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# a note

FROM THE EDITOR

It's here! It's been a long time coming, and now "What Next?" is finally here...

You've made a decision to not let 2017 be another 2016. So you've chosen to pursue a higher education and become a competitive force in the jungle called the "W.o.W". Hey! "World of Work" not Warcraft... focus man, sheesh! But on a serious note, we're grateful that you chose SBCS – Global Learning Institute as your preferred option to take you from where you are to where you want to be, in this time of growing economic uncertainty.

Choosing a career and planning the steps to get there can be difficult all on its own, with the most stressful part being finding the right partner that can fuel your passion and support your needs. It's like finding 'the one'... you want to learn with; and at SBCS we promise to be just that, your "one" and true education partner for life.

The "What Next?" Student Newsletter is a quarterly newsfeed that will be issued to both current and alumni students. Starting from this first issue, its content will span a range of topics, touching on each of our four campuses, to keep you abreast of events and updates when they happen as they happen! ... OK, maybe a little after they happen; either way, we'll keep you in the know.

After all, we are here to help you plot the course ahead; and helping you make an informed decision when choosing your "What Next", well we've been doing that for 30 years and we'll continue to find new roads to get the information you need to you.

Did I mention we're thirty! And we couldn't imagine making it this far without you. We will be commemorating this milestone today, Monday, February 13th, 2017, and would like nothing else than to share this achievement with you – but more on that later on.

So from Diploma to Degree, let SBCS – Global Learning Institute continue to help you achieve your "What Next"...

Stay tuned and look out for "What Next?" in your inbox during the first month of every new quarter.

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Sincerely,

Ariel Learner

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# SBCS TURNS 30 CELEBRATE WITH US!

A Chinese proverb states,

“If you want 1 year of prosperity, grow grain. If you want 10 years of prosperity, grow trees. If you want 100 years of prosperity, grow people.”

... And for thirty years, growing people is what SBCS has done. Since first opening our doors in 1987, we have become one of the region’s leading institutes for teaching and learning in higher education. Well over 70,000 learners have become part of the SBCS community (academic qualifications and corporate courses), and has resulted in lifelong friendships and transformational experiences.

## **One Campus ... Many Universities**

Over the years, we have sought, built and maintained relationships with some of the world’s renowned universities and professional associations. In effect, SBCS is as a gateway to global higher education. Each of our campus sites has ties with multiple institutions, regardless

of the academic disciplines being offered there. What that has done, and continues to do is expose you, our students, to a teaching and learning ecosystem that blends best practice learned from a global community of academia.

## **Unlocking the Human Potential**

More than the quantity and strength of our academic partnerships, we have built an impressive reputation for attracting, and exposing our students to leading professionals in industry, who effectively bring their expertise to bear on the academic content we deliver. Matched with the dynamism of our learning environment, what that has done is help us craft a professional who can think critically, creatively and ethically; communicate persuasively; and be a team player and problem solver in whatever sphere they operate – at work, at home and in the classroom. Over our 30-year history our students have routinely achieved World Prizes and

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The old SBCS Champs Fleurs compound. Students in the Computer Lab (inset).

even your colleague in studies with you to hear of the potential that awaits you once you engage appropriately with your academic pursuits with us.

### **A Great Place to Learn**

The investment in our physical plant has been one of the hallmarks of our existence to date. The uniqueness of the design of our campuses, the colour schemes employed in our classrooms – all geared towards encasing our students in a mentally and intellectually stimulating learning environment. More than that, our academic, relaxation and refectory facilities have been constantly maintained and upgraded to ensure they remain relevant to our students' needs regardless of how long you stay with us. For over thirty years we have commissioned computer labs, engineering labs, recreation rooms, dedicated study rooms, graphics and media facilities, and online library and academic support resources – all this, and more to come as we stay abreast of the progressive teaching and learning philosophies and technologies in education.

### **Global Learning Institute**

Continued development of pedagogy and e-learning strategies has transformed and extended the reach of SBCS in higher education. Our global learning now has an added dimension; export. SBCS has now touched more than 90 territories through our online offerings, in both academic qualifications and professional development courses – and we won't stop there! Now, not just do we bring the world to our local students, as we've done for the past thirty years, we are extending the SBCS experience to the international market. Regardless of where life takes you across the globe, SBCS will be there to help in your growth and development.

global recognition for their efforts at their study; a tradition we look forward to continue through you, our current cohorts, as we step into (and beyond) our 31st year.

