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Today marks a milestone, a red letter day in the history of our national institution —it is Charter Day! Four years ago today we officially became University of The Bahamas. We marked the occasion with a day of ceremony and celebration befitting such a huge accomplishment. In four years we have done a yeoman's job of growing our institution and providing greater accessibility to higher education in The Bahamas. We have expanded the campus with the completion of the Franklyn R. Wilson Graduate Studies Centre and the G.T.R Campbell Small Island Sustainability Research Complex. We now use Ellucian Banner, the world's most advanced data management system for tertiary level institutions and we were one of six institutions to win the Ellucian 2020 Impact Award this past September.

During this pandemic many people have not been able to celebrate birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, and other milestones with the usual activities and people they love. However, they have been finding creative ways to connect and celebrate despite the challenges. Zoom parties and happy-hours; live streams of weddings; more intimate gatherings; and Netflix watch parties have all become part of our experience in connecting. I whole-heartedly encourage everyone to celebrate your red letter days and discover alternative ways of marking special occasions.

Today, in celebration of Charter day, UB is having its first **Day of Giving**. For 24 hours we encourage our students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni, corporate partners and friends to support UB in a tangible way and donate via <a href="www.ub.edu.bs">www.ub.edu.bs</a>. As we continue to prioritise educating first generation university students and providing much needed support to our students during the pandemic, please know that your gifts are truly appreciated and will make an impact in the lives of many students. I thank you for your generosity and kindness.

Please continue to spread joy and send inspiring quotes or scriptures to <u>presidentsoffice@ub.edu.bs</u>. Please stay safe and be encouraged.

