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Sixth Annual Alumni Association

Alumni Hall of Fame
Induction and Luncheon
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2006 Inductee Keith Bell
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From its inception, The College of The Bahamas has held high its motto of “Knowledge, Truth, and Integrity” as guidelines for the development of its students. The Alumni Association of the College chooses each year to bestow its highest honour, that of induction into the Alumni Hall of Fame, on that special group of persons whose maintenance of personal and professional standards exemplify the best and far surpass the ordinary.

The inductees to the Hall of Fame of The College of The Bahamas are no ordinary people. Already it can be seen that they form an extraordinary group of persons whose lives and achievements exhibit the depth to which our College’s motto has become engrained into their very hearts and souls. They are a very special group on whom the history of this Bahamas has every reason to shine its spotlight of approval.

This year our Alumni Association recognizes as its 2006 Hall of Fame inductee, Mr Keith Bell, a Superintendent in the Royal Bahamas Police Force. Mr Bell is an alumnus who has won accolades for both his scholarship and his exceptional community service. His pursuit of knowledge, truth and integrity, has led him to achieve not only the President’s Award for academic excellence but also to have merited the distinction of being among those elite academics who have achieved First Class degree honours in the study of Law at the University of The West Indies.

Reaching the heights of academic excellence did not cause Superintendent Bell to forget from whence he had come, however. He returned home to continue to serve in the Royal Bahamas Police Force, giving unselfishly of his time in the Urban Renewal Programme, as well as continuing in academic service as a tutor in the newly established Law programme at The College.

It is therefore without hesitation that we salute Superintendent Bell and applaud his stellar achievements both on the Police Force and in the civil society. On behalf of the Council of The College of The Bahamas, I would like to congratulate Superintendent Bell and to say how pleased we are to welcome him into the COB Alumni Association’s Hall of Fame. His example will become a beacon of excellence for many young persons to follow. He joins a rare group of extremely talented persons of which this nation can be truly proud.

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The College of The Bahamas will soon be establishing full university status and seeking to build its reputation as a place of learning, research and knowledge. As we plan for this change, we are mindful that many will be asking questions about our performance in a myriad of ways. The public here in The Bahamas and more broadly elsewhere across the world will be asking about the quality of what we do. To prepare for this, we are currently analyzing every aspect of our performance.

One of the most important ways in which we demonstrate quality is through the performance of our students and our graduates. We know that many of them have gone on to build stellar careers in their chosen fields both here in The Bahamas and also elsewhere in the world.

Among these many talented men and women, one is selected each year to join the College of the Bahamas Alumni Hall of Fame and is celebrated by fellow alumni, family and friends. These very special people are our greatest ambassadors. They are living testimony to our commitment to knowledge, truth and integrity.

This year’s inductee, Superintendent Keith Bell, is now the sixth such special ambassador. We are very proud to honour him and to tell him he joins a very select group of Bahamians from whom we have already received much.

Superintendent Bell adds this latest honour to a long list of accomplishments for such a young man. He has earned the honour of Hall of Fame inductee because he is determined, filled with heart and spirit and because he is committed to working hard to achieve his goals. We are particularly pleased to add that Superintendent Bell also occasionally teaches at his alma mater.

His predecessors in this Hall of Fame are equally talented men and women and it is my pleasure to meet more of these every day within the ranks of alumni and also within the ranks of our students. The College is proud of all of them.

I take this opportunity to thank The College of The Bahamas Alumni Association for its contribution to our mission and for organizing the Hall of Fame celebrations.

I congratulate you, our sixth inductee, RBPF Superintendent Keith Bell, for your show of grit, spirit and excellence. The College of The Bahamas is privileged to have had you walk its way and you have earned your trophy of scholarship, leadership, and citizenship.

May many students follow in the path you have set.

