



THE COLLEGE OF THE BAHAMAS

Annual Fund Report

2013-2014



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"Moving Forward by Giving Back"

Every year, alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends of The College give to the Annual Fund. This pipeline of philanthropic support has led to the disbursement of more than \$110,000 in the 2013-2014 academic year. Annual Fund donors are giving to benefit students and the vital operations, programmes and initiatives of The College. Last year, the number of donors increased by 16 percent as a direct result of the patronage of the First Annual Flamingo Ball held in June 2014. The disbursements to various departments have been used to build community, strengthen operational capacity and expand outreach initiatives by the academy. Each gift to the Annual Fund makes a difference in the lives of our faculty, staff and students and helps us to meet our mission of supporting and driving national development. In this report, we highlight how your gifts are impacting the soon to be University of The Bahamas.



COB student-athlete Justin Gray (right) competes at the Penn Relays.

HISTORIC REPRESENTATION AT PENN RELAYS

In April, 2014, The College of The Bahamas made history when it participated in the Penn Relays in Philadelphia for the first time. Our track and field team competed against dozens of rivals in one of the largest and most competitive track and field meets in the world. While our track and field team didn't bring home any medals, our athletes got the international exposure that they need to improve their performance.

BUSINESS WEEK DRAWS INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

Students of The College joined their counterparts from universities in the United States and Canada as competitors in The Global Business Plan Competition held as part of Business Week hosted by The College's School of Business. A team from the University of Houston won for its business plan on Wavve LLC, pitched as a business that produces nanotechnology patented coating solutions for water filters. During the week students learned from and networked with leading business professionals.



Acting Dean, Faculty of Business Remelda Moxey (3rd from right) and Mr. Glenville Davis, Business Week organizer and School of Business faculty (3rd from left) pose with the winning team from the University of Houston.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY CONFERENCE

From oil exploration and aragonite mining to balancing environmental responsibility with development, the environmental issues addressed during the Environmental Law and Policy Conference held in June 2014 were compelling and diverse. The School of Social Science's Law Department hosted the conference in conjunction with Pace University, the Eugene Dupuch Law School and the Energy and Environment subcommittee of the Bahamas Bar Association.



Attorney General Hon. Allyson Maynard-Gibson addresses the opening ceremony of the Environmental Law and Policy Conference held in the Harry C. Moore Library and Information Centre.

BUILDING A HEALTHY AND SAFE ACADEMY

The Director of Labour Mr. Robert Farquharson was the keynote speaker at a special presentation held to mark Health and Safety Week at The College. Held in February 2014, the week drew attention to preventative measures to keep the academy drug-free, healthy and safe. Mr. Farquharson's presentation focused on health and safety in the workplace.



Director of Labour Mr. Robert Farquharson (1st row, left) poses with College administrators and organizers of Health and Safety Week at The College's Oakes Field Campus.



The COB Concert Choir performs in New York.

COB CONCERT CHOIR PERFORMS AT LINCOLN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The College of The Bahamas Concert Choir was among the choristers who performed "The Cry of Jeremiah" at the acclaimed Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in May 2014, much to the delight of its patrons. It was the first time the Concert Choir had ever performed at the historic center in Manhattan, New York. "The Cry of Jeremiah", created by composer Dr. Rosephanye Powell, follows the prophet's feelings of abandonment and redemption.

PRESERVING BAHAMIAN ORAL AND PUBLIC HISTORY

Comrade Vernon Pinder is no ordinary Bahamian. He is a serviceman of World War II, a Bahamian patriot and a respected veteran who came to share his recollections of the war with The College's Oral and Public History Institute. The institute's Director Dr. Tracey Thompson has been coordinating research projects that involve interviewing persons with memories of important aspects of the Bahamian twentieth-century story. One of those projects, No Ordinary Time: Bahamians in the Allied Fight during the Second World War, brings into focus how Bahamians participated in the global conflict that ended almost seventy years ago. Dr. Thompson and her collaborators are capturing narrators' stories using equipment (still photography and audio and video recording equipment) provided for the Libraries and Instructional Media Services Department by the Annual Fund.

