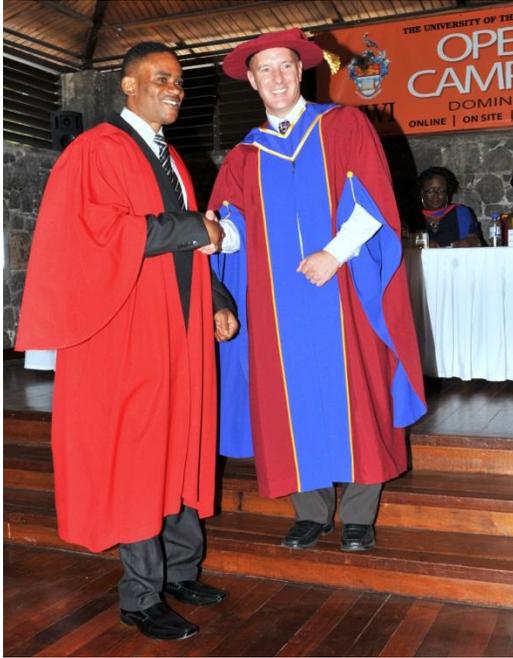


Corporal *Joeffrey James* Certificate in Criminology *Distinction*



James and Dr. Gary Hepburn (Director of APAD)

Corporal Joeffrey James, a graduate with Distinction of the Certificate in Criminology Programme, is the University of the West Indies (UWI) Open Campus, Dominica's Outstanding Student in Local Programmes for 2011. As such, he was invited to give an address at the Recognition of Graduates Ceremony at Fort Young Hotel on March 29, 2012.

James is from the pristine, agricultural community of Bellevue Chopin. He attended the St. Mary's Academy where he graduated in 1989 with 8 O' Level subjects including Principles of Accounting and Business. After high school, James worked as a teacher for Ibay Primary, Pichelin Primary and Giraudel

Primary Schools.

He joined the Dominica Police Force in September, 1994. He worked in the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) office for 11 years, and was promoted to corporal in 2009. He served as a new recruit instructor for a six-month period. Presently, he is stationed at St. Joseph. His goal is to rise to the rank of Gazetted Officer in the Police Force.



James (third from bottom) and other graduates of Certificate in Criminology

Speaking of his experience in the UWI Open Campus, Dominica Certificate in Criminology Programme, James expressed much praise.

“The Criminology programme is very good,” he says. “The various courses like forensics, communication skills and understanding crime are so crucial, and here it is that UWI is offering the full package for law officers.”

He says that one of his aims is to encourage as many police officers as possible to partake in the programme.

“I appeal to police officers to sharpen their skills by taking part in the programme,” he declares. “You can only gain more knowledge by taking part in these courses. You just cannot ask for a better programme for law enforcement officers than the quality programme that UWI is offering right here in Dominica.”

James advice to young people is that they must put value on education.



Corporal James

“To the younger ones, I would say that they should stay in school. I think it is very important to get that initial secondary education background as a stepping stone to further education,” says James. “They must also keep focused and have a plan. Success cannot come without hard work and a good plan.”

James is the father of two girls. The elder is six years and the younger is six months old. He lives with his family in Bellevue Chopin. His favourite hobbies are reading and playing football. He is currently the captain of the Police Football Team. In his free time, he also enjoys watching investigative television shows.