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Fulbright and UB Collaborate on Teaching English Methods

The University of Belize, in collaboration with the Fulbright Scholarship Program, of the United States, has developed a Sheltered Instruction Model for teaching English to students who come from a variety of language backgrounds, and for students who may not demonstrate adequate language proficiency in English.

Sheltered Instruction consists of teaching strategies that focus on language and content and is used as a teaching tool for lecturers/teachers to teach students at different levels of proficiency, in particular, students whose first language is not English. Sheltered Instruction used in American schools to boost the performance of students from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds.



“In Belize, we have been operating on the assumption for a number of years that students are proficient in English. However, our experience in the classrooms is that this assumption is inaccurate,” said the Acting Dean of the Faculty of Education and Arts, Dr. Priscilla Brown-Lopez. She added, that “in order to meet academic requirements across the curriculum, it is of critical importance to ensure that students improve their knowledge and use of English.”

The University has received support from the Fulbright program through the work of Dr Aileen Hale, Idaho State University professor, who is working in Belize to teach students entering schools from bi/multilingual backgrounds. The training program was designed to assess current teaching methods and to devise a plan for the integration of new teaching strategies for improving the students’ use of English across the curriculum.

Dr. Hale conducted a two-week training program in August for UB Educators in the 8 Components of the Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP): Preparation, Building Background, Comprehensible Input, Strategies, Interaction, Practice/Application, Lesson Delivery, and Review/Assessment. These components emphasize the instructional practices that are critical for English language learners to improve their academic performance.

Dr Hale is an educational specialist with training and experience in bilingual education, methods of teaching Spanish and English as a foreign/second language, the process of language acquisition; and Sheltered Instruction. Discussions with the Fulbright scholar, also explored the development of a Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL) program to be offered through the University’s Regional Language Centre (RLC) and marketing for the TESOL Certificate.

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and people of other countries. It was established in 1946.

Step Up! Take Charge! A Healthier Belize Begins Today!

Fourth Year Nursing students at the University of Belize held the fourth annual Reproductive Health Fair of the Faculty of Nursing, Allied Health, and Social Work at the University's Central Campus in Belmopan. Speaking to students, faculty, and staff, Guest speaker, Minister of Health, Hon. Pablo Marin emphasized that "health is about our minds and bodies. It is physical, mental, spiritual and emotional. It is our most important asset! We really should do everything we can to promote and preserve it."



"Here are the future care providers; the future nurses for our clinics and hospitals and it is good to see the love and respect that they have for their fellow Belizeans."
Minister of Health, Hon. Pablo Marin

Activities at the event included presentations by students and different health tests such as blood pressure, pap

smear, breast exam, and HIV.

The fair was held under the theme "Step Up! Take Charge! A Healthier Belize Begins Today!" The hosts, NURS 4051 students, thanked the Ministry of Health, Western Regional Hospital, and UB Central Campus Student Government for their assistance in hosting a successful fair.



New Members appointed to UB Board of Trustees

The inaugural meeting for new members of the Board of Trustees of the University of Belize, in accordance with the University of Belize Act Chapter 37, Revised Edition 2000, was held on October 11, 2013 at the Conference Room, UB's Administration Building, Central Campus, Belmopan.

Mr Harrison Pilgrim, Appointee of the Minister of Education, Youth and Sports, was elected as the Chairman of the Board while Mr. Steve Spiro, Private Sector representative for Tourism also nominated by the Minister, was elected as the Vice-Chairman.



The new Board consists of the following members:

1. **Ms. Anita Ack**, representative, UB's Association of Student Governments
2. **Dr. Peter Allen**, Chief Executive Officer, Official of the Ministry of Health
3. **Mr. Jose Alpuche**, Chief Executive Officer, Official of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Agriculture
4. **Ms. Brenda Armstrong**, representative, Council of Churches
5. **Mr. Kerry Belisle**, representative, UB's Alumni Association
6. **Ms. Joan Burke**, representative, Non-governmental and Civil Society Organization
7. **Mr. Gaspar Martinez**, representative, Private Sector for Agriculture
8. **Mr. Luke Palacio**, representative, National Trade Union Congress of Belize
9. **Rev. Roosevelt Papouloute**, representative, National Council for Education (returning Board Member)
10. **Mr. Harrison Pilgrim**, Appointee of the Minister of Education, Youth and Sports (returning Board Member)
11. **Mr. Deryck Satchwell**, Official of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (returning Board Member)
12. **Dr. Sharmayne Saunders**, representative, Association of Tertiary Level Institutions of Belize (ATLIB) (returning Board member)
13. **Mr. Steve Spiro**, representative, Private Sector for Tourism, (returning Board Member)
14. **Mr. Lynn Young**, representative, Private Sector for Industry

