

GRADUATION BULLETIN #5

Dear 2026 Graduand,

Congratulations on the completion of your designated programme!!!

We celebrate this momentous occasion with you and invite you to read **this information very carefully and in full to avoid missing important information regarding your Commencement ceremony.**

Update 1

GRADUATION DATE, **UPDATED START TIME** & VENUE

Graduation date: Sunday, July 19, 2026
Venue: National Arena, Kingston
Start time: **9:00 A.M.**

Your name has been added to the list of students **whose records have been checked to confirm eligibility** for graduation in July 2026.

Please note that students who fully complete their programme of study by:

- August 2025**
- December 2025**
- April/May 2026** will be eligible to graduate.

Update 2

Honorary Doctoral Awardees



DISTINGUISHED HONOUREES

Mr. Nathaniel Peat
Black Advisory Board Member to Lloyds Banking Group, UK
Co-Founder of EY Foundation, UK
Founder of The Safety Box, UK
Co-Founder of GenNEs Solar operating in Africa and the Caribbean
will be awarded the
Doctor of Humane Letters (D.H.L.), Honoris Causa

Dame Beverly Lindsay DBE, OD, DL
Founder and General Manager of Diamond Travel, Birmingham, UK
Founder member and current chair of the Association of Jamaican Nationals, UK
Board Member of Greater Birmingham Global Chamber of Commerce
Former Director of Black Business in Birmingham (JB)
will be awarded the
Doctor of Humane Letters (D.H.L.), Honoris Causa

Humanitarian Awardee



Update 3

GRADUATION INVITATIONS

Great news!

The invitations for Commencement 2026 are now ready for distribution. This year, each graduand will receive 6 invitations.

Visit the link below:

<https://ucc.edu.jm/graduation/2026/get-tickets>

To access, enter your UCC student email address or the personal email address provided to the University. Once verified, you will receive a unique ticket access code and instructions to reserve your guest tickets.

Important: Do not to share your ticket access code, as each code is unique.

Please indicate if you plan to attend the ceremony and the number of guests who will accompany you.

[Invitation Log](#)

If you need more than the allotted amount, please send an email to graduation@ucc.edu.jm.

Update 4

Please note the following important upcoming events for finalizing your graduation preparations.

The UCC will be hosting two (2) important meetings to assist you in getting ready for commencement on July 19, 2026.

Please take note of the arrangements below:

Meeting 1 – Town Hall Zoom Meeting

Venue / Location: Virtual

Date: **Thursday, June 25, 2026**

Time: 6pm to 7pm

Zoom Meeting

Topic: Commencement Preparation Town Hall Meeting

The Zoom Meeting link will be shared shortly

Meeting 2 – Graduation Rehearsal

Venue / Location: UCC Worthington Campus, Kingston; Rooms 201 - 205

Date: **Thursday, July 16, 2026**

Time: 2pm to 4pm

We are looking forward to seeing you all.

Update 5

Important points to note:

- You **must** complete your graduation application (even if you will graduate in absentia).
- You **must** complete your graduation application by the deadline of 4:00 pm on Friday, July 03, 2026.
- You **must** book your place by the deadline, even if the publication of final grades is delayed.
- Any outstanding debt to the University **must** be cleared. Speak with a team member of the SFS Department for assistance.
- Six (6) graduation invitations each will be allotted to each graduand.
- if you need more than the allotted six (6) invitations, indicate by sending an email to graduation@ucc.edu.jm.
- You are required to be at the arena by 7:00 a.m. on July 19, 2026. Guests are required to be seated by 8:00 a.m.
- If you apply, then discover you are unable to attend, please send an email to graduation@ucc.edu.jm.
- We cannot take any responsibility for costs (for example, accommodation and travel) incurred by yourself or your guests in relation to the ceremony.

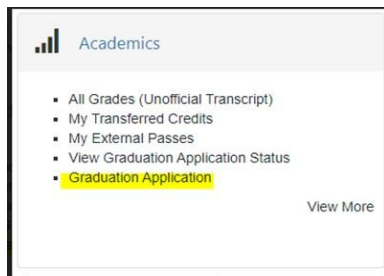
APPLICATION / BOOKING FOR GRADUATION

If you have already made an application for conferral on AEorion, for December 2025 / commencement in July 2026, **THANK YOU!**

The AEorion Graduation Portal is open and will close on **July 03, 2026**.

Only ONE graduation application is required for Graduation 2026 (either December 2025 or July 2026).

If you have not already done so, kindly visit the graduation portal on AEorion SMS now to make an application to book your place at this year's graduation.



If you are having any challenges with making this application, please send an email to <smsadministrator@ucc.edu.jm> to report the matter.

