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The College of The Bahamas announces the retirement of Dr. Rhonda Chipman-Johnson, Executive Vice President, for Academic Affairs, with effect on June 15, 2010. Dr. Chipman-Johnson who retires after a near 31-year career at The College, has been offered and has accepted an overseas position from the Government of The Bahamas.

Dr. Chipman-Johnson, who began her College of The Bahamas career in the classroom as a lecturer in French and Spanish, has served The College in a number of key capacities, including Department Coordinator, Division Chairperson, Vice President and Acting President. Her research interests have included Bahamian dialect and language patterns and gender issues in education. In 2006 she spearheaded the launch of The College's International Languages and Cultures Institute. The Institute, which is among her most special achievements expands opportunities for studies in foreign languages, including Spanish, French, Haitian Creole, German, Mandarin, Latin and English as a second language; and has succeeded in attracting a non-traditional student base and engaging the broader Bahamian community.

As the Executive Vice President with responsibility for Academic Affairs, Dr. Chipman-Johnson has overseen The College's academic programme development including extensive work in academic quality assurance. Dr. Chipman-Johnson led The College's efforts in establishing the partnership that brought the University of the West Indies (UWI) baccalaureate law degree programme to The College; and it was under her leadership that the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree, a collaboration with Jamaica's University of Technology, and the Master in Business Administration (MBA), The College's first graduate degree programme, were developed.

College President Janyne Hodder explains, "Dr. Chipman-Johnson's work in programme development has changed the landscape of academic programming at The College. Because of her efforts there are today increased opportunities for young Bahamians to explore new and exciting careers. Careers that will no doubt have great impact on the overall development of The Bahamas."

Dr. Chipman-Johnson's philanthropy to The College and the community has also stood out among her most notable contributions, having raised nearly \$20,000 through the

Lenten Tea parties she has enjoyed hosting over the years. She is also especially noted for her extraordinary efforts in fostering educational opportunities for troubled male youth.

The College congratulates Dr. Chipman-Johnson and extends its gratitude to her for many years of dedicated and loyal service.

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