“No Country Should Outsource the Higher Education of Its Citizens.”

Temporary Closure of College for State Service

The College of The Bahamas will be closed on Thursday, February 24th, 2011 in observance of the state service for late College President, Dr. Keva M. Bethel, C.M.G. The College will reopen on Friday, February 25th, 2011.

Memorial service for the late Dr. Keva Marie Bethel

Hundreds attended the Memorial Service and Celebration of the Life of the late Dr. Keva Marie Bethel, C.M.G., held on Friday, February 18th, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in the Performing Arts Centre, COB. Dr. Bethel was remembered as a deeply devoted educator who loved The Bahamas and was keenly committed to its development.

Relocation to Harry C. Moore Library

Effective Monday, Feb. 28th, library services will be offered at the new Harry C. Moore Library & Information Centre. The College community may access the library at the entrance facing the Student Union Building. The relocation of all remaining collections, equipment and other resources from the main, CHMI and law libraries will take place during the week of February 21st. In light of this, the main and CHMI libraries will be closed as of Thursday, Feb. 24th. The law library will remain open until Sunday, Feb. 27th only.

Students, faculty and staff requiring access to seating and print collections during the period Feb. 24th – Feb. 27th should submit their written requests to the Information Desk at the law library. 24-hour online resources is also available for your convenience. We apologize for any inconvenience caused during this period of transition.

2nd Annual Sidney Poitier Film Festival - Feb. 24th - 27th

Mark your calendar for the 2nd Annual Sidney Poitier Film Festival, which will be held this February, 24th - 27th. A total of 9 films will be screened this year. For more information visit http://poitierfestival.yolasite.com or e-mail istrachan@cob.edu.bs.
The Counselling & Health Services Department is offering (COUN100) FIRST YEAR SEMINAR SERIES for Spring 2011. Please visit our Web site for a list of available seminars http://www.cob.edu.bs/CHS/SDS/LectureSeries.pdf.

**Survey on Use of Research Journal**

There is still time for faculty members to participate in a survey on the use of The College’s research journal, the International Journal of Bahamian Studies to inform curriculum development. We urge you to please access the following link to complete the survey: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/IJBS_survey

**New Year, New You!**

The Wellness Centre and Human Resources invite you to come and hear speakers help you to transform your life in these areas: nutrition and health, exercise safety, menu planning and wellness in the workplace. The talks take place on February 25 and March 4, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Wellness Centre.

On March 4th, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. there will be a Fitness Profile Expo in the Wellness Centre. For more information call the Wellness Centre at 302-4592 or HR at 302-4461. Registration forms can be collected from the Wellness Centre or HR.

**Call for the 2011 Stanley Wilson Award**

The Office of Research, Graduate Programmes & International Relations invites submissions for the Stanley Wilson Award for Excellence in Research. The research must have been conducted while at least one of the authors was a full time or part time faculty at The College and been published in a peer-reviewed or academic publication since 12th March 2010. Submissions must be received no later than 4:00 pm on the 11th March 2011. For more information log onto www.cob.edu.bs or contact the Office RGPIR at 302-4455.

Faculty members will present their findings on two compelling issues: education and child abuse – Monday, February 28th in the main foyer. Margo Blackwell will address: “Learning... who gives a hoot?” while William Fielding will share collaborative research on “Child abuse: a data jigsaw” which also involved colleagues Marie Carroll, Shane Brennen, Stephanie Hutcheson and Chaswell Hanna.

To expand opportunities for research and creativity within The College of The Bahamas, the College invites faculty to submit proposals for grants for research, creative and artistic projects starting in the summer of 2011.

Submissions must be received by Shameka Coakley (scoakley@cob.edu.bs) in the Office of Research, Graduate Programmes and International Relations no later than 4:00 pm on the 8th April 2011. The results will be available by the 21st April 2011. For more information log on to: www.cob.edu.bs.

The Office of Research, Graduate Programmes, & International Relations is calling for submissions for the Annual Student Research Symposium, scheduled for Friday, March 25th 2011 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Deadline for submissions is Friday, March 4th. For more information on the criteria and for the application please visit the website www.cob.edu.bs/GraduateProgrammes.

On Tuesday, February 15th, His Excellency Risto Piipponen, Ambassador of Finland to Canada and non-resident Ambassador to The Bahamas paid a courtesy call on President Boze and members of senior team. It was an opportunity to share information and explore matters of mutual interest. Mr. Piipponen has an established career in foreign affairs having served in various diplomatic capacities and as Director General for European Union (EU) Affairs and Coordination in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Finland with responsibility for the coordination of general EU affairs, including the development of the EU and institutional issues.