumptuous spread rounded off the night's events. It was indeed an evening to remember.



Ms. Adeltrude Jn Charles receiving the prize for best Theatre Arts Student