There is a vacant seat on the Board for a Faculty Representative from within the University, and after an election is conducted, this person will be appointed. The President of the University, Dr. Cary Fraser, is the Secretary to the Board.

Present at the inaugural meeting was the Minister of Education, Youth and Sports, Hon. Patrick Faber and his Chief Executive Officer, Mr. David Leacock.

Growing Population

On the occasion of Caribbean Statistics Day 2013, the University of Belize (UB) in partnership with the Statistical Institute of Belize (SIB) launched the 2010 Census at the University's Central Campus, Belmopan in October.



We have to understand what type of demographics in society means and the kinds of policy/policies that need to be addressed.

Even with migration taking place there was significant out-migration of skilled people from Belize, has led to fundamental problem for UB and in that context, the importance for UB to work with SIB, hence the Signing of Memorandum of Understanding."

UB President, Dr. Cary Fraser

The population of Belize, that is persons residing in the country, is 324,528. Given the fact that a Census is conducted every ten years, the current mid-year estimated population for 2013 is 350,000. Data from the Census reveals that the majority of the population lives in the rural areas compared to 45.2% living in urban areas, and that the population is evenly divided 100 males per 100 females. Other areas of significance in relation to national development include ethnic groups, languages, chronic illness, literacy, orphaned children etc.

Census data is used as a planning tool for government policy makers, other areas of the public sector, NGOs, and the private sector; it is also needed as a sample frame for household surveys and as a reference point for making population estimates.



"In recognition of the importance of statistics, said if our personal and collective means are to improve...can only be done effectively with good statistical information."

Minister Santiago Castillo

Guests at the event included the Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance & Economic Development, Hon. Santiago Castillo; President of University of Belize, Dr Cary Fraser; SIB Chairman, Dr. Aaron Lewis, and Executive Director Mr Glen Avilez; members and representatives of the Diplomatic Corps; United Nations agencies; non-government organizations, and teachers, stu-

dents and staff members from SIB and UB.



"The institute is releasing on CD a beta version of a tabulation system that allows any user with a personal computer - no internet access needed - to produce their own tables and graphs from the 2010 census database."

SIB Chairman, Dr. Aaron Lewis



"Presentation focused on housing, in particular on socio-economic groups and selected consumer durable goods to assess socio-economic status of household."

Glen Avilez, SIB

dents and staff members from SIB and UB.

This year is also being observed as the International Year of Statistics, under the theme "Statistics in Everyday Life. Let us Educate and Appreciate."

Young Belizean Leaders

The United Nations Development Programme, in partnership with the University of Belize, hosted a two day Social Audit Workshop for young Belizean leaders and Entrepreneurs at the University of Belize, Central Farm Campus, in the Cayo District on October 25 to 26, 2013.

A total of 34 youth leaders, between the ages of 18-29, women and men equally represented, between the ages of 18-29, from tertiary level student government bodies as well from civil society organizations participated in the Social Audit Workshop.

The workshop focused on the rights young people have to participate in auditing exercises of their government. The facilitators explained that it is a must to train youths in technical skills of social auditing and the ability to analyze and interpret public information. Social auditing gives people the tools that enable them to answer questions that citizens ask, and emphasizes that they have the right to know about the government.

A social audit is an accountability mechanism whereby citizens organize and mobilize to evaluate or audit a government's performance and policy decisions. It rests on the premise that when officials are watched and monitored, they feel greater pressure to respond to their constituents' demands and have fewer incentives to abuse their power.

