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Pioneers of Caribbean Landscape Architecture

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A sense of mixed unrest, enthusiasm and bubbiness lurches in the atmosphere today, as four students prepare to graduate as Landscape Architects. History in the making, these four individuals, soon to be alumni, are the pioneers to be educated locally in the first and only LA School in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean. Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico will mark this unique event at its thirtieth commencement ceremony.

On August of 2006, the Master of Landscape Architecture program began as an offering at the institution. For the past three years students and faculty have worked towards this moment, aware of the fact that they are defining an unprecedented event in the Caribbean Basin.

Graduate's design thesis dealt with issues other professionals have already considered. However, for the first time those subjects were examined under the microscope of landscape architecture, while also taking into account the local pertinence. The areas of study - underutilized agricultural valleys, marginalized urban centers, rainforest rivers, desiccated bodies of water - and the natural and human-made elements that comprise them, were examined with landscape as the keystone that organizes place.

"This Master's program has positioned Polytechnic University as a forerunner of the profession not only in the Island, but also in the Caribbean, as the professional degree affords students the opportunity of entering a career immersed in the international vanguard", said Marisabel Rodríguez, School Director.