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John Lucas Barrett



Youngest son of Dr Joseph Barrett and Mrs Evadne Barrett, retired minister of religion and teacher, respectively, John Lucas Barrett demonstrated his innate ability in the performing arts from an early age. Having been raised in an environment has nurtured and supported these gifts, it came as no surprize that, after graduating from Kingsway High School and entering Northern Caribbean University, John chose to major in vocal performance, communication and religious studies.

Upon arriving in Japan in 2000 under the Japan Exchange and Teaching (J.E.T) Programme, he went on to further his studies at the Tohoku University, gaining the Master's Degree in Intercultural Studies. In 2004 John started his work in the field of Gospel Music Ministry in Sendai, Japan, through performing and directing with the Hallelujah Gospel Family. He presently serves as the main vocalist of the Sendai Gospel Festival (the largest in Japan) and also co-host the SGF radio programme, "Gospel Makes You Happy".

For his rendition of the Japanese classic, Tsubasa O Kudasai (*Give Me Wings*) on the Nippon TV Programme, 'NODOJIMAN THE WORLD' in 2014, he received the Song for Japan Judges Special Award. He released the song and his English version, *Wings of Hope*, as a single in November of that year.



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Host of a regular TV Show on Nippon TV that focuses on English Language education for mothers and young children, 'MAMAMO KOMO TV' (TV for Mom and Kids), John also maintains a very active gospel music career that has expanded to over eight (8) locations and six (6) choirs nationwide. His choral group, the JL Gospel Family has grown over two hundred (200) members and he has become the face of Gospel Music in Japan, travelling extensively teaching and performing, with Tokyo and Sendai as his base. Following the release in May 2015, of his latest album, **God is Good!**, comprising fifteen (15) songs, commemorating his journey over the last thirteen (13) years in Japan, he has been on tour in Japan, United States of America, Singapore and Hong Kong. On this trip to Jamaica (see below for **Upcoming Events**), the last leg of this tour, the album will be on sale at both locations (Kingston and Mandeville) for a price of J\$1,200.

Discography:

December 2008 - First single, "My Song for You"

January 2010 - First Album, "Surrender"

October 2011 - Mini Album, "KIBO: Keep Hope Alive"

November 2014 - Single CD and Book, "Wings of Hope"

May 2015 - Second Album, *God is Good!*

<http://jl-music.com/en>



NCU News

The Changing Media

The faculty and students of the Department of Communication Studies (DCS) were engaged in a presentation from Washington Post's homepage editor, Kenisha Malcolm-Howard. The event was held in commemoration of Journalism Week which commenced on Saturday, November 21st and will end on the 28th. The theme for Journalism Week is '*Journalism in Today's World: Live Local, Work Global*'. Along with Malcolm-Howard, executive member of the Press Association of Jamaica (PAJ), Archibald Gordon, was also present.



Washington Post's homepage editor, Kenisha Malcolm-Howard shares with students and workers from the DCS at NCU during Journalism Week 2015 presentation recently

Read more... http://news.ncu.edu.jm/news_item.aspx?NewsID=7293



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NCU Shifts Gear towards Logistics Hub Initiative - Dr. Vincent Wright

Jamaica, being the proposed home for the fourth global logistics hub presents a vast opportunity for tertiary and other educational institutions across the country. According to an article published in the *Gleaner* on Sunday, January 26, 2014, Head of the education committee of the Logistics Task Force, Dr. Fritz Pinnock is calling for Jamaicans to be practical in their expectations of possible jobs from the proposed logistics hub.

Read more... http://news.ncu.edu.jm/news_item.aspx?NewsID=7275

Teachers Endorse Effort to Get More Women in I.T

"Females often shy away from Information Technology (IT) related careers and usually allow the males to dominate. The only reason I.T is a male dominant field is because the males have to fill in the gaps for them and the females." This comment was made by Richard Bernard, a teacher of Information Technology (IT) at the Knox College. He went on to add that the initiative by Northern Caribbean University (NCU) and international partners, Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA) to get more females to become I.T professionals was a good one.

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR ORAL PAPERS AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

NORTHERN CARIBBEAN UNIVERSITY RESEARCH WEEK 2016

Theme: "Research: Pathway to Best Practices"

Keynote Speaker: Professor Hansel Fletcher, Vice Chair, Basic Sciences Division of Microbiology, School of Medicine, Loma Linda University.