Objectives of the workshop were:

- Enhancement of youth civic engagement to support demands for greater social accountability;
- Promotion of the development of management, leadership and practical skills for social audit from different dimensions, such as political, social, technical and collective action, among youth leaders in Belize;



UNDP Assistant Regional Representative, Mr. Daniel Alemu, and UB President Dr. Cary Fraser

- Strengthening and enhancing of management, policy and technical skills, for the design, implementation, communication and evaluation of social audit processes; and
- The provision of analytical tools for application.

The workshop culminated with a small ceremony at which the participants received a certificate of completion and all the tools needed to conduct a social audit.

Facilitators for the workshop were Gerardo Berthin, Regional Policy Advisor in Local Governance and Decentralization, Terri-Ann Gilbert-Roberts, Consultant in Democratic Governance and Youth Participation Issues, and Amram Lemoth, Youth Facilitator.



Promoting Patriotism at UB

The University of Belize, through the Faculty of Education and Arts and in collaboration with the Central Campus Student Government Association, celebrated UB Annual Patriotic Day at the Jaguar Auditorium, Belmopan on September 18. Hundreds of patriotic students and other Belizeans celebrated the fever of Belizeanness.

Two Belizeans were recognised for being outstanding patriots at the event. Mrs. Arcadia Carillo, was awarded for serving Belize for 55 years as a teacher. The other recipient of this prestigious award was Rowan Garel who inspired others through his accomplishments towards making Belize a better country for the visually impaired.

Both patriots were presented with plaques by the Deputy Mayor of Belmopan City Council, Mr. Joel Westby.



Speaking to a packed audience, Interim Dean of the Faculty, Dr. Priscilla Brown-Lopez, spoke of the importance of patriotism in nation building. Mr. Cesar Ross, Guest Speaker and History Lecturer of the University, also spoke about the importance of the Belize Diaspora in patriotism which he calls the "seventh district."

Students also had an opportunity to show how patriotic they are by participating in competitions in poetry, song, and dress. Congratulations to the winners of the various competitions.



Patriotic Competition Winners			
Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Poetry	Olivette Ramos	Felcia Zuniga	Eliphaz Santos
Song	Sylvan Neal	Noevia Arzu	
Dress	Olivette Ramos	Mikayla Banner	Jennifer Tatum

Convocation: Making a Mark

Students enrolled in the Faculty of Management and Social Sciences (FMSS) were exposed to the traditions and values of the faculty at their annual Convocation. The aim of the Convocation, which is to foster and enhance an FMSS spirit among students, faculty and staff, was held under the theme: "Change Ourselves, Change Organizations, Change the World."

The Dean of FMSS, Dr Vincent Palacio, encouraged students to embrace higher learning and to read more because, he noted, reading is considered one of the critical roots of knowledge.

The event was held in September at the Jaguar Auditorium, Central Campus, Belmopan.



Preparing Entrepreneurs

As part of Development Finance Corporation's Anniversary, Assistant General Manager of Development Finance Corporation (DFC), Mr. Franklyn Magloire delivered a presentation on "Preparation of Business Plans" to students of the University of Belize.

The presentation covered several topics related to business plan including Executive Summary, Vision and Mission statements, Business and Industry Profile, Industry Analysis, Business Strategy, Company Products and Services, Marketing Strategy, and Financial Forecasts.



There were approximately 125 business students in attendance. These included students from Belize City and the Belmopan Campus.

Throughout the presentation, students expressed a deep interest in the topic discussed. In particular, the students of the Small Business classes benefited greatly as the presentation was directly associated with their semester final project. Of interest was that most of the students in attendance were eager to quickly respond to questions raised by the presenter through different segments of the presentation. At the end of the presentation, students expressed their desire to have more forums of this nature.

Young Belizean Historian



Rolando Cocom is a magna cum laude graduate of the Bachelor's in history program at the University of Belize. He was born in the year 1990 and raised in the twin town of San Ignacio & Santa Elena, Cayo. He attended Saint Andrews Primary School and Mopan Technical High School in Benque Vijo del Carmen. These formative years allowed him to rapidly develop into a student committed to learning.

