

# Celebrating a **DECADE OF EXCELLENCE** in Quality Higher Education and Training



The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT) celebrated its 10th anniversary as the quality assurance body established by an Act of Parliament, Chapter 39:06 to regulate and quality assure post secondary and tertiary level institutions, programmes and awards. To commemorate this momentous occasion, ACTT hosted a 10th Anniversary Awards Ceremony and Dinner on Thursday July 23, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency, Trinidad.

At that event, several institutions were recognised for their contribution to higher education in the following categories:

- Servant Leadership in Post Secondary Education – **SERVOL**
- Pioneering Academics and Research in Trinidad and Tobago – **UWI**
- Pioneering Community Education in Trinidad and Tobago – **COSTAATT**
- Pioneering National Entrepreneurship in Higher Education and Training – **UTT**
- Pioneering Private Education in Trinidad and Tobago – **SAM Caribbean Limited**

ACTT also presented awards to individuals who have made significant contributions to the development of the higher education and training sectors in Trinidad and Tobago:

- Professor John Spence (posthumously)
- Carol Keller (posthumously)
- Kenrick Seepersad
- Arthur Lok Jack
- Sister Rosario Hackshaw

Recognition was given to ten (10) employees who served the Council for ten years, including the Executive Director, Michael Bradshaw and the longest serving employee, Kimberly McCarthy, Senior Operations Assistant, Procurement.

The Council also expressed its appreciation of Angela Sinaswee-Gervais, former Permanent Secretary (Ag.), and Margaret Richardson, former Deputy Permanent Secretary, in the Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training (ACTT's line Ministry) as well as other Permanent Secretaries who served during ACTT's tenure for their support over the past ten (10) years.

ACTT took the opportunity to present the certificate of Institutional Accreditation to the West Indies School of Theology (WIST). This institution brings the total number of institutions accredited by ACTT to twelve (12). Senator the Honourable Fazal Karim, Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training, who was unable to attend the function, sent congratulatory remarks to the Council on the occasion and reaffirmed the Ministry's continued support to the Council's role in the higher education sector. The Honourable Dr Roger Samuel, Minister of National Diversity and Social Integration attended the ceremony and presented awards to recipients.

ACTT congratulates all awardees and looks forward to another Decade of Excellence.

