Dear College of The Bahamas family,

In light of the especially difficult economic times many families have experienced, including residents of the nearby Bain Town community, last year’s Christmas Cheer was replaced with the Big Give Initiative for the New Year.

We invite you to make a charitable contribution - in cash or kind – toward the Mount Olive Baptist Church Meals on Wheels Programme for shut-ins and senior citizens who are especially vulnerable. You may donate bread basket items including rice, grits and food in plastic packaging as well as warm clothing. No gift is too small. The College will match the dollar value of all faculty and staff donations.

From now until January 15th, 2010, you may turn in your financial gift to any of the cashiers at the Business Office and all other donations to the Human Resources Department. For more information and to make a donation, please contact Julie Harts at 302-4300 or 302-4472 or email: jharts@cob.edu.bs

We thank you all for your generosity and care for others in need. Happy New Year.

Associate Vice President, Human Resources
Renee Mayers

“*No Country Should Outsource The Higher Education of Its Citizens.*”
Monday, January 4th, 2010

**EVENTS**

**NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION, ADVISEMENT & REGISTRATION**

New Student Orientation, Advisement & Registration - January 5th and 6th, 2010

Tuition & Bill Payment - January 6th, 2010

Late Registration - January 7th and 8th, 2010

Classes Begin - January 11th, 2010

**BAHAMAS BUSINESS OUTLOOK**

**January 14th**

The 19th Annual Bahamas Business Outlook will be held on Thursday, January 14th beginning at 8:30a.m. at the Wyndham Nassau Resort under the theme 2010-2020: A Decade for Action and Accountability. Speakers will include Minister of Tourism and Aviation, Sen. the Hon. Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace; Director of the National Insurance Board, Algernon Cargill; President of the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce, Khaalis Rolle; CEO and Executive Director of the Bahamas Financial Services Board, Wendy Warren; Associate Professor in the School of English Studies, Dr. Ian Strachan and other business and medical professionals. For more information, contact 322-7505 or email efielder@thecounsellorsltd.com or register online at www.tclevents.com
ATHLETICS

MEN’S VOLLEYBALL

Our men’s volleyball team will play its final two games in the New Providence Volleyball Association (NPVA) this week at the D W Davis Gymnasium.

January 6 – vs. The Defenders @ 7:30 p.m.
January 8 – vs. Da Basement @ 8:30 p.m.

The men’s volleyball team will participate in its first ever intercollegiate competition in the Warner University Volleyball Classic, January 13-17 in Florida.

WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL

Our women’s volleyball team was successful in making it to the New Providence Volleyball Association (NPVA) playoffs which begin the week of January 11th at the D W Davis Gymnasium. Support our team as they make a run for the NPVA Championship.

MEN’S SOCCER

The men’s soccer team lost to the Insurance Management Bears in the Bahamas Football Association’s prestigious President’s Cup 6-0.

Upcoming games are:
January 10 vs. SC Shark – 1:00 p.m.
January 17 vs. Cavalier – 3:00 p.m.

SOCcer TRY-Outs

Open try outs for the men’s soccer team for 2010/11 is set for Saturday, January 16 at 1:00 p.m. at COB’s Soccer field. Persons interested should contact Coach Bethel at 454-6613 or the Athletics Department at 302-4349 or athletics@cob.edu.bs.

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMME

Students may now apply for the Study Abroad Programme for Spring 2010 to attend colleges and universities in Canada, England, Mexico, Costa Rica, Spain and the United States including the semester at sea programme.

Applications are available from the Office of Research, Graduate Programmes and International Relations.

Partial funding for study abroad and student exchange funding has been provided through Santander Bank and the Lyford Cay Foundation.

For applications, you may also log onto www.cob.edu.bs.

E-MAIL ETIQUETTE

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