Thereafter, he entered the University of Belize in 2008 to pursue studies in the newly established History and Anthropology Program. The program was a revolutionary experience in his academic and personal development. The supposed simplicity and sanctity of history became more and more a subject. In many ways, the program was an opportunity and preoccupation that enabled him to understand self and the Belizean society.

During his final year at the University of Belize, Rolando Cocom and Isidro Cus were jointly awarded first place in a research competition organized by the Institute for Social and Cultural Research (ISCR/NICH). They were guided by historian Joseph-Ernesto Aondofe Iyo who has been an influential academic mentor for Rolando. The paper was a socio-historical analysis of social cohesion from the experiences of Central-American Belizeans in Salvapan, Belmopan. This accomplishment provided a platform for Cocom's working experience at ISCR.

After completing the history program in 2011, Rolando worked as research assistant at ISCR. During his internship, he participated in a research project to investigate historical landscapes within Belize City. His work on that project recently contributed towards a publication entitled *A walk through Old Belize* (2013). He has participated in the production of two historical exhibits: *A Story of Resistance* (a travelling exhibit on occasions of resistance in Belize's history) and another entitled *The River and its People* (a permanent exhibit at Flowers Bank). These works reflect the knowledge and skills he acquired from the University of Belize history program.

Rolando has also participated in an ethnographic research on carnival in Caledonia, Corozal, through ISCR. He presented a report of the research findings at the Belize Archeology and Anthropology Symposium (BAAS) in 2012. This led to his first publication entitled *Carnival in Caledonia: A preliminary ethnographic profile of carnival practices* (2013). The paper discusses the cultural forms and meanings of pre-Lenten carnival in Caledonia. It also provides a critical review of the historical context of carnival practices in Belize. It is the first of many publications expected from this young scholar.

Rolando Cocom is currently on study leave from ISCR to read for a Master of Arts in Sociology at the University of the South Pacific, Fiji. This venture is based on his successful application to the Caribbean Pacific Island Mobility Scheme (CARPIMS) in 2012. As a scholar, Rolando Cocom is committed to contributing to Belize's sustainable development through research and engagements in the public sphere.

Future Technological Experts

The Information Computer and Technology (ICT) industry in Belize has been growing rapidly. As a result, ICT is becoming an attractive career option for many Belizeans. As a consequence, many students are opting to study IT in the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) at the University of Belize. In response to this growing trend and the need to better prepare students for entry into the IT program and thereafter employment in the ICT sector, the faculty of the Department of Information Technology designed, developed and offered a free introduction to computer programming course for high school students.



The course, which runs for six weeks, teaches students how to design and write computer programs using the Python programming language. Through a repeated process of designing computer programs, the students improve their computational, logic and reasoning, and problem solving skills—skills which are also applicable to all other professions. The course is taught using a learning-by-example approach which utilizes, heavily, a Just-in-Time learning (JIT) methodology.

The enthusiasm shown by the high school students participating in the course has demonstrated to the DoIT faculty that short courses such as these that are geared towards helping high school students succeed in college, is a step in the right direction towards improving ICT education and training in Belize. It is hoped that in the future Belizean high schools will more fully integrate computer programming into their curriculum.

Upon successful completion of the course, students were awarded a certificate by the University of Belize Department of Information Technology / Faculty of Science and Technology.

Belize-Guatemala Relations



Author of A History of Belize in 13 Chapters, former Ambassador Assad Shoman, led an informative dialogue about the relations between Belize and Guatemala in September. There was a lively exchange

between UB students and Ambassador Shoman.



Mr. Shoman also paid a courtesy visit to UB President, Dr. Cary Fraser

UB Writing Center Established

The University of Belize Writing Center, located on the upper floor of the Library Building on the Belmopan Main Campus, opened its doors to students and lecturers on September 2nd, 2013.

During its first month, the Writing Center provided one-on-one tutoring to 30 students enrolled in the university's various Associate's level composition classes. In addition, the Writing Center offered a workshop titled "Introduction to Academic Writing and Research" to five different classes at both the Associate's and Bachelor's levels. The Writing Center also extended its hand of service beyond UB by welcoming two lecturers from the Belize Adventist Junior College to participate in one of the workshop sessions.



Through the tutoring sessions and workshop offerings, the Writing Center served well over 100 students and 7 lecturers during its first month of operation.

