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Healthy Nation = Wealthy Nation

Over 200 persons comprising of students, faculty and staff took advantage of health services during the University's Wellness Fair held in April at Central Campus, Belmopan.

Services included: glucose test; immunization; pap smear; HIV testing/counseling; blood pressure check; dental, mental and public health education as well as physical and sports. Other activities also included stress buster massages and reflexology as well as herbal products.

The health fair was aimed at promoting health, beauty, joy, confidence, productivity and balance, it was coordinated by the Office of Student Affairs in collaboration with various health related agencies.



Trail Blazers



Gian Vasquez of the affirmative

The Culture of Muting Children was the topic of debate for students of the Faculty of Education and Arts under the leadership of Lecturer, Mrs. Tracy Sangster.



Active audience

The students were divided into two groups, one given the thesis: Children should be taught how to develop a voice at an early age and the other, with the antithesis: Giving children a voice too early leads to rebellion.

Emerging as the winner was the affirmative group which scored 263 out of 300, and the negative, earning a score of 229. The groups were ranked based on presentation and articulation without using cue cards as well as responding to questions based on facts and research.



Students paying close attention



The judges: Ms. Ivory Kelly, Mr. Ubaldimir Guerra, and Dr. Cynthia Thompson

The Affirmative Team was comprised of the following speakers; Marelli Rodriguez, Gian Vasquez, Kadijah Marin, and Edwin Lopez. Researchers: Merlin Pineda, Maytrian Shal and Delight Silva.

Speakers of the Negative Team included Courtney Weatherburne, Shanice Gill, Bray Supal, Claudette Longsworth. Researchers were Cheri Ortiz, Irma Makin and Nelisha Castillo.



Lecturer: Tracey Sangster posing with her trail blazers

Reading: a lifelong learning



Minister Faber (center) examines the book displays

The Belize Book Industry Association organized a Book Week themed "Bet on Books" to commemorate Book and Copyright month with events at the University of Belize and the Bliss Center for the Performing Arts. Guest speaker, Minister of Education, Youth and Sports, Hon. Patrick Faber reiterated the importance of reading as a lifelong process.



Education: Breaking Barriers

Over 100 students of the Faculty of Education and Arts (FEA) under the guidance of Lecturer, Dr. Thomasine Baker participated in the presentation of information on strategies to overcome barriers that negatively impact children and youth.

Display booths featured; Careers: Preparing for Your Future; Motivating Learners: Strategies for classroom Teachers; Considerations for School Counselors; and What's Influencing Your School Age Child?



Proud champions of FEA



Getting to the point

The theme of this year's Annual Community Outreach Event was entitled: "Education, for Children and Youths in Today's Society."



Testing the mind.

History of Cuba



H.E. Manuel Rubido speaking to students

The History of Cuba was presented to History students by the Ambassador of Cuba; H.E. Manuel J. Rubido at Central Campus.

Ambassador Rubdio is the former Deputy Director of Cooperation of the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has temporary missions in over 50 countries and Permanent Missions to the United Kingdom and Belize.

Latin America's Struggles



Charge d'Affaires Mr. Gabriel Sanchez

"Since the historical process of The Latin American and Caribbean countries for their independence started 200 years ago," said Mr. Sanchez. "The rise of Latin America was precipitated by a deep economic crisis, the break-

down of the economy, large scale unemployment and the impoverishment of the middle class."

Interested in viewing the full text of the presentation? We invite you to visit our library at a campus near you.

State of the Region



Mr. Alberto Mora, Research Coordinator, State of the Region

and food security.

Findings of the Fourth report of the State of the Central American Region on the main trends of development in the Isthmus and the perspectives for Belize in this context was presented at the University of Belize. The report identified current complex challenges: education, migration, environmental challenges, disasters, social exclusion, ageing population, labour force, remittances to home countries; as well as the impact of agriculture in particular food supply

Remarks of the President, Dr. Cary Fraser which was delivered by Dr. Filiberto Penados, Research Director can be found at www.ub.edu.bz. CEO of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs H.E. Alexis Rosado in his presentation said, "in Belize, to address human security and social inclusion, the Government is now implementing various programmes to assist the most vulnerable in our society." Drs. Angel Cal and Filiberto Penados represented UB and participated in the production of the report.

The Estado de la Region Program is a Costa Rican based organization that has been conducting research in Central America for the past 17 years.

Administrative Professionals: the pulse of the office



In recognition of their unwavering contributions, dedication and continued commitment in providing optimum service to meet and respond to the needs of Belizeans and Belize, the Office of Human Resource hosted Administrative Professionals Day 2012 under the international theme: "Admins, the Pulse of the Office."

Presenters from various work disciplines spoke on relevant issues covering team work and confidentiality; managing finances; wellness and fitness; body, mind and spirit were presented at the event by renowned presenters from private and public sectors.

