



**The Honourable Dennis Hugh Lalor**

Dennis Lalor was first educated at the “University of North Street” so called by the Graduates of Kingston College.

He started out in the insurance Industry and in 1958 was the first West Indian to Qualify as an Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute (AC11) in London – The Insurance Industry’s most prestigious educational Institution.

In 1968 he founded the Insurance Company of the West Indies and along with several acquisitions, established the ICWI Groups Ltd in 1984. Operations have since expanded to Trinidad & Tobago, The Bahamas, The Cayman Islands, The British Virgin Islands, Antiga, St. Lucia and Guyana.

A special programme introduced by ICWI saw lady drivers being rewarded for their lower accident rate, by lower premiums, in the acclaimed “Road Angel Programme”.

His interests have included manufacturing steel products, aluminum products, roofing and other building accessories, polypropylene products, industrial Gases, Instant Coffee, plastic containers and also windows and doors – all these in Jamaica and the Caribbean.

Outside of insurance and industry his passion has included horses and polo especially women’s polo namely the ICWI tournament for women. He served as Chairman of the racing Commission and during his tenure was instrumental in setting up a school for jockeys and establishing minimum educational qualifications for all involved in the horse racing industry. He has served as chairman of the Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica and also as chairman of University Development and Endowment Fund since 1988. He has also served on University Council and on several sub-committees of Council.

In his busy life he has found time for philanthropy both at home and abroad. He had the distinction of being the first non – US citizen elected to the board of the Washington – based Council on Foundations; he is a member of the International Institute of Philanthropy based in Switzerland; he established the ICWI Group Foundation which focuses on improving science and technology education; and was a former director of United Way International. In 1990 he was appointed a member of the Privy Council of Jamaica and in 1994 he was awarded the Order of Jamaica by the Government of Jamaica.

These are just a few of his appointments and awards. He has published several books which admirably demonstrated that he is no less a man of letters than his counterparts in Academic.

Honourable Dennis Hugh Lalor, the UWI Alumni association is honoured to welcome you into the select family of Pelican Awardees.