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UB signs Academic Cooperation Agreement with Mexican University

The Agreement will facilitate joint participation in developing innovation projects and international institutional cooperation projects. The partners will organize

academic encounters, courses, conferences, symposiums, student exchanges, and scholarships for students from both institutions. Signing the Academic Cooperation Agreement was the President of the University of Belize Dr Cary Fraser and Rector of Universidad Tecnologica de Camargo Prof. Fidel Alonso González González. President Fraser said, "The Agreement between the two universities will contribute to the development of both institutions and improvement of the quality of life of Belizeans and Mexicans."



The visit of the Rector and his 22 member delegation from the Universities of UTCam, Tecnologica de la Tarahumara and TecMilenio was aimed at fostering trade and education cooperation and was coordinated by the Ambassador of Mexico to Belize, H.E. Mario Velazquez Suarez.

During the encounter, the visiting students of international trade and University of Belize students negotiated a draft "Partial Scope Agreement between Belize and Mexico."

The student-led teams were supervised during the negotiations by officials from the Ministry of Trade, Belize and from the Embassy of Mexico, Belize. The Belizean and Mexican trade officials will advise the respective negotiating student teams on the Terms and Conditions of the Draft PSA, which is to be incorporated into the conclusions of the final document.

In related events, the Mexican students also displayed products from Chihuahua at the Institute of Mexico, Belize City and at UB Central Campus, Belmopan. UB students also presented products and services that Belize offers.



Mexican students displayed products from Chihuahua, Mexico



UB students presented on Belizean products

Diabetes: Protect the Future!

Students of the Faculty of Nursing, Allied Health and Social Work in collaboration with the Belize Diabetes Association, Belmopan Branch hosted a conference under the theme "Diabetes: Protect the Future!" in celebration of World Diabetes Day on November 14.



Guest Speaker
Mr. Cornelio Marfield

Diabetes is increasing at an alarming rate and the goal of the conference was to educate persons with diabetes and the general public on how to change and manage lifestyle practices so that their health would be improved.

Topics aimed at providing a holistic approach to diabetes were presented to the audience. These included "Lifestyle Changes through Diet," "Anodyne Therapy and The Diabetic," "Understanding Diabetes," "Through the lens at Diabetes," and "Glycemic Index: What Diabetics Need to Know." There was a special presentation on "Diabetic Foot Infections" by Dr. Shamir Cawich, Assistant Professor, University of West Indies, among others.

Guest Speaker at the conference was Lifestyle Counselor and Health Educator, Mr. Cornelio Marfield.

Blue Lighting



Women Writers - Standing Among Giants

Students and lecturers participating in the ninth Annual Women in Literature Conference shared some of the works, including short stories and poems that they have penned.

One notable presenter was UB lecturer and writer Ms. Ivory Kelly who delighted the audience by completing her short story, "This Thing We Call Love," which she started at a previous Women in Literature conference and had left the audience in suspense.



Ms. Ivory Kelly



Dr. Corinth Morter-Lewis

Also present was well known Belizean author and UB President Emeritus Dr. Corinth Morter-Lewis who shared two of the poems published in her most recent books *Moments in Time* Volumes 1 and 2.

The conference was spearheaded by Lecturer of the Women in Literature Class, Mr Amado Chan.



Dugudati



Successful Entrepreneurs

Students of the Faculty of Management and Social Sciences showcased their business ideas and marketing skills at the annual Marketing Expo held at the University's West Landivar Campus, Belize City. Congratulations to students for a job well done. The winners of this year's Marketing Expo are:

Most Attractive booth: First Place - Jungle Adventures; second place - Fantasy Cupcakes; third place - Memorable Baby Charms.

Most Creative Product: Memorable Baby Charms



Students as Business Leaders



At the Central Campus Marketing Expo students also exhibited their creativity and marketing skills on November 14, 2013. Students were dressed in their "sales uniform." Their booths were attractively decorated, and they had a variety of products on display.