Janyne M. Hodder
President
The College of The Bahamas
The Honourable Cynthia A. Pratt, M.P.,
Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister of National Security

and

Mr. Mark A. Wilson
Permanent Secretary

and Staff

Extend hearty congratulations and commendation
To Superintendent Keith Bell
Royal Bahamas Police Force,
as the 2006 Inductee into
The College of The Bahamas Alumni Association’s
Prestigious Hall of Fame for his
Scholarship and outstanding Community Service.
It is my pleasure to welcome you to our Sixth Annual Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon. Today we gather to celebrate a successful and proud alumnus of The College of The Bahamas, Mr. Keith Bell, who today, will become the 2006 inductee to the Alumni Hall of Fame.

With this honour, he will become a part of an illustrious and dynamic group of people, who have all made their mark during their time at The College, and have gone on to make an impact nationally and internationally.

Mr Bell’s character and his achievements on The Royal Bahamas Police Force serve as testimony to his commitment to personal success and community development. Further, his accomplishments also serve as evidence of the standard and quality of The College of The Bahamas’ educational system. The Alumni Association is proud to have him as a fellow alumnus and we recognize that he is truly an asset to our institution and the nation. We, therefore, encourage him to continue to personify our College’s motto, “Knowledge, Truth, Integrity.”

Mr Bell’s role as a Hall of Fame inductee is very important and is not to be taken lightly. He, along with the other five inductees, have the responsibility of helping the Alumni Association as it continues to grow, flourish and adhere to its mission to assist in the further development of The College, especially as we build towards becoming The University of The Bahamas.

This year’s nominees were most impressive and we are grateful to our distinguished Hall of Fame Judging Panel for their meticulous work and the time and effort they put in to choose a Sixth Hall of Fame Inductee.

This year we have a new executive team, who I wish to introduce you to:
Lynden Maycock
Vice President
Anthony Musgrove, Treasurer
Charlyne Sealey, Secretary
Judith Albury -Lightbourne
Assistant Secretary
Italya Head, Public Relations Officer.

On behalf of the new executives of the Alumni Association, I would like to congratulate Mr. Bell, whose induction into the membership of this elite body, speaks admirably of the quality of the students The College of The Bahamas has nurtured and continues to produce.

Once again I welcome you and thank you for your attendance and we look forward to your continued support.

Donald Saunders
President
The College of The Bahamas
Alumni Association
The Honourable Alfred M. Sears, M. P.
Minister of Education, Science & Technology
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Mr. Keith Bell
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Keith Bell — Outstanding Alumnus of The College Of The Bahamas Outstanding Bahamian

(Based on a testimonial by Mrs Arlene Albury, Director, Student Activities, COB)
Out of a field of accomplished alumni nominated for the 2006 Hall of fame induction, a distinguished panel of judges decided that, in 2006, Keith Bell best exemplified the qualities, values and achievements represented in the criteria specified for Hall of Fame membership.

Distinguished as a Student, Academically and Socially while at The College of The Bahamas

Keith Bell entered The College of The Bahamas as a student for the first time in 1992, when he enrolled in the Law and Criminal Justice Associate Degree Programme. During this first period of study at COB, Bell not only excelled at his studies, but also stood out in his extracurricular contributions. He held the position of Treasurer of the College of The Bahamas Union of Students (COBUS), which is the student government body. He also served on several committees under the directorship of the then Principal, Dr Keva Bethel (now President Emerita), Mrs Cynthia Pratt, Assistant Director, Student Affairs (now Deputy Prime Minister of The Bahamas) and Director, Student Affairs, Mrs Arlene Albury. Bell’s contributions culminated in advancing several student areas at The College.

Bell successfully completed his degree programme in 1995, receiving several major graduation awards:
CONGRATULATES

Keith Bell
Superintendent of The Royal Bahamas Police Force

on being...

Inducted into the Hall of Fame

The College Of The Bahamas
Bank of Nova Scotia Award - Presented to the student who has displayed outstanding leadership

Social Sciences Divisional Award - the most outstanding student in the division

Principal’s Award - the most outstanding student, who excels in academics and contributions to the College community.

