




FEBRUARY 8-12, 2016

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MONDAY	<p>The UCJ’s “Know before you enrol” campaign encourages persons considering tertiary education to check if their institution is registered and if the programme of study is accredited by the UCJ.</p> <p>Here is today’s first #KnowBeforeYouEnrol tip.</p>	<p>In conducting your research, one question you MUST ask the institution is whether the programme is accredited.</p> <p>#KnowBeforeYouEnrol</p>	<p>Why is accreditation important to you?</p> <p>Tell us in the comments.</p> <p>#KnowBeforeYouEnrol</p>
			
TUESDAY	<p>Did you know?</p>	<p>The University Council of Jamaica will celebrate the 11th annual Quality Assurance in Tertiary Education Week from March 7-11, 2016.</p>	<p>The UCJ is the External Quality Assurance Agency (EQAA) for tertiary education in Jamaica. Learn about the UCJ’s mandate here.</p>

See the flyer below for details. [#UCJQAWeek2016](#)



Did you know?

The University Council of Jamaica (UCJ) was established in October 1987 by the University Council of Jamaica Act.

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Vision

The University Council of Jamaica (UCJ) aims to be a Centre of Excellence for quality assurance in tertiary education in the Caribbean, maintaining a system which is responsive to national and global changes while enhancing the development of a coherent Jamaican tertiary education system and the country's human resources.

WEDNESDAY

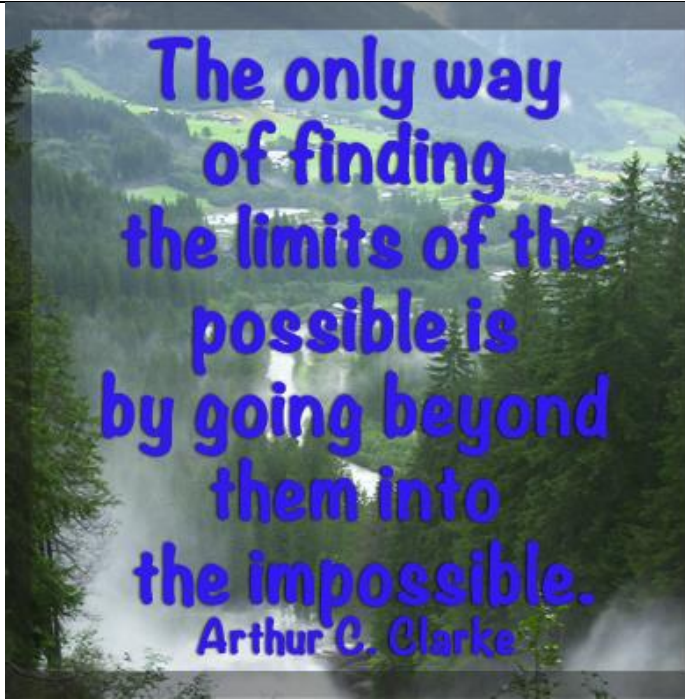
ASH WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

Go forward into the impossible today!

Endeavour to live a life of happiness.

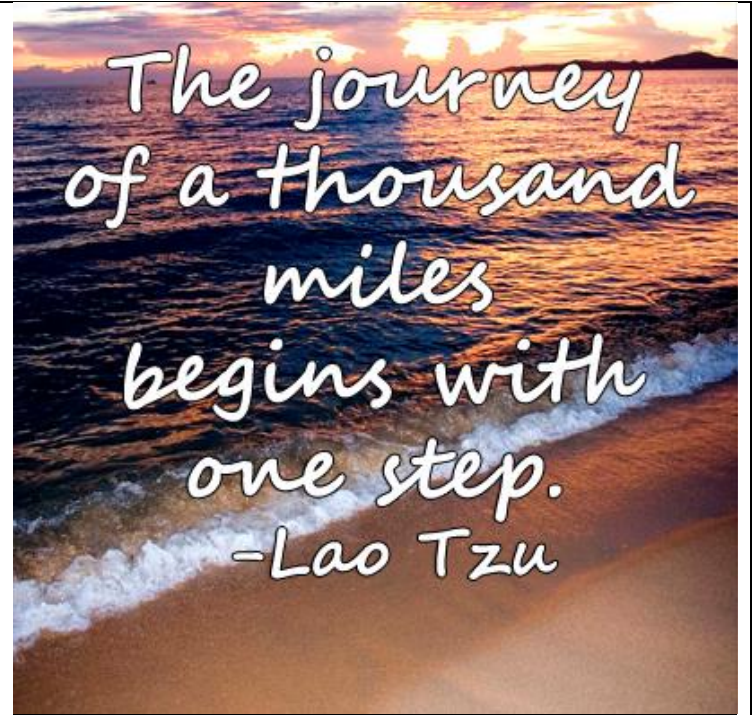
Take the first step towards the rest of your life.



