

Mohan, Nelson cop UWI VC 2016 Sports awards

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Cricket captain and student at the University of the West Indies (UWI) St Augustine campus, Vikash Mohan was adjudged the 2016 Sportsman of the Year award at the 2nd annual UWI Vice Chancellor's Sports ceremony which took place in Barbados on Wednesday evening.

Shimona Nelson, a netballer from UWI's Mona campus captured women's equivalent of the award when the awardees were announced and celebrated. The event was also used to Launch of The UWI Games which commenced on Thursday.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, established the Sportsman and Sportswom-



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an of the Year Awards in 2016, to honour top student-athletes for their outstanding performance in academics, athletics, service and leadership.

Mohan who is a final year mechanical engineering student was one of 11 student-athletes from the University's four

campuses nominated for the award and one of four from the UWI St Augustine campus.

Also nominated for sportsman of the year from St Augustine was fellow cricketer Amir Jangoo, while table tennis player Catherine Spicer and

track and field's Nyoshia Cain were among those considered for the sportswoman of the year honour.

Mohan is also the vice-captain of the Combined Campuses and Colleges team which competes in the regional first class competition. He is described to have, "great leadership

skills, exceptional ability to balance both academics and sports commitments and discipline have enhanced his ability to excel academically and maintain a high standard with regards to athletic performance."



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Nelson's athletic and academic resumé is just as impressive as Mohan's. The first year psychology student's sporting prowess in the disciplines of netball, basketball and track and field earned

her a university scholarship but it is her achievements at national level with the Jamaica junior basketball and netball teams as well as the senior netball team which distinguished her above her competitors for the awards.

Both winners as well as the other nominees will be in action for their various campuses at 2017 UWI Games - a biennial competition in ten different sports and will take place over eight days ending on June 1.

The full list of athletes nominees

CAVE HILL — Rieah Holder (Netball), Jairo Lombardo (Football), Akeem Rudder (Hockey).

MONA — Shimona Nelson (Netball), Mark Blake (Volleyball).

OPEN CAMPUS — Esther Ward (Football), Darren Young (Track & Field).

ST. AUGUSTINE — Nyoshia Cain (Track & Field), Catherine Spicer (Table Tennis), Amir Jangoo (Cricket), Vikash Mohan (Cricket).



Nominee for UWI Vice Chancellor's Sportswoman of the Year, Nyoshia Cain.