

## About the UWI

The University of the West Indies is an autonomous regional institution supported by and serving 15 different countries in the West Indies - Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts/Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & The Grenadines, Republic of Trinidad & Tobago.

The University was founded in 1948 at the Mona campus in Jamaica, as a University College in a special relationship with the University of London. The University achieved independent status in 1962. The St. Augustine campus, in Trinidad, which was formerly the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, was started in 1960. The Cave Hill campus, in Barbados, was established in 1963.

The University has three main campuses. They are:  
Mona - in Jamaica,  
Cave Hill - in Barbados  
St Augustine - in the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago

In addition to the three main campuses, the University has centres in all of its non-campus Caribbean countries.

## MISSION STATEMENT

This mission statement was adopted by the students of the Men's Center in March 2001.

The SJU Center for Men's Leadership and Service seeks to create a safe and respectful environment for students to share their stories and discern who they are. This is a place for women and men to explore the masculine condition, foster personal and spiritual growth and raise awareness of the consequences of gender roles.

Through research, education and understanding, we strive to (recognize patriarchy) create a more enlightened concept of manhood informed by our Benedictine values. Acknowledge our roots with those before us who struggled for the liberation of all people, we seek to work for justice and better the lives of men and women through innovative programs, scholarship and service.

### *Dedicated to the Holistic Development of College Men*

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# Men's Center Trinidad & Tobago Service Trip



2009

## Trinidad and Tobago 2009

In January 2006, the Men's Center held its first 10-day service trip to Trinidad and Tobago. The purpose of trip was to hold meetings with The University of the West Indies (UWI) Centre for Gender and Development Studies concerning recruitment, service, and the research being done on masculinity by UWI.

CSB/SJU students also had the opportunity to volunteer at the Cyril Ross Nursery for HIV positive children. The Cyril Ross Nursery is the first of its kind in the region and allowed students the chance to be of service in any-way possible.



(2008 Trinidad and Tobago group)

Because of the success of the collaboration with UWI, the Men's Center arranges for annual trips, to continue building on the relationship between the Men's Center and the UWI Centre for Gender and Development Studies and at the same time, focus on continuing the work with the Cyril Ross Nursery and Amica house. In addition, the trip will provide the opportunity to host a gathering for alums, parents of current and former students and prospective students.



Amica house group



Cyril Ross Nursery Group

## Trinidad and Tobago 2009

### Why should I participate?

Aside from volunteering at the orphanages and attending classes at UWI, students will participate in tours of Trinidad and Tobago, visit Mt. Saint Benedict, the oldest monastery in the country and attend mass at the Holy Trinity Cathedral, the oldest cathedral in



the capital city.

Mt. Saint Benedict Monastery

Students will also engage themselves in the rich cultural heritage of the islands, savor the East Indian and Creole cuisine and last, but not least, spend quality time on the islands' many beaches.

**How much does it cost?** \$2,100

### Travel dates:

December 28, 2008– January 11, 2009



View of the northern Coast of Trinidad

## Trinidad and Tobago 2009

### ATTENTION STUDENTS:

Students who sign up for GWST290A during fall 2008, will be eligible to receive two credits for going to Trinidad and Tobago and participate in all the activities.

For more information about the Trinidad and Tobago 2009, contact the Men's Center by email [menscenter@csbsju.edu](mailto:menscenter@csbsju.edu).

Important Links:

**Men's Center:**  
[www.csbsju.edu/menscenter](http://www.csbsju.edu/menscenter)

**Trinidad & Tobago Service Trip:**  
[www.csbsju.edu/menscenter/projects/trinidad.htm](http://www.csbsju.edu/menscenter/projects/trinidad.htm)

**University of the West Indies:**  
[www.sta.uwi.edu](http://www.sta.uwi.edu)

**Cyril Ross Nursery:**  
[www.svdptt.org/cr\\_nursery.htm](http://www.svdptt.org/cr_nursery.htm)