The only way
of finding
the limits of the
possible is
by going beyond
them into
the impossible.
Arthur C. Clarke



Rule #1 of life.
Do what makes
YOU happy."
- Unknown



The journey
of a thousand
miles
begins with
one step.
-Lao Tzu

FRIDAY

The UCJ News is the official newsletter of the University Council of Jamaica. Visit <http://ow.ly/XNZx1> to see the latest issue of the newsletter.

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See the flyer below for details. [#UCJQAW2016](https://twitter.com/UCJQAW2016)

The University Council of Jamaica (UCJ) has reviewed its policy regarding the recognition of qualifications obtained through programmes delivered by distance learning (online programmes) internationally.

Learn more about this new procedure here: <http://ow.ly/XOy5f>



THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF JAMAICA

"Assuring Quality in Tertiary Education"

11th Quality Assurance in Tertiary Education Week

March 7 - 11, 2016

Students' Forum

Date: Friday, March 11, 2016

Venue: The Mico University College Gymnasium

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**THEME: WORKPLACE SKILLS & ATTRIBUTES:
EMPLOYERS' EXPECTATIONS VS STUDENTS' PERCEPTIONS**

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Distance learning/Online programmes statement

October 1, 2015

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Overseas institutions that are delivering **online programmes** (100 per cent online) are required to have the programme assessed by the UCJ against local standards for recognition in Jamaica.

The review came about as a result of increasing concerns about the quality of some online programmes currently being offered and whether they are comparable in standards to those offered in the conventional face-to-face setting.

The UCJ's mandate as an external quality assurance agency means that it must develop, communicate, and use a set of standards for distance education to ensure that quality is preserved and ensure that such programmes are viewed as comparable to those in institutions where instruction is offered face-to-face. The UCJ holds distance education programmes to the same high standards as those delivered by face-to-face modality.

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FEBRUARY 15-19, 2016

	10: 00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
MONDAY	Happy Monday. This week, we continue to review why accreditation is important to you. Here is another reason why this is important. #KnowBeforeYouEnrol	As higher education is a significant investment, you always want to ensure that you have made the right choice. #KnowBeforeYouEnrol	Always weigh the advantages and disadvantages when selecting an institution to enrol in. #KnowBeforeYouEnrol
	<p align="center">Know Before You Enrol </p> <p align="center"><u>Why is accreditation important to you?</u> Your future graduate school, when assessing your qualifications, will consider the quality of the programmes that you pursued.</p> 	<p align="center">Know Before You Enrol </p> <p align="center"><u>Why is accreditation important to you?</u> The Students' Loan Bureau, your credit union or other financial agencies will want to know that you are enrolling in a recognised programme.</p> 	<p align="center">Know Before You Enrol </p> <p align="center"><u>Be Proactive</u> Approach your research on the institution or programmes you intend to enrol in from different angles.</p> 
TUESDAY	The UCJ is committed to “Assuring Quality in Tertiary Education in Jamaica”. Learn how we will achieve this through our mission statement below.	The 11 th Quality Assurance in Tertiary Education Week will take place in three weeks. See the flyer below for details of the week’s activities. #UCJQAWWeek2016	Holistic growth is one of the core values of the UCJ.



THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF JAMAICA
"Assuring Quality in Tertiary Education"

Mission

The mission of the UCJ is to increase the availability of tertiary level training in Jamaica through a robust quality assurance system that ensures excellence, transparency, integrity and adherence to standards.



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Values

1. Holistic Growth:

The Council is committed to the growth and development of individuals and communities towards a culture of equality.



WEDNESDAY

This year's Students' Forum promises to be an informative one with the disclosure of the findings of a preliminary research that explored workplace skills and attributes.


See details on the flyer below.

In March 2015, the UCJ launched "The Guidance and Counselling Standards: Bachelor s Degree" during the 10th Annual Quality Assurance in Tertiary Education Week which was held from March 9-13, 2015.