On Friday, September 27, UB President Dr. Cary Fraser stopped in at the Writing Center for a brief visit during which he shared with the staff his thoughts about the importance of writing.



The Center is staffed entirely by volunteers: 14 students and 8 faculty and staff members who give generously of their time and talents in serving their university community. Other students are welcome to join the volunteer staff, especially upper level Associate's or Bachelor's degree students with excellent writing and English language skills.

The need for a writing center was first identified about four years ago by a group of English lecturers, and now lecturers and other personnel from various departments have joined forces in making this dream a reality. These include the Faculty of Education and Arts; the Faculty of Science and Technology; the UB Library; the Student Government Association; the Regional Language Center; the ICT Department; and the offices of the Dean of Students, Provost, and Assistant Provost.

For more information about the University of Belize Writing Center, the coordinators Ms. Ivory Kelly, Ms. Sarita Lewis, and Mr. Ubaldimir Guerra may be reached at writingcenter@ub.edu.bz or by telephone at 822-3680, Extension 463.

Maintaining Partnership

A group of eight doctoral students, and their professor from Prairie View A & M University in from Texas, a UB partner institution, was in Belize on their Annual Belize Study Tour from October 15 through 21 October. This being their third year of partnering with UB, the group led by Belizean born Professor Dr. Herman Douglas started off their tour by visiting Wesley College where they met with the entire student body and held discussions with the Principal to discuss potential collaborations and future visits. Some of the students are interested in providing some type of community service to the school in the near future.



The PVAMU group's primary objective for their annual visit is to visit Corozan Creek High School in Toledo with which it has an on-going relationship and the conducting of a workshop for teachers from the Toledo district. The group also visited San Pedro where they had time to enjoy one of Belize's premier tourist destinations. It is important to note also that a faculty member from the Toledo campus is currently pursuing his doctoral degree at PVAMU as a result of the UB/PVAMU for collaboration.

Human Rights!



Attorney-at-Law and Human Rights Commission representative, Ms. Antoinette Moore, spoke to a wide cross-section of students in September on the issue of Human Rights, in particular the challenges

of observing and implementing human rights in Belize. She also spoke briefly of the Gender Policy and encouraged students to read the document. The National Gender Policy can be downloaded at <http://www.nationalwomenscommission.org/Publications/>

NGP_final.pdf.

The presentation was followed by an open floor session during which students were given the opportunity to ask questions and/or comment on related issues.

This discussion was facilitated and hosted by the Faculty of Science and Technology.



Student Voices Building Bridges

The University of Belize's Student Government hosted its first student body meeting for this semester on October 23, at the UB Jaguar Auditorium, Belmopan. The new Central Campus SG members were introduced to the student body after which representatives presented upcoming events and proposed ideas.



The SG encourages students to attend meetings and to share their concerns in order for the SG to deal with them properly.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on November 28 during student hour (2:00 p.m.) at the Jaguar Auditorium.



The annual macaroni structural competition within the Engineering Department was held on October 25, 2013. A total of nine teams, four person per team, from the Structure (CIVL2502) and Mechanical Engineering Science (MECH2502) courses participated in the competition.

The winning team comprising of Gerardo Chable, Ian Avilez, Rene Marin and Alberto Correa will represent the University of Belize in the annual Structural Competition at the Instituto Tecnológico De Chetumal in Quintana Roo, Mexico.

Learning to be a problem solver

Mathematics can help us to be good problem solvers, but sometimes mathematics itself is a problem. The Math Department under the Faculty of Science and Technology has seen the need for math tutoring for students who need help in math related subjects; i.e. Intermediate Algebra, Algebra, Trigonometry, Business Statistics I, and Finite Math.

The Department is offering tutorial sessions from Monday to Wednesday. Any students having difficulties in Mathematics can come for tutoring and learn to be a problem solver.



National Service Day



Beautifying Belmopan Campus

Belize City Campus



UB Library Assisted Nazarene High School Library



A student friendly environment



The Engineering Department in Belize City launched its new lounge for students on Thursday, 10th of October. The lounge was named in honor of lecturer Mr. Steve "Daddy" Wright who passed away in 2011.

