

In 50 years of existence, the Cave Hill campus of the UWI has made huge strides: from 118 students to more than 8,690; from four full time faculty members to 221; from two active programmes to 302 that seek to meet a range of development needs.

UWI Senate records show a request from the Barbados government, then not yet independent, for an Evening Institute to meet the need of adult learners. The bound volume is held in the University Archives.



Instead, the UWI offered to nurture a College of Arts & Science that would serve Barbados but also the Leeward and Windward Islands of the eastern Caribbean.

The college started in 1963 at a temporary site where the first graduation was held three years later. In January 1966, UWI Chancellor Princess Alice laid the foundation stone for a permanent campus at Cave Hill and the college moved there in mid-1967.



The exhibition features highlights in Cave Hill's growth and development, and connects this to the origins of the UWI as a whole.





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