Fighting Corruption

The United Nations Development Programme along with the help of Belizeans youths participated in Anti-Corruption day on December 9, 2013. The purpose of Anti-Corruption Day was to engage the youth of Belize in discussions and activities about ethical behavior, corruption and how to fight minimize their influences. The University of Belize students joined the cause and together with other young leaders in the country formed The Belize Youth Social Audit Network (BYSAN).



Kenny Williams posting an anti-corruption poster

UB students along with other tertiary level students formed teams to post approximately 200 anti-corruption posters in public and private spaces with high visibility. They also appeared on different talk shows to sensitize the Belizean population and to urge the youths to fight corruption

Kudos to UB student government members: Anita Ack, Yanira Garcia, Kenny Williams, Felix Mai, Victor Cayetano, Jamira Serrano, who participated in this initiative.

To find out more information about BYSAN check their page on Facebook at

This water was wasted

Because the company deliberately used substandard pipes to make a profit.

Corruption. A crime against the most basic need.

One of the different posters that were posted.

Med-Lab Students Provide Medical Services in Libertad

The Faculty of Nursing, Allied Health and Social Work (FNAHSW), in collaboration with Corozal Community Hospital and the Libertad Village Council, provided health education information and services to residents of Libertad and surrounding communities in the Corozal District.

Faculty members and students of the Faculty of Nursing, Allied Health and Social Work of the national university, along with several Health Care Providers from the Corozal District, shared their skills and knowledge with residents of Libertad and the surrounding communities on November 22.

The event was held under the theme of **BE AWARE! SHOW WE CARE...THROUGH HEALTH CARE**, aimed at promoting meaningful partnerships within the communities and focused on disease prevention through changing behavior and life-



styles.

Objectives of the health fair:

1. To increase health awareness by providing health information.
2. To support and empower people to make changes in the way they eat and live.
3. To promote meaningful partnerships and recognize the expertise and role of health

professionals in promoting health to communities.

4. To enable health organizations and community service agencies to meet with one another and to establish linkages to inform and promote current and future health care needs.

The population embraced the various services and information provided. These included: information on cancer, sexually transmitted infections, contraceptives, hypertension, and diabetes, blood pressure checks, Pap smears and breast examinations; blood tests – glucose, cholesterol, triglycerides; urinalysis and parasitology. The other services offered were dispensing of basic health medications, social services and education; vector control; consultation by a medical practitioner; HIV rapid testing; and much more

The event was spearheaded by UB's Interim Chair of Nursing Mrs. Lily Mahung and facilitated by Dr. Nelson Marin as well as public health nurses Vioney Sheppard and Donaldine

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Lecturer Presents Research Findings on Sea Cucumber at Conference in United States

UB Environmental Research Institute research fellow Dr. Arlenie Rogers presented the second part of her sea cucumber research at the 66th Annual Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Initiative Conference in Corpus Christi, Texas held on November 4-8, 2013. The focus of Dr. Rogers's paper is on the density, abundance and distribution of sea cucumbers in Belize. In collaboration with the Belize Fisheries Department, the Belize Audubon Society and the Toledo Institute for Development and Environment, the ERI staff and student volunteers were able to collect necessary data in June 2012. With guidance from the ERI Science Director, Dr. Leandra Cho-Ricketts, data analysis and report was completed this year and presented at the GCFI.



The conference, hosted by the Harte Research Institute, is comprised of special sessions, forums and workshops. At this yearly conference, fishers, researchers, students, non-governmental organizations and government Departments meet to exchange information and learn from the workshops and sessions. Dr. Rogers's paper was well received and gathered interest from other institutions and Government representatives from countries where sea cucumber fishing had recently started. Dr. Rogers's research findings will be published in the *Proceedings of the Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute conference*.

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Lizama, Rural Health Nurse Margaret Terry, and Village Chairman Mr. Odder Bautista.



The health fair highlighted the University of Belize's quest to foster collaboration between the University and local communities and its goals of bringing relevant, affordable and accessible education, training and service opportunities to students and the wider community.