The Office of Graduate Studies & Research, Northern Caribbean University (NCU), is inviting submission of abstracts for **oral papers**, and/or **poster presentations**. These abstracts will be included in the Research Week 2016 Programme booklet and the **articles** corresponding to these presentations in a **subsequent publication** of the *Proceedings of Research Week 2016*. Lunch will be provided for all presenters.

Guide for Submission:

1. All **abstracts** are to be a maximum of **250** words **AND** accompanied by a brief (100 words or less) biography of the author(s).
2. **Articles** corresponding to the abstracts should be submitted on the presentation day so that they may be included in the subsequent publication of the proceedings.
3. **Undergraduates** may also submit abstracts but the articles **MUST** be research articles ready for publication.
4. Abstracts should be submitted to research@ncu.edu.jm by **January 1, 2016**.

Schedule of Events:

February 15th - *Opening Ceremony*
College of Business & Management "*Current Trends Conference*"



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February 16th -

- College of Natural and Applied Sciences, Allied Health and Nursing "*Science Symposium*"
- College of Humanities, Behavioural and Social Sciences "*Biennial Psychology Conference*"

February 17th -

- College of Education & Leadership "*Literacy and Education Symposiums*"
- College of Natural and Applied Sciences, Allied Health and Nursing "*Nursing Symposium*"

February 18th -

- School of Religion & Theology Lecture (Not accepting abstracts)
- *Closing Ceremony*

NO REGISTRATION OR ATTENDANCE FEE.

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES SENT ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF CAREER & EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Business Development Officer/ Customer Service Assistant

Shipwize Services, a personal and corporate shipping company, is seeking suitably qualified individuals to fill the positions of **Business Development Officer/ Customer Service Assistant**.

Training & Core competencies:

Associate's or Bachelor's degree in Business Administration or other relevant discipline
Must be computer literate

Core responsibilities:

Developing strategies to attract new customers and retain existing ones
Providing quality service to clients of the business

How to apply:

Please send your application (cover letter and résumé) as a Word attachment to resumes@ncu.edu.jm with the subject line **SSP- Business Development Officer/ Customer Service Assistant** no later than **Monday, November 30, 2015 by 11:30 a.m.** Cover letters should be addressed to Operations Manager, Shipwize Services, Mandeville.

Regrettably, we have to advise our friends/public that due to the high volume of responses to our job vacancy advertisements we will only be able to process applications from NCU alumni and current students.

Disclaimer

Northern Caribbean University is not a Staffing Service organization and cannot be held responsible and/ or liable for the reputation and operations of any of the third party entities referred to as providing possible employment opportunities for students.



Sales Executives

MI Group (Jamaica) Ltd., a fast-growing online mobile and Internet solutions company in Kingston, seeks to engage the services of Independent Sales Executives island-wide.

Training & Core competencies:

- Minimum of (3) years' experience in a sales-oriented position, preferably in software and technical sales
- Mobile, Internet and/or logistic technology background would be an asset.

Core responsibilities:

1. Meet established sales targets through active development and accurate representation of the company's suite of services.
2. Identify potential new clients and opportunities to increase business with existing clients.
3. Develop and foster constructive relationships with clients.
4. Apply relevant techniques to close sales.
5. Prepare and submit accurate reports to company's cloud-base systems.

Additional Skills and Requirements:

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| 1. Advanced computing skills | 4. Energetic, self-motivated and driven |
| 2. Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite Software | 5. Own reliable motor vehicle |
| 3. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills | 6. Own reliable laptop computer |
| | 7. Have reliable Internet access |

The successful candidate will work within an Office Without Walls Environment (OWWE) model where work can be done from any connected device. Must be principled enough to execute and complete required tasks with little or no supervision.

How to apply:

Please send your application (cover letter and résumé) as a Word attachment with the subject line **MIG - Independent Sales Executive** to resumes@ncu.edu.jm by Wednesday, December 2, 2015. Cover letters should be addressed to The Managing Director, MI Group (Jamaica) Ltd., Kingston.



