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Beverly Pereira (right) expresses her honour at being chosen to present the Pelican Award to Professor Rex Nettleford (left) on Friday. He was described as "a successful Caribbean man."

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Rex Nettleford awarded prestigious Pelican Award

PROFESSOR Ralston Milton Rex Nettleford, more popularly known as Rex Nettleford, was honoured with the prestigious Pelican Award on Friday by the University of the West Indies Guild of Graduates.

The award is an annual pre-

sentation given in recognition of meritorious service to the university and the guild or to those who have achieved distinction in the field of academics, industry, business, public service, research or sport was presented to Professor Nettleford at a luncheon held at the Pegasus Hotel.

The university professor, author,

commentator, patron of the arts, and himself accomplished in dance, Professor Nettleford was described as "a noble mosaic of achievement, a confluence of talent and a symbol of cultural servitude." In a citation given by Sonia Jones, Chairwoman of the Council, Institute of Jamaica, the professor was said to have "added to the light, celebrated the liberty and enhanced the learning of the university he has served with distinction."

Born in Trelawny, Professor Nettleford attended Cornwall College, then the University College of the West Indies before going to Oxford University in England on the Issa and Rhodes scholarships.

Described as a "portable university" in the citation, Professor Nettleford has written many books with his latest being "The University of the West Indies — A Caribbean Response to the challenges of Change."

The 1990 Pelican awardee is also intimately involved in the National Dance Theatre Company where he is said to have "provided a visionary form in the shaping of national life."

Professor Nettleford graciously accepted the award which he said represented a challenge to even further progress.

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