**Message from the Director of Development**

The College’s Annual Fund is a barometer of THE strength of support from those who know us best – our faculty, staff, alumni, and friends. The greater the percentage of employees who donate to The College, the greater the confidence The College enjoys from the public, from corporations and from foundations. By pooling our individual resources through the Annual Fund, we are able to do a number of things including supporting the newly built Harry C. Moore Library, assisting with scholarships and student aid, and helping with classroom renovations and the purchase of needed equipment.

Your continued support is one of the cornerstones that will help us to become The University of The Bahamas. I wish to thank all our previous donors during the 2009-2010 year for caring and making a difference.

This year, we will continue to build upon our previous success. Thanks to the work by our former Co-Chairs Camille Smith and Darvin Toussaint, our Faculty & Staff members were successful in raising over $10,400. Our aim is to increase this level of philanthropic support which would enable us to do even greater things.

I am pleased to announce Ms. Melanese Coakley, Administrative Assistant in the Office of Graduate Programmes and Mrs. Kandice Eldon, Writer in the Office of Communications are our 2011 Co-Chairs. In the next few weeks they will be visiting each office. We invite your support as you help us build a bright and promising tomorrow for our students, today. Give to the Faculty & Staff Annual Fund. Every gift counts.

**Meet the Annual Fund Co-Chairs**

**Melanese Coakley** works in the Graduate Programmes Office at The College of The Bahamas. She has worked in a multiplicity of organizations with more than 15 years of administrative experience. She holds the professional designation of CPS – Certified Professional Secretary.

Melanese is a member of the International Association of Administrative Professionals - Bahamas Chapter and American Society of Administrative Professionals. Melanese enjoys reading and traveling in her leisure time.

**Kandice Eldon** works in the Office of Communication as a Writer. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communication and Spanish from Campbell University. Her work experience in journalism and public relations spans 10 years, as she worked as a reporter in Atlanta, Georgia and held various public relations roles in state government. Kandice and her family happily moved back to The Bahamas in 2009 and she joined COB that summer. In her spare time, she enjoys painting seascapes, working with young adults and reading.
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 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information on the criteria and for the application please log onto: www.cob.edu.bs or call RGPIR at: 302-4455.

International Women’s Day

The Bureau of Women’s Affairs celebrates the 100th Anniversary of International Women’s Day, Tuesday March 8th, 2011, with a panel discussion on “Women in The Bahamas: Remembering Our Struggles and Unleashing Our Untapped Potential” 9:00 - 11:30 a.m at the BCPOU Hall, Farrington Rd. This event is free. Panelists include the Hon. Theresa Moxey-Ingraham, Mrs. Rubie Nottage, Miss Chavette Black (COB Student) and Miss Collette Daxon (12 grade student at CV Bethel High School).

International Cheer Union Clinics

Cheer Bahamas and the International Cheer Union will host three free clinics for any interested COB student. March 19th, 9:00 a.m - 6:00 p.m. at the Kendal Isaacs Gym. E-mail: bahamacheer@gmail.com for more information or to request a registration form.

Bahama Junior Achievement Conference

The College of The Bahamas participated in the Bahama JAC Conference on February 26, 2011 at the Sheraton Hotel and interacted with more than 550 Junior Achievers from New Providence and the Family Islands. Most of the 12th grade students that visited The College’s booth indicated that they had already applied and anticipated joining The College of The Bahamas. Thanks to our Admissions Recruitment team for representing us well and sharing with the students at the conference.

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. For more information log onto www.cob.edu.bs or contact the Office RGPIR at 302-4455.

Call for Creative Research

The College invites faculty to submit proposals for grants for research, creative and artistic projects. Submissions must be received by Shameka Coakley (scoakley@cob.edu.bs) by April 8th, 2011. For more information log on to: www.cob.edu.bs.

