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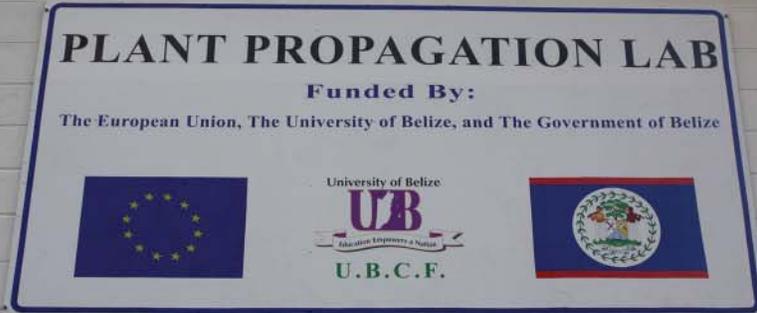
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## UB HOLDS DISTINGUISHED LECTURE TO LAUNCH MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOAL 3

The University of Belize in partnership with the Ministry of Economic Development and the United Nations Development Programme, Belize hosted a Distinguished Lecture in May, Central Campus, Belmopan.

The Distinguished Lecture entitled “**Gender Responsive Economic Policy Management and Sustainable Development: The Critical Link**” was delivered by the Director of the Gender Unit of UNDP, New York, Ms. Winnie Byanyima.

At the lecture Ms. Byanyima officially launched the training workshop titled “Millennium Development Goal Needs Assessment and Prognosis: Costing MDG 3 - *Promote gender equality and empower women.*”

The workshop which was conducted by a high-level UNDP Gender Team from 30<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June was held in order to enable sector-wide participation and to increase national capacity for MDG-based planning, in particular on the use of needs assessment and costing tools. At the conclusion of the three day workshop, a Technical Working Group consisting of representation from various government and non-government organizations discussed the MDG-based planning process while providing guidance on the selection of a comprehensive set of interventions that comprise each investment cluster.



Dr. Corinth Morter-Lewis, Ms. Winnie Byanyima, and Dr. Francisco Roquette.

## UB PARTNERS WITH CARIBBEAN KNOWLEDGE LEARNING NETWORK

The University of Belize (UB), in collaboration with the Caribbean Knowledge Learning Network (CKLN), hosted a national consultations with public/private sector stakeholders on April 29 and May 3 in Belmopan to chart the way forward in developing a draft National Research and Education Network (NREN) Blueprint for Belize.

The consultation was designed to *build awareness and the internal capacity to bring into being a sustainable national research and education network to be connected to C@ribNET.*”

Stakeholders at the consultation agreed on the way forward for the establishment of the national research and education network (NREN) initiative in Belize, and for the University of Belize to lead the process. NREN, viewed as a vital component of modern teaching, research and learning is best described as a high performance national network connecting academic and research institutions.



Stakeholders discussing NREN.

Higher education in Belize is comprised of the University of Belize, the national university, 10 public junior colleges, one private university, UWI School of Continuing Studies, and two off-shore medical schools. The development of Research and Education Network in Belize will create an opportunity for collaboration between academic and research institutions nationally, regionally and internationally.

The establishment of a National Research and Education Networks in Belize will provide a high-speed and low cost broadband network for research organizations to link up to each other and carry out collaborative research or applications; promote linkages between the academic and research community, industry, government and other regional and international research and educational networks, and promotes Caribbean level and international collaboration.

Recognizing that the Caribbean region including Belize has largely been excluded from the development of NREN networks, CARICOM established CKLN in 2004 as an intergovernmental agency with the mission to build capacity in the areas of education and training through initiatives that will enhance and grow the regional human resource outputs.

## ENGINEERING DEPT. PARTICIPATE IN BELIZE CITY MASTER PLAN PROJECT

UB students of the Engineering Department of the Faculty of Science and Technology (FST) along with the Ministry of Tourism (MOT) and the Belize City Council (BCC) collaborated in the preparation of a Master Plan for downtown Belize City and the establishment of a Heritage Trust.



