

Dino Hernandez
Vice President of Institutional
Advancement & Alumni Affairs

Tameka Lundy
Assistant Vice President of
University Relations

Judith Smith
Division of Institutional
Advancement Comptroller

Kandice Eldon
Executive Director of Corporate
& Foundation Relations

Astranique Bowe
Assistant Director of External
Communications

Contributing Writers

Elvardo Thompson
Director of Alumni Affairs

Peter Mitchell
Director of Development

Inga Bostwick
Assistant Director of
Development

Teniel Rolle
Development Officer

Special thanks to the **Jacokes
Communications Team**

Paul Jacokes

Giavanna Palazzolo

Phil Winkler

Julie Nyhus

University Drive P.O. Box N 4912
Nassau, N.P., The Bahamas
(242) 302-4300 • www.ub.edu.bs

Ways to Give to University of The Bahamas at Year-End

There are many ways to make a gift to University of The Bahamas. Listed here are a variety of ways to support the University and help meet the increasing educational needs for students as well as provide resources to bolster the University’s mission and help us rebuild our UB-North Campus in the wake of Hurricane Dorian. Gifts of all sizes matter!

Online

The most convenient way to support UB is by donating on-line at www.ub.edu.bs

By Mail

Please send your checks to:

University of The Bahamas

Division of Institutional
Advancement
Oakes Field Campus
University Drive
P.O. Box N-4912
Nassau The Bahamas

US Citizens:

University of The Bahamas
US Foundation
EIN# 84-3299461 (Pending
IRS 501c3 Status)
1401 E Las Olas Blvd #2014
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33303

Canadian Citizens:

Canadian Friends of University
of The Bahamas
REGUS
1250 René Lévesque West
Suite 2200
Montreal, QC
H3B 4W8

further the work and mission of departments or programs at the University. Donors will be asked to complete a gift-in-kind donation form. US citizens per IRS regulations, any items a donor values at \$500 requires the donor to complete IRS Form 8283. Any item the donor values over \$5,000 also requires IRS Form 8283 be completed as well as providing a written appraisal of the donated goods.

For more information, please contact Dino Hernandez at dino.hernandez@ub.edu.bs or (242)397-2667

4TH ANNUAL



UBFIT

Grand Bahama Nassau

SATURDAY SATURDAY

March 28th 2020 April 4th 2020

SAVE THE DATES



Proceeds in aid of UB-North Rebuilding.
To become a sponsor, form a team or volunteer, visit FACEBOOK @UBFIT2020

#UBFIT2020 #GiveBack #UBNorthRebuilding

REPORTER



University to Rebuild
After Hurricane Dorian

UB President Pledges \$25,000 for Restoration

Reporter

University to Rebuild After Hurricane Dorian

UB Hurricane Relief Fund Raises \$403,000 in Cash, Pledges and In-kind Donations to Date

Hurricane Dorian made landfall in the northern Bahama islands of Abaco and Grand Bahama in September 2019. The Category 5 hurricane lingered for more than 20 hours over Grand Bahama. According to the National Hurricane Centre, Dorian was the “strongest hurricane on modern record for the northwest Bahamas.”

More than 600 students, faculty and staff were displaced after the University’s North Campus in East Grand Bahama was severely damaged with significant compromise to the building’s infrastructure - making it unsafe and unoccupiable. President of University of The Bahamas, Dr. Rodney D. Smith and his wife Dr. Christina Smith made the first donation to the Hurricane Dorian Relief Fund, pledging \$25,000 to the restoration of the devastated campus and encouraged donors and friends of the institution to participate in a matching gift challenge. To date, the fund

has raised over \$403,000 in cash, pledges and in-kind donations toward the rebuilding and restoration efforts.

UB-North’s damage was unfathomable. The category five storm destroyed the ground floor of the administrative block, ripped off windows and left the Hawksbill Hall residence in shambles. What remains is just a shell of a building.

“Raging floodwaters and winds devastated the UB-North campus,” said Dr. Smith, in a video appeal for support. “All of our computer systems and infrastructure have been completely destroyed, and our faculty and students have lost loved ones, their homes and their sense of stability.”

During restoration, students, faculty and staff displaced by the devastation were relocated to the University’s downtown centre at the Teachers’ Credit Union building and classes are being held in Freeport and other



UB-North Campus after Hurricane Dorian.
Cover photo: Photo of UB staff and members of community accepting \$25,000 cheque.

temporary locations. Over 160 volunteers from UB have lent assistance at hurricane shelters, relief storage and distribution centres, and the Student Government Association



Continued on page 2

Freedom Foundation Funds \$10 Million for State-of-the-Art Research Complex

University of The Bahamas can now boast of a state-of-the-art research facility - the G.T.R. Campbell Small Island Sustainability Research Complex; in honour of shipping magnate and naval architect the late George T. R. Campbell, thanks to the Freedom Foundation.

Ms. Naomi Campbell, daughter of the late George T. R. Campbell, reminisced about her father and why he would have endorsed the SIS Research Complex. “My father was in inventor. He was a thinker. He was curious. There is nothing he was not curious about...his mind never stopped working.

“The new generation of students that will

graduate from this university will leave their imprint for following generations. We are initiating a process that is spawning itself across the world right now and throughout universities and it is a wonderful thing to be part of,” she said.

George T.R. Campbell (1910-1993) was a legendary shipbuilder and renowned Scottish naval architect. He was the general manager of a ship repair yard in the U.K. during World War II and immigrated to Canada where he started the G.T.R. Campbell Company, Ltd., in 1941. After moving his headquarters to Montreal, then expanding to Japan in 1950,



Official opening of the G. T. R. Campbell Small Island Sustainability Research Complex at UB's Oakes Field Campus in October 2018.

Continued on page 3

Lyford Cay Foundations Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Since 1997, the Lyford Cay Foundations has gifted over \$9.5 million dollars to UB

Lyford Cay Foundations is a philanthropic organisation which believes increasing educational attainment across the country is key to the development of a prosperous, healthy and peaceful Bahamas.

Since 1969, Lyford Cay Foundations has disbursed more than \$50 million to the Bahamian community through scholarship, grant, and college access programmes. Each programme is aimed at providing education



**LYFORD
CAY
FOUNDATIONS**
DREAM. PLAN. SUCCEED.

and learning opportunities for those who can benefit the most, from such support.

Continued on page 2

IN THIS ISSUE

A Message from the President	2
The new Franklyn R. Wilson Graduate Centre	3
Corporate Partnerships.....	4-5
Fun and Fitness.....	6-7
Corporate and Foundation Scholarships... ..	8-9
Honouring Winston Saunders	10
Funding for UB Gerace Research Centre	12
Meet the Division of Institutional Advancement.....	14
Ways to Give	16

Building A Strong Foundation



Rodney D. Smith, Ed.D.
President and CEO
University of The Bahamas

What we do at University of The Bahamas has a very real impact on the lives of our students, faculty and staff and by extension the Bahamian society. However, as an institution whose mission feeds national development, we cannot do it alone. In order for us to build a strong university and an even stronger nation, we need the collective imagination and support of our donors, friends and supporters of higher education.

We had a particularly challenging time this Fall 2019 semester because of monstrous Hurricane Dorian which caused billions of dollars in damage for The Bahamas. We continue to stand with our University of The Bahamas-North community which lost its campus in East Grand Bahama when raging sea surges and winds left the campus severely damaged.

Though catastrophic, this ordeal demonstrated just how resilient we are as a people and an academic community. Less than one month after the storm, classes resumed at temporary locations in Freeport, Grand Bahama. We have been inspired by the examples of determination, resourcefulness and true grit that our students and colleagues have demonstrated. Restoring the campus will require all of our support.

Last semester, however, we also reached a critical milestone when the Board of Trustees approved the University of The Bahamas Strategic Plan 2019-2024. This plan is both a foundation-building document and a blueprint for the future. It reflects the collective contributions of the members of our academic community and fulfilment of these goals will strengthen the foundation for a robust University.

It is the people of this institution – built on a legacy that is more than four decades old – working with you, our donors and friends, who will carry us forward. We invite you to rekindle your connections with us and together let's prepare for endless opportunities.

Rodney D. Smith, Ed.D.
President and CEO
University of The Bahamas

University to Rebuild UB-North After Hurricane Dorian

Continued from page 1

has been actively engaged in relief fundraisers to continue supporting relief efforts throughout the communities.

