

GRADUATION BULLETIN #6

Dear 2026 Graduand,

Congratulations on the completion of your designated programme!!!

10-DAYS TO GO!!!!!!

Are you excited? We certainly are!

Please receive the following updates below:

Update 1

GRADUATION LIST 2026

You are asked to visit the UCC website to view your entry to the 2026 graduation list.

Here is the link to the page: <http://ucc.edu.jm/graduation/2026/check>

Update 2

GRADUATION REGALIA

Distribution of Regalia will begin on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at all UCC campuses beginning at 10:00 a.m. We would like to apologize for the delay in providing your regalia due to internal logistical challenges. We will work to ensure that all regalia are delivered to the respective campuses for timely distribution.

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.

If you are having any issues, please reach out to the team at graduation@ucc.edu.jm.

Update 3

ADDITIONAL PHOTO SHOOT SESSION

The photographer will accommodate ONE additional day for students to take their photograph at the Kingston campus as stated below:

Kingston

- Tuesday, July 14, 2026 - 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

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

Update 4

DRESS CODE

All graduands are expected to follow the dress code policy for

- (1) the upcoming commencement ceremony on July 19, 2026 and
- (2) the remaining photo session scheduled for July 14, 2026.

The full policy document is available for viewing 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.

Update 5

DIGITAL PHOTO (only) ARRANGEMENT FOR STUDENTS

Students residing overseas or who will not be able to attend the Photo Session may utilize the Digital Photo option. Read the guide below:



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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.

You may make payment through

- AEorion, (SMS)
- at the Cashier (using a bank card)
- or via bank transfer (similar to tuition payment method).

For digital photo processing, return the selected photograph along with the receipt to <graduation@ucc.edu.jm>.

Update 4

GRADUATION INVITATIONS

Several students have accessed the link shared previously and have received the allotted number of invitations for graduation.

Several of you have indicated that you are having a challenge accessing the invitation link.

Use the link below to access your invitation:

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

Finally, those students who have asked for additional invitations, based on the graduands who have indicated an interest in participating in graduation, we will not be able to honour your request for additional tickets as the number in attendance at the National Arena is capped and we are almost at full capacity. To ensure that we are not in breach of the safety and security protocols set by the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) we cannot allot any more tickets. You are encouraged to ask your family, loved ones and well wisher to view the graduation via our YouTube, Facebook, Instagram Live Stream on July 19, 2026.

Update 5

GUESTS OF GRADUATES – FAMILY, FRIENDS, WELL-WISHERS

Take careful note of the following:

All guests of graduates must be in place and seated by 8:30a.m.

The doors / gates in enter the National Arena will be closed at 8:45 a.m. to facilitate the marshalling and procession of all Graduands, Faculty and Platform into the main hall.

No-one will be allowed to enter the National Arena while the Procession and Recession are taking place. After the Graduands, Faculty and Platform party have processed, the doors or gates will be re-opened to facilitate entry to the venue. Please inform your guests of this to allay any concerns on the day.

Update 6

Please note the important events below for finalizing your graduation preparations.

GRADUATION REHEARSAL

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

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

Time: 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

For those of you who will not be able to attend in person, the Zoom & YouTube links are shared below:

Zoom - <https://zoom.us/j/95121407511>

YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/live/_s-zxs1ZsWw?si=9vLi2KTynTLb5VGn

We are looking forward to seeing you.

Update 7

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/June (Spring) 2026

Students who complete their programme by April/May/June (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/June 2026.*

Update 8

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.

Update 9

A GRADUATES' SOIRÉE OF SUCCESS – NEXT CHAPTER 2026

Students! ... following the graduation rehearsal on Thursday, July 16, 2026, you are cordially invited a graduation mixer entitled, **Next Chapter 2026: A Graduates' Soiree of Success**.

Please see the flyer below for more information.

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Next Chapter

2026

**A GRADUATES'
SOIRÉE OF
SUCCESS**

Connection and Opportunity

Celebrate your achievement.
Build your network. Begin your
next chapter.

16 July 2026

**4:30 pm
6:00 pm**

 **Who Should Attend?**
UCC Class of 2026 Graduates

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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