The heritage trust and the master plan which is being developed by Government and the Belize City Council is aimed to use the historic and heritage value of Belize City to develop strategies to protect the historic values of the city, namely the old-colonial style buildings, and public spaces, through the establishment of the Heritage Trust and Database.



This initiative includes a broad section of stakeholders including MOT, NICH, Belize City Council, BCCI,

Central Building Authority, Association of Professional Architects of Belize, BTIA, BHA, Ministry of Economic Development, SIF, Ministry of Labour and Local Government.

Eighteen volunteer students from the Building and Civil Engineering and Architecture program, coordinated by Lecturer, Mr. Lloyd Carrillo carried out field research and analysis, inspection, as-built drawings and documentation including surveying homes on Regent and Albert streets; classifying homes based on data collection, documenting homes by mapping on a city in GIS or CAD and producing plans and elevations of all types of homes classified. UB students surveyed 13 Historical buildings on Regent and Albert Street along with approximately 600 residential and commercial buildings, cited as high value and worthy of conservation.

Chair of the Engineering Department, Mr. Leonard Mortis said “students acquired practical experience by working with professionals from their field of study and applied their knowledge and skills learnt for the preservation of the heritage of the City of Belize.” The Project is a Technical Cooperation between Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) and the Government of Belize to support the preparation of a Master Plan for downtown Belize City and the establishment of the proposed Heritage Trust.

## UB ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO LAUNCH FIRST ANNUAL ALUMNI BALL

“Building Leaders, Creating Opportunities,” was the theme for this year’s University of Belize Alumni Association (UBAA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in Belize City. Attending the meeting were graduates from the University of Belize (UB) and from the various amalgamated institutions namely Belize Teachers College, Belize Technical College, Belize School of Agriculture, Belize Nursing School and the University College of Belize as well UBAA Board members.

President of UBAA, Dr. Cynthia Terry in her remarks highlighted the various activities that the Association has been engaged with over the past year and also provided insight into upcoming activities. One outstanding feature is a premier event dubbed the “First Annual Alumni Ball” to be held on August 6, 2011 to commemorate the Anniversary of UB’s amalgamation.

This event, which is envisioned to become UBAA’s signature and annual fund raising event, will involve the publication of a booklet listing of 20 prominent alumni highlighting their achievements and contributions to the Belizean society. The aim is to generate sponsorships and advertisements which will generate revenue for UBAA student Scholarship Fund.



UBAA President and Taiwan’s Ambassador to Belize.

Special Guest Speaker at the event was H. E. David C.K. Wu, Ambassador for China (Taiwan) to Belize who highlighted the importance placed on tertiary education in his country, and how the wide availability of education has assisted to accelerate the growth and development of Taiwan. For additional information for the “First Annual Alumni Ball” kindly contact Dr. Cynthia Terry at email [ubalumni@ub.edu.bz](mailto:ubalumni@ub.edu.bz).

## UB OFFICIALLY INAUGURATES EUROPEAN UNION FUNDED BIO-PROPAGATION LABORATORY AT CENTRAL FARM CAMPUS



Chair, UB Board of Trustees, Mrs. Imani Fairweather-Morrisson, and EU representative Mr. Cosimo Lamberti Fossati

The University of Belize in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Ministry of Economic Development, Industry, and Consumer Protection, and the European Union officially inaugurated a Bio-Propagation Laboratory at the Department of Agriculture of the University located at the Central Farm Campus on 27 May.

This state of the art facility, fitted with equipment funded by the European Union, will enable Belize to produce large volumes of disease free planting material to benefit the agriculture sector in particular the banana and sugarcane industries in Belize.

UB's President, Dr. Corinth Morter-Lewis said through the university's state of the art meristem laboratory and greenhouse cutting-edge technology, "Belize will no longer need to import planting materials from foreign countries for the banana and sugarcane industries."



Participants at inauguration ceremony.

Daniels and Dr. Gordon Holder will lead the production of meristems, while Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology Dr. Thippi Thiagarajan, will address the research agenda with students from FST.

