



Mary Sayers-Nicolls

At the age of three and half years Mary was diagnosed with a brain tumour which rendered her blind. Mary shared that her disability has not hindered her from pursuing her academic and career goals. She has successfully completed her first-year at the University of the West Indies (UWI) where she is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology with Management. Her aspiration is to become a Child Psychologist. She is passionate about her chosen career path, because of her interest in children's emotional and psychological needs. Mary loves physical activities and can be found swimming, participating in Latin dance classes and walking. In addition, she teaches Braille classes and enjoys cooking.

Mary highlighted that one of the challenges she encounters with regards to managing classes at UWI, is navigating the e-learning platform. However, she noted that this challenge is being addressed by the faculty at UWI to ensure that the platform is user-friendly for persons with disabilities. Mary also expressed that generally disabled people are not readily offered employment opportunities.

Mary remains resilient and effervescent. She has a positive outlook on life and does not allow her physical condition to define her. She is determined to make a difference in the lives of young people through her emotional support and guidance. She noted that she would use the scholarship to assist her with tuition fees.