### **Advancing Careers ... Changing Lives**

In thirty years of delivering globally recognized and industry-relevant programmes in higher education, we can boast of alumni in prominent positions in various occupational spheres. From Academia, to Information Technology, to Engineering, to Law, to Banking and Finance, to Economics and Project Management – our graduates have leveraged on the qualifications achieved and experiences had with us to gain establishment and advancement in their professional careers of choice. You need look only as far as the alumni profiles on our website, the lecturer of your next class, or

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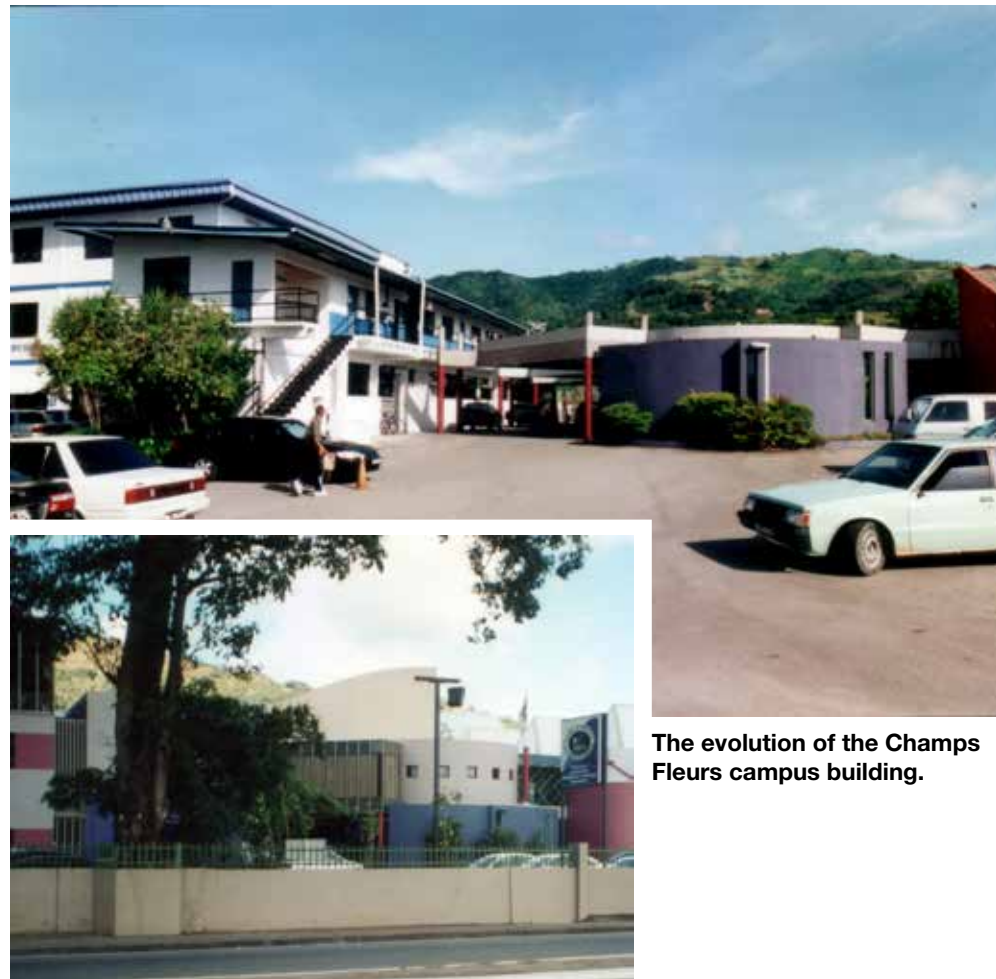


Of note though, we have grown and will continue to develop on the cornerstone that is you, our students - the voice of our students has been and remains the key driver of all our activities. We hold ourselves accountable to you by ensuring that our qualifications are in compliance with governing rules and regulations; that the service we deliver to you is continuously reviewed and continually improves; and that all concerns raised by you are appropriately and effectively addressed towards shaping a truly transformative experience at our campuses.

Thank you for helping us achieve this accomplishment; for trusting us for the past thirty years to help you achieve academic excellence; and for pushing us to evolve.

“Our 30th anniversary is a significant milestone in our history and development. It provides us with an opportunity to reflect on our journey taken since 1987, and look forward to an exciting future, as we continue to develop as one of the region’s, and soon the world’s great learning institutes.”