Kicking off the Semester



Students in Independence Day Parade





Territorial Integrity

The Belize City Student Government in collaboration with Student Affairs and the University of the West Indies held a Diver-



gent Discussion on Territorial Integrity on October 2, 2013. The speakers were Mr. Wil Maheia of the Belize Territorial Volunteers and Mr. Glenn Tillet of the Referendum Team of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The event was well attended by students who also took the opportunity to voice their queries.

The organizers extend thanks to Mr. Maheia and Mr. Tillett for providing important information and to the lecturers of UB and UWI who attended or encouraged their classes to attend. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to future Divergent Discussions where they can listen to different sides on contemporary issues.

Another session of Divergent Discussions was held at Toledo Campus where Mr. Maheia was the guest speaker.

Goodbye to UB Family Member

Yvette C. Hepburn-Tillet



Secretary

Toledo Campus

Sunrise: April 29, 1977
Sunset: September 16, 2013



We will miss you Yvette



Student Represents UB in Canada

For the past four years, Thompson Rivers University (TRU) in conjunction with UB has provided the opportunity for a student of the Natural Resource Management (NRM) program to visit TRU in Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada.

This year, the recipient of the 2-week scholarship was Denver Cayetano, a fourth year NRM student. While in Kamloops, he gave presentations on natural resource management issues in Belize, putting focus on forest management and discussing on the Chiquibul Forest Reserve and the Central Belize Wildlife Corridor.

“The management of natural resources is not an easy task and it’s evident that anywhere in the world you go, you’ll encounter related issues” stated Cayetano.

He learned quite a bit, having participated in the Wildlife Management class, setting small mammal traps and joining the Forest Ecology and Management class on a weekend trip to TRU’s research station in Wells Gray Provincial Park where lectures focused on soils, hydrology, and wildlife, all important components of a forest ecosystem.



“As different as we are in terms of climate and environment, we share some of the same struggles. For instance, forest fires, pine beetle infestation and dwindling populations of game animals” Cayetano further explained.

And of course, Denver got to enjoy nature and the Canadian culture.

“I have to thank Dr. Karl Larsen and the students that visited Belize earlier this year for making sure that none of the time I spent in Kamloops went to waste. I enjoyed good food, took some great hikes with beautiful scenery, got to mingle with graduate level researchers and made new friends.”

Think Pink



UB Lecturer, Dr. Maxine McKay, along with members of the Hearts Ambition and Values Empowering the Nation (HAVEN) Club were on a Think Pink Campaign for Breast Cancer Awareness in October.

I Support. Do You?

The sea of pink glowed across the central campus of the University of Belize in Belmopan and was made up of students, faculty and staff who wore pink in a show of support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month on October 9, 2013. The aim was to publicise across campuses, and the length and breadth of Belize the critical message about the powerful benefits of early detection among Belizeans since October is

celebrated as Breast Cancer Awareness month.



Mrs Yolanda August

Activities included a testimonial by a cancer survivor/warrior, Mrs Yolanda August who spoke of the challenges she faced when she was first diagnosed with breast cancer.



Mr. Erick Sanchez wrote a poem, "Breast Care"

A notable feature at the event was the presence of the former President of the Belize Cancer Society, Mrs Laura Longworth, who was also the Special Guest Speaker. She spoke of the importance of breast examination. She encouraged students, faculty and staff to conduct routine self examination.



Kudos to the planning committee which included representatives from the faculties of Nursing, Allied Health and Social Work; Education and Arts; and Science and Technology. The Student Government was also active in the planning and execution of this awareness event. Special recognition was given to the students who were instrumental in ensuring a successful Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign held under the theme: "I Support."

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Students Benefitting from Scholarship Opportunities

It's an opportunity of a life-time for young leaders from Belize, the Caribbean and Pacific regions to be awarded an academic scholarship to pursue their Master's or a PhD degree. Funding of the scholarships for these leaders is provided through the European Union project entitled: "The Caribbean-Pacific Islands Mobility Scheme (CARPIMS)."



