

**ASSOCIATION OF ATLANTIC UNIVERSITIES
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2001
DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD**

KIM MALLALIEU

Kim Mallalieu is a student's advocate, a dynamic, productive team player at the University of the West Indies who has managed to create a triumvirate partnership between academia, government and the private sector. One of five recipients of the newly created UWI/Guardian Life Premium teaching award for excellence in teaching, Kim Mallalieu received the award for the Faculty of Engineering and was unanimously judged the overall winner.

Kim Mallalieu is an exciting and vibrant change agent who is willing to explore innovations in her curriculum if they enhance learning. A strong proponent of building linkages among industry, policy makers and the University in the area of telecommunications, she integrates commercial projects into the academic program to serve her teaching and to build capacity for teaching and research within her department. A model of initiative, creativity and effectiveness, Kim Mallalieu brings relevance to her courses by giving her students exposure to, and experience in, front line research and development. "Not only did we receive an excellent academic education under her tutelage, but Kim also provided us with career guidance and mentorship, launching several careers through her relationship with industry," said one student.

For over ten years, Kim Mallalieu has demonstrated initiative and leadership in her department, particularly in undergraduate curriculum development. In recent years, she has also led the development of the Communication Systems MSc program and has devised models for team teaching. Her reputation as a dedicated and innovative teacher extends beyond the classroom to wider community and economic development initiatives. A former student who now has a professional relationship with the University said, "Potential investors in the information technology and engineering sector are impressed by her dynamic and cooperative approach to work. Her impressive record of aiding students through programs that she initiated, and spearheaded in tough bureaucratic conditions, is an inspiration to everyone."

Students comment on her "interactive teaching style, excellent organization and presentation of material, and willingness to hold extra classes," and on "a refreshingly frank approach that endeared her to all." A colleague remarked that "Dr. Mallalieu has been a trail-blazing pioneer for the ongoing development of engineering education and has sought to increase the effectiveness of teaching, not just in her own courses, but in the various programs offered by the department."

Kim Mallalieu's dedication to teaching, her exceptional ability to motivate, her infectious enthusiasm, her commitment to and support for her students, her valuable expertise and skill, her outstanding reputation in her department, in the University, in her nation and in the Caribbean make her a most worthy recipient of the 2001 Association of Atlantic Universities Distinguished Teacher Award.