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"Indeed, the future of Jamaica and the larger Caribbean will require the outstanding qualities that the people of the region and other parts of the world have come to associate with you. Brown joins the chorus of admirers by honouring your achievements with this degree and thus welcoming you into the company of the faculties, students and alumni of this university," he said.

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