It is often said that every crisis presents an opportunity and in the wake of Hurricane Dorian, UB-North will use this opportunity to provide a platform to discuss lessons learned

from Dorian and discuss the best way to move forward to mitigate catastrophic devastation in the future at the next Sustainable Grand Bahama Conference, 5th-6th March 2022. The conference will focus on how to make the settlements, islands, systems and policies more storm resilient and robust. Citizens, scholars, policy makers and thought leaders are encouraged to propose a roadmap to position the nation to better withstand severe and destructive storms that may impact our islands in the future.

Dr. Ian Strachan, Vice President of UB-North is leading the effort to boost the country's collective intelligence in the way it plans, prepares and responds to storms. A call for papers has been launched to invite practitioners, academics, policy makers, civic leaders and everyday citizens to help find solutions.

“How do we plan communities and utilize and deploy our resources in a way that is most effective to protect and enable us to rebuild in the shortest possible time?” asked Dr. Strachan.

“I think that given what we've been through, the implications are broad for so many aspects of public policy,” he expressed. “What we want out of the conference is a list of recommendations and actions which we will propose to

government and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). We face hurricane season every year and that has got to be something we begin to think about more intelligently.”

For further details about the call for papers for the upcoming Sustainable Grand Bahama Conference, please contact Dr. Strachan at ian.strachan@ub.edu.bs.

For more information about how to donate to the Hurricane Dorian Relief Fund, contact Dino Hernandez at the Division of Institutional Advancement at dino.hernandez@ub.edu.bs or 242.397.2667



UB-North Campus after Hurricane Dorian

Lyford Cay Foundations Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Continued from page 1

Lyford Cay Foundations began its collaborative partnership with UB in 1997 and over the past 22 years has invested more than \$9.5 million in the institution and its students primarily through the provision of scholarship awards. Lyford Cay Foundations raised \$5 million for an endowment for the purpose of supporting UB scholarships ranging in value from \$2,000 to \$2,500, which are provided annually to more than 100 UB students in bachelor and associate degree programmes. Scholarship funds are applied to tuition and fees, books and supplies in the student's programme of study.

“University of The Bahamas is one of our most important and longstanding partners. Like UB we are committed to contributing to national development through our support for expanding access to higher education, particularly for those who have great barriers to attaining it,” notes Felicity Humblestone, Executive Director of Lyford Cay Foundations.

Additionally, Lyford Cay Foundations has supported the advancement of UB through donations for UB study abroad programmes and through \$4.2 million in grant support to the Harry C. Moore Library and Information Centre, named in honour of former Chairman of the Lyford Cay Foundation and former member of the University Council (1996-2001).

“We believe in the quality of education through University of The Bahamas and as such, we are proud of the more than 20 year relationship and continue to recommend UB as a first choice for students pursuing post-secondary opportunities,” from Dr. Giavana Jones, Director of Programmes.

The university is the site host partner for Lyford Cay Foundations' FOCUS programme, which engages students beginning in 5th grade, in summer and school year college access and enrichment activities. The 8-year programme serves students who will be first generation college graduates. At the Oakes Field Campus, students engage in academics, athletics and character building with the goal to help students develop skills and prepare them for post-secondary opportunities,” says Dr. Giavana Jones, Director of Programmes.

At a recent event celebrating the Foundations 50th anniversary and the 22-year partnership with UB, Lyford Cay Foundation, Inc. Chairman Basil



A mix of proud University of The Bahamas students and alumni, recipients of Lyford Cay Foundations generous scholarships over the years.

Goulandris expressed, “Over the past 50 years, we are proud that nearly 3,000 Bahamian Lyford Cay Foundations Scholars have earned post-secondary degrees, and some 240 community organizations throughout The Bahamas (from northern Abaco to Inagua) have been supported by our grants. None of this would be have been possible without donor confidence and a strong belief in The Bahamas. Your partnership, through the endowed awards, the library projects, and including your exemplary support of FOCUS, has contributed a great deal

to that confidence, and subsequent investment from donors.”

Lyford Cay Foundations has been a valued partner in helping to advance and expand access to higher education, building character of our youth, and fostered an exponential contribution to the fabric of Bahamian society.

For more information, contact Dino Hernandez, VP of Institutional Advancement & Alumni Affairs, dino.hernandez@ub.edu.bs | 242.397.2667

“None of this would be possible without donor confidence and a strong belief in The Bahamas.”

- Basil Goulandris, Chairman,
Lyford Cay Foundation

Sir Franklyn and Sharon Lady Wilson Donate \$1 Million for Graduate Centre

Arawak Homes and Royal Bank of Canada Donate Engineering and Construction

When the Franklyn R. Wilson Graduate Centre opened in May 2018, politicians, business leaders and dignitaries gathered at the University of The Bahamas Oakes Field Campus for the celebration. The new “centre of excellence” was the result of an initial \$1 million donation from legacy donors Sir Franklyn Wilson, KCMG, and his wife Sharon Lady Wilson.

In 2010, when the Wilsons pledged to build the Franklyn R. Wilson Graduate Centre, their generosity prompted unprecedented private support with a \$1 million donation from RBC Royal Bank; and another \$1 million contribution from the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, along with additional support from the Canadian Friends of the College of The Bahamas and Sunshine Holdings Ltd.

“Really worthy of note is that no one person, no one group, or no single political party can claim success for all that we see and reasonably feel,” shared Sir Franklyn Wilson.

In addition to monetary funding, the collaboration included technical support, architectural and engineering support, project management and surveying expertise.

The energy-efficient Franklyn R. Wilson Graduate Centre houses the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) Auditorium, state-of-the-art classrooms, conference rooms, faculty and student lounges, as well as administrative offices.

At the ceremony for the official opening of the Franklyn R. Wilson Graduate Centre the building’s patron touted the correlation of the country and University’s growth evidenced by the transition of The College of The Bahamas to university status.

“What makes today really special is that the opening of this graduate centre manifests that fact, so in a real way we have come today to acknowledge the full transition beyond a statute of Parliament of the transition of The College of the Bahamas to the University of The Bahamas,” Wilson said.

Prior to this generous donation, in June 2003 as the then Chairman of the Council of College of The Bahamas, Sir Franklyn established the Stanley Wilson Award for Excellence in Research, honouring his late brother. The award recognizes research published in peer-reviewed journals, or by academic publishers, that make a significant contribution to international and Bahamian research literature.

Sir Franklyn and Sharon Lady Wilson have also pledged an additional \$1 million as a starter gift for a new Student Union Complex at Oakes Field Campus, where Lady Wilson will lead the volunteer programme to promote the capital funding effort. Before Hurricane Dorian, the pair also donated to the proposed Coralee Kelly Library at the UB-North Campus in Grand Bahama.

Private giving has been vital to the University of The Bahamas’ advancement.



Sir Franklyn Wilson and Sharon Lady Wilson with Dr. Christina Ramirez Smith and Dr. Rodney D. Smith.

The continuous efforts of Sir Franklyn and Sharon Lady Wilson drive national development through teaching, research and innovation, and service to the community giving The Bahamas a competitive advantage in the global marketplace.

For more information about how you can support the University, contact Dino Hernandez, VP of Institutional Advancement & Alumni Affairs, dino.hernandez@ub.edu.bs | 242.397.2667



The Franklyn R. Wilson Graduate Centre at UB's Oakes Field Campus

Freedom Foundation Funds \$10 Million for State-of-the-Art Research Complex

Mr. Campbell founded Dockendale Shipping in Nassau, Bahamas in the late 1960's, which would eventually become one of the foremost marine consulting businesses in the global marketplace. Dockendale Shipping is now headed by Mr. H.E. Lowell Mortimer.

H.E. Lowell Mortimer, one of the



Ms. Naomi Campbell, daughter of G.T.R. Campbell

visionaries behind the newly constructed facility, has remained committed to the institution for over a decade. Given the intricacies of the design and construction of this building, it was years in the making. In 2008, the Foundation donated \$10 million to UB, the largest single donation to any educational institution in The Bahamas at the time. Mr. Campbell was an ardent proponent of agricultural development, marine engineering, and sustainability in The Bahamas.

“Around 2008, starting with Dr. Keva Bethel followed by Janyne Hodder, a presentation was made to me for a sustainability centre and here we are today with the G.T.R. Campbell Small Island Sustainability Research Complex”, he shared.

He was pleased to see Mr. Campbell’s dream become a reality. “I hope that

through this centre, it will help fulfil one of the visions of George Campbell in helping The Bahamas to feed itself, just as in Canada, he helped Canadians to feed themselves.”

Representing a significant move and deliberate focus towards sustainability and the attainment of the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), this multi-million dollar facility is LEED-certified and comprises modern laboratories to support a wide-range of environmental monitoring and chemical analysis methods of the land, air and sea. The research centre is also dedicated to meeting national priorities in agricultural production as well as food safety and security.