– Robin R. Maraj, Executive Director  
SBCS - Global Learning Institute



The evolution of the Champs Fleurs campus building.

## champs fleurs

The Champs Fleurs campus is the primary base and executive hub of SBCS. Commissioned in 1990, it is SBCS’ flagship campus and stands as the vanguard for the articulation and execution of our guiding principles and operational philosophies.

For almost thirty years, this campus has led the charge in our anticipation and satisfaction of the educational needs of our learners through the progressive development of pedagogy and e-learning strategies; investments in study, research and testing resources; and the provision of student recreational and refectory facilities.

# campus feature



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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SHORT COURSES & SEMINARS

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# mechanical engineering

THE NEW FRONTIER

On Monday, June 6th, 2016 SBCS announced plans to commence construction of a new Mechanical Engineering and Automotive Training facility at our Champs Fleurs campus. Today the facility is complete and ready to use.

The new facility was designed to provide training for the following:

## Pearson BTEC programmes

- Higher National Diploma (HND) in Mechanical Engineering
- Higher National Diploma (HND) in Automotive Engineering

## Engineering short courses

- Certificate in Plumbing Technology
- A Practical course in Air Conditioning and Maintenance
- Certificate in Automotive Maintenance
- Certificate in Basic Electrical Installation (Residential)

The BTEC HNDs are designed to provide a specialist vocational pathway, linked to professional body requirements and National Occupational Standards.



Our goal is to offer a balanced programme that will give students a solid grounding in the theory behind traditional and emerging areas in mechanical engineering and provide a strong hands-on component through labs, design, building activities and student machine shops. Our graduates will depart with a rich understanding of engineering theories, along with an ability to apply these theories to real-life problems in real-life situations.



## Duration of Programme:

Each qualification can be earned in 2½ years.

## Entry Requirement:

- Two (2) A 'Level passes/ the CAPE equivalent OR
- Diploma in Mechanical/ Automotive engineering OR
- 18 years and over with four (4) O 'Level passes OR
- Two (2) years relevant work experience

Candidates without this initial qualification can complete our one year matriculation programme and then progress to the HND programme.

Completing our HND is equivalent to the first two years of a Degree Programme. This pathway accelerates students' progression towards a Bachelor's Degree.

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## Employment Options

Graduates of the HND programme will find employment in the following areas: Oil and Gas industry, Manufacturing industry, Utilities, Machine workshops, Renewable Energy Industries and the automotive sector.

## After HND

After successful completion of the HND programme students seeking to continue their studies can enter into the final year of a degree programme such as the Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering or Automotive Engineering.

## Engineering Short Courses

All of our short course learning will take place through a combination of lectures and practicum sessions. They have all been designed to provide learners with the necessary training for entry level positions.

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engineering**  
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Interior of the Mechanical Engineering  
Lab at the Champs Fleurs (Carpark B)





# planning for and financing **YOUR EDUCATION** pt.1

## “GATE harder to open?”

So, GATE (The Government Assistance for Tuition Expenses Programme) isn't as accessible as it used to be. I mean, we knew it had to come to an end at some point... It is wonderful that as a country we could have afforded to make education as accessible as possible to our citizens; and truth be told, we may not have capitalised on it as we could have.

There was a world before GATE, and there's one that continues after the newly installed hinges that make it a little more difficult to swing open.

Many of us were educated in a pre-GATE world. And in that world we were driven not by the ease of access to funding but by the desire to improve ourselves and prepare for the opportunities that come with self-development. My brother, sister and I all managed to attain post-graduate qualifications, all studied abroad and without any debt to our names (or parents') at the end. Quite simply we supported each other, the older ones helping the younger ones. We all chipped in.

So as we think about how to finance our development I start at my fundamental view that my most prized asset, is myself. If we think of ourselves as an enterprise and we look at our personal financial statements, our assets are our abilities, sensitivities, intellect etc (all captured under “self-development”) and, our liabilities are the cost of, or the investments made to support, these assets.

Investments are different from expenditure in that investments,

once expended, provide a return. In most cases, there is no guaranteed return. Even when I did my MBA in the United Kingdom (UK), business schools made sure to advise what the average earnings of their alumni 5 years after graduation was likely to be. That in itself, gave an idea of the ROI (return on investment) of an education.