Empowering Education for Children in Today's Society

Students of the Faculty of Education and Arts held community outreach symposiums that were aimed at raising awareness of ways to better educate our children. Contrary to other years, this time the event was taken out to the community and held at four different locations; i.e. United Evergreen Primary School, Garden City Primary School, Our Lady of Guadalupe R.C. Primary School, and George Price Centre for Peace and Development.

The Symposium, which served to highlight high incidence and low incidence exceptionalities found in Belizean classrooms, also provided strategies for teaching children with exceptionalities.

The symposium was held under the theme "Empowering Education for Children in Today's Society."

Kudos to the creative students and lecturer Dr. Thomasine Baker.



UB Pharmacy Students and U.S. Team Collaborate on Medical/Health Outreach

The medical/health outreach has been a collaboration between UB Pharmacy department and Body and Soul Ministries of Roaring Creek since November 2012.

The present participation of our students makes this our fourth involvement, since we participated twice last year. Body and Soul Ministries has a clinic and a stocked pharmacy that allows students to learn and participate in patient care. The students have a thorough experience in that they follow up a patient from registration through seeing the doctor and finally dispensing medication and counseling the patient.



This year's three day health outreach was carried out in the communities of Roaring Creek, Cotton Tree, and Armenia.

Student volunteers executed various activities ranging from drug packaging, dispensing, patient counselling, and patient clerking in conjunction with the doctors. They also assisted with translating information to Spanish speaking patients.

Our students benefit from the collaboration in the following areas:

1. Giving back to the community as volunteer service
2. Learning to work with foreign medical teams
3. Learning to work in different settings

Through these means, students become better care givers, decision makers, communicators, leaders, managers, teachers and life-long learners.



Faculty Representative Elected

In accordance with the UB Act, full time faculty members of the University of Belize elected their representative to the Board of Trustees. Ms. Juliane Pasos received the most votes, a total of 29.

Ms. Juliane Pasos is a Chemistry Lecturer in the Science Department within the Faculty of Science and Technology. She has a Master's degree in Chemistry from Texas A&M University and has been at the University of Belize for eleven years.

At UB she has been a lecturer primarily but also served as Chair of the Science Department (August 2008-July 2011), Acting Dean (August 2010- Dec 2010) and Acting Chair (August 2012 - December 2013).

Congratulations to Ms. Juliane Pasos.



Ms. Juliane Pasos

UB Counselor Elected on BSCA Committee

The Belize School Counsellor Association held its second Annual General Meeting at the University of Belize, Faculty of Management and Social Sciences in Belize City in November.

Dr. Candy Armstrong of the Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth presented a talk entitled "School Counsellors Partnering with the Ministry of Education: the Way Forward." UB President Emeritus Dr. Corinth Morter-Lewis enlightened all present in a presentation titled "School Counsellor Self-Care: Preventing Professional Burnout."

Elections were held for the positions of President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. UB Counselor Renée Wentz

was elected President Elect. Licia Castillo moved into the position of Immediate Past President, while Elizabeth Goff, School Counsellor at Wesley College High School and 2012 President Elect, moved into the President position. Other positions filled were Secretary - Delcia Chan, School Counselor for Catholic Primary Schools, and Treasurer - Solangel Sanchez, School Counsellor for Corozal Community College.



Ms. Renee Wentz



BSCA Executive

Embracing Cultural Diversity

Belize is internationally recognized for its richness of diverse cultures and multi-ethnicities across the landscape of the country, and history students of the University of Belize, in recognition of this diversity, dressed in traditional outfits depicting the country's vibrant multi-culturalism as they hosted a Cultural Day on November 20.

Booths were decorated with cultural displays/information materials, traditional instruments, and bountiful samples of delicious foods prepared by Belizeans of the various cultural groups.

Kudos to the history students for their creativity.



Showcasing Knowledge & Talent



The Regional Language Centre held its annual variety show where students showcased the knowledge they have acquired while learning to speak and write in English. The students' performances included songs, dances, and drama in English.

Students attending the Regional Language Centre are from different countries including Mexico, Cuba, Peru, Republic of China (Taiwan), Republic of China, Iran, Uruguay, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Guatemala.

Nǐ zài zuò shén me? Let's Learn Mandarin!