The building comprises three classrooms and a geographic information systems (GIS) teaching lab; 6 research labs, including 1 aseptic tissue culture lab (a sterile lab); 11 staff and research offices, and office spaces for visiting researchers, graduate students and laboratory technicians. Additionally, there are six active research laboratories which will focus, specifically, on Plant Tissue and Bio-technology, Geospatial Visualization and Informatics, Food and Natural Products Innovation, Plant, Soil, and Water Sciences, Applied Laser and Optical Science Research and Chemical and Environmental Analysis.

UB President, Dr. Rodney D. Smith touted the collaboration that will exist as a result of this new paradigm. “Small Island Sustainability is a signature programme at UB with various degree options that will provide students the opportunity to interact with each other and create



Remarks by H.E. Lowell J. Mortimer, OBE, Trustee, Freedom Foundation

“The new generation of students that will graduate from this university will leave their imprint on following generations.”

- Ms. Naomi Campbell



Planting of lime tree at opening of new research facility in October 2018

inter-disciplinary synergies for dynamic research,” he explained.

The GTR Campbell Small Island Sustainability Research Complex will further position the institution to attract and retain world-class faculty; enliven the University system and bring together students, experts and facilities to revolutionize teaching, research and studies in small island sustainability.

Anonymous Donor Gives \$1 Million to UB

Donation provides enhancements to UB Student Union Building, scholarships

Not every donor wants to be identified but, every gift matters. The University was recently the beneficiary of a generous \$1 million donation by an anonymous donor earmarked for programmes and enhancements.

\$300,000 of the one million dollars will fund the structural and aesthetic enhancements of the Student Union Building (SUB) - the hub for student gatherings and activities. The offices of Student Life and Student Government Association (SGA) are also housed in the SUB. Renovations will include modern student-friendly furniture and game room equipment along with enhanced technology equipment designed to provide a collaborative environment for students where they can inspire, innovate, retreat and recharge.

The remaining \$700,000 will fund two, four-year scholarships for freshmen students who meet the criteria for the President's Scholars Programme (PSP); a programme for high-achieving students who demonstrate a commitment to academic excellence and distinguish themselves as leaders among their peers.

For more information about how you can support the University, contact Dino Hernandez, VP of Institutional Advancement & Alumni Affairs at dino.hernandez@ub.edu.bs | 242.397.2667

BTC Donates Over \$600,000 to UB for Scholarships and Facilities

The Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) has been working with UB since 2013 to support the advancement and growth of the university.

In 2013, BTC established the BTC Scholars Programme, pledging \$250,000 to provide baccalaureate degree scholarships for ten students from New Providence and the Family Islands. The same year, BTC also donated an additional annual gift of \$10,000 to the University Endowment to help extend access to tertiary level education throughout the country.

In 2016, BTC announced the establishment of a new \$300,000 endowed scholarship fund and an additional donation of \$50,000 for the creation of a new Technology Innovation Laboratory, designed by architecture students and housed in the Harry C. Moore Library. The Innovation Lab serves as a center for excellence in the region. As part of the donation, BTC installed the latest programming software, gaming technology, Promethean Interactive Whiteboard Systems and

videoconferencing equipment. The company also provided wireless internet access throughout the Oakes Field Campus and hosts an annual Hackathon at the university.

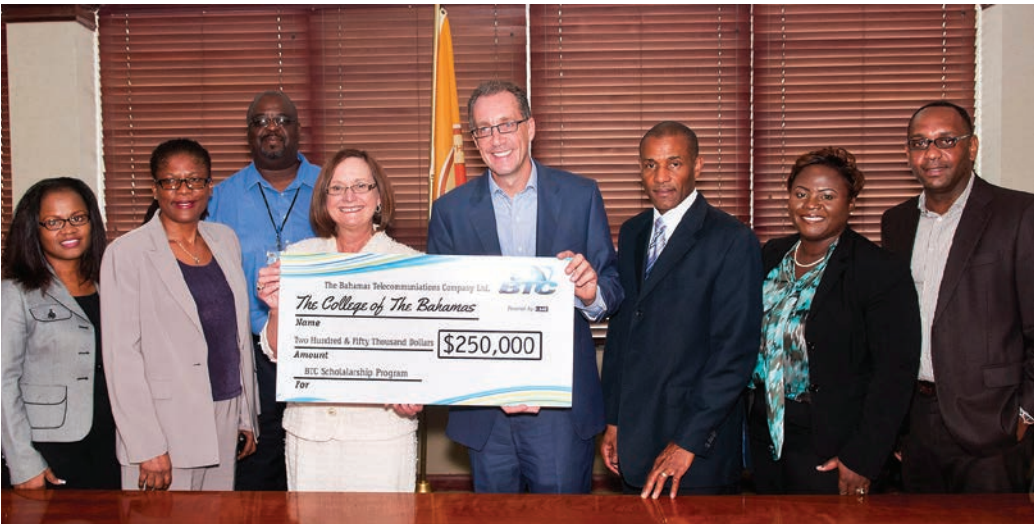
In 2017, during Hurricane Irma, BTC made a special donation to the NEMA/UB Tech Squad, made up of ten students from UB tasked with assisting NEMA with keeping the public informed with the latest information about Hurricane Irma.

BTC has also opened a campus Franchise Store and funds campus activities throughout the year.

For more information about giving to UB, contact Dino Hernandez, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Alumni Affairs, Executive Director of Canadian Friends of The University of the Bahamas Foundation; Division of Institutional Advancement, (242) 397-2667 or dino.hernandez@ub.edu.bs



MOU signing with BTC and UB executives for new scholarship fund and creation of new Technology Innovation Laboratory in 2013.



BTC executives present cheque to UB

The new Technology Innovation Laboratory and Innovation Lab will serve as a center for excellence in the region.

LENO Group of Companies Donates \$250,000 to UB School of Business

Establishes the Leno Group of Companies Ltd. Endowed Educational Fund

The LENO Group of Companies Ltd. has generously donated \$250,000 for scholarships available in perpetuity for full-time, undergraduate students at University of The Bahamas (UB), an act of giving that signifies its belief in higher education.

The establishment of this endowed educational fund will support student scholarships, provide scholars with internships at LENO and provide opportunities to engage in the Student Leadership Emerging Leaders Programme. Scholars who receive the award are required to complete at least 16 hours of community service and will receive international study abroad opportunities. Students graduating from UB School of Business as part of the endowment will also be considered for employment at LENO.

“The gift of a quarter million dollars over the next ten years illustrates the deepening of our commitment to the University and showcases our partnership with UB in a more sustainable way,” said Founder and President of LENO Group of Companies Ltd. Mr. Sean K. Longley, a proud UB alum.

LENO has provided ongoing support to UB through fundraising initiatives and sponsorships, such as the UB President's Golf Classic & Spa Day, and sponsor of the annual UBFIT Fun Run Walk.

At the official MOU signing, UB President Dr. Rodney Smith, reiterated UB's mission stating, “At UB our mission is to advance and expand access to higher education, promote academic freedom, drive national development and build character through teaching, learning, research, scholarship and service.” He

also highlighted the need for collaboration in order to fulfil the mission, “There is no way we can do all of this alone,” he shared.

For more information about how you can support the University, contact Ms. Kandice Eldon at (242) 302-4354 | kandice.eldon@ub.edu.bs



From left: Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Mr. Dino Hernandez; Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships, Ms. Cheryl Carey; Dean, Business Hospitality and Tourism Studies, Ms. Remelda Moxey; University President, Dr. Rodney D. Smith; LENO Founder and President, Mr. Sean K. Longley, LENO Manager of Operations, Mrs. Kenris Longley; Director, Office of Development, Mr. Peter Mitchell.



MOU signing with LENO Group of Companies, Ltd

\$3 Million Gift from Grand Bahama Port Authority Supports UB-North Residential Facility

In 2015, longstanding partner of University of The Bahamas, the Grand Bahama Port Authority (GPBA) contributed \$3 million towards the construction of the first residential multi-purpose facility at the UB-North Campus in East Grand Bahama. This historic gift was matched by GPBA's strong commitment to building sustainable communities through education.

GPBA has been at the forefront of educational philanthropy at UB, dating back to the days when former port Co-Chairs Sir Jack Hayward and Mr. Edward St. George were actively leading the charge. The 50 acres of land on which the UB-North campus sits was generously donated by the Port Authority.

The construction of Hawksbill Hall was completed in May 2018. Hawksbill Hall, the first residential facility at UB-North was named in honour of the Hawksbill Creek Agreement, which established a free trade zone as economic stimulus for Grand Bahama. The residential facility was designed to house 80 students and included a full-service cafeteria, 24-hour computer lab with printing services, recreation room and dining area, laundry facility and fitness room.

