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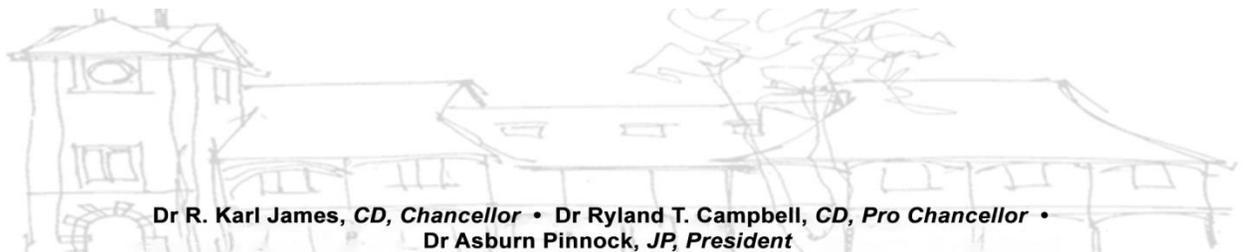
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Dear Sir/ Madam:

The Department of Special Education of The Mico University College has collaborated with *Inclusive Schools Caribbean* and the *Jamaica Northeast Diaspora's Education Sector* to present a webinar series for capacity-building of administrators, teachers, parents, and pre-service teachers with a focus on increasing their knowledge and understanding of inclusive educational practices. Inclusive Education, as a fundamental human right is paramount in ensuring equitable, accessible and relevant education for students with special needs. Inclusivity requires adequate training of teachers, accessible buildings, appropriate learning materials, and a psychosocial environment void of discrimination and stigma (UNICEF, 2021). The concept of Inclusive Education can be actualized, creating an environment where all learners are recognized, valued, and respected.

We launch this series of webinars with a two-day event presented on April 19 and 20, 2022, to mark Autism Support Month. The webinar, entitled: '**Caribbean Discourse: Responses to Autism Spectrum Disorders Across the Region**' will feature Autism support groups from Anguilla, Belize, Barbados, The Bahamas, Dominica, Guyana, and Trinidad and Tobago, Cayman Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands and the Virgin Islands. Advocates and practitioners will highlight the challenges and triumphs that parents, advocates, and service providers across the region face in their work with children, youth and adults with Autism.

We intend to use this platform to explore the regional realities of Autism Awareness, and other special educational issues, while forging new professional and service networks across the Caribbean.



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We note the work and interest of your organization in supporting quality education and social development for all. We invite you to attend these sessions to introduce you to enriching and informative conversations. We take the opportunity also to invite you to future events we hope to host, as we extend our reach to create a more informed and aware corporate sector.

Sincerely,



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