Mandarin is poised to be a growing language in Belize, and it is in this context that the Regional Language Centre in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture of ROC (Taiwan) is providing free mandarin classes to students, faculty, and staff of the University of Belize. Learners are introduced to the basics of the language, and they've had an opportunity to learn about the Taiwanese food and culture on a trip to Ladyville.



Ambassador Wu (center) with mandarin students and teacher Bing Chen (far right)



Israel and the Middle East

Ambassador of the State of Israel to Belize, His Excellency Shmulik Bass, delivered a presentation to UB students on November 13, 2013. The presentation entitled "Israel and the Middle East" focused on the history of Israel and its relations with its Middle Eastern counterparts.

Ambassador Bass has a M.A. in Political Science (Diplomacy) from Tel Aviv University and a B.A. in Middle East Studies and Political Science, also from Tel Aviv University. He has held numerous positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel, and has also represented Israel in several countries.

Ambassador of Argentina on Falkland Islands/Malvinas Case



"The Question of the Malvinas Islands" lecture was delivered at the University of Belize by Ambassador of Argentina to Belize, María Fernanda Cañas. Students got the opportunity to learn about the Argentine position in sovereignty dispute sustained between the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland over the Malvinas, South Georgias and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas.

Ambassador Cañas has worked with the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs for more than 25 years. She has collaborated in the different departments in the Ministry such as Foreign Service Institute; Malvinas and South Atlantic Department; Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations, New York, USA; Delegate to the 41st, 43rd-50th UN General Assemblies; and Assistant to the Argentine Delegation to the UN Security Council.

Prominent Jamaican Author Delivers Lecture at UB

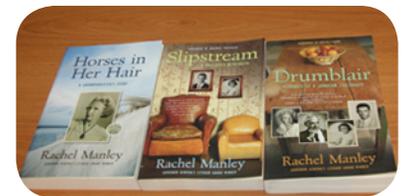


Ms. Rachel Manley

The Faculty of Education and Arts of the University of Belize hosted guest speaker Ms. Rachel Manley, author of three books on the life, times, and influences of her political and cultural ancestors, the Manleys of Jamaica. Rachel Manley, who is a university lecturer of Creative Writing, presented a well received lecture to UB's English and History lecturers and students on November 18 at the University's Jaguar Auditorium in Belmopan.

Rachel Manley is the granddaughter and daughter of three of Jamaica's national leaders who have been noted as forever changing "Jamaica's intellectual, social and cultural landscape." Her grandmother, Edna Manley, also has a legacy in Jamaica's art, sculpture and painting, and poetry and prose. Rachel is the first child of Michael Manley, Jamaica's Prime Minister who served between 1972 and 1980, and then again between 1987 and 1992. Rachel Manley affirms that she is not a historian or a politician, but first and foremost a writer. She is an award-winning author and poet best known for what has been described as "her intimate, captivating non-fiction trilogy of memoirs about her own Manley family."

The three books in her trilogy are: *Drumblair: Memories of Jamaican Childhood*, which tells the story about the house that nurtured the Manleys; it has also been billed as a deeper narrative about a larger house, the West Indies Federation. The second book is entitled *Slipstream: A Daughter Remembers*. In this book, Rachel Manley offers a personal account of her relationship with her father both as a child and as a woman. Completing the trilogy is the book entitled *Horses in Her Hair: A Granddaughter's Story*. This is billed as Rachel Manley's ode to her grandmother, Edna Manley. As Rachel Manley writes "Looking for the meaning in Edna Manley's life is baffling if the conundrum is approached head-on. She was always more in the weave of life than in the embroidery."



