



# UniSey Connect

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## WELCOME



This is a red letter day for UniSey. We're still a young university (now at the start of our sixth year) but mature enough to launch our own Alumni Association.

So much has happened over the first five years and you are part of this early history. You are the university's pioneers!

Through your achievements, we have established ourselves as the nation's university, with a growing reputation, internationally, for the quality of our programmes. Next month will see the third graduation ceremony, when we all don our academic robes and celebrate another round of success.

With every new set of graduates the nation benefits. Seychelles is set on a path now to become a knowledge economy, and your skills and capacity will lead to further progress. Indeed, we hope we will see more of you as you build your own careers. In a changing world, knowledge has to be constantly updated and learning itself never stops.

At UniSey we will be bringing in new programmes, year on year, designed to meet these changing needs. Such programmes will vary from day-long courses to a flagship MBA. Being a member of the Alumni Association will help us to keep you informed of what is new. And we can learn from you more about what is wanted in the world of work.

We value this continuing contact. The Alumni Association is a wonderful initiative to enable this. Welcome back to UniSey!

*Professor Dennis Hardy  
Vice-Chancellor  
University of Seychelles*

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### Objective

The Alumni Association is a platform where professional and academic interests can be discussed and a close relationship can be maintained between UniSey and its graduates.

The Alumni members will become the ambassadors who will contribute to enhancing UniSey's public image and marketing objectives.

### Magazine

We intend to produce a quarterly magazine to disseminate up-to-date information on key events at UniSey. Our current students, graduates, and UniSey staff are invited to contribute to the magazine by:

- proposing a name for the new magazine;
- participating in the Alumni Association logo competition;
- providing articles and photographs depicting success stories or simply to inform the University on what you are currently doing.

### Programmes and Activities

As a University that is committed to the student's lifecycle, we want our students and graduates to tell us what programmes and activities we can implement to keep the Alumni Association lively and dynamic.

As an Association the Alumni members are encouraged to participate in all programmes and activities that UniSey will be organising.

**COMING SOON**

**UniSey is planning to introduce a globally recognised Masters in Business Administration (MBA) programme by September 2015.**

*Stay tuned for more information!*

## UniSey Staff Receives First Class Honours

The University of Seychelles proudly announces that Ms Prema Micock, the UniSey's Registration and Admission Officer, has successfully completed her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a First Class Honours. It is through sheer determination and focus that Prema excelled in her studies whilst being a full time employee.

*Congratulations Prema!!*



## Island Studies Publication

The University of Seychelles, has released its first issue of "ISLAND STUDIES-Indian Ocean/Océan-Indien". The magazine was launched for the 3rd International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in Samoa. In a fast globalizing world coupled with climate change, small islands are facing a unique set of challenges. Island Studies, an initiative of the University of Seychelles, is a forum to promote scholarly understanding around Island issues.

## First American Corner Established at UniSey

The first American Corner-Seychelles was launched on the 7th October 2014. It is based at the UniSey library, Anse Royale campus and is accessible to both students and the general public. The Corner was officially opened by the United States Ambassador to Mauritius and Seychelles, Her Excellency Shari Villarosa. In his address the Vice-Chancellor of UniSey, Professor

Dennis Hardy outlined that "in the American Corner, not only can we display much-needed books on a variety of subjects but also through the scheme we can gain access to some of the world's most important data bases – with online versions of up-to-date journal articles as well as e-books". UniSey has received six new computers that will facilitate access to online materials in the eLibraryUSA.



## Halloween Festival 2014

The Anse Royale campus is the place to be on 8th November 2014 where you will meet the Halloween gang of spooks. UniSey Student Union will bring together the most villainous figures in a cheerfully ominous atmosphere; promising encounters to make your blood run cold before you die of laughter.

The Student Hall will be transformed to welcome the delightfully frightening villains who will take mischievous pleasure in taking over the UniSey Halloween Festival. And that's not all! Witches, zombies and ghosts will not be left thirsty for your blood as snacks and drinks will also be available. We promise you a day that will fully recharge your emotions!

## Graduation and Graduation Ball

The 2014 graduation ceremonies will be held on the 13th of November 2014 at the UniSey Theatre Anse Royale campus. For the first time in the history of the University, two graduation ceremonies will be held on the same day. The morning ceremony will confer Diplomas and Certificates and the afternoon one will be for the undergraduate students.

The following day, 14th November, the graduates will celebrate their achievements in a Graduation Ball at the Crown Beach Hotel, Fairyland, from 7 pm onwards.

## UniSey Goes International

It's official. International students can now enrol on UniSey programmes. Earlier this year, the University's second Strategic Plan was launched, looking ahead to new developments over the next three years. One aspect of the plan is to attract international students to the University. The reasons for this international dimension are twofold: to bring more interest to the classroom, through inter-cultural dialogue, and to make the classes more viable in terms of numbers.

