



BREAKING BARRIERS OF COMMUNICATION: FORGING GLOBAL NETWORK

The University of Belize (UB) "continues to play a key role in the promotion of education and culture in the removal of language barriers to enhance better regional communication and trade," said Minister of Trade, Investment Promotion, Private Sector Development and Consumer Protection, Hon. Erwin Contreras.

Speaking to graduates of the Regional Language Centre (RLC) of UB; the Minister also declared that RLC "is Belize's link with our neighbours and the region to foster integration, collaboration and cooperation in the economic, social, cultural, political and educational activities."



President of the University of Belize, Dr. Cary Fraser in his remarks congratulated the students for being Ambassadors of their respective countries and also on their achievement of learning a new language. President Fraser encouraged the students to use their enhanced language skills to continue their intellectual and professional growth. Such growth, he added, would contribute to the wider development of their societies.

The 30 students who received certification in English-as-a Second Language were from Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama and Mexico. Their certification followed a 10 month intensive language learning program.



Hon. Erwin Contreras



About RLC:

The history of the Regional Language Centre 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.

The English as a Second Language program was established in the early 1980's 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 Centre is also geared toward the English-speaking Caribbean whose students want to learn Spanish.

WELL DONE: CONGRATS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2012

A total of 397 graduates 264 were females and 133 males representing 66 and 33 per cent of the student population received their diplomas at the Associate, Bachelor, Certificate and Diploma levels in June from Belize's national University.



H.E. Sir Colville Young, Governor-General of Belize with
Tiffany Chao, Emmanuel Young, and Selvet Chan

The Award of Academic Excellence in all Bachelor Degree Programs was presented to Ting Yu (Tiffany) Chao who scored a 3.99 GPA with a Bachelor of Science (B. Sc.) in Biology. The other overall achievers for all degree programs were Selvet Yaneli Chan, obtaining a 3.96 GPA, B. Sc. in Mathematics; and Emmanuel Clarence Young, earning a 3.93 GPA, B.Sc. in Biology.

The Award of Academic Excellence in all Associate Degree Program was presented to Courtney Camille Weatherburne who earned the highest overall GPA score of 3.86 and graduated with a degree in English. And, the Award of Academic

Excellence in a Certificate/Diploma Program was presented to Jaclyn Bella Swasey who scored the highest overall for Certificate or Diploma with a GPA of 3.75 in the Diploma in Education Methodology program.

Guest Speaker was the Senator Honourable Audrey Joy Grant, Minister of Energy, Science, Technology and Public Utilities. "Together, you are expected to make a positive contribution to the betterment of each others' lives and the lives of the people in your communities, said Minister Grant. "You have been given the skills, the tools and the knowledge to succeed."



Senator Hon. Audrey Joy Grant



Dr. Cary Fraser

The President of the University of Belize, Dr. Cary Fraser, in extending congratulations to the graduates for their dedication, commitment and achievement, also took the opportunity to recognize the critical role of parents, guardians, family and friends, and the unwavering support they provided to the graduates during their educational journey.

"Your graduation means that it is accomplishing its goal of extending educational access to larger numbers of citizens in the attempt to create a more equitable society in which motivation, the development of skills, and merit become the benchmarks of the society's progress as it seeks to transform its resources into agents of economic development," said Dr. Fraser. "In effect...we must recognize that empowering a nation requires the empowerment of its citizens through education.

The Faculty with the highest number of graduates was the Faculty of Management & Social Sciences (FMSS) totaling 148; Faculty of Science and Technology (FST) totaling 94, Faculty of Education and Arts (FEA) a total of 88, and the Faculty of Nursing, Allied Health & Social Work (FNAHSW) 67. A total 58 graduated with honours.

The theme for this year's Commencement Exercises at the University of Belize was entitled: "***GET INVOLVED... UB is for all of us.***"





CLASS OF JUNE 2012...TOLEDO CAMPUS



PRESIDENT VISIT TO ROC (TAIWAN)



H.E. Sir Colville Young, Governor-General of Belize with President Ma Jing-Jeou in the center, and Dr. Fraser second from left in the official group photo.

President of the University of Belize at the invitation of the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) attended the inauguration of President Ma Jing-Jeou of the ROC. During his visit Dr. Cary Fraser met with senior executives of universities, and explored collaborative educational initiatives of mutual interests.

ENHANCING RURAL LIVELIHOODS



The University of Belize through its Central Farm Campus (CFC) is providing technical assistance to the "Women of Vision on a Mission for Development." Coordinator of the group, Ms. Lorna Jones thanked the President, Dr. Cary Fraser for the donation of pigs and chickens, and pointed out that the project will assist families by providing agricultural skills and training for the improvement of their livelihoods in Georgeville, Cayo District. The President commended the Women's group in developing human resource capital and CFC's Administrator Dr. Gordon Holder on the initiative.

FUTURE ENGINEERS



Faced with the challenges of flooding at Central Campus, Belmopan, Building and Civil Engineering students of the Faculty of Science and Technology (FST) along with their lecturer and licensed surveyor Mr. Cyrus Samuels Jr. completed a grid of levels, building and drain positions at the Regional Language Centre (RLC) building, which sits in the middle of a basin on campus and is prone to flooding. It is envisioned that the information from this exercise would assist the University to initiate the formulation of a plan of action to alleviate the problem of flooding on the University's Campus.

Students at this year's Annual Engineering Department Survey Camp had an opportunity to experience a true life scenario while at the same time assisting the institution.

UB STUDENT WINS ESSAY CONTEST



Karina Heusner, a student of the University of Belize emerged as the winner of an Essay Competition organized by Belize Telemedia Limited. Congratulations to Karina for this great achievement.

YOUNG ACHIEVERS



UB Early Childhood Stimulation Center Seventh Moving On Ceremony
Educate a Child Today... Transform His World Tomorrow