



Annual Fund Report 2014 - 2015

No matter the size of the gift, giving to University of The Bahamas (UB) has the potential to create a lasting impact reflected in the lives of our students, faculty and staff. Every year, supporters and friends of the institution make contributions to the Annual Fund which strengthen our capacity to support and drive national development and make our country more resilient.

This pipeline of philanthropic support led to the disbursement of more than \$110,000 in the 2014-2015 academic year to support financial aid, research and other critical programmes and initiatives. The signature Flamingo Ball remained one of the primary vehicles through which alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends donated to the Annual Fund.

With each contribution, donors are helping us to build our capacity to produce creative thinkers, courageous explorers and leaders who dare to dream. Your giving is instrumental in the growth and development of our students, faculty and staff.

Promoting a Culture of Health and Wellness

Similar to national health objectives, improving the health and wellbeing of the UB community remains a pivotal priority. In that vein, the work of the Health and Safety Committee is instrumental in educating the encouraging faculty, staff and students to make wise choices about their health. The Committee hosted a week of activities to raise the level of awareness about critical health care issues and proper nutrition and exercise. Among the events held were seminars on Mental Health and Menopause, Water Wellness and Fire Prevention; a 5K Fun, Run, Walk; and glucose and blood pressure assessments.

Making Dreams Come True

The goal of higher education is not always attainable because of financial constraints. Annual Fund donations helped to remove this impediment for a group of students enrolled at the institution in the faculties of Pure and Applied Sciences and Business. Branishka Bullard, BA Psychology major; Josiah Beneby, Pre-Technology major; Nathaniel Thompson, ASc Chemistry major; Georgina Smith, BBA Accounting major; Johnathan Sullivan, AA Law and Criminal Justice major; Angel Mackey, BBA Marketing major; Quinton Pennerman, ASc Civil Engineering Technology; Chakachan Palmer, BSc Biology with Chemistry and Devonia Shanique Burnside, BSc Nursing received financial aid to defray the cost of their educational expenses.

Creating a Sustainable Future for Exuma

In collaboration with local and international partners, faculty and students have been conducting research to support a sustainability plan for the island of Exuma. The project is a multi-year ecological planning initiative that involves the Government of The Bahamas, the Bahamas National Trust, and Harvard Graduate School of Design working together to facilitate the design and management of a more sustainable future for Exuma. Associate Professor in the School of Social Sciences Dr. Nicolette Bethel and seven students travelled to the island in November 2014 to conduct the ethnographic field studies to help inform future decision-making. Spelman College, Harvard University, Suffolk University and Rhode Island College also participated in the field work.



14th International Conference on Caribbean Literature, Nov. 4-9th

The College of The Bahamas was among the many schools who participated in the 14th Annual International Conference on Caribbean Literature in November 2014, in Curaçao. Liberal and Fine Arts faculty Marie Sairsingh, Craig Smith, Celest Evans Clark, Haldane Chase, Patricia L. Douglas and Sonovia Burrows participated at the conference on behalf of The College. They engaged in discussions with other scholars in their respective disciplines.

4th Critical Caribbean Symposium Series, Nov. 21st – 22nd

The Critical Caribbean Symposium Series has been engaging scholars from The Bahamas, the Caribbean and beyond in a wide range of disciplines to analyse social, political, cultural, economic and environmental challenges facing the Caribbean region. The 4th Critical Caribbean Symposium Series, held at The College of The Bahamas November 21st- 22nd, focused on the theme “Caribbean Festival Arts”. The event provided opportunities for robust discussions on the dynamics and historical factors of Caribbean festivals, music, poetry, art and the Bahamas Junkanoo Carnival festival.



47th Association of Caribbean Historians Annual Conference

Scholars, researchers and historians examined issues of race, identity, slavery and poverty in the Caribbean diaspora at the 47th Association of Caribbean Historians Conference held at the College of The Bahamas May 17th – 22nd. As a centre for intellectual discussion and enquiry, The College helped to facilitate critical conversations among representatives of governmental and nongovernmental organizations and academic. High school students also became involved in the discussions through their participation in an essay conversation on migration.