At the Grand Opening in May 2018 Vice President of UB-North explained the opportunities that the residence hall will provide stating, "this residence hall opens the door for UB-North to host international students who can enjoy study abroad in Grand Bahama in areas focusing on climate change, sustainable development and marine science."

Vice Chair of the GBPA, Ms. Sarah St. George reiterated her father's and Sir Jack's commitment to UB-North expressing, "my father Edward St. George and Sir Jack Hayward both dreamed of this campus and donated 50 acres to build it. By 2015, it was clear these dorms were a must, so the late Sir Jack and I joined the UB Chairman, and the Minister of Education, to announce that the Government and the GBPA would both commit the funding to make it happen."

Shifting from solely a commuter campus to a residential campus UB President Dr. Rodney D. Smith noted the Grand Bahama campus has been



GPBA \$3M cheque donation to UB. Shown from left during the presentation are: Mr. David Rulien, Sales Manager, US and Caribbean, ALMACO Construction; Dr. Michael Darville, Minister for Grand Bahama; Dr. Rodney Smith, president of UB; Jerome Fitzgerald, Minister of Education, Science and Technology; Alfred Sears, chairman of UB Council; Sarah St. George, vice-chairman, Grand Bahama Port Authority; Ian Rolle, president, Grand Bahama Port Authority; and Alfred Jones, UB Council member and vice- president of Building and Development Services, GBPA. (BIS Photo/Vandyke Hepburn, 2015)

growing and developing in many positive ways since 2015. In an unfortunate turn of events, in September 2019, Hurricane Dorian stalled over Grand Bahama for more than 24 hours devastating the UB-North campus including the new Hawksbill Hall and the soon to be named Coralee Kelly Library which also received a \$5,000 donation from the GBPA.

"The UB-North campus and Hawksbill Hall weren't completely destroyed, but it's not habitable or safe to be in," said Dr. Ian Strachan, Vice President of UB-North. "We've never had this level of damage before, so we're in the early stages of planning a vision for how to rebuild and restore, so that this never happens again."

In addition to the growing expansion plan for UB-North, at the Oakes Field campus in New Providence President

Smith noted that before Dorian hit, the institution was in the process of building another residential facility on the main campus; furthermore plans were underway for the construction of a 10,000-seat multipurpose convocation centre on a parcel of land donated to the University.

In Dorian's aftermath, the University is rethinking how best to proceed as it related to new infrastructure. "The portion of the strategic plan that is focused on UB-North will have to be re-examined, but everything else will continue to move forward," Smith said. The original plan for UB-North was to grow to a 200-acre campus. At present, students can complete 50% to 75% of many, if not most, academic programmes offered by UB, with specific emphasis on the sciences, engineering, technology and entrepreneurship.

VP of UB-North Dr. Ian Strachan remains optimistic about the future of Grand Bahama and notes the role of UB-North in charting the course as the entire island rebuilds. "There is great potential in the Grand Bahama and the University has a role to play in the country," continued Dr. Strachan. "Through partnerships with the business and philanthropic communities and like-minded people who believe in the value of access to higher education, we will come back stronger, bigger and better as a consequence of this storm," he said.

For more information about how you can support the University, contact Kandice Eldon, Executive Director of Corporate & Foundation Relations at kandice.eldon@ub.edu.bs or 242.302.4354



Hawksbill Hall at the UB-North campus is the result of a \$3 million donation from the GBPA



Hawksbill Hall damage September 2019 after Hurricane Dorian

Sir Lynden Pindling Foundation Donates \$300,000 to UB

Pindling Foundation Joins Donors to Help Build the Harry C. Moore Library

"Father of the Nation" former Prime Minister the late Sir Lynden O. Pindling's life and legacy has be memorialized through the establishment of a Foundation in his honour; with a keen focus on developing programmes and projects for the benefit of the people of The Bahamas, which are geared to enhance national pride, social responsibility, historical and environmental awareness.

The Sir Lynden Pindling Foundation joins a distinguished group of donors which includes the Lyford Cay Foundation and University faculty and staff; all who have generously donated to the development and expansion of the Harry C. Moore Library and Information Centre (HCML).

In 2008, the \$300,000 donation was gifted to the institution and Monique Pindling-Johnson, daughter of Sir Lynden

and Co-Chair of the foundation expressed, "The Foundation is very pleased to make this donation to this institution, and we are especially happy that my father's achievements will be remembered in the new library."

Housed in the 60,000 square foot library, the Sir Lynden O. Pindling Room contains artifacts, documents, special collections and memorabilia illustrating both his public and family life. The special exhibition space was officially opened on Monday, 26th August 2013.

Prior to the completion of the construction of the new library, former College Librarian, Willamae Johnson, expressed her gratitude to the Pindling family for their generous donation, "Our new library will be more than a university library; it will be a community library that will serve the information needs of the nation. It will be accessible to all and we are very grateful to the Sir Lynden Pindling Foundation for this donation."

The library holds 150,000 volumes, institutional archives and special collections



and pays homage to the late Harry C. Moore, an advocate of the library project and former Chairman of the Lyford Cay Foundation. The HCML accommodates approximately 650 library users and has group and study spaces, a 75-seat auditorium and is handicap accessible. It also features a 24-hour Internet café and has wireless access throughout the building.

For more information about how you can support the Harry C. Moore Library and Information Centre, contact Peter Mitchell, Director of Development at peter.mitchell@ub.edu.bs or (242) 302-4388 dino.hernandez@ub.edu.bs.



Cheque presentation to UB from the Sir Lynden Pindling Foundation. From left: Pandora Johnson, Vice President Outreach, UB; Dame Marguerite Pindling; Willamae Johnson, College Librarian; Michelle Pindling-Sands, Legacy Ball Committee Member in 2008.

President’s Golf Classic and SPA Day Raises \$46,000 for First Generation UB Students

University of The Bahamas (UB) has forged a partnership with the Baha Mar Resort Foundation to host a day on the links to raise funding for first-generation university students and grow the University’s endowment as it strengthens connections with alumni, donors and friends. The inaugural UB President’s Golf Classic & SPA Day was held on Saturday, 3rd November 2018 at the Royal Blue Tavern Golf Course and the Caribbean’s first and only ESPA.

With 79 golfers registered and 15 participants in the golf clinic, the full-day event raised \$46,000 to support the UB’s endowment fund.

“The Baha Mar Resort Foundation’s tenets are culture, community and conservation. We are delighted to partner with University of The Bahamas for this UB’s President’s Golf Classic and Spa Day,” said Robert Sands, Vice President of Government and Community affairs for Baha Mar.

“We want to extend our sincere congratulations to the University for a very successful fundraiser and for executing this initiative. We look forward a long-term partnership for a number of these classics in the future,” he added.

The fundraising efforts are helping the University develop programmes which prepare UB students for better lives in a global society through diverse cultural, educational and research driven experiences.

“We are creating a campus that is more diverse and developing a comprehensive study abroad programme. A part of this diversity is exposing our students to a wider array of athletics, like sailing and golf. All of this is essential for the development of a first-class institution that will have national impact and it requires significant investment. For the University to grow in a consequential way, we must forge lasting public-private partnerships, and together we can build our national university. Baha

Mar is one such partner, and they believe that an investment in education, is one of the smartest for the development and success of our country,” said UB President Dr. Rodney Smith.

Since its charter on 10th November 2016, UB is well on its way to becoming a world-class institution, and cultivating an environment for philanthropy while raising the profile of the institution remains of paramount importance.

Sanctioned by the Bahamas Golf Federation, the goal of the tournament raises funds and builds new partnerships which help to transform the lives Bahamian students. The University Endowment is to realise the vision of the University of The Bahamas in perpetuity.

For more information, to participate or become a corporate sponsor for the 2020 UB President’s Golf Classic and Spa Day, email ubgolfclassic@ub.edu.bs or call (242) 302-4013 or (242) 302-4337.

“The Foundation’s tenets are culture, community and conservation. We are delighted to partner with UB and we look forward to a long-term partnership...”

- Robert Sands, Vice President of Government and Community Affairs for Baha Mar



University of The Bahamas thanks all corporate and in-kind sponsors, friends and participants for the success of the **INAUGURAL UB PRESIDENT’S GOLF CLASSIC AND SPA DAY** held Saturday, 3rd November 2018 at Baha Mar’s Royal Blue Golf Tavern.

