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Gone but never forgotten

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**University of Belize
Rolls Out Belmopan Campus Development Plan**

Health Science Complex
Multi-purpose Building
University Center
Library

The University of Belize, committed to the overarching philosophy of contributing and responding to national development needs of the country through higher education, has established an bold and concrete initiative that will align with its Strategic Development Vision to equip and empower Belizeans with leadership in academic excellence, research and cutting-edge technology through the transformation and expansion of its facilities in the context of career opportunities in a rapidly changing technological environment. We take this opportunity to share our UB vision!

UB The Place You Want to Be
The flagship institution of tertiary education
Faculty Snapshot
Qualified and Experienced

Master's	17
Bachelor's	2
Doctorate	2
Certificates	2
HND	97

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SHAPING THE LIVES OF FUTURE GENERATIONS



Overall top student, Laura Friesen, receiving award.



Top Certificate, Marion Mena, receiving award.

A total of 466 graduates succeeded in obtaining Associate and Bachelor degrees, Certificate and Diploma programs at the twelfth commencement exercises. Of the total number of graduates 324 females and 142 males representing 70 and 30 per

cent respectively of the graduates. The theme for the January commencement exercises which was held on 29 January was entitled, "UB The Premiere National University: Preparing The Way Forward."



REFURBISHING OF UB CENTRAL FARM CAMPUS

"I am extremely impressed by the progress taking place at UB Central Farm Campus," remarked the Minister of Education and Youth, Hon. Patrick Faber during his tour in February.



He commended and congratulated the Campus Administrator, Dr. Gordon Holder, and his team on the milestone achievements in production of sweet

and hot peppers, vegetables and fruit plants as well as the breeding of high-quality pigs, chickens and ducks and the transformation of the campus dormitories. Other notable infrastructure achievements

include the development of soils chemistry, Food Processing and Biology laboratories. Minister Faber during his tour, inaugurated facilities and was briefed on the new agriculture programs offered to students, farmers, young people and other communities.



Hon. Patrick Faber on his visit.

Accompanying the Minister on his visit were Chairperson of UB's Board of Trustees, Ms. Imani Fairweather-Morrison, other board members, Ag. President, Dr. Corinth Morter-Lewis and officials from the Ministry of Education and Youth.

GOB & UB SIGNS MOU FOR CLEAN SOLAR ENERGY



Signing of agreement

The Government of Belize through the Ministry of Finance signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a clean solar energy project with the University of Belize (UB) in February. Signatories to the MOU were the Financial Secretary, Mr. Joseph Waight, and Acting President, Dr. Corinth Morter-Lewis.

The University of Belize is the site of the clean solar energy project at its Central Campus, Belmopan. The Project funded by the Government of Japan through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is designed to produce clean energy for Belize by solar electricity generation using photovoltaic panels. UB is poised

to become a leader in solar energy production and students will benefit from being exposed to this cutting-edge technology. Completion of the project is scheduled for August 2012.

IMPROVING QUALITY PRIMARY EDUCATION

A total of 33 students from the Banana Belt communities participated in a two-day orientation for the Certificate in Primary Education (CPED) project at the Independence High School for primary school teachers. Educational activities of the three-year project which is being carried out by the Faculty of Education and Arts (FEA) of the national University is designed to improve the quality of primary education in the communities in the Banana Belt in the southern region of the country.

The Certificate in Primary Education is a national initiative that began in 2008, which UB has extended to the Banana Belt region. It is a part of Banana Belt Primary Education Support Program which is largely funded by the European Union to the tune of Bz\$1.2 million.



Studios students

CLIMATE CHANGE SYMPOSIUM: A FOCUS ON BELIZE



UB scientists and students

The University of Belize through its Environmental Research Institute (ERI) and the Belize Chapter of the Mesoamerican Society for Biology and Conservation (MSBC) hosted their 5th Annual Natural Resources Management (NRM) Symposium on campus. The event held in March under the "Natural Resources Management in the Context of Climate Change: A Focus on Belize," featured a special session on climate change, research on marine ecosystem health and natural resource management strategies.

The annual event brings together scientists, natural resources managers, students and other interested persons to share the latest scientific and management findings in Belize within the environmental and natural resources management arena.

UB scientists and researchers and UB Natural Resource Management (NRM) students will be joined by local and international counterparts conducting research in Belize to present their latest findings in the field of natural resources management.

STUDENTS HOST SUCCESSFUL EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES



The theme for UB's Earth Day 2011 focused on tropical forests, as a part of the International Year of Rainforests was designed to promote the conservation of forested areas in Belize by increasing awareness of the Belizean public about the importance of forests to our people. UB's theme for this year's activities was: "Natural Resource Management: Building a Canopy of Knowledge, Trees and Harmony for Belize to Flourish."

Speaking at the opening in April at Central Campus, Belmopan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, Hon. Gaspar Vega said that he was delighted to see

that UB has taken a lead role in bringing awareness to students and society as a whole on the importance of our natural environment; he was equally heartened to know that the curriculum of the University instills in its students responsible resource management through its natural resources management program.

EMPOWERING FUTURE LEADERS FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The University of Belize, (UB), the national tertiary institution continues to contribute significantly to local and national development of Belize through strategic partnerships with private and public sectors within the country's multicultural environment.

Students enrolled in Information Technology were attached to various companies/organizations performing computer related tasks, which have been identified by the respective companies/organizations to meet practical need while at the same time providing an opportunity for students to practice what they have learnt.