The greenhouse, measuring 197 ft x 39 ft (720m) and laboratory equipment was made possible through funding by the European Union (EU) valued at Euros 144,423.4 or BZ \$395,251.16. The University of Belize to date has invested BZ\$135,000 for retrofitting the Laboratory and for additional equipment and supplies, a facility that will contribute to Belize's food security.



Strategic Alliance: GOB, EU, & UB

The greenhouse, has an automated irrigation system and a saran netting inside to adjust the illumination that will be used for the acclimatization of banana and sugarcane vitroplants produced in the micro propagation laboratory.

The laboratory equipment donated include four (4) horizontal laminar flows, water distillation unit, laboratory oven, rotary shaker, microwave oven, aluminum hotplate stirrer, multipurpose autoclave, dehumidifier, aluminum stands and lighting systems for the growth chamber in the lab.



Lab...state of the art.

Speakers at the event included officials from the Ministries of Agriculture & Fisheries, Economic Development, representatives from the European Union, Chair of the Board of Trustees of UB, and President of UB among others.

## TO DRILL OR NOT TO DRILL?

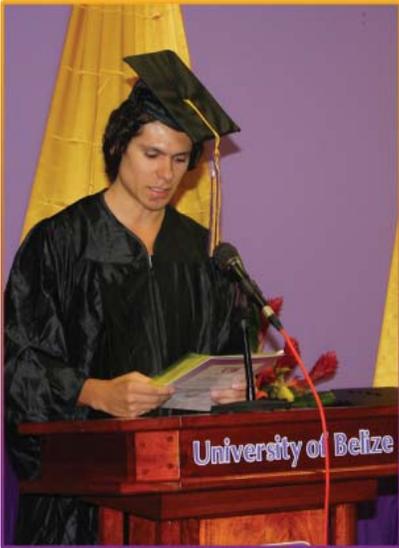
Technical experts from the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment (MNRE) conducted a presentation on the "The Facts about Oil Exploration & Drilling in Belize" on 9 May at the Jaguar Auditorium, Central Campus, Belmopan.

Topics included the History of Oil Exploration in Belize, Petroleum Revenues, Seismic Surveying, Exploration, Drilling, Production, and Petroleum Potential of Belize. Additionally, the social, environmental and economic impacts associated with Oil Exploration and Drilling was also presented.



Hon. John Saldivar, MNRE CEO Ms. Beverly Castillo, and technical experts.

# FOREIGN STUDENTS BREAKING THE BARRIERS OF COMMUNICATION



RLC Top Finisher, Juan Carlos Gomez Enriquez

The mark of achievement was realized by 41 foreign students who have mastered the ability to learn English as a Second Language from the Regional Language Center of the University of Belize (UB).

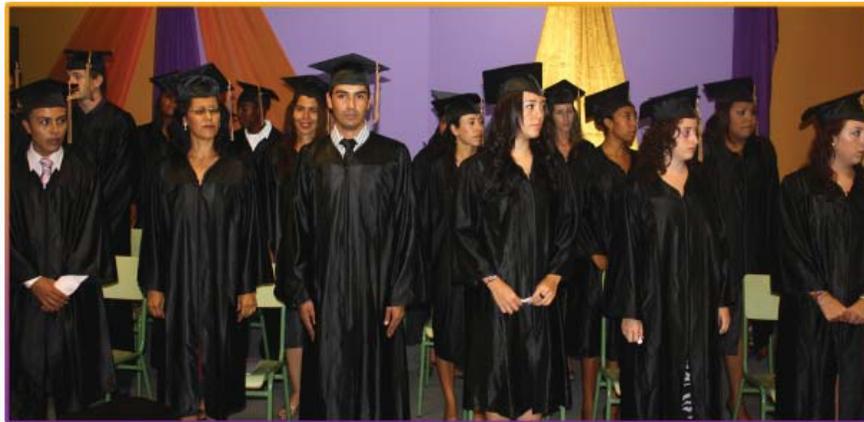
The national academic tertiary institution is pleased that the students who were unable to communicate in English or Spanish prior to their enrollment in the University's ten months can now communicate fluently in English or Spanish.

