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Mr. Lester Flowers, Assistant Professor in Chemistry, Environmental and Life Sciences, recently delivered a presentation on Plant Tourism as part of the academic year long focus on the theme: **Migration**. During the lecture, held in the auditorium of the Harry C. Moore Library & Information Centre, Mr. Flowers showed the origins of invasive plants found in The Bahamas.

**Faculty and Staff Annual Fund**

June 30th is coming fast. Get your payroll deduction forms in to get credit for this year and next! Many gifts are already in, and for that we are thankful. Congratulations to the following departments for their Annual Fund achievements: Offices of the Dean of Pure & Applied Sciences and Liberal & Fine Arts, AR&D and Office of Communications have all reached 25% participation; The Physical Plant Department and School of English are tied for the highest number of donors.

Contact your Co-chairs Nakessa Beneby and Peter McWilliam to support your department and the Annual Fund.

**First Year Seminar Series**

Counselling 100 seminars are going on now. Register for seminars that explore various topics, including: Interpersonal Violence in Various Forms, Improving Your Health and more. For a complete list of seminar titles, dates and times, please visit: [http://www.cob.edu.bs/CHS/SDS/LectureSeries.pdf](http://www.cob.edu.bs/CHS/SDS/LectureSeries.pdf)

**2012 Graduation Meeting Dates**

All meetings will be held in the Performing Arts Centre at 6:00 p.m. Meetings will be kept to one (1) hour maximum. Meeting dates: 15th February, 2012; 14th March, 2012; 12th April, 2012; 25th April, 2012; 9th May 2012.

**Requesting Work Study Students**

All units are reminded that students identified for work study are to complete a work-study application and sign confidentiality statements and requests for work study must be forwarded to the Financial Aid office via email. Hours worked must be recorded on time cards and signed by both the supervisor and student. Each student is to be paid $5.00 per hour, half to be paid from the department’s budget and the other half from Financial Aid’s budget. A General Purchase Requisition must also be completed for each student for the full amount, signed and sent to Financial Aid for co-signature before being forwarded to the Business Office.

**Short Film Festival Call for Films**

Are you a COB student or recent alum with an idea for a short film? Have you produced one recently? Then share your creative genius and enter the 2nd Annual Short Film Festival. Win a prize and affirm your talent in film. Registration forms can be downloaded from [http://www.cob.edu.bs/conferences/cobfilmfestival.php](http://www.cob.edu.bs/conferences/cobfilmfestival.php).

**Research Edge**

The Office of Academic Affairs is inviting faculty to present the results of their research projects at the Research Edge forum. If you are interested in participating, please contact William Fielding at wfielding@cob.edu.bs or call 302 4311.

Research Edge presentations for the Spring semester are at noon in the auditorium of the Harry C. Moore Library. The session topics, presenters and dates are as follows: The Role of Fats in the Progression of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus by Dr. Kenya Ward on Friday, February 17th; Performance Appraisal Systems as a Strategic Resource Management Tool in the Bahamian Public Service by Dr. Carolyn Rolle on Friday, March 16th.

**Call for Research Submissions**

The College invites employees to submit proposals for grants to research, creative & artistic projects being undertaken this Summer (2012). Submission of grants must be received by William Fielding wfielding@cob.edu.bs in the Office of Planning no later than 4:00 pm on the 30th April 2012. It is expected that grants will be in the order of $500-$3,000, but larger requests will be considered. Projects should have a demonstrable impact on national development or national culture. Log onto [www.cob.edu.bs](http://www.cob.edu.bs) for more info.