Monday, June 27th, 2011

Business Office Year-End Closures

Please be advised that the following Business Office departments will be closed temporarily for year-end closing procedures on the following dates:

**Accounts Payable Department** - closed from July 1st – 8th, 2011. During this time, persons should visit the office of Mrs. Elvina Bastian, Administrative Assistant to the V.P. Finance. Accounts Payable will reopen on Tuesday, July 12th, 2011.


**Chapter One Bookstore** – closed from June 27th – July 1st, 2011. The bookstore will reopen for business on Saturday, July 2nd, 2011.


Open Budget Hearings Blog

The College community is advised that questions regarding the presentations at the Open Budget Hearings on Thursday and Friday may be forwarded to senior team members at this blog address: [http://budgethearings2011.wordpress.com/](http://budgethearings2011.wordpress.com/) where responses will also be provided.

Independence Fun, Run, Walk, Cycle, Push

The National Independence Celebrations Committee has organized a fun, run, walk, cycle and push event for Saturday, July 2nd and Sunday, July 3rd beginning at 6a.m. On July 2nd the races leave from four locations: Christie Park, Goodman’s Bay, Golden Gates and Montague and all end at Clifford Park. On July 3rd, there is a single race that leaves the Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre and ends at Clifford Park. Persons interested in participating should contact Patricia Francis or Yvette Humes at: 502-4700/502-4752/502-4867 or fax: 325-542 or email: shoebelle@yahoo.com.
BWSI 2011 features Caribbean Literary Icon George Lamming

The Bahamas Writers Summer Institute is excited to announce this year’s featured Guest Writer, George Lamming. In addition to a public lecture at the Harry C. Moore Library and Information Centre on Thursday, July 14th, 7pm, Mr. Lamming will give a reading from current works on Saturday evening, July 16th, at Chapter One Bookstore, and will teach two master classes, one in fiction 10am-1pm on Saturday July 16th, and the other in poetry, 10am-1pm on Sunday, July 17th, also at The College of The Bahamas. The cost of the master classes is $30-$50 (sliding scale) per class. The lecture and reading are free, and all events are open to the public.

New Chinese Ambassador Arrives

At a reception on June 2nd at the Sheraton Hotel, the new Chinese Ambassador, His Excellency, Mr. Hu Shan, was introduced to the Bahamian public. In attendance were many notables from both government and the private sector.

Before coming to The Bahamas, Ambassador Hu visited the Confucius Institute Headquarters in Beijing and pledged his support for the Confucius Classroom at COB. The new Ambassador, also donated several books about China to The College.

PSPs Learning About Leadership

Presidents Scholars Programme [PSP] representatives Jamaine Wallace and Dana Campbell participated in the annual leadership immersion experience in New York from Tuesday, June 21st to Saturday, June 25th, 2011 intended to expose the scholars to various leadership styles and introduce them to leaders across a broad spectrum.

While in NY, the two met with: Steve Lynch, New York City Inner City School teacher; Rhonda Chipman-Johnson, Bahamas Consul General to New York; Omar Kane, General Manager, Element Hotel Times Square West New York; Paulette Bethel, Bahamas Permanent Representative to the United Nations; Keisha-Ann Gray, Senior Counsel, Proskauer Law Firm and David Santos-Donaldson, Psychotherapist.