

WHY SIDANEO FOR ACADEMICS?

“Replace excuses with effort, replace laziness with determination and everything else will fall into place”.

A Strong-willed, Intelligent, Dedicated, Ambitious, Noble, Enthusiastic and Optimistic young man, I am Sidaneo Gayle. A third year Criminal Justice Major with an emphasis in Forensics, I always strive for excellence. Apart from academia I am the current Vice President of Student Services and Social Affairs for USM, Director of projects and social for the West Jamaica Conference club, the PRO for H.u.B.S.S and the PRO for iAID which is a non-profitable organization, making me the rounded individual I am.

The decision to run for the office of Vice President of Academic Administration was sparked by my interest to create a better appreciation and to heighten the interest towards learning and education for the school population. Not only that but to place stronger emphasis in the use of the English language in terms of speech, vocabulary and grammar.

PLANS FOR OFFICE: if elected for the position of VP of Academic Administration these are some of the plans that I will seek to achieve:

- Monthly Department Enquiry
 - This will be monthly reviewing of the classes that students are having problems with for the different departments. Problems such as lack of teacher-class attendance, lack of content, unfair course work grades and misplacing of student assignments which results in students getting unfavorable grades if any at all.

➤ Reviewing of Exam Grades

- Students must be allowed to review their exam paper with the lecturer for unfavorable grades after a reasonable request is made. The constitution gives students this right because the grade that they will get stays with them for life. It will be my duty to ensure that if and when these request are made by students, lecturers will accept and allow them the privilege.

Student Challenge Quiz (S.C.Q)

- Student form groups of four with friends or persons they see competent enough to be a part of their team. They will submit their teams for registration and the relative info such courses to study, match date and times will be relayed to them prior to the starting of the competition.

➤ Continuation of the Spelling Bee

- Like the previous VP of Academics, I will build on the foundation that was already laid and continue the UMS Spelling Bee Competition, following the same format.

➤ Literacy Seminars

- In collaboration with the English department and the Debate and Literacy Society seminars will be held for all student leaders and persons who are interested in

attending these seminars. The purpose is to aid in public speaking and to improve writing skills.

➤ Academic Literacy Competition

- Student will prepare short videos, drama pieces' dub poems or songs stating the importance of academics, how to improve academic performances or tips to continue being academically successful. Prizes will be awarded to the winners (1st, 2nd,3rd) and their piece will be featured in the weekender.

➤ The A.S.K initiative (Associate, socialize and Know)

- Based on keen observations that are made daily on campus I have noticed the breakdown in student ethic as it relates to how students communicate and engage each other socially. This is a program aim at developing the socialization pattern between the female and male students on campus. This will be achieved through a motivational session where vibrant motivational speakers who can relate to university life and young adults will come in and engage the student body in a session or two. And also through social activities that will attract and allow for proper socializing.