On December 14, President Betsy Boze and Executive Vice President/Vice President, Academic Affairs Dr. Earla Carey-Baines paid an official visit to the Nanjing University of Information Science and Technology (NUIST) in China. They met with Prof. Li Lianshui, President of NUIST; Prof. Guan Zhaoyong, Vice President of NUIST; Prof. Zheng Youfei, Director of International Affairs Office of NUIST; Prof. Wang Suchun, Dean of School of International Education of NUIST, and Prof. Li Zhongming, Dean of School of Languages and Cultures of NUIST. President Boze signed the Implementation Agreement for the Confucius Institute and both sides discussed expanding further exchanges and cooperation. President Boze and Dr. Carey-Baines also met with COB students studying in China.

More than 100 employees of The College who have served here for more than 25 years were honoured in a special ceremony that paid homage to their dedication and loyalty. Governor General His Excellency Sir Arthur Foulkes helped to present pins to the honourees at the ceremony held in the Performing Arts Centre. In a special message, Mr. Colyn Major told the group that they are nation builders who must believe in themselves and their ability to get the job done.

The College of The Bahamas is collaborating with the Bahamas National Trust to host The Bahamas National Natural History Conference which will focus on Research, Conservation and Environmental Stewardship in The Bahamas, March 5th-8th, 2013. A press conference was held last week to announce the upcoming event with remarks given by College President, Dr. Betsy Boze; President, Bahamas National Trust, Neil McKinney and Executive Director, Bahamas National Trust, Eric Carey.

High school students in Grand Bahama spent time at the Northern Bahamas Campus last week engaging administrators, faculty and students during an Open House on higher education expectations. Approximately 150 students participated from five local schools along with a number of Guidance Counsellors.

Students, here's your chance again to capture life in The Bahamas on film and submit your entry to the Third Annual COB Short Film Festival sponsored by the Journalism and Communication Department. The film screenings and announcement of winners will be held in the auditorium of the Harry C. Moore Library and Information Centre, Wednesday, April 17th, 2013, 12:00 p.m.

For guidelines and more information log on to www.cob.edu.bs or contact Hugo Zarate at 302-4362.

The College of The Bahamas Student Research Symposium expands opportunities for research and creativity in The College by showcasing on-going research being conducted by its students. The Office of Academic Affairs invites submissions for the Fifth Annual Student Research Symposium scheduled for Friday, 2nd March, 2013. Complete submissions should include the abstract and pages 5-8 of the Call for Abstracts.

All documents must be submitted electronically to Sandra Gibson at sgibson@cob.edu.bs no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, 8th March, 2013.

Are you a student looking for extra cash? Are you passionate about COB and enjoy talking on the phone? Apply to become a Phonathon Ambassador. Ambassadors call alumni and parents to talk about COB, update records and collect donations to The Annual Fund for scholarships and campus resources. Ambassadors work a minimum two nights per week from 6-9:30 p.m., and earn $7/hr. Deadline for application is March 1st.

For applications or nominations, visit the Alumni Relations Office in the KMB Building, call 302-4357 or email jmogk@cob.edu.bs.
University Transition in Action

Character and Core Values Convocation
The first University Convocation – at which the ongoing work of the Character and Core Values Working Group was discussed – was held last Thursday. Perspectives from the wider community were also shared as well as recommendations on what should constitute the character and core values of the university.

UTS Convocation on Research
Faculty, staff and students are invited to the first University Convocation on Research scheduled for Friday, February 22, 2013 in the Harry C. Moore Library and Information Centre’s Auditorium from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The topic is, Research: University and National Perspectives. The Research Working Group will update the College community on its progress and areas including Research Ethics, Organisation & Management of Research, Consulting and Contracting, and the advancement of a Policy Framework for Research in The Bahamas.

UTS on “Jeffrey”
Team Leader of the University Transition Secretariat (UTS) Professor Olivia Saunders and Community Relations Attache at the UTS Quincy Parker appeared as guests on the Star 106.5 FM talk show Jeffrey last week. They discussed the work that has been completed to envision the university, the recent mission to South Africa to observe best practices and the convocations that will be held by the various working groups.

Upcoming Events

Alumni Society Mix & Mingle
“Walk the Plank” with COB’s Alumni Society at the next Mix & Mingle in the new Pirate Bar & Grille, next to the Nassau Pirate Museum. Tickets are $10, available in the Alumni Office or at the door, and the event is open to all. One free drink is included, door prizes and other surprises during the evening. Catch up with old classmates or old students or make some new friends. Come shiver yer timbers at Nassau’s newest pub on Thursday, February 21st from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Visit my.cob.edu.bs for more information.

International Symposium on Music
The Nassau Music Society and The College of The Bahamas will host the International Symposium on composers of African & Afro-Caribbean descent, Thursday, February 21st, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Harry C. Moore Library and Information Centre. For more information visit http://nassaumusicsociety.org

Keva Bethel Exhibition Opening in Grand Bahama
The Keva M. Bethel Exhibition is scheduled to open on Friday, February 22, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at the Freeport Post Office. The exhibition will feature the life and works of Dr. Bethel as a visionary educator and leader.

National Society of Leadership and Success Video Broadcast
National Society of Leadership and Success presents “How to Write Your Own Obituary” How will you be remembered? Video broadcast presented by Brad Meltzer, author of the #1 New Your Times Bestseller, “The Inner Circle”

Tuesday, February 26th, 2013
Michael Eldon Boardroom
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Meet the Writer
This event will feature Dr. Nicolette Bethel and Mr. Obediah Michael Smith, Thursday, March 7th 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Upstairs in Chapter One Bookstore. Works by both writers will be on sale at the event.

The College’s Health and Safety Week, organized by the Office of Health and Safety educated the College community on the importance of taking steps towards a healthier lifestyle through a balanced diet, exercising and regular check ups. Dr. Mortimer Moxey, General Medical Practitioner, Family Physician and Medical Advisory for the Bahamas Diabetic Association presented on chronic diseases and the adverse effects they have on the body. These diseases known as “lifestyle” diseases such as heart disease, obesity and diabetes can be cured or greatly reduced by taking measures to adjust one’s diet and exercise habits.