Send an email to info@ucj.org.jm or call us at 929-7299 or 906-8012 to learn how you can get your copy of the

The UCJ invites Presidents/Principals and Chairpersons of Boards of Directors to attend a seminar on Financial Health for Tertiary Institutions.

See the flyer below for details. [#UCJQAWWeek2016](https://twitter.com/UCJQAWWeek2016)

	 <p>The flyer is for a 'Students' Forum' organized by The University Council of Jamaica (UCJ). It features the UCJ logo and the motto 'Assuring Quality in Tertiary Education'. The event is part of the 11th Quality Assurance in Tertiary Education Week, held from March 7-11, 2016. The forum is scheduled for Friday, March 11, 2016, at The Mico University College Gymnasium from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The theme is 'Workplace Skills & Attributes: Employers' Expectations vs Students' Perceptions'. The flyer encourages students to learn about preliminary findings from the UCJ's study and to join the discussion. It also mentions that refreshments will be served and that limited spaces are available, so registration should be done early. The flyer includes images of graduates and students in a classroom setting.</p>	<p>standard.</p> <p>PHOTO OF STANDARD</p>	<p>FLYER FOR SEMINAR</p>
<p>THURSDAY</p>	<p>Work hard to create the life you have always imagined for yourself.</p>	<p>Always try to react well, even in the most challenging situations.</p>	<p>You can be successful in whichever career you choose.</p>

	 <p><i>Be not afraid of life. Believe that life is worth living, and your belief will help create the fact. William James</i></p>	 <p>Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it. - Dennis P. Kimbro</p>	 <p>The real opportunity for success lies within the person and not in the job. - Zig Ziglar</p>
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FEBRUARY 22-26, 2016


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MONDAY	When selecting a programme of study, be sure to consider whether it meets your career goals. #KnowBeforeYouEnrol	Are you selecting a programme that is a prerequisite to enter in a particular profession? If so, it is important to verify whether that programme is accredited. #KnowBeforeYouEnrol	In your efforts to be proactive, conduct as much research as you can on the institution's reputation. #KnowBeforeYouEnrol
	<p align="center">Know Before You Enrol </p> <p align="center"><u>Be Proactive</u></p> <p align="center">Think about your educational and career goals, and the programme of study that can best assist you meet those goals.</p> <p align="right"></p>	<p align="center">Know Before You Enrol </p> <p align="center"><u>Be Proactive</u></p> <p align="center">Think about whether the programme you are selecting meets the requirements for the profession you intend to pursue.</p> <p align="right"></p>	<p align="center">Know Before You Enrol </p> <p align="center"><u>Be Proactive</u></p> <p align="center">Think about the institution's reputation and visit the website for the range of programmes and student services offered.</p> <p align="right"></p>
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principles in our operations.

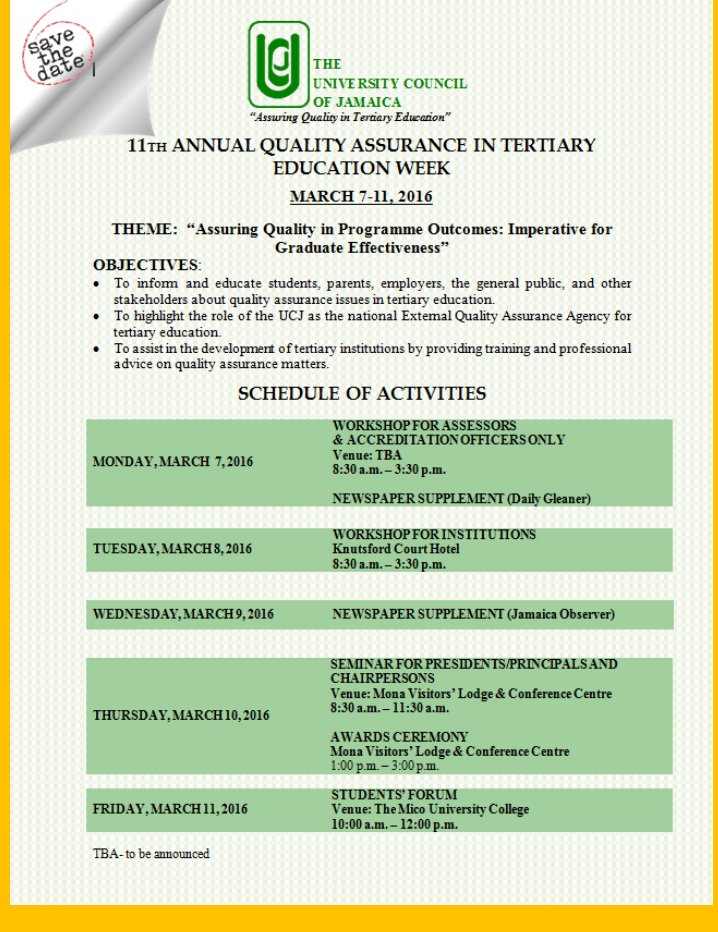
Tertiary Education Week from March 7-11, 2016.

carrying out its functions.