The other reality of investing is that the best time to invest is always now. The earlier an investment is made the more the return you get from the capital sacrificed. FC Barcelona signed Lionel Messi at 13 years old, agreeing to pay his medical expenses (he was a sickly teen). Now he's 29, and 8 La Liga and 4 UEFA Champions League titles later, they are still reaping returns. It is the only team he's ever played for. No one can find the money to buy him, not that he's willing to move.

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Any investment has to be funded. That means opportunity costs, because you are going to forego other things to make that investment possible. This means simply that your self-development has to be IMPORTANT enough to you. Maybe GATE explains why some students would attend a minimum amount of classes or turn up only to sign the register. It's like gambling with someone else's money. What is there to lose?

When either or both the money and/or effort on the table is yours, you don't gamble, you invest.

My next piece will begin to explore ways to fund that investment and my thoughts on them.



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# student services

The Student Services Department can help if you need information, advice and guidance, or support regarding general non-academic enquiries. Our staff are trained to deal with a wide range of enquiries and are a key source of information on many of SBCS' social and cultural activities.

## upcoming events

### **Get-Work-Ready Seminars | February 08 – March 31**

Come practice and develop the skills needed to not only succeed in a job interview but also function professionally within the work place. Targeting our full-time first and second year students, our Get-Work-Ready seminars deliver sound advice and role-play exercises to build and refine your professional etiquette.

### **30th Anniversary Student Appreciation | February 13**

30 years - let's take that in for a second. Thirty. Years. And you have been instrumental in our journey to date. Our 30th Anniversary Student Appreciation activities are geared towards commemorating this milestone achievement with you through activities and giveaways at all campuses.

### **Carnival Cultural Show | February 14**

Experience an on-campus, carnival atmosphere complete with guest artiste performances, prize giveaways and karaoke competitions – SBCS style.



Click: [Student Services](#) to request more information.



# CHAMPIONS OF 2016

## CONGRATULATIONS



**Luke Rambally**  
High Global Score  
UOL CIS Student

**Josiah Persad**  
Best Feature Film - Short  
& People Choice Awards  
TTFA 2016  
Matriculation to HND  
Media & Graphic Student

**Kirsten Ali**  
High Global Score  
UOL CIS Student

**Kabrina Belgrove**  
ABE President's Prize  
University of Sunderland BABM student

**Nicholas Pierre**

**Chelsea Riley**

**2nd overall  
Teleios Code Jam 2016**  
UOG CIS students

**Shekinah Budhai**

**Nicholas Seegobin**



## San Fernando Campus Turns 11 | February 20

The San Fernando Campus of SBCS - Global Learning Institute will be celebrating its 11th Anniversary on Monday, February 20th, 2017. This milestone will be shared by both staff and students with activities throughout the day.

The campus began operations in 2006 with six (6) classrooms/labs, eleven (11) staff members and two short Management Courses. A lot has changed since then as the campus has grown tremendously in size with eighteen (18) classrooms, two (2) Engineering labs, six (6) IT labs, a Recreation Room and Study Facilities, with programme offerings of over fifty (50) short course options in Management, IT & Engineering; and eleven (11) long programmes supported by twenty-nine (29) Academic Administrators.

With an ever expanding range of students who have graduated from San Fernando in various disciplines, SBCS' south campus continues to be the preferred tertiary level learning institution in the Southern Community, for globally recognized and industry relevant education and training programmes.

Cheers to many more years of success!



# campus events SAN FERNANDO

## upcoming events

- Health and Wellness/ International Women's Day | [March 07](#)
- SBCS Education Exhibition @ Gulf City Mall | [March 18](#)
- Seminar for Parents/Guardians of CXC Students | [March 25](#)