Junior Professionals Summer Programme

The Central Bank of The Bahamas is pleased to invite interested students to apply for its Junior Professionals Summer Programme (JPSP) which provides students the opportunity to participate in an 8-week summer internship. Visit www.centralbankbahamas.com for more details or e-mail hr@centralbankbahamas.com.

Career Exploration & Information Sessions

Architect Marcus Laing, ‘AA ’98, spoke this morning in professor Henry Hepburn’s architecture class, as a part of the “Career Exploration & Information Sessions” series going on this week. The series aims to inform students about the careers they are studying towards and present them with various job opportunities in their particular fields of study.

All information to be considered for placement in the Bulletin should be sent to the address below NO LATER THAN 12 noon on Fridays.

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**Annual Fund FAQs**

**What is the Annual Fund?** The Annual Fund supports the entire College and raises additional funds in unrestricted money each fiscal year between October 1 and June 30. Unrestricted gifts are not designated for a specific purpose and enable The College to use money where it is needed most; taking advantage of unexpected opportunities and funding other costs that are not fully covered by tuition and public funding. Some areas that these restricted gifts cover include student activities, student exchange programmes, scholarships and bursaries, student residences, classroom renovations and equipment, library acquisitions & subscriptions, athletic equipment, facilities & team travel.

**How can I give?** There are many easy ways to make a gift to COB. The Annual Fund is an annual fund-raising initiative that begins October 1 and ends on June 30 each year. You can visit our website at [https://cob.site-ym.com/donations/donate.asp?id=2429](https://cob.site-ym.com/donations/donate.asp?id=2429) or contact Kandice Eldon (x4354) or Melanese Coakley (x2601), annual Faculty & Staff Annual Fund Co-Chairs or The Office of Alumni Relations & Development at x 4359 for more information.

The most common way employees contribute annually includes:

**Pay-roll deductions:** One of the easiest ways to make a gift is by completing the payroll deduction pledge card. Contributions are deducted for staff members monthly.

**One-time gift:** Of course, you may also make an outright gift or divide your gift into monthly installments. Methods of payment may include cash, check or credit card. Gifts, in any and all amounts, are gratefully accepted. You can make your gift online or by sending a check, payable to The College of The Bahamas, attention The Office of Alumni Relations & Development.

**Matching Gift:** If you have a spouse who works for COB, the value of your gift can be enhanced if you both support the College together.

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**Vision Art Exhibition 2011**

Je’Rome Harris Miller opens his exhibition ‘Vision’ on Thursday, April 28th, 2011 at The Christ Church Cathedral Church Hall, top of The Hill, George Street. The exhibition is open from 6pm to 10pm and will remain on display from April 29th to May 1st. Viewing by appointment only. Part proceeds in aid of the Winston V. Saunders College of The Bahamas Scholarship Fund. For More Information Call 242-466-6996.

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**Student Forum with President Boze**

On Thursday March 10th from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Independence Park, President Boze will have an open forum with COB students. Come and share your vision for The College with her.

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**Idea to Publication**

“From Idea to Publication” faculty workshops start this Friday, March 11th. This 6-week course is held on six consecutive Fridays, ending April 15th, 2011. If you are interested and haven’t registered yet, please e-mail referencedesk@cob.edu.bs.

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** Notices **

**COBUS Nomination Forms**
Forms are available from the Campus Life department and should be submitted on or before March 11th.

**Annual Career & Job Fair**
The Counselling and Health Services Department’s Annual Career & Job Fair “Jobs for the present, Careers for the future” will be held on March 10th at 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Independence Park.

**Graduation Meetings 2011**
Graduation meetings are: Wednesday, March 16th; Thursday, April 14th; Wednesday, May 5th; Thursday, May 11th. All meetings are held in the Student Union Building at 6:00 p.m. For more information please contact Bradley Cooper at 302-4592 or e-mail bcooper@cob.edu.bs.

**Environmental Club Tip**
Try carpooling. If both you and a few friends are heading in the same direction, or going to work, why not carpool together. Saves on gas and reduces the amount of carbon monoxide emissions into the atmosphere.