Keith Bell next matriculated into the University of the West Indies Bachelor of Laws programme, in which The College partners. He graduated with First Class Honours, becoming the first Bahamian to do so. Next followed the pursuit of the professional certification in legal studies at the Eugene Dupuch Law School. Here again Bell emerged with top honours:
• Most Outstanding Student Year I
• Most Outstanding Student Year 2
• Best Student Advocate in the Programme and the Caribbean
• Keith Duncombe Memorial Prize for best overall student
• Principal’s Prize for Academic Excellence
• Chairman of the Council of Legal Education Award for Best Overall Student.

His petition presented by Mr Henry Bostwick, QC, Bell was called to The Bahamas Bar in October 2000 before Chief Justice Dame Joan Sawyer.

Leader and Exemplary Worker, Whose Success Benefits Co-workers, Those He Supervisors and the Community in General

Armed with his LLB degree and professional certificate from the Council for Legal Education and having been called to the Bar, Keith Bell could have elected to enter lucrative private practice as an attorney. Instead, he chose to remain a member of the Royal Bahamas Police Force, where, in his opinion, he would be better able to serve his community. In fewer than five years after returning to active duty, Bell attained the rank of Superintendent, which may be interpreted as his employer’s recognition of the outstanding talent and ability that Bell possesses and puts to good use.

Keith Bell has been an inspiration to his peers and the more than fifty persons he supervises. He is currently Officer in Charge of the Research and Planning Unit, Statistics and the Central Intelligence Bureau of the Police Force. He is also part of the Legal Office and serves as the Police Project Coordinator of the Urban Renewal Programme. Bell actively encourages fellow officers to update their skills at COB and has not hesitated to share the knowledge he has gained academically and professionally. Every year he has agreed to lecture part time at The College, a contribution which he views as part of his mentoring responsibility.

Excelling in civic outreach and making a contribution to society that is easily visible within his field and the wider scope of Bahamian life

Exhibiting strength of character that translates generally into community strengthening, personifying
Congratulations KEITH

I am in no way surprised at your latest achievement and I am happy to share in a public acknowledgement of the outstanding COB alumnus, senior police officer and family man that you are.

Congratulations DADDY

We are proud of you and the way you help others. You are an awesome father and a good person. Our prayer is that you continue to be a blessing to others.

With love from your sons.
Keith Jr, Dominic and Nicholas

With love from your wife
his alma mater’s motto “Knowledge, Truth and Integrity”

It is obvious that one of Keith Bell’s great strengths is in reaching people. His involvement in the Urban Renewal Programme from its inception and continuing contributions to this and other civic initiatives reflects his commitment to people and community building. As Project Coordinator, Bell is highly optimistic about the prospects of the Urban Renewal Programme and its ability to transform the lives and standard of living among fellow Bahamians.

The Urban Renewal Programme has been lauded locally and has received two international awards: the Association of Caribbean Commissioners of Police Community Policing Award and the International Association of Chiefs of Police Community Policing Award.

Keith Bell - A Personal View

An avid Catholic, Keith Bell has served as a member of the Parish Council of Holy Family Catholic Church of which he is a member.

Bell and wife Clara (nee Taylor) are the parents of three children. Bell is as devoted to his family as he is to his committed to community service, as evidenced by his willingness to take on full parenting duties to permit his wife to complete four years of study abroad.
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Dr Roger Brown

Registrar of Insurance Companies in The Bahamas

On his return home from University in 1970, Dr Roger Brown was appointed to the post of Deputy Headmaster at the Highbury High School, which was later to be renamed R M Bailey High School. In 1972, he was appointed Vice Principal of the Bahamas Teachers College, which later became part of The College of The Bahamas. He became Registrar of The College six years later in 1978. In the newly restructured College in 1995, Dr Brown became the first Executive Vice President. On a number of occasions between 1976 and 1995, he acted as Registrar, Vice Principal and Principal of The College.