CARPIMS students to Belize along with UB President, Dr. Cary Fraser, and Development Officer Mr. Lloyd Enriquez

The program is designed to facilitate the movement of Master's and PhD students and staff among a consortium of universities from the Caribbean and Pacific regions, and is aimed at building capacity and encouraging socioeconomic development in each country and each region. The objective is to establish a strong network of Caribbean-Pacific academic leaders, and to develop a pool of engaged researchers. It also seeks to promote graduates, staff and researchers in partner Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) who can focus on capacity building and socio-economic development among the member countries.

The scholarships include funds for tuition, monthly stipend, health insurance and round trip travel. In total the CARPIMS II Project granted 88 Scholarships that were distributed among the following categories: Full Masters Scholarships (up to 22 months); Full PhD (up to 36 Months); PhD Mobilities (up to 10 months); and Staff - Academic and Administrative (1 month).

The Belizean recipients of CARPIMS II Scholarships are Geon Hanson, Luanne Manzanero, Anthony Zuniga, Celso Cawich, Gwendolyn Usher and Michael Usifo. The University of Belize is hosting Leah Fouchong, Janille Huggins, and Yinka Jagbir from Trinidad and Tobago, Minie Rafe from Solomon Islands, and Diana Seecharran from Guyana. They are all pursuing a Master of Science Degree in Biodiversity, Conservation and Sustainable Development.



Michael Usifo
M.Sc. in Advance Nursing Administration
University of West Indies Trinidad & Tobago



Carla Paulino
M.Sc. in Environmental Science
University of South Pacific Fiji



Geon Hanson
M.Sc. in Environmental Science
University of South Pacific Fiji



Gwendolyn Usher
M.Sc. of Education in Youth Guidance
University of West Indies Trinidad & Tobago



Celso Cawich
M.Sc. in Marine Science
University of South Pacific Fiji



Luanne Manzanero
M.Sc. in Tropical Crop Protection
University of West Indies Trinidad & Tobago

Active Clubs at UB!



Math Club



Christian Clubs



There are different clubs at UB that students can be part of. Students can also form their own club if they like; they just need to contact the Office of Student Affairs. Clubs can meet during student hour which is every Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Do not Plagiarise

The University of Belize Library along with Cubola Productions made an educational and informative presentation on copyright protection on October 16 at the Jaguar Auditorium. Students learned about the importance of copyright and giving authors, artists, and publishers their dues.

Presenters were Montserrat Casademunt, publisher and founding member and chairperson of Belize Copyright Licensing Agency (BECLA); Felene Swaso, author, and founding Member of BECLA. Carol Newman, Caribbean Representative of the International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organization (IFFRO).



Building Capacity of Pharmaceutical Services

Mrs. Lydia Thurton, lecturer in the Pharmacy department of the Faculty of Nursing, Allied Health & Social Work (FNAHSW), enrolled in a virtual course on Primary health Care based Pharmaceutical Services for Managers. The course commenced on June 6, and was completed on October 17, 2013; 19 weeks duration. The purpose of the course was to promote the development of pharmaceutical services based on primary health care by building capacities of pharmaceutical services leaders and managers. The course was coordinated by PAHO/WHO in collaboration with other agencies. The participants, were from the Caribbean and Brazil and were divided into five working groups led by a tutor. Belize had three participants all of whom were placed in group five (5) along with Guyana, Bahamas and Barbados.



At the culmination of the course, participants were asked to submit a project proposal for their respective country that focuses on a particular health issue that can be addressed by pharmacy utilizing the principles of primary health care. At present they are awaiting final feedback from the course's academic coordinator and instructors after which they are expected to implement the project in their respective country. This is the third time that this course was offered, but it is the first time that it has been delivered in English (previously it was offered in Portuguese and Spanish).

The FNAHSW congratulates Mrs. Thurton on her recent accomplishment of completing the said course and for being selected

as the group valedictorian for this course. Through initiatives like these we can continue to be the catalyst of change ensuring delivery of current trends and practices within our profession and by addressing the needs of the community at large. This is timely as the university continues to undergo institutional curriculum review. There are many opportunities available or that exist but individual commitment and institutional support are critical elements to the success of any undertaking.

Congrats Lydia, well done!

