

4,016 receive degrees at The UWI this week

ST AUGUSTINE

THE St Augustine campus of The University of the West Indies is conferring undergraduate and postgraduate degrees to more than 4,000 students.

The six graduation ceremonies for 2017 started on Tuesday and run until Saturday at The UWI Sport and Physical Education Centre (SPEC) and will be the first at the campus presided over by recently installed Chancellor Robert Bermudez.

Graduation statistics for 2017 show that, of the 4,016 students to receive degrees, 67.5 per cent are female, The UWI said in a statement.

Undergraduate degrees will number 2,647 with the Faculties of Social Sciences and Medical Science certifying more than 500 undergraduate students each.

Postgraduate programmes still boast significant enrolment figures

with 1,369 students being awarded graduate degrees, including 233 educators from the Faculty of Humanities and Education who represent the single largest graduate programme cohort for the year, the UWI said.

Six valedictorians were named and represented the graduating class in their addresses at each ceremony.

They are: Rondelle Keller (Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Law), Karisa Bridgell (Faculty of Humanities and Education), Sofyya Hassanali (Faculty of Medical Sciences), Zia Barnard (Faculty of Science and Technology and Faculty of Food and Agriculture) and Amy Victor and Yenver Caesar (both of the Faculty of Social Sciences).

Also to be conferred are honorary degrees to Andrew "Lord Superior" Marciano, Winsford "Joker" Devine, Hazel Brown and Prof Clem Secharan.