



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

University of Guyana / Greater Georgetown / Guyana / Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Kenisha Lewis - Marvellous Mother Graduated with a Bachelor's in Education... "Motherhood is not the end of the road... It should not prevent you from bettering your life or your kids' life... Do it for yourself; do it for your kids."



Kenisha Lewis, Bachelor's Degree in Education

At age 28, a single parent of two and a teacher at the West Ruimveldt Primary School, Ms Kenisha Lewis graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the nation's premier tertiary institution on December 10, 2022.

Lewis expressed that she used studying for her degree as a means of distraction from the realities of life she was experiencing during the said period. She expressed: "It was an escape that later turned into something I was passionate about and I wanted to pursue with everything I had."

The young educator further added: "My friends were very encouraging and helped push me to take my studies seriously. Were it not for them, I might not have graduated this year."

While reminiscing on the fond moments during her studies, Lewis recalled a practical teaching assignment that was her favourite. She said: "My friends and I had to create a song and skit for an assignment, and we would stay up late to do the work and just talk with each other, encourage



and bond during the assignment. I now look back in time to those memories and feel grateful for the life-long friends I now have.”

Today, the young educator is poised for greatness as she is eager to return to the classroom and share the knowledge and skills she acquired while studying at the University of Guyana.

Lewis expressed: “I will feel immensely proud when I get the opportunity to apply and see concepts taught to me at ‘UG’ come to life in the classroom. I would be like, “I learnt this at UG and now I’m educating other people.”

Although Lewis had lots of fond memories, her academic journey did not come without challenges. “Having stable internet was a big issue and my computer crashed at one point and I was without a computer for a while. It was a struggle to attend classes. And, adding to that, I was spending less time with my kids, and it was affecting me mentally. I would be crying a lot,” she explained.

In finding a coping mechanism to balance work, school and family life, Kenisha said: “I tried to spend as much time as I could with my kids without taking away from classes, studies and teaching. This required me to sacrifice sleep so that I could be there for my girls, and I do not regret it.”

This proud graduate wishes to encourage all single mothers to pursue their dreams of attaining a tertiary-level education. “Motherhood is not the end of the road for you. It should not prevent you from bettering your life or your kids’ life. Apply today. Do it for yourself; do it for your kids; do it so that they may have an example to follow,” she encouraged.

This year, UG’s graduation exercises were blended, with the majority of graduates attending face-to-face and the remaining participating virtually. The event was also streamed live on the University’s Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/uniofguyana> and on UG Broadcasting Service at <https://broadcasting.uog.edu.gy/>.

###

UG IN BRIEF

The University of Guyana, now in its 59th year, was founded in October 1963. “UG” as it is fondly referred to offers 150 programmes in over 60 disciplines in online, face-to-face or blended formats. UG delivers in a Guyana-based system across eight campuses. It is the largest, oldest, most advanced and only state University in Guyana with a student population of over 10,000. “UG” has provided education, training and research for over 50,000 alumni over its 59-year history. UG’s national and global impact and footprint are significant. Its graduates have risen to populate the commanding heights of national, regional and international organisations of repute in over 150 different disciplines. The mission of the University is to discover, generate, disseminate and apply knowledge of the highest standard for the service of the community, the nation, and all mankind within an atmosphere of academic freedom, innovation and universal respect.

DECC



Department of Events, Conferences and Communication

Office of the Vice Chancellor, *University of Guyana*

Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana

☎ 592-623-5104 | ✉ decc@uog.edu.gy | 🌐 www.uog.edu.gy



UNIVERSITY of GUYANA

UG's forward-thinking Blueprint 2040 is currently setting the course for the University's future design and institutional response to the changing needs of Guyana, the region and the world. UG will celebrate its 60th anniversary in 2023 and is stepping up its focus on becoming one of the leading and most sought-after educational institutions in the world for both staff and students.

Contact:

Ms Krest Cummings

Public Relations Officer

Department of Events Conferences and Communications (DECC)

592-623-5104