Happy
Holidays &

WELCOME TO UB

Dr. Ethel Arzu-Hernandez

Dr. Ethel Arzu-Hernandez is UB's new Quality Assurance Officer. In July 2013 she completed her Doctoral Degree in Educational leadership with a concentration in School Leadership at the University of North Florida. In August 2013, she obtained a Clinical Educator Certificate also at the University of North Florida. Dr. Arzu-Hernandez holds a Master's Degree in Education with a concentration in Reading (K-12) from the University of North Florida and a Bachelor of Science in Primary Education from the University of Belize. During her doctoral studies, she organized a "book for Belize project". This project included the donation of approximately 300 picture books, chapter books, phonics, and reading comprehension teachers' resource books to San Jose Government School in the Orange Walk District. Also during her doctoral studies, she presented a scholarly paper entitled, "Order from Confusion: Examining Rules for the Number of Factors in Factor Analysis" at the 2012 Annual Eastern Educational Research Association Conference (EERA), Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. In collaboration with her dissertation chair Dr. Warren Hodge, she will present her doctoral research entitled, "The Leadership Roles of Secondary School Department Heads in Belize" at the April 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



In Belize, Dr. Arzu-Hernandez has served in the educational field for over twenty-four years. She has worked as a primary school teacher and has facilitated workshops on the New Primary School Comprehensive Curriculum and Teaching Reading across Content Areas. She has also worked as a secondary school vice principal and as acting principal/acting dean of Escuela Secundaria Técnica México and Centro Escolar Mexico.

*Prosperous
New Year*



Students Demonstrate Skills & Competencies on the Job Site

Students from the Faculty of Management and Social Sciences (FMSS) demonstrated their skills and capabilities in the workforce during their nine-week internship in the fields of Accounting and Management. The business majors also had the opportunity to interface with potential employers.

Organizations that partnered with the University of Belize included the United Nations Development Programme, the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre, the Immigration Department, Development Finance Corporation, BELTRAIDE, International Regional Organisation for Plant and Animal Health (OIRSA), Belize Agricultural Health Authority, Belize Enterprise for Sustainable Technology, the Belize Police Department, and the ministries of Natural Resources and Agriculture, Works, Foreign Affairs, Finance and Economic Development, and the Public Service.



Being an Entrepreneur



The University of Belize in collaboration with the United States and the Youth Business Trust held an Entrepreneurship Symposium on November 21, 2013. Students had the opportunity to listen to testimonials about the experiences Belizean entrepreneurs have had.

A Night of Poetry

Written by Courtney Weatherburne &
photos courtesy of Open Learning TV

On November 6, 2013, UB jaguar auditorium was overflowing with artistic spirit. Youths from Belize City, Belmopan, San Ignacio, Corozal and Dangriga converged for a spectacular night of poetry. The night started off with a special artistic video presentation that featured performances from our very own Belizean Poets Erwin X and Angela Gegg, the American poetry group "Brave New Voices", Caribbean poets Derek Walcott, Christian Campbell and MutaBaruka and African American poets Jill Scott and Eryka Badu. Coming to the live presentations, they were dynamic; people from different walks of life sharing their compelling stories through poetry. These great poets include Kathya Casteneda, Olivette Ramos, Dr. Virginia Hampton, Giselle Leacock, Rebeka Penner, Valerie Penner, Eric Sanchez, Micah Goodin and Courtney Weatherburne. The artistic spirit was contagious because members of the audience came to the stage to share their poems after the presentations. It was a fantastic show.

The organizer and coordinator of the event, Courtney Weatherburne said, "I hope this is the first of many poetry nights. We need to keep the artistic spirit alive in Belize and develop a deep appreciation for the power of poetry. I want to thank all the participants, those who came out to support and my committee for making this event a grand success."

The Poetry Night was organized by UB student Courtney Weatherburne in collaboration with UB Central Campus Student Government.



Courtney Weatherburne



Dr. Virginia Hampton



UB Black Jaguars Male and Female Teams Retain ATLIB Volleyball Championship.

UB Black Jaguars Male and Female Volleyball Teams are the ATLIB Volleyball Champions for the eight consecutive year after defeating Ecumenical Junior College (EJC) on November 29 at Wesley Junior College, Belize City.

The females dominated Corozal Junior College (CJC) by a landslide 16-1 in the final game, and defeated EJC 25 to 22. Zaire Garbutt was named Most Valuable Player.

The Males triumphed against Belize Adventist Junior College (BAJC) scoring 25-16 and edged out EJC 25 to 23. Yserri Palacio was named MVP.

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