Closing exercises for the students from Mexico, Colombia, Panama, Cuba, Guatemala, El Salvador, Venezuela and Switzerland were held on 31 May in Belmopan.

The history of the Regional Language Center began with English as a Second Language (ESL) program in 1978 at BELCAST, the Belize College of Arts, Science and Technology, which evolved into the University College of Belize in 1986.

RLC came about in 1995 to facilitate economic integration and closer cooperation between countries of Central and Latin America and the Caribbean. These countries have students and professionals who want to learn English. The Regional Language

Center is also geared toward the English-speaking Caribbean whose students want to learn Spanish. The University is pleased that foreign students choose multi-lingual, multi-cultural Belize to learn English or Spanish



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as a second language, and extend congratulations to the students to learn another language, recognizing that breaking barriers of communication helps in strengthening the ties of good will among peoples of the world.



Dr. Corinth Morter-Lewis presents Diploma to proud graduate.



Guest Speaker, Dean of Student Affairs, Mr. William A. Neal.



Graduates showcase cultural diversity



## UB WINS SECOND ANNUAL TERTIARY LEVEL RESEARCH COMPETITION

Students of the University of Belize (UB), from the History & Anthropology Program were the winners of this year's Second Annual Tertiary Level Research Competition. They presented their major research findings at a public forum held at the Bliss Centre for the Performing Arts on May 5, 2011.

The research title of the UB team was *"A Historical Analysis of Social Integration amongst Second Generation Residents in Salvapan, Belize"*. Their research hypothesized that social integration in Salvapan is a slowly evolving process into the greater multicultural Belizean society; in which Salvapan residents are participants of Belize's development.

The Second Annual Research Competition was hosted this year by the Institute of Social and Cultural Research (ISCR) under the theme "Social Cohesion in Belize's Multi-Cultural Context Since Independence." ISCR received four proposals namely from students of Galen University, Ecumenical Junior College, St. John's Junior College, and the University of Belize. Second and third placed winners were Galen University and Ecumenical College respectively.

The Offices of the President, the Provost and Dean of the Faculty of Education and Arts and the UB Family extends heartfelt congratulations to Messrs Rolando Cocom and Isidro Cus on their achievements.



UB congratulates Rolando Cocom, and Isidro Cus.

## FROM BELIZE TO JAPAN WITH LOVE...

The hand of friendship of UB students was extended to student colleagues at Meikai University in Japan in response to Japan's earthquake, tsunami and nuclear crisis on March 11, 2011. The students organized donations and a barbeque fundraiser collecting over five thousand dollars which was handed-over over to the Belize Red Cross for forwarding to the Japan relief funds.

At the fundraiser event held in May, UB students wore "yukata" Japanese attire to solicit donations thus making a very public statement about their respect for and humanitarian outreach to their Japanese student colleagues. Lecturer of the Communication Skills classes which was instrumental in the goodwill initiative is Ms. Silvana Udz. "UB students demonstrated that they care about their fellow student colleagues in Japan," she said.

The theme for the intercultural Japan-UB event was "Two Countries...One Humanity."



## UB STUDENTS PROVIDE A HELPING HAND TO MOTHERS WITH DISABILITIES ON MOTHER'S DAY

Mothers with disabilities received a special Mother's Day gift from UB students of the Special Education Department of the Faculty of Education and Arts. Students spent the day with mothers and provided them with a special treat on the occasion that will foster long-lasting memorable memories.

Congrats and Kudos to SPED students.



## SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

UB Black Jaguars basketball and softball teams continued to capture the hearts of their opponents and fans across the landscape of the country. This was demonstrated in the Digicell "Ballin 4 Life" Basketball Tournament with our rising stars Daniel Nolberto scoring 22 points and 8 rebounds along with Mathew Young 18 points and 9 rebounds defeating Black Mamba 89 to 87; demolishing Tiger Sharks 83 to 75 with Winston Pratt securing 26 points and 6 rebounds along with Randy Usher 11 points and 3 assists. The winning momentum continued with the UB Jaguars demolishing the Mavericks 75 to 57. Winston Pratt 24 points and 12 rebounds, Travis Lennon 10 points and 6 rebounds and Farron Louriano 10 points and 12 rebounds.