Movement through the stages of the process has begun and will continue to be seen as we clear students. **Please note that the Registry clears students up to the “Records Approval Stage” only; the SFS Dept. will confirm financial clearance.**

The Registry Department in collaboration with the respective Faculty will review your academic records and student file to determine eligibility, after which you will be advanced through the different stages of the application process.

GRADUATION ATTENDANCE

All eligible students are required to attend the Commencement Ceremony in July 2026.

Students who are conferred in December 2025 (without ceremony) are invited to participate in the ceremony in July 2026.

ACADEMIC, RECORDS, LIBRARY & FINANCIAL CLEARANCE

All qualified students are required to be cleared by your Faculty/College/School, the Registry Department, the Library and the SFS Department to be eligible in Graduation 2026.

- **Academic:** Each student should receive confirmation of academic clearance from their Faculty/College/School. Your Dean, Head of Department or Programme Advisor is your point of contact for this important detail.
- **Records:** The Registry Department is responsible for checking students' records. If necessary, an email will be sent to your UCC student account to request documents which are incomplete/outstanding. Remember – The Preliminary Slip(s) is/are not the mandatory required document so you will be asked to submit either the original CXC/CAPE certificate(s) or an official transcript from the CXC/CSEC/CAPE office.
- **Library:** The Library will verify if a student is in good standing and provide clearance or advise students' if there is any outstanding obligation.

- **Financial:** The Student Financial Services (SFS) Department will confirm a student's financial clearance before the release of the graduation certificate, letters, transcripts or any other official documents.

The Registry will not process or release any document to or for a student who has any of the above matters outstanding.

GRADUATION FEE

A student who pays the miscellaneous fees; their graduation fee is covered.
To confirm that you have are cleared re graduation fee, please check with the SFS Dept. at (876) 906-3000 Ext. 3939/4000/4036/4097/8200.

DISTRIBUTION OF GRADUATION CERTIFICATES

Students who are eligible for the December 2025 Conferral

Please note that students who completed their programme of study by August (Summer) / December (Fall) 2025 are eligible for the December 31, 2025 Conferral (without ceremony) and will receive their graduation certificate on or after March 02, 2026, **2 months after the official conferral date.**

Students eligible by April/May (Spring) 2026

Students who complete their programme by April/May (Spring) 2026 will receive their certificate the week following graduation ceremony.

NB: All eligible students are expected and welcome to participate in the July 2026 Commencement Ceremony whether or not you were eligible from August, December 2025 or April/May 2026.

COLLECTION OF REGALIA

Graduands will be advised **at a later date** when they should collect their graduation regalia from their affiliated campus.

There will be no distribution of graduation regalia on the day of graduation.

Regalia care instruction:

1. Each package, depending on the programme completed, should include a Black/Blue gown, an affiliated Hood / Stole (depending on the level completed) and a Mortar Board (hat).

Based on the packaging, the gown may be crushed. Please carefully iron/ steam press the gown on low heat on the inside (wrong side) of the garment. We have not made arrangements for replacement gowns. Please treat your gown with care.



GRADUATION HAT (MORTAR BOARD)

Head dress: Graduands are advised that as part of their graduation regalia, it is mandatory to wear a mortar board (style shown in the

photo below). The hairstyle selected must be able to accommodate the mortar board. Hair must be styled away from the face (and if possible off shoulders) to enable graduation hat placement.

We know you may want to decorate your graduation hat (mortar board) with symbols of your hard work and achievement and you will be permitted to do this but with specific instructions.

To ensure the maintenance of a dignified celebration of scholastic achievement, here are some guidelines which must be followed with respect to the decoration of graduation hats (mortar boards):

1. Decorations should not interfere with the attaching of the tassel to the cap.
2. Only the flat top of the UCC issued black or blue mortar board (hat) may be decorated.
3. Decorations may not hang off the sides of the hat.
4. Do not put large 3-D embellishments which may interfere with the view of those seated behind you, hence those are prohibited.
5. No advertisements, no hate words / speech, no expletives, no obscenity or profanity, no derogatory words or anything inappropriate for a dignified commencement ceremony will be permitted. No vulgarity will be permitted.
6. Any words, pictures or items which target or slandering an individual or institution, the University, any faculty or staff member, and/or any student are prohibited on graduation caps.
7. Decorations on the graduation gown and hood are strictly prohibited.

PHOTO SHOOT SESSIONS

Campus' package photo dates are as follows:

The photographer will accommodate students at their campuses on the dates and times indicated below:

Montego Bay

- Sunday, June 28, 2026 - Montego Bay – 9:00am - 11:00 am

Ocho Rios

- Sunday, June 28, 2026 - Ocho Rios - 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Mandeville

- Sunday, July 05, 2026 - Mandeville - 9:00 am - 11:00 am

May Pen

- Sunday, July 05, 2026 - May Pen - 1:30pm - 2:30 pm

Kingston

- Monday, July 06, 2026 - 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 07, 2026 - 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

2025/2026 GRADUATION PORTRAIT PACKAGE

Kindly note the following:

1. You will be required to pay **cash** directly to the photographer (no card machine is available). The breakdown is as follows:

- 15 Portrait Photos package **JM\$7,000.00**
 - One 8" x 12"
 - One 5" x 7"
 - Four 4" x 6"
 - Eight 2" x 3"
 - One Digital photo

2. **For the Kingston campus only:**

Only make-up artistes who have sought and received authorization from the Graduation Committee/Operations Department will be permitted to set up in the area designated for this activity.