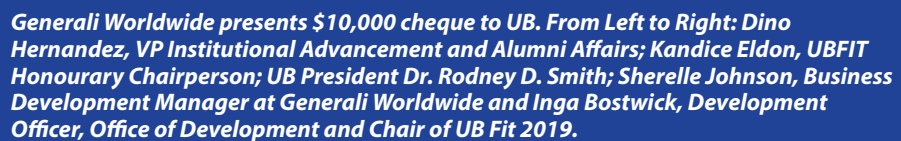


UB leads fundraising initiative focused on health as a national imperative.

To date, UBFIT Nassau and Grand Bahama has raised over \$150,000 through

Vice President Institutional Advancement and Alumni Affairs, Mr. Dino Hernandez thanked corporate Bahamas for their continued support and lauded the efforts of the UBFIT organizing committee. "The support of our donors and friends is imperative in achieving our

For more information or to become a corporate sponsor, contact Kandice Eldon, Executive Director, Corporate and Foundation Relations | 242.302.4354 | kandice.eldon@ub.edu.bs.



Generous donations from corporate Bahamas ensures the success of UBFIT each year.

Scotiabank Bahamas donates \$500,000 to UB School of Business

Donation provides funding for associates, baccalaureate and international scholarship programmes

Scotiabank Bahamas has always been an ardent supporter of the institution's business programme. When the College of The Bahamas was on its journey to becoming the University of The Bahamas, one of the key priorities was the enhanced development of select undergraduate and graduate programmes in areas of academic strength, with hopes of adding a master's degree in Business Administration. To further solidify Scotia's support of UB, the bank generously donated \$500,000 to the attainment of this goal.

The School of Business offers our strongest baccalaureate programmes, 14 in total, with advanced level degree training in Human Resources as well as in Banking & Finance - the country's second major industry. To compliment the forecasted

national growth and development of the country there is a need for an ever-increasing number of professionals with undergraduate and graduate credentials.

Throughout its more than 50 years of service in The Bahamas, Scotiabank has been committed to helping build the communities they serve. In 2009, Scotiabank began funding scholarships and established an endowment for business scholarships and study abroad awards. The generous funding from Scotiabank has allowed UB to help business students develop the core competencies they need to compete and thrive in today's competitive global environment. Through cross cultural experiences, students learn how to live and work in a global community,

encounter new perspectives and navigate new cultures. Scotiabank recognized the critical importance of supporting high achieving students and fostering unique opportunities for our students abroad.

Thanks to partnerships with business leaders like Scotiabank, the School of Business has produced some of UB's most successful graduates who have gone on to hold top positions in the Big Four accounting firms; become top banking executives; and lead the Bahamas' financial services industry as well as successful entrepreneurs.

UB's bachelor's degree students also gain acceptance into graduate programmes around the world. School of Business Alumni in their academic careers have pursued further study at London School

of Economics, University of Chicago, American University in Paris, Acadia University, University of Waterloo, and University of Western Ontario amongst others.

The generous funding from Scotiabank has allowed UB to help business students develop the core competencies they need to compete and thrive in today's competitive global environment.

Children of Marcus and Jane Bethel Establish \$100,000 Scholarship at UB

Friends and family gather to celebrate the Jane and Marcus Bethel Scholarship

When retired Justice Rubie M. Nottage was growing up with her six brothers and sisters, the message "liberty through education" permeated their home. Education was not an option for her father, the late Marcus Bethel, founder of Bethel Brothers Morticians, and his wife, Jane. Neither had the opportunity to graduate from high school, so they instilled the value of education in their seven children.

"My father ensured that all of his young girls would be educated, there were four of us out of seven and he said to each one of us, 'I may not be able to leave properties and land for you but if you have a good education, no man can take that away from you,'" recalls the oldest Bethel daughter, Retired Justice Rubie M. Nottage. "Holding his hand very strongly was my mother, and together they saw this vision of educating their children."

In 2018, the seven Bethel children founded the *Jane and Marcus Bethel Scholarship Award* in memory of their beloved parents. On behalf of the family, former parliamentarian Dr. Marcus Bethel and his wife Chantal donated \$100,000 to the University for the establishment of entry level scholarships for needy students and awards for student travel abroad experiences. The gift provides an annual lump sum of \$20,000 through 2023.

The Bethel family has strong ties to the institution, including the leadership of former Attorney General, Minister of Education and College Council Chairman Mr. Alfred Sears – husband of

Dr. Bethel's sister Marion – and Retired Justice Nottage's contributions as a former member of the College Council and law faculty member.

"Our family is connected in many ways to the University of The Bahamas and we as a family are all proud of the University, where it came from and where it is going. I want to commend President Smith and Provost Davis whom we worked with on this scholarship," expressed Dr. Bethel.

University President Dr. Rodney D. Smith shared his gratitude on behalf of the institution and touted the impact the donation would have on the expansion of learning experiences for UB students.

"By creating the Jane and Marcus Bethel Award, the Bethel family communicates a powerful message – that they believe in extending access to excellent tertiary education to an increasing number of students," he said. "We believe that investing in study abroad experiences is essential to creating students who have a broader world view, which in turn can make them better nation builders."

For more information about the Jane and Marcus Bethel Scholarship, contact Peter Mitchell in the Office of Development at (242) 302-4388 or peter.mitchell@ub.edu.bs.



Event moderator, Justice Ruby M. Nottage (Retired), daughter of Dr. Marcus and Jane Bethel



University of The Bahamas President Dr. Rodney D. Smith and Provost Linda Davis signs MOU with Bethel family in 2018.



Friends and family gathered in honour and celebration of the late Jane and Marcus Bethel.

“Our family is connected in many ways to the University of The Bahamas and we, as a family, are all proud of where it came from and where it is going.”

- Dr. Marcus Bethel, son of Marcus and Jane Bethel.



Bethel family with Dr. Smith and Dr. Davis.

Commonwealth Brewery Donates \$500,000 to Establish Scholarship Fund

The Commonwealth Brewery Endowed Education Fund offers internships and study abroad programmes

Commonwealth Brewery Ltd. (CBL) has been part of the growing business landscape in The Bahamas since 1983. Just five years later in 1988, the Brewery created and launched Kalik beer, “The Beer of The Bahamas,” with wide acclaim. In 2015, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Kalik, the company created The Commonwealth Brewery Endowed Education Fund at UB, then the College of The Bahamas, with a \$500,000 donation.

The fund paves the way for scholarships, the opportunity to intern with CBL at home and abroad, to participate in professional development opportunities, community engagement prior to graduation and a two-year entry-level employment at Commonwealth Brewery Ltd. for top UB scholars.

Crystal Roberts, the first Commonwealth Brewery scholar heralds both UB and CBL for her academic and professional growth stating, “UB has really challenged me to be a stronger, more diverse and well-rounded individual. As the CBL scholar, I have been exposed to the real world of work and the experience has caused me to continually elevate

and it is truly preparing me for life after graduation,” shared Crystal.

Being the BCL scholar also provided opportunities for Crystal on campus. She was selected to be a subject in the UB Leaders for Life multimedia campaign to showcase the accomplishments of alumni, students, faculty and staff who are leaders in their respective spheres.

Managing Director of Commonwealth Brewery Ltd., Juergen Dag Harald Mulder said, “We’re excited that our first intern is nearing graduation. She was able to immerse herself in the organization and make a strong commitment to an area that we are still trying to develop, Corporate Relations.

“We want to look at those areas of our company where we see the best investments for the future and ensure that we have qualified Bahamians to fill those roles,” Mulder continued. “We see the inherent value in grooming our talent and helping them grow and we are confident that this endowment is the right model to achieve our goals.”

By creating endowed scholarships, the company is providing access to tertiary education to an increasing number of students as a national imperative. An endowed education fund allows UB to plan, in perpetuity, its recruitment strategies to attract and retain the nation’s brightest students.

“We are positive that as we continue the endowment with UB, we will continue to look at other areas of our operation that we’d



(From left) Denise Barnes, Human Resources Director, Commonwealth Brewery Ltd.; Hans Neven, Managing Director, Commonwealth Brewery Ltd.; Eugene Ubalijoro, Managing Director, Heineken Caribbean & Americas Export; Dr. Rodney D. Smith, UB President, and Davinia Blair, former Vice President (Interim), Advancement in 2015.

like to get young Bahamians involved in to contribute to the sustainability and future growth of our company,” Mulder continued. “For us, this is about building relationships. We realize that UB is churning out professionals who will end up making valuable contributions to their future employers. We want to be that top choice for those students.”

The University has thrived through the grants and goodwill of government and private donations.

Through the partnerships of good corporate citizens like Commonwealth Brewery, UB can continue to develop strong academic programmes that will help create the leaders of the future.