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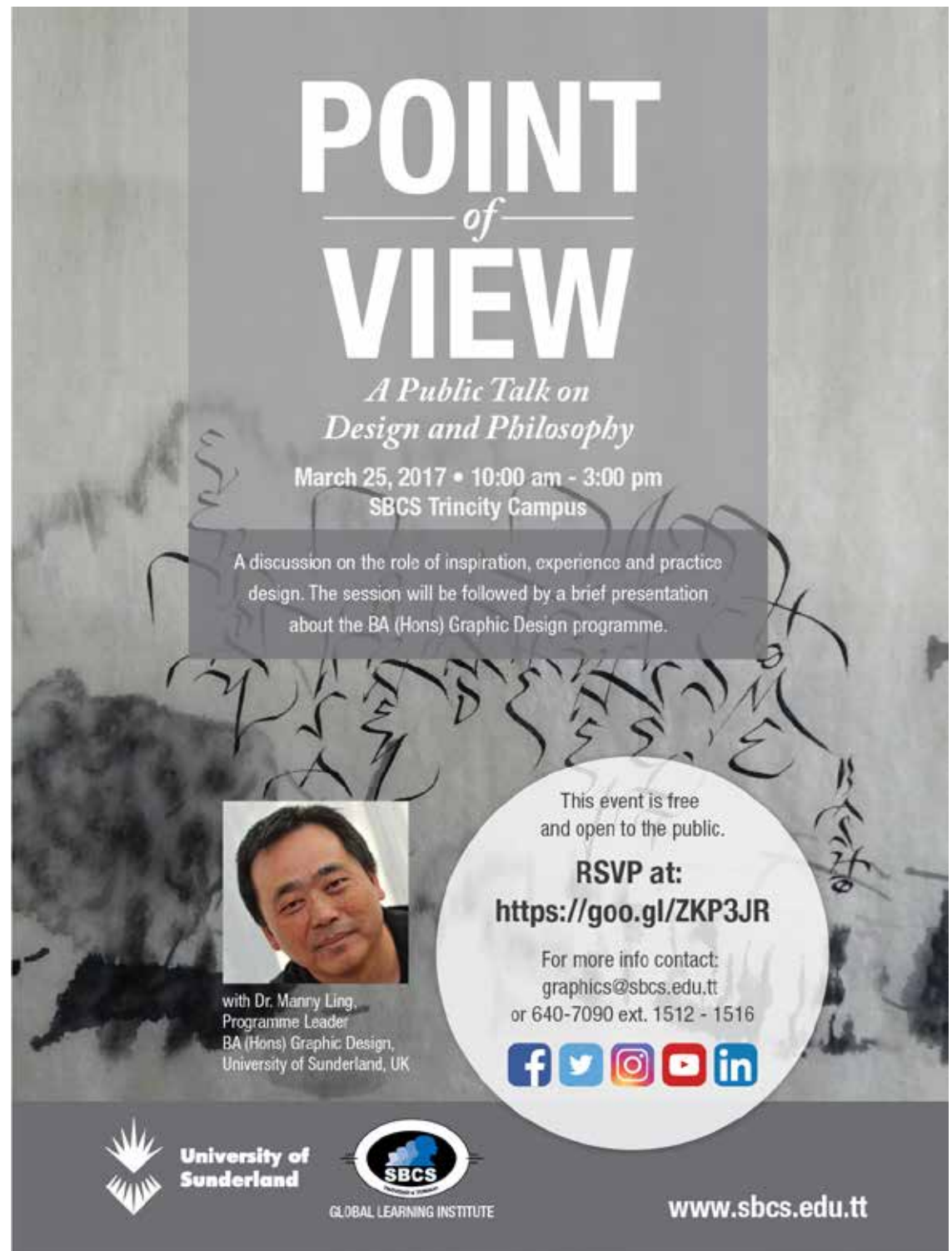
# campus events

## TRINCITY

**FREE:**  
**Graphic Design Seminar & Demonstration**  
**March 25**

Public discussion on Art/Design with Dr. Manny Ling, Programme Lead - BA (Hons) Graphic Design, University of Sunderland, UK. There will also be a live demonstration of his professional practice as a calligrapher and design practitioner.

Click: [Trincity Campus](#) to request more information.




# POINT — of — VIEW

*A Public Talk on  
Design and Philosophy*

March 25, 2017 • 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
SBCS Trincity Campus

A discussion on the role of inspiration, experience and practice design. The session will be followed by a brief presentation about the BA (Hons) Graphic Design programme.





with Dr. Manny Ling,  
Programme Leader  
BA (Hons) Graphic Design,  
University of Sunderland, UK


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## **NEW:** Higher Education Bridging Programme | January 07

The Higher Education Bridging Programme (HEBP) is designed to provide Level 5 learning to students who were previously enrolled in Level 4 media-related programmes. This programme will provide learners with a range of research and technical skills including academic essay writing, video production, editing and sound recording.

Upon completion of the HEBP participants will be able to matriculate to the BA (Hons) Media and Communications programme which is offered in collaboration with the University of Greenwich.

The HEBP will be offered over four months and will commence in January or May each year.

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To our contributors - we couldn't have done it without you, and we look forward to many more collaborative partnerships, as we continue to expand our content.

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See you next quarter...

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