Administrative Professionals Day marked its 60th anniversary on April 25. Over the decades, the job of an administrative professional has changed dramatically thanks to new technologies, techniques and seismic shifts in the economy and culture itself. However, they have remained the steady center of efficiency, and providing valuable contributions to realize deadlines within budgetary exigencies. Administrative professionals have also often been referred to as 'masters of data' in a world that demands the accurate and speedy movement of digital information coupled with the fact that they carry out these functions while simultaneously maintain their more traditional role as the gate-keepers for the organization.

Congrats to all Admins: the Pulse of the office.

Ariel Rosado Memorial Ride

Riders from all over the country participated in the first annual Ariel Rosado Memorial Education Foundation ride. The ride will be a signature fundraising event for the foundation. It commenced in San Ignacio at the Galen Campus. The first stop was at the UB Central Campus where they were greeted by Mayor of Belmopan His Worship Simeon Lopez and UB officials; it continued to the Boom road and through to Belize City ending at Bruce's Bike Shop. The annual ride, which will take place on the third Saturday after the



Cooling out under the tent

Cross Country Cycling Classic will serve to raise funds to provide scholarships and to fund participation in Sporting Activities; provide cyclists an opportunity to train while supporting a worthy cause; provide non cyclists an opportunity to engage in healthy exercise while supporting a worthy cause; and provide the cycling community an opportunity to pay tribute to their fallen colleagues.



Mr. Rosado (Ariel's father) along with Mayor Lopez

It is also an opportunity for all Belizeans, corporate and private to help those youths who are most needy and deserving of an opportunity to realize their goals for the benefit of the entire community.

On May 14, 2011 the Belizean community lost yet another of its outstanding and promising young men with the death of Ariel Rosado in a tragic traffic accident. Ariel was a sterling role model for Belizeans of all ages, inspiring many through his accomplishments in cycling and education.

The Ariel Rosado Memorial Education Foundation was established in memory of Ariel and his achievements as an athlete and student to raise funds to assist deserving Belizean youths to accomplish their goals and to develop healthy minds in healthy bodies. The objectives of the Foundation

are to sponsor a minimum of ten high school scholarships annually

to Belizean youth base on need, ability, and an interest in developing a healthy mind in a healthy body; and to provide funding to assist Belizean athletes to participate in sporting activities at home and abroad.



A welcomed stopover



And they are off...

Black Jaguars: Brings gold home for Belize and UB

Last month a contingent of more than 60 athletes and coaches—represented the University of Belize in the IV Juegos Deportivos Universitarios Centroamericanos ((JUDUCA) The Sport Games of Central American Universities) from April 16-April 20 in Guatemala City, Guatemala. The delegation from UB joined counterparts from 15 other universities from Central America to compete in the disciplines of chess, soccer/football, basketball, track and field, futsal, table tennis, swimming, karate, and volleyball.

The UB Black Jaguars fielded male teams in volleyball, football, and basketball; and male and female teams in track and field. The Black Jaguars won gold for basketball and two bronze medals for track and field. Irice Reyes finished third in the female long jump (4.95 m) and Mark Anderson finished third in the Male 200 m clocking 11:01 seconds. In basketball, UB Black Jaguars defeated University de San Carlos de Guatemala 57 - 51 to take the gold with an undefeated record after overpowering Honduras, Nicaragua, and El Salvador. UB Black Jaguars finished fourth in volleyball and soccer/football.

JUDUCA—held every two years—is an expression of regional integration and Central American University student fellowship in the name of sports that offers student athletes the opportunity to compete in a singular sporting event that also promotes cultural coexistence. It is an activity organized and supported by the Central American University Higher Council (CSUCA) and the Regional Council Vice Chancellor of Student Life (CONREVE).

Football: Allen Armstrong, Garrett Bermudez, Jatta Caliz, Delvin Jacobs, Keenen Lopez, Brain Membreno, Sean Lewis, Andres Makin, Zadock Moore, Wani Morgan, George Ortega, James Petillo, Highking Roberts, Justin Wade, Gerardo Vanegas, Benedicto Yatz, Kaylon Young, Devon Makin.
Coaches: Paul Morgan, Danilo Marcilio, Ian Sangster

Basketball: Farron Lauriano, Michael Martinez, Winston Pratt, Daniel Nolberto, Travis Lennan, Ryan Zuniga, Alfred Bainton, Uhuru Mckoy, Kent Welch, Lindbergh Graham, Steven Williams. **Coach:** Darren Bovell

Volleyball: Elton Moore, Yserri Palacio, Jaleel Lino, Werner Castaneda, Arnie Augustine, Radin Santos, Rasheed Arzu, Darlis Avila, Orel Leslie, Amir Paquil, Drew Gill and Keiner Loriz. **Coaches:** Leon Leslie, Claude Jones

Track & Field: Male: Mark Anderson, Rashim Pitts, Deron Russel, Skyler Williams. **Coach:** Luke Martinez Female: Misty Tablada, Kimberly Spence, Irice Reyes, Elsaída Castillo. **Coach:** Eda Arzu

The University would like to thank the Belize Amateur Athletic Association (BAAA) and its President Ian Gray; the Ministry of Transport and Director of Transport Chrispin Jefferies; all the students, parents and other members of the university community who collaborated in any way to make this undertaking a success.



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