HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2009

The Cabinet Office has informed us that the following dates will be observed as public holidays this year:

New Year’s Day - 1st January (Thursday)
Good Friday - 10th April (Friday)
Easter Monday - 13th April (Monday)
Whit Monday - 1st June (Monday)
Labour Day - 5th June (Friday)
Independence Day - 10th July (Friday)
Emancipation Day - 3rd August (Monday)
Discovery Day - 12th October (Monday)
Christmas Day - 25th December (Friday)
* Boxing Day - 26th December (Saturday)-actual holiday subject to change at a later date.

SUSPENSION OF CATERING

Please note that, until further notice, the Food and Beverage Department of the Culinary and Hospitality Management Institute (C.H.M.I.) will not be catering any functions. We hope to be able to resume services as soon as possible and will inform you accordingly.

The Food and Beverage Department apologizes for any inconvenience caused.

“No Country Should Outsource The Higher Education of Its Citizens.”
Monday, January 12th, 2009

President Hodder on Cable 12

Cable 12 host Dr. Keith Wisdom’s interview of President Hodder on the stage of the newly renovated Performing Arts Centre will be aired on Monday January 12th at 8:30p.m and is scheduled to be rebroadcast on Friday January 16th at 8:30p.m.

EVENTS

ANIMAL CRUELTY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SEMINAR

Wednesday January 14th, 2009

Advocates for Animal Rights, The Bahamas Humane Society and ARK will host a presentation by Director of Planning William Fielding on the link between animal cruelty and domestic violence. He has been investigating the local dog population for about 20 years and has published his results in international journals and is a coauthor of “Potcakes.” The Seminar is 6 pm - 8 pm at The Nassau Yacht Club East Bay St. Free admission.

BAHAMAS HISTORICAL SOCIETY “Farm Road”

Thursday January 15th, 2009

College of The Bahamas alumnus, Ward Minnis Jr., presents his research thesis on “The Fergusons of Farm Road,” a radio broadcast in the Bahamas from 1970-1974. Minnis has exhibited in many famous art exhibitions and earned a Bachelor’s degree in English Literature and Caribbean Studies from York University in Toronto, Canada. He is presently in Ottawa, Canada at Carleton University pursuing a MA in History with a Caribbean focus.

NASSAU MUSIC SOCIETY presents Echoes From Twentieth Century - Friday and Saturday, January 16th and 17th, 2009

An evening of Spanish music featuring College professor Christine Gangelhoff on flute and classical guitarist Roberto Porroni. At Balmoral Club, Sandford Drive, on Friday and at St. Paul’s Church, Lyford Cay on Saturday. Tickets $25 members, $35 non-members, $10 students. Call 327-7668 to make reservations.
SIGMA WEEK January 12th - 17th

Sigma fraternity is holding a week of events to celebrate its SIGMA WEEK. MONDAY - Welcome Back Celebration 2-4p.m. (Independence Park) TUESDAY - Development Seminar 2-4p.m. (SUB) WEDNESDAY - Sigma Step Up and Read from 12noon (Chapter One Bookstore) THURSDAY - Stepshow and Grillout 2-4p.m. (Independence Park and Sigma Plot) SATURDAY - Dorm Party at 3p.m. COB Dorms

EVENTS cont’d

RESEARCH EDGE FORUM - January 16th
The topic for the January Research Edge Forum is Challenges of Development and Sustainability in The Bahamas: The Role of Civil Society. It will be presented by Jessica Minnis, Associate Professor, and Yvette Newry, Assistant Professor, in the School of Social Sciences, on Friday 16th, January in the Lecture Theatre of the Culinary & Hospitality Management Institute at 12 noon. The presentation will focus on the challenges of development and sustainability in The Bahamas as they pertain to land use and the role of civil society in preserving the environment, culture and heritage.

CULINARY/MANAGEMENT SKILLS WORKSHOP IN GRAND BAHAMA - January 20th - 21st
The Culinary and Hospitality Management Institute holds a two-day session titled “Effective Supervisory Skills: The Basics in Grand Bahama.” This workshop is designed for employees seeking promotion, first time front-line supervisors or supervisors needing a refresher course.

FAMILY NIGHT AT THE CARNIVAL
Members of The Bahamas Financial Services Union (BFSU) and the National Congress of Trade Unions of The Bahamas (NCT’UB) Affiliates and their families are invited to the annual family fun night at the Carnival at the Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre. Dates are as follows: Police Day - Thursday 15th January 2009; Union Day/Hotel Workers - Thursday 22nd January 2009 & Thursday 29th January 2009; Government Employees Day – Wednesday 28th January 2009; Time: 5:00 pm until 10:00 pm; Fee: $10.00 per person (including children) Admission by letter which can be collected from UTEB’s office.

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NOTICES

THE COLLEGE EXTENDS CONDOLENCES
Edwin Scavella, nephew of Nurse Fredrica Sands, passed away last week and his funeral took place on Saturday 10th, January. Our sympathies are with Nurse Sands and her family at this time.

OUT OF OFFICE
Registrar - Dr. Danny Davis will be out of office from January 13th to 15th, 2009. Should you require assistance, please contact Mrs. Natasha Williamson @ 302-4490 or e-mail: nwilliamson@cob.edu.bs.

SUGGESTION BOX
The suggestion box located outside the President’s Office is cleared every Friday. Feel free to drop any suggestions, questions or comments you may have in the box.

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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STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

There are a number of Study Abroad opportunities available for students who have a cumulative GPA of 2.80. Students interested in learning about Study Abroad programmes and possible destinations should collect an application form from the Office of Research, Graduate Programmes and International Relations. The cost for each programme is $2,500.00 per student. Study abroad and student exchange information presentations will be held on Thursday, January 15 at 3pm and Monday, January 26 at 11am in the Michael Eldon Complex Boardroom. Study abroad and student exchange interviews for selected candidates will be held at a later date.

Contact Information:
Valdez K. Russell, International Relations Liaison or Natasha A. Pyfrom, Office of Research, Graduate Programmes & International Relations [Oakes Field Shopping Centre], The College of The Bahamas, vkrussell@cob.edu.bs/ npyfrom@cob.edu.bs, Phone: 242-302-4379/4455, Fax: 242-322-3207

WELLNESS CENTRE

Beginning Saturday, January 17th, 2009 the Wellness Centre will open from 8am-12noon free of charge for all faculty, staff and students.

Persons wanting to book the Wellness Centre dance studio for meetings, events or classes must contact the Wellness Centre Office (ext. 4573, 4592 or 4349) at least three days prior to the event.