

Mona take title as UWI Inter-Campus Games champs

MONA campus successfully defended their UWI Games title, amassing 102 points to edge out Cave Hill campus in the final tally when the competition ended last Thursday.

Cave Hill finished with 100 points while St Augustine closed with 76 points to take third place.

The Open Campus team, which competed only for the second time in the Games' 52-year-history, earned just 18 points in the biennial games, which included ten sporting disciplines—basketball, football, tennis, swimming, table tennis, track and field, volleyball, cricket, netball and six-a-side hockey.

As he presented the champions trophy during the closing ceremony,

UWI Vice-Chancellor Sir Hilary Beckles spoke of the extraordinary work of the coaches, administrators and the student athletes who contributed to the success of the event.

"These games are so important to the prestige of our institution and to the values we associate with higher education and the young citizens (whom) we are preparing to lead this region," said Beckles said.

Host campus principal and pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Eudine Barribeau noted the athletes' determination, perseverance, fighting spirit and magnanimous character displayed during the tournament.

She said their fulfilled sportsmanship



WELL DONE: Trinidad and Tobago's Vikash Mohan, third from right, receives the trophy from Deputy Principal of the Mona Campus, Professor Ishenkumba Kahwa, after the UWI St Augustine team won the UWI Games Inter-Campus Cricket competition.

left an indelible mark on each person present and served as a reminder that even

though they came from four campuses, they represented a unified UWI. "You have given

us eight unforgettable days," said Barribeau.

"I am sure that most of you came as competitors and are leaving as friends. Such is the power of The UWI Inter-Campus Games—to unify, forge lasting friendships, create lasting memories, break down insularity, and set the stage for the formation of crucial alliances that can foster and facil-

itate personal and institutional bonding. And in doing all of this, we strengthen regionalism, because this Caribbean belongs to all of us, but especially to you, the region's future."

Chair of the Local Organising Committee and deputy principal of Cave Hill Prof Clive Landis praised the athletes for the manner in which they championed

UWI through their conduct during the games as well as the community outreach activities which are a customary element.

Head of the Academy of Sport at Cave Hill Amanda Reifer said apart from allowing students to compete for bragging rights, the games enables the campuses to measure the success of their sporting programmes and implement new strategies.

She noted such strategising saw St Augustine dethrone perennial cricket champions Cave Hill whose netballers ousted Mona women.

Mona, however, was able to successfully maintain its track dominance and give outstanding performances across the disciplines to achieve its second triple crown performance since 2005.

Its two-point margin win this year followed similar close margins of four points in 2013 and 2015. The next UWI Games will be hosted by the Mona campus in 2019.



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