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Director - East Regional Campus

This position resides on the East Regional Campus, which is located in Kingston. The Campus Director will be responsible for the general management, growth and development of the campuses in order to fulfil the mission of Northern Caribbean University and by extension the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He or she will be responsible for the overall administration of staff, adjunct faculty and students on the extension campuses. He or she will be a collaborative, ethical, transformational and entrepreneurial leader who will be charged with the responsibility to build and maintain a strong NCU brand while ensuring that faculty with high intellectual capacity and excellent scholarship are recruited and retained to carry out the programmes of the campus.

Qualifications and Experience Required

The ideal candidates should:

- have earned the DBA or PhD degree in Business Administration or related areas from an accredited institution with a least five years' experience in an academic leadership position.
- have working knowledge of entrepreneurship, business management and strategic management.
- be knowledgeable of and committed to the philosophy, principles and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist church in education and give witness to these values in his/her professional and Christian life.
- possess strong leadership, administrative, personal mentoring, organizational, communication, emotional intelligence, interpersonal skills and team building.
- have expert knowledge of planning, assessment, curriculum development, teaching schedules, quality assurance with excellent computer skills and knowledge of distance education and on-line pedagogy and principles.
- be actively concerned for students' spiritual as well as academic welfare, and feel responsible to assist them in the pursuit of worthy goals.
- be able to establish credibility, be decisive and should be able to recognize and support the organization's preference and priorities.
- be able to forge professional links with the business community, which would contribute to the growth and development of the campus.



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As a Seventh-day Adventist institution, NCU gives preference to qualified individuals who are members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in regular standing.

Expected start date: January 4, 2016

To be considered for these positions, the following are required:

- Cover letter, describing your qualifications and experiences
- Résumé
- Three written references
- Academic portfolio

Additional documents will be requested prior to the selection process. Detailed job descriptions for the positions will be available at the interview. The position should be filled for the Spring Semester which begins in January 2016 therefore interested applicants are encouraged to apply with urgency.

Deadline for applications: December 1, 2015 (*The subject line of the e-mail should include the title of the position being applied for.*)

Please submit cover letters, résumés and written references to:

The Human Resource Director
Northern Caribbean University
Manchester Road
Mandeville
Manchester
Jamaica, West Indies
E-mail: hr@ncu.edu.jm
Phone: 963-7163



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Life Week

**NOV 29th -
DEC 5th**

7pm nightly

**Waltham
Seventh-Day
Adventist
Church**

Theme

Resilient Families in a Complex World

Sunday
Being Resilient as a Couple
MRS. TASHIKA FRANCIS

Monday
Resilient Parenting
DR. BROWN-EARLE, ET AL

Tuesday
**Building Family Cohesion in a
Complex World**
MR. HOWARD ANDERSON, MRS. SHARON ANDERSON

Wednesday
**Building Resilient
Communication as a Couple**
DR. VENESE MADDEN

Thursday
Singles in a Complex World
DR. DERICK EVANS

Sabbath
**The signs of a Degenerating
Marriage/Family (Divine Hour)**
The Family & Spirituality (AY)
ELDER ANTHONY GORDON



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INTERNATIONAL JAMAICAN
GOSPEL ARTISTE, JOHN LUCAS
P R E S E N T S

The John Lucas
Benefit Concert
SERIES

FEATURING
JOHN LUCAS AND THE JL SINGERS FROM JAPAN
AND OTHER LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL ARTISTES

DEC 5
6:30 PM

KARRAM SPEID AUDITORIUM
KINGSTON, JAMAICA

DEC 6
6:30 PM

N.C.U. GYMNASIUM
MANDEVILLE, JAMAICA

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ADULTS: \$800 PRESOLD CHILDREN: \$500
\$1000 AT THE GATE
UNDER 12 AND STUDENTS WITH ID PAY AT THE GATE

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• COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF
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presents

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FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Featuring:

- Opera Singer, Oscar Andrade
- Violinist, Leah Fynn
- And much more!!!

December 13, 2015
5:30 PM

Tickets: \$65 Per Person

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1217 TRINITY WOODS LANE
MAITLAND, FL 32751

FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION CONTACT EITHER:

Vilma Campbell (201.220.4905); Everard Daley (321.277.6084); Jerome Higgins (407.578.5560 or 516.244.6780);
Nicola McClymont (407.227.6461); Paul Clarke (407.579.9223); or Sandra Baldwin (407.880.9293 or 917.544.7459).