Business Week 2015 Showcases Students Talents

With one of the largest enrolments at the institution, the School of Business has been responsible for the training and development of many business professionals who are making their mark on The Bahamas, the region and the world. Held in November, Business Week

has become a signature event on the school's calendar as a means of showcasing the talents and ingenuity of students, providing new opportunities to discuss critical matters impacting the business environment and creating a conduit for students and alumni to reconnect. The highlight of the week was an essay competition and debate which was won by Miss Allia Dean who received a cash prize of \$250.00. The second and third place finishers, Hedlease Smith and Danielle Smith, received \$150 and \$100 respectively. The essay topic was “Utilizing Innovation and Technology to Improve Bahamian Businesses”.

Augmenting Chemistry Lab Apparatus

Annual Fund contributions helped to fund the acquisition of new apparatus at the Chemistry Lab located at the Oakes Field Campus. The purchases included melting point apparatus and a Pro Air Quality Monitor that reduces the risk associated with a melting point.



Additional Projects Supported by The Annual Fund

Harry C. Moore Library and Information Centre

Display accoutrements to enhance the library's exhibitions and add to its signage were acquired. These included easels, exhibit display cases, stand signs. Additionally, an industrial cleaning machine was also purchased.

Campus Security

Five new Pro 7550 Portable Trunking Radios are increasing the capacity for the Security Department to conduct communication and surveillance.

Office of Information Technology

Technology upgrade to permit a more robust Internet capability and stable download experience.

Campus Clinic

Medical supplies and equipment for the campus clinic were purchased.

Records Department

New printing equipment for the Records department to print diplomas and transcripts was purchased.

Wellness Centre

An important facilitator in the healthy lifestyle initiatives of the College community, the Wellness Centre acquired new gym equipment including dumbbells, kettle bells, exercise mats and weightlifting equipment for use by student and faculty clients.

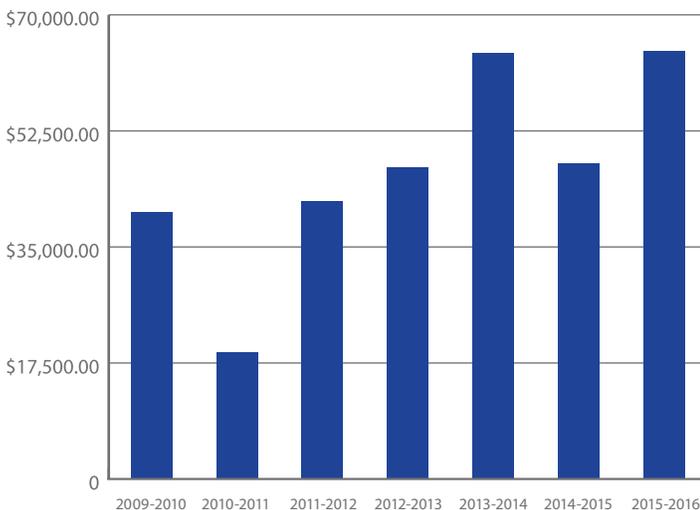
Athletics Department

Funding of Homecoming 2015 Basketball Classic with the COB Caribs men's basketball team competing against the Florida Memorial University (FMU) Lions on November 6 and 7th.

COB Concert Choir

Locally and internationally, the Concert Choir performs before diverse audiences representing the College of The Bahamas. New Bahamian cultural and formal uniforms were purchased.

The Annual Fund 2014-2015 Value of Donations



The Annual Fund 2014-2015 Allocation

Annual Fund Allocation	\$ Value	%
The College's Greatest Needs	\$ 28,607.15	60.1%
Faculty of Social & Educational Studies	\$ 5,875.00	12.3%
Faculty of Business	\$ 4,320.00	9.0%
Scholarships & Financial Aid	\$ 4,085.00	8.5%
Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences	\$ 3,430.00	7.2%
Harry C. Moore Library and Information Centre	\$ 420.00	0.9%
Faculty of Liberal and Fine Arts	\$ 845.00	1.8%
Culinary and Hospitality Management Institute	\$ -	0.0%
Athletics	\$ -	0.0%
Northern Bahamas Campus	\$ -	0.0%
Total	\$ 47,582.15	100.0%

Annual Fund donors consistently prioritize the institution's greatest needs for their donations as this category facilitates meeting the most critical necessities across all disciplines.