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2. Integrity and Ethics:
The Council believes in objectivity, honesty, the establishment of trust and confidentiality while operating in an ethical manner.



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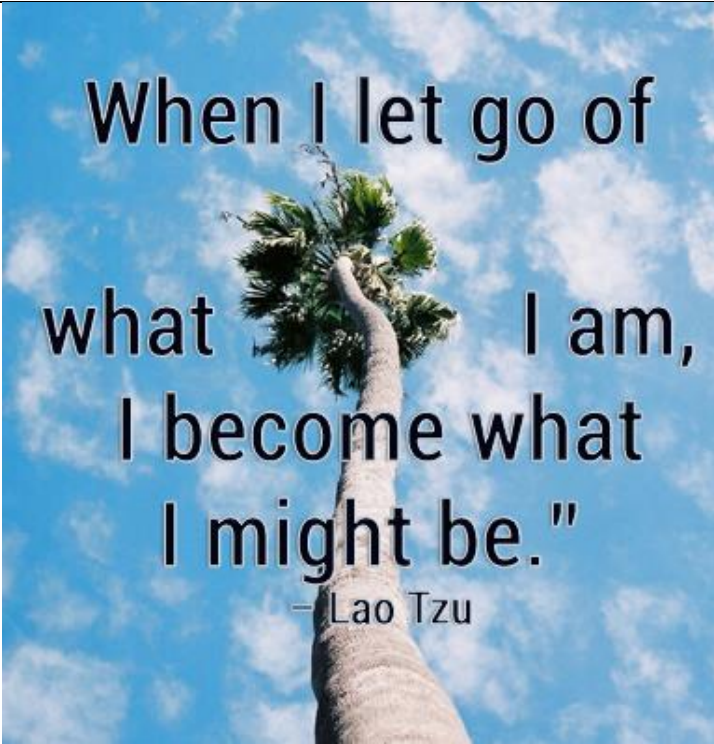
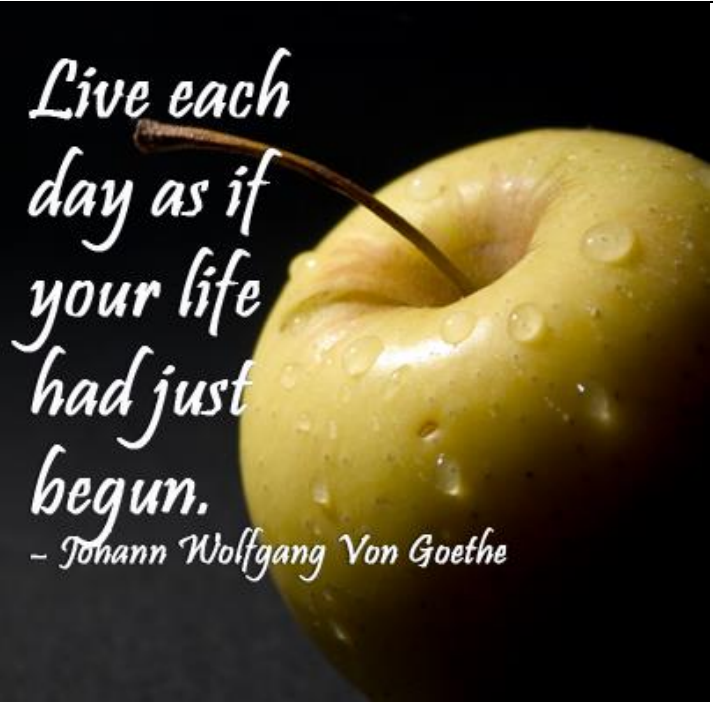
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		You have the potential to be the best you.	See each day as a new opportunity for greatness.

		 <p>When I let go of what I am, I become what I might be." - Lao Tzu</p>	 <p><i>Live each day as if your life had just begun.</i> - Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe</p>
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