Sidney Poitier Film Festival – Feb. 20-23

The 5th Annual Sidney Poitier Film Festival is set for 20-23 February, 2014 at the Oakes Field Campus. Among the activities will be the premiere of *When a Man Dreams Dreams*, a Bahamian film on the life of the late Winston V. Saunders, film screenings, workshops in writing for film, acting and editing. The festival’s opening panel is “40 Years of Film in The Bahamas” and there will be a roundtable, “The Role of Film Criticism and the Critic in The Bahamas”. For more information visit [www.cob.edu.bs](http://www.cob.edu.bs), email: randall.pinder@cob.edu.bs OR call: 302-4381.

Student Research Presentations on VAT – Feb. 4

Accounting majors will share the second part of their research on the implementation of Value Added Tax (VAT) in the Caribbean region during a forum that will be held in the auditorium of the Harry C. Moore Library and Information Centre on Tuesday, February 4th, 6p.m.-8p.m. The presenters are students of the Accounting Class ACCA 415. Their research will provide valuable insight as the government prepares to implement VAT in The Bahamas by July 2015.

Alumni Leaders Series - Crime Roundtable Feb. 12

COB alumni will return to the Oakes Field Campus as members of a special panel aimed at exploring the factors that contribute to crime and violence in The Bahamas and proposing wholesome programmes and projects for young men. Panelists will include: Commissioner Ellison Greenslade, L.E.A.D Institute President Troy Clarke; VP, Advancement, Ian Strachan and Bar Association President Elsworth Johnson. The Alumni Leaders Series will be held on Wednesday, February 12th at 10 a.m. In the Harry C. Moore Library and Information Centre.

Peace Parade Leaves COB Campus

Primary, junior and high school students participated in the Peace Parade which left the Band Shell at COB’s Oakes Field Campus on Friday, Jan. 31st. The students marched to Arawak Cay where a rally was held to encourage them to participate in wholesome activities. The talk show *Immediate Response* also broadcast the activities live from COB.

Call for Research

The Office of Academic Affairs invites submissions for the Sixth Annual Student Research Symposium scheduled for Friday, 28th March, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Harry C. Moore Library and Information Centre, Oakes Field Campus. Details regarding submissions and guidelines are available online at [www.cob.edu.bs](http://www.cob.edu.bs) or through the Office of Academic Affairs at sgibson@cob.edu.bs or via telephone at 302-4310.
ACF Judge Trains Jr. Culinary Team

ACF certified judge and restaurateur Chef Frank Abbinati shared his culinary mastery with the students and faculty of CHMI last week, helping them prepare for their cold platter presentations for the upcoming culinary competition, April 24th-27th 2014. He conducted a seminar for students on “Competition, a Building Block for Excellence” and another for faculty on “Industry Trends in Food Preparation and Plating.” Photo above shows Chef Abbinati interacting with students.

Call for Proposals

The Inter-American Development Bank Cultural Center extends an invitation to art and cultural organizations in The Bahamas to apply to the Cultural Development Grant Program which awards grants of between $3,000 and $7,000. Applications are being accepted before February 28th, 2014. Read more about the guidelines: http://idbdocs.iadb.org/wsdocs/getdocument.aspx?docnum=38233772.

Workforce Readiness Boot Camp For Students

CHMI collaborated with the Ministry of Education and the Bahamas Hotel & Tourism Association to host the Workforce Readiness Boot Camp that was held in the Harry C. Moore Library and Information Centre, Jan 30th and 31st. It exposed 12th grade students from various schools to the skills necessary for them to successfully enter the workforce in a range of professions including the hotel and hospitality sectors. Education Minister Hon. Jerome Fitzgerald also spoke to the students. Photo above shows a presentation by the Royal Bahamas Defence Force.

Bahamian Women in Music – February 5th

A Night of Art, History and Poetry

COB Art students (ARTH107) joined artists, historians and poets at the National Art Gallery of The Bahamas (NAGB) on January 30th for "A Night of History and Poetry" responding to the tragic sinking of HMBS Flamingo in 1980. It was part of the current exhibition "The Swan Song of The Flamingo" by visual artist Kishan Munroe. The evening featured readings by noted historian Patricia Glinton-Meicholas along with poets Sonia Farmer and Obediah Smith.