Robed Faculty on stage at Commencement…

Commencement is a special day for our students and their families. It celebrates the intellectual and personal mentoring you have dedicated to and marks the point when we send them out into the world.

This year, in an effort to make the Graduation Ceremony even more exciting, visually dramatic and memorable for our graduates, their families and other supporters, we intend to have all robed faculty seated on stage with the platform party of Council members, administrators and programme participants.

There will be a detailed stage seating plan and faculty names placed on the seats, so faculty must indicate their intention of participating by close of business on Monday, May 26th, 2008, by contacting the Office of Student Affairs at 302-4342/4498.

Volunteers are needed for COB initiatives…

Volunteers are being sought for The College’s beautification and paper reduction initiatives. Volunteer committees have been formed and an invitation is extended to the college family to participate. The committees formed thus far are the Electronic Forms Project, Campus Beautification Summer Project and the Document Retention and Disposal. The respective chairpersons are Dr. June Wilson, Mr. Anthony Burrows and Ms. Prestonia Wallace. For further information please contact the chairpersons.
Faculty Survey of Student Engagement 2008…
Time is running out! The FSSE 2008 continues for teaching faculty who received invitations to be a part of the study. Faculty members wishing to participate should check their college email for instructions to access the survey form. The Planning Unit encourages faculty to use the information on student engagement and thanks those faculty who have participated. Additionally, the unit is requesting dates for the Events Calendar for the period August 2008 to July 2009. Please send details of your events to William Fielding at wfielding@cob.edu.bs as soon as possible.

Closure of Sbarros Restaurant…
The Sbarros Restaurant on The College’s campus will remain closed until further notice.

Coastal Awareness Photo Essay Competition…
This photographic essay competition sponsored by the Bahamas Reef Environment Educational Foundation (BREEF) is designed to promote an appreciation for the coastal environment. The photo essay is a combination of images and text that tell a story to inform, educate and evoke a response in the viewer. All images must be original and taken by the entrant in The Bahamas. The text submitted with the image should make a clear link between the photograph(s) and the selected theme. Interested persons may submit digital entries to Charlene@breef.org or hard copies mailed to BREEF, P. O. Box N-7776, Nassau, Bahamas.

Public Holidays for 2009 from the Cabinet Office…

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Health Tip for the Week:
The pleasure you get from a meal will help in the absorption of nutrients. Eating under stressful conditions will decrease the absorption. The body is engineered to crave and enjoy the taste of sweet foods and fat. By eating high quality meals that include good fats and complex carbohydrates you can maintain a healthy metabolism. Driving through a fast food pickup lane and eating on the run is not good for you or for the ones you love.

Safety Tip for the Week:
The Cell Phone Issue

Many of us know not to use a cell phone while driving yet so many of us still do despite knowing how dangerous this practice is. Some studies have suggested that driving while talking on a cell phone is worse than driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Talking with a headset or with your phone on speaker is really no solution. It’s the actual act of talking that presents a problem. When you’re on a cell phone while driving, your mind is preoccupied with your conversation.

That being said, cell phones are actually an important part of road safety. If you're driving down a road and witness an accident or run into trouble, your cell phone can be a priceless tool. It's a matter of knowing when (and when not) to use it.

Condolences:

Condolences are extended to Miss Doreen Butler, Lecturer, School of Nursing and Allied Health Professions, on the death of her father, Lawrence Butler. The funeral service was held on Saturday, 24th May, at 10am at Salem Union Baptist Church.

COB mourns the passing of a friend:

Dr. John Hammerton was a remarkable man whose contributions to and willingness to share in the development of the natural, and environmental sciences were all greatly appreciated by his colleagues at the BEST commission as well as many college faculty and students. During the period 2000 to 2006 he collaborated on several projects undertaken by faculty in The College’s Research Edge Series where he not only presented his work, but received recognition for his faithful and near perfect attendance at all of the presentations held up until 2006. Dr. Hammerton is fondly remembered not only for his professional contributions but also for his vision, wisdom, wit and the kind friendship and support he offered to College of The Bahamas faculty and researchers.

Let us remember these families in our prayers.
Graduation Activities 2008

Nassau Campus:

❖ Baccalaureate Service
  Tuesday, 27th May, 2008 -7:00pm – St. Francis Xavier Cathedral (West Street)

❖ Graduates Breakfast & Awards Ceremony
  Wednesday, 28th May, 2008- 8:00am – Wyndham Nassau Resort & Crystal Palace Casino

❖ 31st Commencement Exercise
  Thursday, 29th May, 2008 – 10:00am Bahamas Faith Ministries Diplomat Centre

❖ President’s Reception
  Thursday, 29th May, 2008 (Immediately following the Commencement Exercise) - Bahamas Faith Ministries Diplomat Centre

Northern Bahamas Campus

❖ Graduation Rehearsal
  Wednesday, 28th May, 2008 -7:00p.m, , NBC Foyer

❖ Baccalaureate Service
  Wednesday, 4th June, 2008 – 7:00p.m, Church of God Temple, Peach Tree Street

❖ Graduates’ Awards Breakfast/Honours Convocation
  Thursday, 5th June, 2008 – 8:00am, Foster Pestaina Centre

❖ Commencement Exercise
  Thursday, 5th June, 2008 -5:00pm Convention Center, Our Lucaya

The Office of Communication (OC) will issue a weekly bulletin providing The College with updates and announcements. If you have information that is pertinent to The College community, particularly those that require mass mailing, please email paulettemcphee@cob.edu.bs