UB INAUGURATES EUROPEAN UNION FUNDED BIO-PROPAGATION LAB



Officials on lab tour

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 inaugurated a Bio-Propagation Laboratory at the Department of Agriculture of the University located at the Central Farm Campus in 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, especially the banana and sugarcane industries in Belize.

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

BREAKING THE BARRIERS OF COMMUNICATION



Global education

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 in May in Belmopan.

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.

KNOWLEDGE-BASED SOCIETY FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Overall top student, Brianna Penner, receiving award.

A total of 489 graduates received their diplomas at the Thirteenth Commencement Exercises in June at the University's Central Campus in the nation's capital and the day after the UB Toledo Campus.



Top associate, Huei-Neng He, receiving award.



Once again the females outnumbered the males by a margin of 312 to 177 males.

Guest Speaker for both graduation exercises was Dr. Carla Barnett who spoke on the critical importance of the Role of the University in Achieving the Millennium Development Goals. She said key among these roles are "developing human resource capacity and creating knowledge."

The theme for this year's 2011 Commencement Exercises: "University of Belize, The Premiere National University...Preparing The Way Forward."

MASTERS IN BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



Historic milestone...

The University of Belize unveiled the first home-grown Masters degree in Biodiversity Conservation & Sustainable Development on June 9 at its Central Campus, Belmopan.

The Master's Program will be offered by the University of Belize in partnership with the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago, the University of Guyana and Anton de Kom Universiteit van Suriname.

Evaluations and approvals of student's research projects and theses will be conducted by external examiners from the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom.

MEET THE PRESIDENT OF UB... DR. FRASER

Dr. Cary F. Fraser is the new President of the University of Belize (UB). An installation ceremony was held for Dr. Fraser on August 24, 2011 at Central Campus, Belmopan. Dr. Fraser's is the first UB president to be appointed following the recommendation of a search committee.

President Fraser is a historian of International Relations who has written extensively on American foreign policy in the Caribbean and the wider world, the history and politics of race in the United States, the Caribbean, and the broader Atlantic World, and the contemporary international relations of the Middle East and the politics of Islam. His work has been published in Canada, the Caribbean, the UK and the United States.



Installation of the new President

Dr. Fraser was born in Guyana in 1955. He is married to Pearl Fraser, and they have a daughter, Ayesha.

UB AND UNICEF SIGN AGREEMENT



UB and Unicef signing agreement.

The University of Belize will establish a new Policy Observatory with UNICEF's support. The annual work plan was signed by the President Emeritus and Acting President of UB, Dr. Corinth Morter-Lewis and the Representative of UNICEF, Ms. Christine Norton. UNICEF's support to the Policy Observatory represents its commitment to build national capacities for research on children's issues, the analysis of data, and policy advice to boost the efforts of national authorities, NGOs, and agencies working with children locally.

UNICEF and UB will work together to ensure that the rights of children and women in Belize are respected, protected and fulfilled and will promote efforts towards Belize's achievement of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015.

"FATHER OF THE NATION" AND NATIONAL HERO! RT. HON GEORGE PRICE



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The Rt. Hon. George Cadle Price passed away two days before the 30th Anniversary when Belize gained independence on September 21, 2011 from the United Kingdom.

The University of Belize issued a Press Release which stated: It is with deep sadness that The Board of Trustees of the University of Belize, The Office of the President, Administration, Faculty, Staff, Students and the UB Family extend sincerest and deepest condolences to the family and to the nation of Belize on the passing of the "Father of the Nation" and National Hero, The Rt. Hon. George Cadle Price.

The Rt. Hon. Price, a gentle giant was among the Caribbean pioneers who championed political independence in their respective Caribbean territories. They included among others Hon. Grantley Adams and Hon. Errol Barrow of Barbados; Hon. Forbes Burnham and Hon. Cheddi Jagan of Guyana, Hon. Alexander Bustamante and Hon. Norman Manley of Jamaica, and Hon. Eric Williams of

Trinidad and Tobago.

The Rt. Hon. Price was the last surviving member of that distinguished generation.

HEALTH FAIR

More than 2000 residents of San Jose/ San Pablo, Orange Walk District benefitted from health educational information and services at a one-day health fair in November.

Services provided by health experts included breast examination, information on cancer, sexually transmitted infections, contraceptives, hypertension, diabetes, blood pressure, Pap smear, blood tests- glucose, cholesterol, triglycerides; urinalysis and parasitology, HIV rapid testing, social services, health education to school children as well as consultation by a medical practitioner and Dispensing of basic health medications etc.



Diligent nursing students

Kudos to the students and faculty members of the Faculty of Nursing Allied Health & Social Work, (FNAHSW).

UB BLACK JAGUARS: ATLIB VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS!



UB Black Jaguars and UB Lady Black Jaguars

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Representative of the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), Dr. Gerardo de Cosio, handed-over medical equipment and supplies to the University of Belize.

The contribution, which is intended to support the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) of the University's Nursing Program, includes wheel chairs, crutches, canes, hydraulic lifts, suction pumps, urinals and gait belts, one desktop computer with monitor, and a LCD projector.



Accepting the medical equipment/supplies on behalf of the University was the Provost, Dr. Ismael Hoare, along with members and students of the faculty.



**Community Outreach Symposium
"Empowering Education, for Children in Today's Society"**



Faculty of Science and Technology officially launched its Math Club



Class cultural presentations by Nursing students



Regional Language Center students presented a variety show



Bone dance competition organized by Faculty of Nursing Allied Health and Social Work students