“Scholarships, such as this one, are a critical part of higher education and impact, not only the education of its recipient, but also their lives and that

of their families,” said Dr. Rodney D. Smith, President of UB. “Commonwealth Brewery Ltd. recognizes this potential impact and as a result has thoughtfully and generously established a half million-dollar endowment and for this we are deeply grateful.”

In addition to the endowment, the company has also provided support and funding to the UBFIT initiative and has established the CBL Speaker’s Series, which provides a platform for Heineken’s leadership team to share new technological breakthroughs and global opportunities for UB students.

For more information about the CBL Endowed Education Fund, contact Dino Hernandez, VP of Institutional Advancement & Alumni Affairs at dino.hernandez@ub.edu.bs or (242) 397-2667.



Commonwealth Brewery presents cheque to UB for \$500,000 in 2015.

The Zonta Club of New Providence Establishes the Betty Kelly Kenning Memorial Endowment Fund

\$140,000 endowment provides Bahamian women access to higher education

The Zonta Club of New Providence has been a driving force in The Bahamas, leading the charge in support of advocacy, special projects, fundraising, and educational scholarships that affect women in local communities throughout the country. The Zonta Club, an international organization founded in 1912, seeks to empower women through advocacy and service for women’s human rights. With over 1200 clubs in 66 countries, the club has over 30,000 members worldwide.

In 2012, in honour of entrepreneur, philanthropist and humanitarian, Betty Kelly Kenning, OBE, the group established the Zonta Club of New Providence Betty Kelly Kenning Memorial Endowment Fund with an initial investment of \$50,000, to help female students achieve their pursuit of higher education. At the time of her passing, Kelly Kenning bequeathed the gift to the Zonta Club to establish a path to access tertiary education for Bahamian women.

The Endowment provides funding for higher education for mature women, aged 25 or older, who are currently undergraduate students with financial needs and are in good academic standing. Due to the success of the fund, the Club has voted unanimously to increase the endowment by \$5,000 in 2014, 2015, and again in 2019, bringing the total fund to \$140,000.

The Zonta Club honoured Mrs. Kelly as one of its Living Legends in 1999. She

was one of the country’s first elite female swimmers and an advocate for the future development of the sport. She contributed her time and made investments in many causes and charities and served as President of the Bahamas Humane Society.

For more information about the Betty Kelly Kenning Memorial Endowment Fund, contact Peter Mitchell, Director of Development at peter.mitchell@ub.edu.bs or (242) 302-4388.



Members of the Zonta Club of New Providence present a cheque for \$5,000 to UB to increase the value of the Betty Kelly Kenning Memorial Endowment Fund.



Zonta Club presents original \$50,000 cheque in 2012.

The Betty Kelly Kenning Memorial Endowment Fund will help female students with financial needs achieve their pursuit of higher education.

Winston Saunders Memorial Scholarship Fund Raises over \$130,000 for English Studies Majors

Since 2007, the scholarship has been nurturing the future of English studies

Winston Saunders was a Bahamian icon in the preservation and enhancement of Bahamian culture. Throughout his distinguished career, he was an educator, lawyer, activist, playwright, actor, director and producer. He was the author of two notable Bahamian plays – *Them and You* and *Can Lead A Horse to Water*.

Sadly, Saunders died suddenly in late 2006 while in Jamaica on official business as the Chairman of the Bahamas National Commission on Cultural Development, where he was assisting in discussions to plan the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the British Empire.

In 2007, the University – then, the College of the Bahamas – created the Winston Saunders Memorial Scholarship for English Studies Majors, to memorialize the legacy of his life’s work – she too a Bahamian icon as an historian and true patriot. UB contributed the first \$1,000 to the fund, and soon thereafter over 100 friends, students, colleagues and admirers began contributing to the endowment through personal donations and fundraising events, building the endowment to over \$130,000.

The Endowment for the Performing Arts of The Bahamas made an additional \$25,000 contribution; and one of Mr. Saunders’ proteges and mentees - Bahamian stylist, artist and poet Je’Rome Harris Miller hosts an annual fundraiser to raise money for the scholarship.

“Winston was a true mentor to me; I wouldn’t be who I am today without his influence and mentorship,” he said. “When I started painting, I was giving them away to friends and family. Winston who loved my work started taking my paintings and collecting his favourites until we had enough for an exhibition. We were in the process of working on our second

exhibition event when he passed away,” said Miller.

“In 2007, when UB established the memorial scholarship, I took the proceeds of the exhibition we were working on and donated the money to the scholarship. Now, I host shows every year around the Easter holiday to raise money for the scholarship,” Miller continued. “These annual events will continue to forge and build education in our community. Education is important for our country to grown and donating to the University is the key to that success. I’m very proud to be a part of the great legacy that Winston Saunders has given our country.”

Dr. Nicolette Bethel worked with Saunders when she became Director of Cultural Affairs and he was the Chair of the National Commission on Cultural Development.

He was also a close friend to her family. “He was my father’s closest friend and an adopted uncle to me,” she said. “I performed in his play *You Can Lead a Horse to Water* and we collaborated on

many other works together. Uncle Winston was instrumental in bringing me into the theatre and I now hold the position of Vice-Chair of the Board of the Dundas Centre for the Performing Arts. Today I continue to serve the artistic community and remain committed to developing and furthering theatre in The Bahamas in his name.”

The Winston Saunders Memorial Scholarship offers the in-course award to the most promising student in the English Studies programme, based on academic merit, written work and other academic participation. Depending on the level of endowment secured, the scholarship could be offered to a student in their final year of study in the baccalaureate programme, for up to a total value of \$15,000 annually.

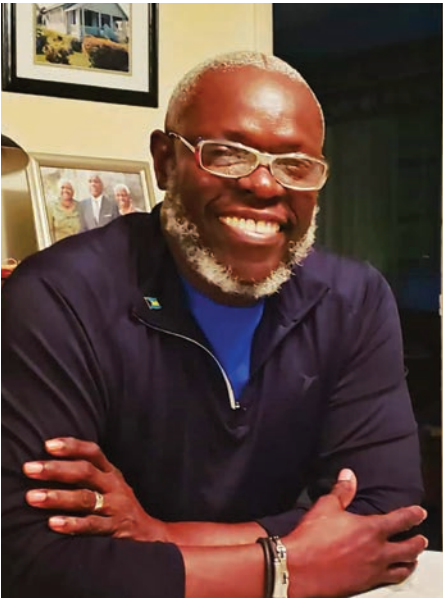
For more information about the Winston Saunders Memorial scholarship, contact Inga Bostwick, Assistant Director of Development at ingo.bostwick@ub.edu.bs or (242) 302-4594



Winston V. Saunders, Bahamian educator, lawyer, actor, playwright and cultural director, (3 Oct 1941 - 25 Nov 2006).



Winston Saunders Foundation presents cheque to UB for scholarship fund in 2007.



Bahamian Artist, Je’Rome Miller

Je’Rome Miller

Born 31 August 1956, in Nicholls Town Andros

His talent in the visual arts was encouraged and uncovered by art teacher Mrs. Joan Bethel who helped him find his own style-an abstract expressionism. He was also encouraged by the late Winston Saunders and his wife Gail and Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling.



Painting by Je’Rome Miller

University of The Bahamas Hurricane Dorian Relief and Rebuilding Fund Staff and Faculty Donors

Every year, alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends of The University give to the Annual Fund as a pipeline of philanthropic support to help University of The Bahamas meet its highest goals and objectives. Each contribution benefits students and the vital operations, programmes and initiatives of the institution.

However, when Hurricane Dorian struck Grand Bahama in September 2019 and left the University of The Bahamas-North campus virtually in ruins, displacing some 600 faculty, staff and students, the need to give became more urgent. Eager to help their colleagues and students rebound from the catastrophe, faculty and staff poured into the Annual Fund for hurricane relief and restoration. Each contribution to the fund makes a tangible difference in people's lives, and in times of crisis, this is even more profound.