Eating Healthy



Students from the Faculty of Nursing, Allied Health, and Social Work commemorated World Food Day on October 16 by explaining to their peers the importance of eating healthy. The students also presented to high school students and primary school students talks on how to be a healthy eater.

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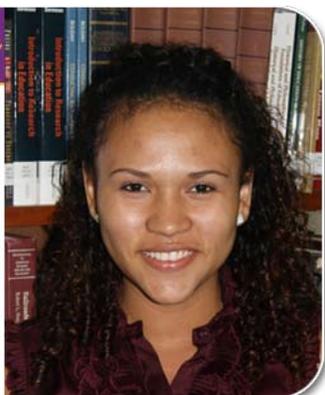


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Black Jaguars run fast in 10 K

The University of Belize was well represented at the Sprite 10 K Run/Walk Marathon by our Black Jaguars track athletes at the Marion Jones Stadium on Saturday, September 7, 2013. The results were:



Mark Anderson, first place in 100m and 200m

Linford Avila, second place in 100m and 200m

Ajani Requena, first place in 400m

Harold Zuniga, second place in 800m



Elasaida Castillio, second place in 4 x 1 relay

Participate & Win



As part of the Curriculum Review Process, surveys were sent to UB Alumni. The persons who submitted their surveys by June 28 were eligible to win a free Kindle; 101 persons qualified. The drawing

took place on the LOVE FM Morning show on October 23, 2013.

Mr. Delano Palacio, a graduate of the Faculty of Education and Arts Banana Belt Secondary Education program (concentration in Science) was the winner!



ATLIB Softball Champions!



The University of Belize hosted the revival of the ATLIB Softball Nationals in Belmopan at the Governor General Field on Saturday October 5th.

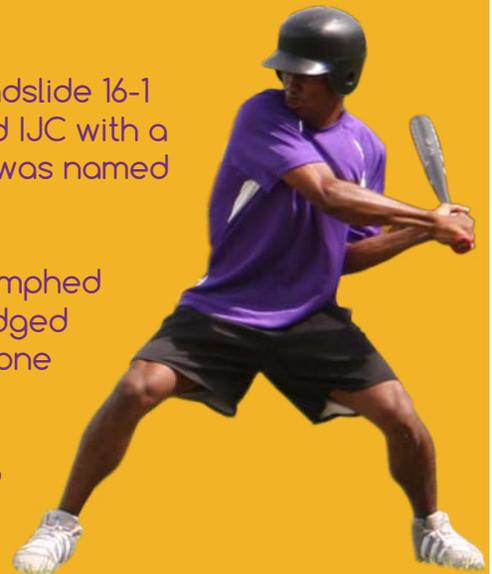
UB Black Jaguars Male and Female Softball Teams are the new ATLIB Softball champions after defeating Ecumenical Junior College (EJC) and Independence Junior College (IJC).

The females beat EJC by a landslide 16-1 in the final game, and defeated IJC with a score of 8 to 2. Sharine Reyes was named Most Valuable Player (MVP).

In related news, the males triumphed against IJC scoring 15-7 and edged out EJC 8 to 7. The MVP was none

other than Nick Chung.

The Recreation and Sports Department thanks all those who supported the athletes and congratulates the UB Black Jaguars Softball teams.



Breast Care

Today you see me in many colors and forms
 Whether it be big brown and round or small white and cute
 Though, dont judge me based on sight
 For I have a big job, bigger than us all
 I satisfy both young and old
 Feeding the world with white gold

One arm up against the wall
 Hands pressed firmly against my side
 Massaging away for I may have a stowaway
 A foreign body jealous while trying to tear us apart
 For cancer is its name and dangerous is it from start

Eating away at my very composition
 Skin, cell and veins
 All could die in vain
 A mastectomy will remove all without redemption
 Due to a lack of attention

They say that an apple a day may keep the doctor away
 I say that a check a day may help keep the lumps at bay
 What is five minutes for prevention?
 To five years of five generation of degeneration

Prevention is a better cure
 For lumpectomy is better for sure
 While many of our very own have fought and won
 Many still fall endlessly
 So be cancer aware
 For cancer I salute you
 But for sure you will not always prevail
 I SUPPORT
 DO YOU

Eric J Sanchez