Dr Brown retired from the Public Service in 1995 and took up an appointment as Coordinator for the Bahamas General Insurance Association, the local trade association for most “other than life” insurance companies, brokers and agents. In November 2000, Dr Brown rejoined the Public Service on contract, and was appointed to the post of Registrar of Insurance Companies in the then Ministry of Economic Development.

Dr Brown has a B.A. in History (Special Honours) and a Diploma in Education from the University of The West Indies; a Master of Education (M.Ed.) from the University of Toronto; a Master of Business Administration from the University of Miami, and Doctorate of Education (Ed.D.) from the University of Miami.

Dawn Jones

Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers

Dawn Jones graduated from The College of The Bahamas with an Associate of Arts Degree in Accounting in 1983. She subsequently earned a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Concordia University, Montreal, Canada in 1986.

Ms Jones commenced her professional accounting
Congratulations to our Son-In-Law

May God continue to guide you and bless you as you make positive contributions to our country and communities.

We are so very proud of you. Keep up the good work.

Frederick and Erma Taylor

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Wishes to extend heartfelt congratulations to Superintendent Keith Bell on being inducted into The College of The Bahamas’ Hall of Fame. It is an honour to be considered as a part of this elite group and we are happy that he has been chosen. Once again, congratulations!
career with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) in The Bahamas in 1986. She was made a partner of PwC in July 1998, at which time she relocated to the Cayman Islands. After five years abroad she returned to The Bahamas in 2003. In addition to working in the firm’s Bahamas and Cayman Islands practices, Ms Jones has also worked in the firm’s London office.

Throughout her career, Ms Jones has provided assurance and advisory services to an extensive range of clients, with a primary focus on international businesses operating in the trust financial services sector. She is one of PwC’s regional specialists in the areas of Investment Management and Banking.

Ms Jones is a member of The Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She is also a member of The Holy Trinity Anglican Church and a member of the Board of Directors of The Ranfurly Homes for Children.

Rubie Marie Nottage
Secretary General, The College of The Bahamas

Rubie Marie Nottage (née Bethel) born in Nassau, The Bahamas, is a Barrister-at-law (Inner Temple) who has been in the practice of the law in The Bahamas for some 36 years. She holds degrees in Political Science/Economics (B.A. Queen’s University, Canada); Law (LLB.), King’s College, London, and, (LL.M.), University College, London; Canon Law (LL.M.), Cardiff University, Wales; an M.B.A. in Non-Profit Administration, Templeton, as well as, a Bachelor’s Theology (B.A., Oxon), Oxford.

In addition to her academic pursuits, Mrs. Nottage is a lecturer in law in the UWI/COB LLB programme at The College of the Bahamas, Nassau. She is a member of The Bahamas Bar Association, the International Bar Association, the International Society of Family Law and the Ecclesiastical Law Society.

Mrs Nottage is an active Church-person in the Anglican Communion where she serves as Chancellor of the Province of the West Indies and also Chancellor for the Diocese of The Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands. She presently also serves as a member of the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Panel of Reference and the Anglican Communion’s Continuation Committee of the Anglican-Baptist International Conversations (ABIC).

She is married to Mr Kendal W. Nottage, also a practicing attorney, and a former member of Parliament and Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Affairs in the Government of The Bahamas. The couple has three children, Kenia, Kendal ‘Kelly’ Jr, and Krista.

Robert “Sandy” Sands
Vice President of Administration and External Relations, Baha Mar

Robert “Sandy” Sands started his career at the Nassau Beach Hotel in 1970. He subsequently spent terms as General Manager at hotels in the Caribbean, and worked for three years as Vice President & General Manager of the Nassau Wyndham Resort & Crystal Palace Casino before returning to the Nassau Beach Hotel in 2004. In 1993, he received the coveted Cacique “Hotelier of the Year” Award for his outstanding contributions to the development of tourism in The Bahamas. He holds a Bachelor of Applied Arts degree in Hospitality Management and
Congratulations to Superintendent Keith Bell on being chosen for The College of The Bahamas’ Hall of Fame.