Turning to softball, the Lady Jaguars bombed-out Lords Banks 15 to 0; the outstanding player for this game was our Pitcher Shandi Orellano who pitched a shut-out. Blew-out Lemonal by 16 to 0. The outstanding player for the game was the pitcher Ms. Shandi Orellano who again pitched a shut-out. The softball team also trampled Flowers Bank 8 to nil with two outstanding players in particular: Shandi Orellano, and Mertel Bailey, and also outplayed Sandhill by 10 to 0. Outstanding players for this game were Ayanah Smith who pitched splendid game in a mercy wins that ended in the 3<sup>rd</sup> innings and Annica Brown who hit a grand slam.

Kudos to UB Black Jaguars: Basketball & Softball teams!



Coach, Darren Bovell giving the last instructions.

## KUDOS FOR UB AT NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL & TRADE SHOW



## ALUMNI ... MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



**Catherine Longworth** graduated from the University College of Belize with an Associates Degree in Applied Sciences (Pharmacy) in 2000. She earned her Certificate of Chemist and Druggist in July 2001 after passing the Board Exams. Catherine's first job was at James Brodie & Co. as the Pharmacist in charge, where she practiced for over 3 years. The misfortune of her mother's cancer made her move back to her hometown in Corozal. In October 2003, with a very small budget, she opened her own business *Evergreen* pharmacy. The pharmacy has grown considerably since its inception, and has become very popular. Catherine believes in giving back to her community and to the institutions that contributed to her success. She demonstrates her goodwill by being a frequent speaker for career day at her former high school (Belize Adventist College) and making herself available to local

sixth form students who are engaged in small business projects and SBA papers.

Catherine is a member of the Pharmacist Association of Belize and holds certificates for Continuous Pharmaceutical Education Program. Last year Catherine was asked by the Faculty of Nursing, Allied Health & Social Work Dept. of UB to assist in the training of pharmacy students. This task she most humbly and willingly accepted. The supervised, practical experience was for the duration of 5 weeks. In 2008 she was featured as a pharmacist in the Primary School Social Studies text book which is used countrywide.

Although she has no formal training in small business management, Catherine believes that her education at UB was not only essential in preparing her as an entrepreneur, but also in instilling values and skills that contribute to her success. *Evergreen* is a successful retail and wholesale pharmacy which operates with a small staff.

Catherine is a UB trained entrepreneur, an advocate for student education and proud alumna of our national university.

**Consuelo Godfrey** an alumni of the University College of Belize (UCB) is the Associate Dean for Student Affairs for St. John's College Junior College (SJCJC) since August 2008. She currently holds a Masters of Education with a focus in Literacy Development from the University of Lethbridge in Alberta Canada. She has been involved in the field of education for over 15 years.

She has worked in many areas of the educational system including the Belize Elementary School, St. Catherine's Academy, taught at the University of Belize, and is currently teaching part time with the School of Professional Studies at SJCJC. Consuelo is the current President of the Belize Reading Council, an affiliate of the International Reading Association and has assisted with other community projects such as: Readers to Leaders, and Drop Everything and Read initiative headed by the Reading Council. In collaboration with the National Library Service, Consuelo headed a very successful book drive in 2009, in which over 1000 books were collected from various communities across the landscape of Belize and were donated to various schools and the Belize Central Prison. She has also worked with various NGOs including: Youth Enhancement Services, ANDA, WIN Belize, Angel Says Read, UB Alumni Association and SJC Alumni Association. She has also re-developed the Community Service Program at SJCJC which now boasts of having more than 300+ young men and women performing community service throughout Belize. Consuelo dream is to continue her work in education and literacy development initiatives in Belize.



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