These are the faculty and staff, whom as of 15th November, made contributions to the University of The Bahamas Hurricane Relief and Restoration Fund:

Academic Affairs

Maria Woodside-Oriakhi

Athletics

Kimberley Rolle

Communication and Creative Arts

Christine Diment
Paul Jones

Chemistry, Environmental and Life Sciences

Mark Stephens

Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning

Edward Bethel

Business, Hospitality and Tourism Studies

Remelda Moxey
Ruth Gardiner
Dudrick Edwards
Bridget Murray

Human Resources

Mychal Coleman

Graduate Studies and Research

Vikneswaran Sehkaran Nair

Institutional Advancement and Alumni Affairs

Judith Smith
Peter Mitchell
Elvardo Thompson
Kandice Eldon
Dino Hernandez

Tameka Lundy
Daisy Thompson
Nicole Thurston
Renbert Mortimer
Donell Johnson
Inga Bostwick
Teniel Rolle
Andrika Moss
Philip Weech
Keyron Smith
Astranique Bowe

Library

Monica Toote
Virginia Ballance

Mathematics, Physics and Technology

Henry Hepburn
Amin Kabir
Llewelyn Curling
Edward Bright

Nursing and Allied Health Professions

Shirley Curtis

Office of the Dean of Students

Joe Stubbs

Office of Information Technology

Elgin Smith

Office of Vice President of Finance

Dario Rolle
Claudia Ferguson
Denise Farquharson

Office of the President

Rodney D. Smith
Maelynn Seymour-Major

Social and Education Studies

Ruth Sumner
Andre Neely

Operations

Ronnie Stevenson

Pure and Applied Sciences

David McWilliam

Liberal and Fine Arts

Dustin Hellberg
Saskia Furst

The 2019-2020 Faculty and Staff Campaign will end on 31st January 2020 but you can still donate in support of the rebuilding of the University of The Bahamas-North campus in Grand Bahama. To give, contact Mr. Elvardo Thompson, Director of Alumni Affairs at (242) 397-4303 or Ms. Jamie Cartwright, Annual Fund and Membership Coordinator at (242) 397-4001.

Annual Fund

The University of The Bahamas Annual Fund

University of The Bahamas Annual Fund is at the heart of student support. Donations to the fund provide student scholarships, modern classrooms, laboratory equipment and many other teaching and learning essentials that our students need. Annual funds help great institutions keep the cost of education affordable by providing extra support for operations, basic needs and unexpected contingencies. Enduring gift commitments enable UB faculty, staff and students to embrace opportunities and meet challenges beyond the institution’s current budgetary confines.

UB Class of 2019 Donates to Annual Fund

The graduating class of 2019, in collaboration with the Campus Life Department, presented a cheque to the Office of Alumni Affairs Annual Fund on Thursday, 18th July, 2019.

The Senior Class Gift Legacy fund raises money for the University, while encouraging alumni participation, and was originally established by the UB graduating class of 2017. The Senior Class Gift Legacy allows the newest graduates to become donors and to give back to their alma mater for the opportunities afforded and memories made during their time at UB.



Elvardo Thompson, Director of Alumni Affairs, accepts cheque from Class of 2019.

IDB Donates \$35,000 to support the Gerace Research Centre Digitization Project

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) helps fund important UB digitization project in San Salvador

As part of an ongoing IDB initiative launched in 2016, Support to Climate-Resilient Tourism Development in San Salvador, the IDB provided \$35,000 in support of a digitization project at University of The Bahamas. The project to be undertaken in five phases will centralize data collected over the last 50 years from the rich and diverse ecosystem that surrounds the UB Gerace Research Centre (GRC).

IDB Acting Country Representative Michael Nelson noted, “while I was there [in San Salvador], I remember being told that there was information that was housed on floppy disks and an assortment of media that had no way of being processed and we knew that we wanted to be a part of this.”

Given the changing climatic systems and ecological disturbances the world is currently experiencing, having access to pre-disturbance, or baseline data, is vital to measure the intensity of current impacts against their previous historical state. Successful implementation of the Gerace Research Centre project could serve as a pilot for systematic and regular scientific data collection on climate change and environmental indicators that could be replicated by other organizations in The Bahamas.

“This is going to help propel the research capabilities at Gerace,” said UB President Dr. Rodney D. Smith. The data, once digitized will advance and promote current studies in climate change, overfishing, water resources, coral survivability, and other issues and inform mitigation strategies. Strengthening partnerships and capacity building with other organizations will provide myriad opportunities for participation in training workshops in San Salvador for data collection, usage and application through the new online platform.

ABOUT THE UB GERACE RESEARCH CENTRE

Established in 1971 as an educational research institution GRI occupies a former US Naval base on the island of San Salvador. The centre provides accommodations, laboratory space and logistical support for teachers and researchers studying the diverse and unique tropical environments on the island. Professors, researchers, and students have conducted research in fields such as archaeology, climatology, geology, marine biology, and natural history.



IDB presents \$35,000 cheque to UB Gerace Research Centre
(From l-r) UB Provost Dr. Linda Davis; UB President Dr. Rodney D. Smith; IDB Chief of Operations Mr. Michael Nelson and University Librarian Mrs. Berthamae Walker.

For more information about the UB Gerace Research Centre, visit <https://geraceresearchcentre.com/>

To give to the Gerace Research Centre, contact Kandice Eldon, Executive Director of Corporate & Foundation Relations at kandice.eldon@ub.edu.bs or call (242) 302-4354

Special Thank you to the BECS Foundation

The Bahamas Education, Culture, and Science Foundation, (BECS), was founded to support organizations and institutions in The Bahamas that are involved in tertiary education, cultural endeavors, and scientific research. The BECS Foundation was incorporated as a not-for-profit foundation in the State of Florida in 2003, and has full approval from the IRS as a 501c3 tax-free organization.

In wake of the devastation wrought by Hurricane Dorian, our friends Kathy Gerace, co-founder and Secretary/Treasurer along with her daughter, Debbie,

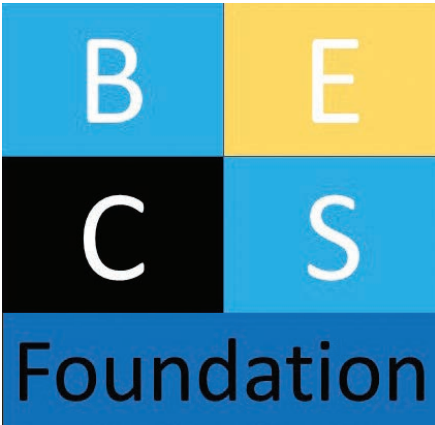
President of the BECS Foundation, came to our immediate aid. Working together, we launched a UB Hurricane Relief online giving portal, eBay page and a GoFundMe site.

To date, all the Hurricane Relief efforts to aid University of the Bahamas-North students, faculty and staff has secured over \$403,000.00 in cash, pledges and in-kind donations.

“We are so deeply grateful to Kathy and Debbie for their extraordinary efforts to help us in our hour of need,” stated Dino Hernandez, UB Vice President for

Institutional Advancement and Alumni Affairs. “To date, their direct fundraising support has provided for needs ranging from food and water, to new equipment, direct student aid, as well as replacement vehicles and temporary classroom space. We cannot say thank you enough!”

To make a gift, pledge or in-kind donation to our UB Hurricane Relief and Rebuilding Fund, please contact Dino Hernandez at (242) 302-4667 or dino.hernandez@ub.edu.bs



New York University’s \$7,000 In-Kind Donation of Computers

New York University (NYU) Assistant Vice President, Josh Taylor, and the NYU Student Government Assembly Executive Committee, through in-kind giving from students, generously donated \$7,000 worth of used computer equipment for use at UB-North in Grand Bahama devastated by Hurricane Dorian. In their appeal to students it was stated by the committee, “During times like these, it is important to understand the gravity of the impacts that people are facing. We continue to hold students and families from the Bahamas in our hearts as they continue to feel the storm’s impact.”



University of The Bahamas Division of Institutional Advancement, Comptroller Judith Smith and Bridgette Stuart, Office of Information Technology, Asset Inventory Manager received the donated computer equipment.



New York University students packed several boxes of computer equipment for shipment to University of The Bahamas North Campus.

UB Alumni Celebrated at Hall of Fame and Alumni Awards Ceremony

Excellence was celebrated once again at the Hall of Fame and Outstanding Alumni Awards held on Thursday, 14th November 2019 at the British Colonial Hilton. University of The Bahamas (UB) honored eight alumni making diverse contributions to the development of the public and private sectors, driving innovation, and leading community upliftment and philanthropic initiatives. Proud class of 1979 graduates Dr. John Samuel Bain and Ms. Wendy Poitier were inducted into the UB Alumni Hall of Fame. At the awards ceremony, Ms. Poitier set a fundraising goal of \$15,000 to rebuild and outfit a classroom at UB-North in Grand Bahama.

Also honoured were:
Class of 1989 - Outstanding Alumni Award
Hon. Halson D. Moultrie
Mr. Kevin Maclaren McDonald

Class of 1999 - Alumni Trailblazer Award
Dr. Erecia S. Hepburn
Dr. Christopher Curry

Class of 2009 - Alumni Emerging Leader Award
Ms. Ashley T. Carroll-Evans
Mr. Bernard Petit-Homme



Hall of Fame and Outstanding Alumni Awardees.



Dr. John Samuel Bain accepts his award.