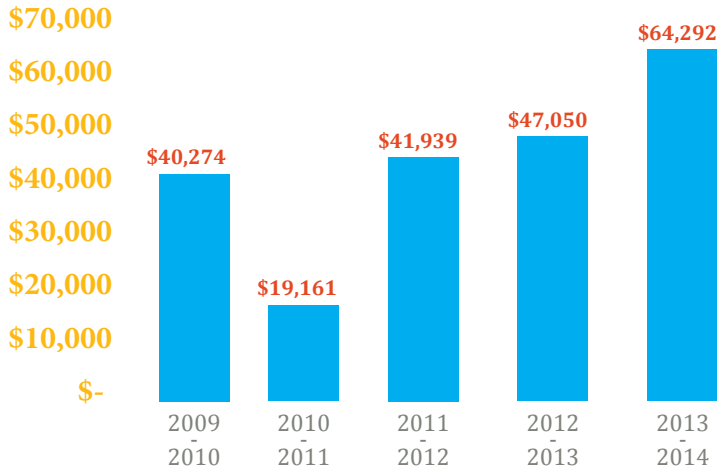


Photo shows Comrade Vernon Pinder and Dr. Thompson.

IT UPGRADE SUPPORTS CONTINUING EDUCATION IN ABACO

In a partnership aimed at maximizing the resources of both entities, The College has entered a partnership with the Abaco Central High School. It allows The College to upgrade the school's computer lab equipment which is also being used by persons who enroll in The College's technology courses through the Centre for Continuing and Education and Extension Services in Abaco. Six new computer workstations have been installed.

THE ANNUAL FUND 2013-2014 VALUE OF DONATIONS



Annual Fund donations increased by 37% in 2013-2014 as a result of two major factors: overwhelming support for the inaugural Flamingo Ball and record-setting participation in the matching gift programme by alumni employed at Deloitte Bahamas and RBC Royal Bank Bahamas Limited.

THE ANNUAL FUND 2013-2014 ALLOCATION

ANNUAL FUND ALLOCATION	\$ VALUE	%
The College's Greatest Needs	\$ 48,794	75.89%
School of Business	\$ 6,773	10.53%
Scholarships & Student Aid	\$ 4,270	10.53%
Faculty of Pure & Applied Sciences	\$ 1,755	2.73%
Harry C. Moore Library & Information Centre	\$ 1,015	1.58%
Faculty of Liberal & Fine Arts	\$ 847	1.32%
Faculty of Social & Educational Studies	\$ 685	1.07%
CHMI	\$ 133	0.21%
Athletics	\$ 10	0.02%
Northern Bahamas Campus	\$ 10	0.02%
	\$ 64,292	

Annual Fund donors consistently prioritize the "College's Greatest Needs" for their donations as this category facilitates meeting the most pertinent needs across all disciplines.

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE ANNUAL FUND

● OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID- SCHOLARSHIPS

Since 2012, five students have benefited from \$9,463.85 in financial aid as a result of the Annual Fund. These students are high achievers enrolled in diverse academic programmes and who are in dire financial need.

● CAMPUS LIFE EVENTS (OAKES FIELD CAMPUS)

Earth Day; Humanitarian Award Service; Easter Concert; Go Red Heart Health Fair

● SCHOOL OF ENGLISH STUDIES

Hosting the Sidney Poitier Film Festival and The Written Word Series featuring author Robert Antoni

● SCHOOL OF CHEMISTRY ENVIRONMENTAL AND LIFE SCIENCES

Laboratory equipment (chemical droppers) for use by students and faculty

● CULINARY AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

Acquisition of point of sale systems for Choices Restaurant, Independence Café and Coffee Shop. Authorisation to host training and certification programmes of the American Hotel & Lodging Education Institute

● "C FORCE" CD LAUNCH

Production of the third CD compiled by the C Force faculty musical trio

● SECURITY DEPARTMENT

Portable radios to support security surveillance and communication

● OFFICE OF COMMUNICATION

Video recording, studio and lighting equipment for University Television

● NORTHERN BAHAMAS CAMPUS

Electronic Signboard; Valentine's Day, Culturama

● ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

New uniforms for The College of The Bahamas Lady Caribs softball, volleyball and basketball teams.