Authorized Make-up Artist Service	
Name: Reecie Service: Graduation Glam Cost: \$7,000.00 Location: On Campus Instagram: Bedazzledbyreecie Contact #: 876-218-0808	Name: Cameka Neita Service: Makeup Artist Cost: \$6,000.00 Location: On Campus Instagram: @camekaneitamua Contact #: 876-460-7960

2. Prepare for the possibility of an extended wait. For the wellbeing of all individuals, the UCC continues to encourage and adhere to a safety regimen by requiring that graduands sanitize their hands and practice social distancing at least 6 feet apart.

BOOK YOUR PHOTO SHOOT DATE

All graduands who are interested in taking graduation photos please click on the link to book your space.

[Click here](#)

[Graduation Photo/Attendance Form](#)

NB: All graduands are required to fill out this form regardless of whether or not you intend to take your photos.

DRESS CODE

All graduands are expected to follow the dress code policy for

- (1) The upcoming commencement ceremony in July 2026 and
- (2) The photo sessions scheduled for June 28, and July 05 - 07, 2026. The full policy document will be shared with each graduand on the UCC website.

Male: For items #1 & #2 above, you are required to wear a white dress shirt, any colour tie with a black or dark pants.

Female: For item #1 above, you are required to wear a white /cream dress or suit, or a tailored pants suit. For item #2, only the top section of the regalia will be photographed, so you are required to wear a white /cream top.

PHOTO ARRANGEMENT FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS



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DIGITAL MEMORABILIA GUIDELINES

Please see the specific guidelines to follow:

1. The photo must be professionally taken with a resolution of **240 or higher**. Photo dimensions: **2400/3600 pixels**.
2. The dress code as stated in the graduation bulletin applies to both males (a white shirt and tie is required) and females (white or cream top).
3. Hair must be styled away from the face (and if possible off shoulders) to enable graduation hat placement.
4. Use the attached template to guide posture (straight shoulders) and hands placement.
5. The three different angles are to be used as per the template; you will then choose the most suitable to your liking.
6. The University's logo and Commencement year will be added to the photo.
7. A valid government issued photo ID must be sent along with the template chosen to verify your identity.



The cost of this service is JMD \$1,500.00 or USD \$15.00.
For processing, return the selected photograph along with the receipt.

If you need additional information please send an email to graduation@ucc.edu.jm for assistance.

GRADUATION SUPPLEMENT JULY 2026

UCC will be publishing a graduation supplement in both The Gleaner and The Observer on **July 26th**. This supplement will celebrate the achievements of our graduates and provide a unique opportunity for personalized recognition.

Kindly visit the official UCC website www.ucc.edu.jm for more details. This is an opportunity for employers, family and friends to place congratulatory messages accompanied by images or graduation photos in the newspapers.

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CELEBRATE YOUR ACHIEVEMENT!

Be Featured in UCC's Official Graduation Supplement in The Gleaner and The Observer

HOW THIS WORKS:

- Submit personalized congratulatory messages OR invite your friends, family or employers to share their messages to you
- Include your official Grad Photo

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026

REGISTER

Make your submission here: <https://shorturl.at/FEFNO>

GRADUATION RINGS



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GRADUATION *Rings*

Now Available at The Campus Store






Description	Crest (JMD)	Regular Stone (JMD)	Petite Stone (JMD)
Gold Look	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Sterling Silver	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$17,000
10 Karat Yellow Gold	\$158,000	\$158,000	\$132,000
10 Karat White Gold	\$167,000	\$167,000	\$128,000
14 Karat Yellow Gold	\$220,000	\$220,000	\$176,000
14 Karat White Gold	\$222,000	\$222,000	\$178,000
18 Karat White Gold	\$334,000	\$334,000	\$283,000

HOW TO ORDER ONLINE

Orders may be placed by completing the form:
<https://ucc.edu.jm/graduation/graduation-ring>
The Campus Store is located at our Main Campus



UCC Alumni Association (UCCAA)

All UCC graduates are invited to join the prestigious UCC Alumni Association (UCCAA).

An email will be sent to your UCC student email providing information about the benefits of joining and supporting the activities of the UCCAA.

I hope the above information proves useful. Please make contact at graduation@ucc.edu.jm if you need further assistance.

Graduation Committee
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