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Dear Students,

As we welcome the new academic year, we are reminded that this academic year will see the full implementation of the Government of Barbados' Give Back Programme.

In 2018, the Barbados Government reintroduced the payment of tuition fees for Barbadian students. In return, it mandated that all Barbadian students 'give back' in the form of volunteer hours at various approved participating entities across the island.

Students have the opportunity to **OPT OUT** of this programme by contacting the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training and arranging for the payment of their fees.

Requirements

Students are required to complete volunteer hours for each academic year as follows:

- Full-time - 150 hours
- Part-time - 100 hours

The academic year begins on the **1st August** and finishes on the **31st July** of the following year.

Enrolment in the Programme

To participate in this programme students must follow the steps below.

1. Create an account on the Ministry's App.

- Go to <https://www.gov.bb/giveback>
- Click on Create an account
- Complete the sign up page
- Accept terms of service and Privacy Policy to **OPT IN**
- Click submit
- CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR ACTIVATION

2. Check for volunteer opportunities

- Go to <https://givebackbarbados.com/>
- Peruse the Give Back website for entities offering opportunities
- Choose the entity/entities you want to participate with
- Contact the Entity to arrange your volunteering schedule

3. Log your completed volunteer hours

- Go to <https://www.gov.bb/giveback>
- Log In
- Enter the date and the number of volunteered hours (*please note minutes must be entered for the time to be recorded correctly; you can enter 00 in the minutes' section*)
- From the drop-down menu, select the entity you volunteered with

To peruse the frequently asked questions and for more information on the Give Back Programme, students can visit <https://givebackbarbados.com/>.

Volunteer Opportunities at the UWI Cave Hill Campus

The Cave Hill Campus is also an approved entity. The Office of Student Services will publish available opportunities on our various social media platforms from time to time. You are also advised to check your Cave Hill email and the Campus App regularly.

At the end of the volunteer period, you will be required to have the respective department verify the hours you serve with them by completing a Service Hours Verification form. This form can be located here at <https://www.cavehill.uwi.edu/student-services/community-outreach/volunteer-opportunities.aspx>.

Students should also note that volunteer hours can be gained by participating in our Vision and Fortitude program; Peer Mentorship program; FYE program and approved Clubs and Societies programs.

To all of our Regional and International students and those who are not participating in the Give Back Programme, we would like to encourage you to be a part of our **Vision and Fortitude** program. This program offers a wide range of volunteering prospects and gives you a prime opportunity to be socially responsible.

Remember volunteering doesn't only benefit those you help; it benefits you the volunteer as well.

Wishing you a successful academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Dale Lynch

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