You are an excellent example of the merit-based society The Bahamas strives to maintain, where effort, hard work, honesty and dedication-to-purpose are rewarded.

The Hon. Fred Mitchell, M.P.
Minister of Foreign Affairs and
The Public Service &
The Staff of The Public Service
Tourism Administration from Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada.
In May 2005, Baha Mar Resorts Ltd announced the appointment of Mr Sands to the post of Vice President of Administration and External Relations. In this role, he assumed responsibility for the development and execution of Baha Mar’s corporate outreach initiatives, industrial relations and human capital programmes.
Mr. Sands, 52, is Past President and Director of The Bahamas Hotel Association; Trustee both of The Hotel Industry Management and Allied Pension Funds; Senior Vice President of The Bahamas Hotel Employers Association; Past Chairman and Director of The Nassau/Cable Beach/Paradise Island Promotion Board; Member of the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army; Member of the Vestry, Epiphany Anglican Church; Director, Elizabeth Estates Children’s Home; Member of the Steering Committee for the University of the West Indies Centre for Hotel and Tourism Management; Chairman, Advisory Committee, School of Hospitality & Tourism Studies; Director, The Bank of The Bahamas; Director, Abaco Markets and Director, Providence Advisors Ltd. He also held Board Directorships with the National Insurance Board, Bahamasair and BISX previously.
He is married to Senator the Honourable Michelle Pindling-Sands. He has five children, Delano, Omar, Ashley, Lauren and Holly.

Keith, may God bless and keep you and may He always order your steps in His word.
We love you and are proud of you.

From your parents Anthony and Patricia Bell, Sisters Van, Kim, Sophia, Marva and Natasha and Brothers Anthony Jr, Leander and Shane.
The Commissioner of Police
Mr Paul H. Farquharson, Q.P.M
and the entire
Royal Bahamas Police Force
extend heartfelt congratulations to
Superintendent Keith Ricardo Bell
for his most recent achievement
on being the 2006 Inductee into
the College of The Bahamas
Alumni Association Hall of Fame.

We are proud that he is a part of our
organization and wish him all the success
as he continues to excel in the public arena.
Programme

Master of Ceremonies
Anthony Musgrove
Treasurer, COB Alumni Association (COBAA)

National Anthem
All

Invocation
Monsignor Preston Moss
Pastor, Holy Family Catholic Church

Welcome Remarks
Donald Saunders
President, COBAA

Remarks
Janyne M. Hodder
President, The College of The Bahamas

Lunch is Served

Introduction of Guest Speaker
Lynden Maycock, Vice President COBAA

Guest Speaker
Vernice Walkine, Hall of Fame Inductee 2005

INDUCTION

Response
Keith Bell

Vote of Thanks
Charlyne Sealey, Secretary COBAA
In 1982 a group of alumni of The College of The Bahamas met in the auditorium of the Oakes Field Campus to form the Alumni Association. The College had only opened its doors to students seven years earlier and was still working to support the mission and vision of the College. The Alumni Association was established in the spirit of truth, the pursuit of moral excellence and the virtue through its growing pains.

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The College of The Bahamas Alumni Association

Menu

Soup

Main Course

Char-Grilled Chicken with Mushroom Sauce

Duchess Potatoes with Herbs

Medley of Vegetables

New England Clam Chowder

Dessert

Baked Alaska with Fresh Fruit Coulis

Beverage

Bahama Punch

Tea and Coffee

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of events were staged including a wine and cheese reception, a membership drive and a homecoming weekend. Ms Veronica Duncanson served as the Association’s first President. In 1985, on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of The College, the Association presented 10 clocks to The College.