Ms. Wendy Poitier accepts her award.

Planned Giving

Planned gifts have an enormous and lasting impact on University of The Bahamas, creating a legacy for UB students that extended through generations.

Planned gifts also form part of an overall financial plan that can provide you with significant benefits. For example, planned gifts can help you maintain control of your assets during your lifetime, take advantage of a number of tax benefits, leave a legacy at University of The Bahamas, and possibly even provide income to yourself or others during your or their lifetime. Unlike gifts of cash, planned gifts typically come from assets in your estate, rather than disposable income.

EASY WAYS TO MAKE A PLANNED GIFT TO UNIVERSITY OF THE BAHAMAS

Your Will

Include language in your will or trust designating the “University of The Bahamas US Foundation” as beneficiary of your assets. Contact us so we can coordinate with you on the appropriate documentation to ensure your gift is used in accordance with your wishes when received.

Retirement Plan Assets

Complete a beneficiary designation form provided by your retirement plan custodian and designate the “University of The Bahamas”. If a US citizen, designate the “University of The Bahamas US Foundation” as beneficiary. Canadian citizens,

designate the “Canadian Friends of University of The Bahamas.” Submit the form to your retirement plan custodian.

IRA Rollover

For US citizens, individuals age 70 ½ years old or older can transfer up to \$100,000 per year to the University of The Bahamas US Foundation from an IRA to satisfy the required minimum distribution for the year.

For more information about planned giving, please contact Dino Hernandez, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Alumni Affairs at (242) 302-2667 or dino.hernandez@ub.edu.bs

Divison of Institutional Advancement

Division of Advancement



Dino Hernandez
Vice President



Nicole Thurston, AA '99
Executive Assistant



Judith Smith, AA '96
Division Comptroller,
Institutional Advancement



Keturah Babb, BA '11
Alumni Affairs and Development
Officer, UB-North

Office of Sponsored Research and Grants



Philip Weech
Assistant Vice President

Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Research Centre



Dr. Adelle Thomas
Director

Office of University Relations



Tameka Lundy, AA '94
Assistant Vice President



Daisy Thompson
Administrative Assistant



Astranique Bowe
Assistant Director, External
Communications



Renbert Mortimer, BA '12
Public Relations and Branding
Coordinator



Charlene Bullard
Graphic Designer

Office of Alumni Affairs



Elvardo Thompson, AA '98
Director, Alumni Affairs



Jami Cartwright
Annual Fund and Membership
Coordinator (Acting)



Andrika Moss, BBA '16
Administrative Assistant

Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations



Kandice Eldon
Executive Director

Office of Development



Peter Mitchell
Director, Development



Inga Bostwick
Assistant Director, Development



Teniel Rolle, BBA '17
Development Officer



Donell Johnson
Administrative Assistant

Vision

University of The Bahamas
The University of The Bahamas will be the nation's primary resource for research & innovation and community engagement. It will meet the educational aspirations of its students and nurture their creativity. It will promote the values of learning, leadership and service.

Division of Institutional Advancement
The Division of Institutional Advancement has the primary responsibility of raising visibility, cultivating friends and securing the needed financial resources to fulfill the promise of University of The Bahamas.

Core Values

- Trust
- Accountability
- Collaboration
- Teamwork
- Integrity
- Courage

Mission

University of The Bahamas
The mission of the University is to advance and expand access to higher education, promote academic freedom, drive national development and build character through teaching, learning, research, scholarship and service. Article 4, University of The Bahamas Act, 2016

Division of Institutional Advancement
We advance the mission of University of The Bahamas.

We rigorously promote and height-en awareness of the UB brand; foster creative and quality communications; secure private and public financial resources in support of UB's students, faculty and staff; involve our supporters and friends in the life of the University; and strengthen alumni connections.

Value Proposition

University of The Bahamas
Preparing Students for a Better Life in a Global Society.

Message from the Vice President

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the inaugural issue of University of The Bahamas (UB) Development Reporter. I am Dino Hernandez, the new Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Alumni Affairs and Executive Director of the Canadian Friends of UB. I am thrilled to have joined my new Mingoes family in the beautiful Commonwealth of The Bahamas and equally as excited for the opportunity to transform lives here at the University.

In this first issue, you will read stories that illustrate the passion that our alumni, friends, and those within our community as well as internationally have for the University. They have given generously in meaningful ways, for different reasons, and at levels that work for their budget knowing that every gift, regardless of size, makes an impact on the University.

Volume 1 of the UB Development Reporter includes:

- The Impact of Hurricane Dorian on UB-North and our plans to rebuild
- The Freedom Foundation’s Transformational Gift of \$10M to fund the GTR Campbell SIS Complex
- The 50th Anniversary of the Lyford Cay Foundation and its partnership with UB
- Sir Franklyn and Lady Sharon Wilson’s Support to Name the Graduate Centre
- Corporate Partnerships
- UB FIT Nassau and Grand Bahama
- And so much more. . . .

Philanthropy in its many forms is crucial to the life of our University. We are deeply thankful to all who give unselfishly of their time, talent and treasure. Those include the hardworking volunteers who make up the UB Board of Trustees and the Canadian Friends of University of The Bahamas Foundation. We are especially grateful to the Bahamas Education Culture and Science Foundation (BECS) for their help immediately after Hurricane Dorian and historically supporting our San Salvador Campus. Lastly, we are excited to share the news of the formation of our new University of The Bahamas US Foundation (pending IRS 501c3 status) based in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

These separate organizations make up the philanthropic arm of the University, and their commitment to University of The Bahamas makes our world class education accessible to any student from the Family Islands and internationally who dreams of earning a college degree.

Charitable giving is vital to the future of our students and programmes at University of The Bahamas. We depend on your gifts to transform lives in ways that carry well beyond our campus borders. There is still time to make an end of the year tax-deductible (US and Canada) gift. Learn about the variety of ways you can make a gift on the back cover of the Development Reporter.

The entire Division of Institutional Advancement Team is deeply grateful to you and we are here to serve you. Be sure to check out the whole team on page 14. Do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything we can do for you.

Thank you for choosing to support the students and programmes of University of The Bahamas. It is what we do together that transforms the lives of so many.

Sincerely,
Dino M. Hernandez
Vice President of Institutional Advancement & Alumni Affairs/
Executive Director of Canadian Friends of University of The Bahamas



Dino M. Hernandez
Vice President of Institutional Advancement & Alumni Affairs/
Executive Director of Canadian Friends of University of The Bahamas

University of The Bahamas Board of Trustees (UBBOT)

- | | |
|--|---|
| Dr. Kenneth Jonathan A. Rodgers, Chairman | Ms. Alexandra T. Hall, Trustee |
| Ms. Alessandra Holowesko, Deputy Chair | Mr. Raymond Rolle, Trustee |
| Dr. Rodney D. Smith, President, Ex-Officio | Ms. Margo Birch-Blackwell, Faculty Trustee |
| | Mr. Reno Miller, Alumni Association Trustee |
| | Ms. Jeannie Gibson, Staff Trustee |
| | Mr. Jeron Johnson, Student Trustee |
| | Mr. Brian Jones, Trustee |
| | Mr. D’arcy Rahming, Trustee |
| | Mr. Henry St. George, Trustee |
| | Mr. Philip Stubbs, Trustee |
| | Mr. Peter Whitehead, Trustee |
| | Ms. Kristie Powell, Trustee |

Members of the Board for UB US Foundation (UBUSF)

- UB President Rodney D. Smith
UB General Counsel Tracey Ferguson-Johnson
VP of Institutional Advancement & Alumni Affairs Dino Hernandez

Members of the Board for the Canadian Friends of UB Foundation (CFUB)

- Chairman Peter Dunn
Vice Chair Janyne Hodder
Director Robert V. Lotmore
Director Heather Arnold
Director Ross MacDonald
Director Ryan Antonio
UB President Rodney D. Smith
UB VP of Institutional Advancement & Alumni Affairs Dino Hernandez – appointed as CFUB Executive Director

UB Donors Thanked at Blue Smoke Reception

Donors are an extremely important part of the UB community, not only because of their giving to help fulfil the dreams of students and build a vibrant University, but because of the belief that they demonstrate in UB.

The institution connected with donors at the inaugural Blue Smoke Donor Appreciation Cocktail Reception held during Homecoming Week, November 2019, at Graycliff Humidor Pavilion and thanked them for their contributions to strengthen higher education. Donors give to the institution for both restricted and unrestricted purposes and in so doing positively impact the lives of faculty, staff and students.



Donors were thanked for their contributions to strengthening higher education at the inaugural Blue Smoke Donor Appreciation Cocktail Reception.