

# Grace Jackson takes charge of sport at UWI campus

**JAMAICAN Olympian Grace Jackson has been appointed Director of Sport at The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus. Her appointment became effective on September 30.**

A celebrated track and field athlete, Jackson won silver in the 200 metres at the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games and competed in the 1984, 1988 and 1992 Olympics. She also won gold in the 4x400m relay at the 1989 World Championships.

She was Jamaica's Sportswoman of the Year in 1986 and 1988. In 1989 she was awarded the Order of Distinction (OD) by the Government

of Jamaica along with several other prestigious awards.

Jackson was previously at The UWI Mona where she held the position of Sports Development Director from 2010. Before this, she served as Student Services and Development Manager, Sports from 1998 to 2009, also at the Mona campus. She graduated with a BA in Accounting from Alabama, Agricultural and Mechanical University in 1982 and then completed a MA in Computer Science at Queens College in 1987.

In 2007, she graduated from the United States Sports Academy, Mobile, Alabama with a

Master of Sports Science and Sports Management. Jackson has been a regular commentator and analyst on television and radio since 1992 and has acted as lead Caribbean analyst on athletics at the Olympic level for ESPN Caribbean.

Commenting on her new appointment the Director of Sport said: "I am no stranger to The UWI and when I consider advancements at the



**NEW DIRECTOR OF SPORT: Grace Jackson**

institution like the establishment of the Faculty of Sport, I am pleased with the high priority we are placing on the discipline. It is a good time to take up a leadership position in Sport at The UWI St. Augustine and I look forward to making a signif-

icant contribution." Jackson will oversee her first edition of the UWI SPEC International Half-Marathon which takes place on October 29.

The former Director of Sport, Major David Benjamin, held the position from 2014.



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