In 1989 Theofanis Cochinamogulus was elected President and again the Association worked untiringly to attract members. Mr Cochinamogulus was succeeded by Mark Smith, whose presidency advanced several initiatives for the Association. In July 1991, a graduates’ cocktail reception was held and COBAA participated in The College’s recruitment exercises and the first Principal’s Graduation Breakfast. The major fundraising event that year was a steakout and homecoming celebration.

Mr Smith was succeeded by Raynard Rigby, who served as President until October 1992, when he went abroad to pursue further studies. The student dormitories were the main focus of Mr Rigby’s short term in office. Additionally, the induction of graduates into the Association during the graduation ceremony was established during this period.

Gabriella Fraser served as President from 1992 to 1996 and, during her term, the Association pursued several projects, including the drafting of the legal framework for a capital development fund and the installation of an elevator. It was during this period that The College became autonomous. Ms Fraser has the distinction of being the first Alumni President to serve on The College Council.

Darron Cash’s presidency (1996-1997) focused on membership recruitment. On Council, he was part of the search committee for The College’s second President. After serving for one year, he resigned to serve as a member of the Senate of The Bahamas.

Dion Godet served as President from 1997 to 2000. During his tenure, the recruitment drive continued. Additionally, COBAA, in conjunction with the Student Activities Department, hosted a “Back to COB Week”.

Radio personality Picewell Forbes, took over the reins in 2000 and served two terms. Mr Forbes was instrumental in assisting the Association to gain extensive exposure in the community, particularly in the Family Islands. The Hall of Fame and the Endowment Fund were also launched under Mr Forbes’ leadership.

The Alumni Endowment Fund

The idea of an Alumni Endowment Fund was conceived in late 1999. The concept was that COB’s alumni should establish a fund to assist The College in its overall fundraising efforts.
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Superintendent Keith Bell
On
being inducted into the Hall of fame
For
his scholarship and
outstanding community service
From
Deacon Andrew Burrows
&
The Faith Community of Holy Family Parish

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For the recognition

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The Alumni Association

THE HALL OF FAME

was established in the Spring of 2001 by the Executive Board of the Association. It was initiated to recognize annually COB Alumni who are making significant contributions to the development of The Bahamas. It was envisioned that honourees would play a major role in the fundraising efforts of the Association.

On May 11, 2001, the first Hall of Fame induction was held and Bishop Neil C Ellis had the distinct honour of being the first inductee. Financial expert Larry Gibson was inducted in 2002, pharmacist Laura Pratt-Charlton in 2003 and attorney at law Tanya McCartney in 2004. In 2005, this outstanding group was joined by an equally distinguished alumna of The College of The Bahamas—Ms Vernice Walkine, Director General of Tourism.

During the induction ceremony, the honouree is presented with 36” Silver European Cup, which symbolizes his or her outpouring of inspiration that causes others to thirst for knowledge, truth and integrity.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE COB ALUMNI HALL OF FAME?

Award Criteria
The Alumni Association of The College of The Bahamas views induction into its Hall of Fame as its highest honour. It is a designation extended to individuals whose lives are the hallmark of The College’s motto “Knowledge, Truth, Integrity.”

To be considered for the Alumni Association Hall of Fame, nominees must

• Have distinguished themselves as students, academically and socially, while at The College of The Bahamas
• Be among the best in their chosen fields of endeavour, displaying scrupulous conduct that stands as an example to others.
• Be a leader and relentless worker whose success benefits co-workers, those they supervise or employ and the community in general
• Excel in civic outreach and make a contribution to society that is easily visible within their fields and the wider scope of Bahamian life
• Exhibit strength of character that translates generally into community strengthening, personifying their alma mater’s motto “Knowledge, Truth, Integrity.”

The search for the 2007 Hall of Fame inductee will begin in Spring 2007. Send in your nomination early. The Hall of Fame Award Nomination Form may be obtained from the Office of Alumni Affairs, Administration Block, Oakes Field Campus, or downloaded from www.cob.edu.bs. For more information, please call the Office of Alumni Affairs at 302-4365/6.
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