

Thank you for making this electronic trip to the campus of Northern Caribbean University (NCU), where learning never ends. The following article which speaks for itself is written by a member of the 2007 Imagine Cup team which placed third in the Microsoft Software Design Competition in Korea. He is now employed as a -Software Engineer here at NCU.

*“Northern Caribbean University (NCU) has certainly made an indelible mark on the thousands who have experienced all that this noble institution has to offer. Quality Christ-centered education, good work-ethics and holistic development are governing principles of NCU, which, when embraced by students, yield great dividends. This has been evident in the numerous testimonies given by employers who praise the uniqueness and refinement of the graduates.*

*In a world where values are increasingly eroded with each passing day, the practice of morals and ethics is fervently encouraged by caring teachers. I can remember how fulfilling and refreshing it felt when a short story was told with some moral implication and prayer said before the lecture was delivered. Surely, I was reminded that I was not alone and I could get help if I only asked for it, and I certainly needed to do so at several intervals during my tenure at NCU. The emphasis placed on spirituality has definitely strengthened many to continue the race that they had started, all the way to the end.*

*Hundreds can attest to the fact that NCU facilitates progress by offering copious work-study opportunities across various disciplines so that students who are financially strained can have the opportunity to excel, if only they are passionate to do so. There is even a Pre-College department for students who want to begin university but do not have all the necessary requirements for a particular program. Indeed, many would be astounded when they find that students often enter the university with their pockets filled with nothing but hope, only to leave a few years later with their degree in one hand and experiences to last a lifetime in the other.*

*NCU is not just about studying and working, taking time to have fun and build relationships is just as important. The rich cultural mix of students provides the perfect atmosphere for developing friendships across various ethnicities from which life-long bonds can emerge. Even I, being a person who is often described as quiet, was able to coin several friendships that continue to have lasting effects on my life. It was at NCU that I had the opportunity to make an impact on not only Jamaica or the Caribbean region, but to transcend these shores to the entire world with three others who are now great friends and business partners. The Microsoft Imagine Cup competition is, indeed, an unforgettable experience for me and I am humbled and honored to be a member of the 2007 team that represented this prestigious university and country on the world stage. There are several other clubs, groups, and social events that allow each student to become involved and to have an impact on the surrounding communities of the university or, an even wider scope, communities in the global village.*

*The urge to move toward higher heights and to improve ones character is something that is inevitably felt as one progresses through life at NCU. It is with this in mind that I have made the commitment to play my part by ‘giving back’ to further enhance my alma mater. While I was a student, I saw gradual transformations in my own life, as if ever moving towards a superior state, mentally, physically and spiritually. Indeed, this is something to be shared. I would have it no other way. Join me in becoming a part of the NCU family and experience the rich legacy that prepares you for service, not only in this world, but also in the world to come.”*

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