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The university has a long list of notable graduates who have been essential to social, political and historical research activism and change. A few include the 28th U.S. president Woodrow Wilson, Governor of Maryland, author and social entrepreneur Wes Moore and former president of NAACP and current U.S representative for Maryland’s 7th congressional district Kweisi Mfume.

***Caribbean Sociological Association (CASA)***

CASA was founded in 2020 by a group of Caribbean sociologists at the University of the West Indies, Regional Headquarters, Jamaica. CASA desires to enhance the quality of life in the Caribbean through research, teaching, policy intervention and advocacy

CASA seeks to highlight the value of sociology for the well-being of the Caribbean’s by promoting sociology as both a science and a profession. The association’s goals include raising awareness of Caribbean civilization, fostering a sense of Caribbean identity and integrating Caribbean society and culture into the global Sociology community.

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Established since 1982, the Universite des Antilles now operates five campuses, three in Guadeloupe and two in Martinique to serve the French West Indies. It is the only French speaking university in a Caribbean space.

In 2023, the Shanghai International Ranking recognized the institution as one of the best universities globally. Ecology was recognized as the university's best-ranked subject. The university has nurtured several distinguished scholars among its alumni and staff including historian Sabine Andrivon-Milton, writer, social researcher, professor and activist Carlos Moore, and historian Jacques Adelaide-Merlande.

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