



Professor Emeritus Harold Ramkissoon

of USA in 1988, and the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World in Italy in 1990.

Professor Emeritus Harold Ramkissoon was born on April 14th in the year 1942, he was one out of ten siblings and grew up in the areas of Tabaquite and Marabella.

As a child, he almost excelled in his school work, attending the Tabaquite RC Primary School and then Presentation College. Brilliant, outgoing, compassionate and very proactive are just some of the qualities to best describe him.

He received his Bachelors with Honors in Mathematics, as a Graduate of the Mona Campus of the University of the West Indies in 1966, and his MSc at the University of Toronto in 1969. He continued his studies at the University of Calgary to attain his PhD in 1975 in the area of Applied Mathematics.

His very distinguished academic career saw him moved from the rank of Lecturer to Emeritus Professor over a span of thirty-three (33) years. He was the first West Indian to be given a Personal Chair (a lifelong title bestowed on

someone who has excelled in his/her field and brought honor to the University) in Mathematics at the St. Augustine Campus of the University of the West Indies. He was the recipient of prestigious Fellowships from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Germany in 1981, the Fulbright Foundation

Professor Ramkissoon is married and has two sons and two grandchildren. When he is not lecturing or giving motivational speeches, he reads, listens to music, play bridge or travels.

Professor Ramkissoon has been an Invited Scientist at a number of Centres of Excellence including Cambridge University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Princeton University, Gottingen University, the Indian Institute of Science and the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and has published five books and over ninety papers in internationally peer-reviewed journals. He has made notable contributions to the understanding of micropolar and microcontinuum fluids and Marangoni instabilities in the field of fluid dynamics.

His views on life are very optimistic and tolerant, and he totally believes in academia as a way of life. He encourages anyone to find a love and passion and to go for it.

Professor Ramkissoon has been the recipient

