1st ANNUAL NURSES PINNING CEREMONY

THE COLLEGE OF THE BAHAMAS
School of Nursing & Allied Health Professions
"Blazing new trends through knowledge & commitment"

The College of The Bahamas
Oakes Field Campus
Forecourt, Portia M. Smith Student Services Centre
Sunday, May 22, 2005
3:00 p.m.
Nurses' Pledge

In full knowledge of the obligations I am undertaking, I promise to care for the client with all the skill and understanding I possess, without regard to race, creed, colour, politics or social status, sparing no effort to conserve life, to alleviate suffering and to promote health.

I will respect at all times the dignity and religious beliefs of the patients under my care, holding in confidence all personal information entrusted to me and refraining from action which might endanger life or health.

I will endeavour to keep my professional knowledge and skill at the highest level and to give loyal support and co-operation to all members of the health team.

I will do my utmost to honour the international code of nursing ethics and to uphold the integrity of the nurse.
In 1902 nursing education in The Bahamas evolved as a hospital-based apprenticeship programme. However, by the early 1950s a more formal type of nursing programme was implemented under the Board of Health, later called the Ministry of Health, with the commencement of a Diploma in Nursing programme for Registered Nurses. In the early 1960s the Trained Clinical Nurse programme commenced and by early 1970s post-basic programmes, specifically, Midwifery began.

In 1984, nursing education began in The College of The Bahamas under the Natural Science Division as an Associate of Arts (AA) degree in Nursing pilot project. Later in 1991 a decision was made, by an Act of Parliament, to have all nursing education and training under The College of The Bahamas. As a result, there was an amalgamation of the AA Nursing degree and the Diploma in Nursing programmes to form an Associate of Science degree in Nursing programme. Additionally, nursing moved to the Grosvenor Close Campus, which previously housed The Bahamas School of Nursing. This campus became a satellite campus of The College of The Bahamas. Mrs Cecile Knowles led the way as the first Chairperson in what became the Nursing and Health Sciences Division of the College of The Bahamas.

As the school continued to grow and produce graduates, new programmes were developed. The first Midwifery programme was offered in 1993 and in 1995, a post-registered nurse Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing programme commenced. In 2000, the school underwent a name change to "School of Nursing & Allied Health Professions".

Further, in 2002, the first Community Health programme was launched and in 2002 the first Trained Clinical Nurse programme was initiated. Additionally, 2004 saw the commencement of the first Critical Care Nursing programme. These fine academic offerings, along with numerous continuing education initiatives, special projects, curricular work and Regional Nursing Body Evaluation were all effected under the leadership of Mrs Jacquelyn Dean, Mrs Hilda Douglas, and Mrs Maggie Turner, consecutive chairpersons of the School. These initiatives have made a significant impact on the advancement of the nursing profession in The Bahamas.

At present, under the leadership of Dr Shane Neely-Smith, the school has an average enrolment of over 60 students per year. Additionally, the School has revised its mission, vision and philosophy and is revising its Associate of Science in Nursing programme and various post-basic programmes, including the
Registered Nurse-to-Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree programme. Further, the School is in the process of developing a basic (generic) Bachelor of Science in Nursing programme, which is proposed to be offered concurrently with the Associate of Science in Nursing that will be phased out eventually. Additionally, the school is currently involved in numerous feasibility studies, such as Nursing Students' Uniform, Academic Programmes for Nursing and Allied Health Professions, Continuing Education, and College Students Experience Questionnaires.

As The College moves towards university status, the School of Nursing and Allied Health Professions is poised and ready to overcome many challenges along the way. The faculty and staff of the School envision that the education and training of nurses in The Bahamas will remain in its rightful place in an institute of higher learning — in this case The University of The Bahamas. It is also envisioned that the school will embark on extensive recruitment exercises to obtain at least a 50% increase in programme enrolments; offer bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Nursing with various specialties such as Midwifery, Community Health, Critical Care, Pediatric, Psychiatry, etc.; offer bachelor’s and master’s programmes in Allied Health Professions, such as Pharmacy, Medical Laboratory Technician, Physiotherapy, Dietetics, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Respiratory Therapy etc.; offer numerous continuing education programmes and courses to meet the professional development needs of nurses and allied health professionals nationally, regionally and internationally; engage in distance learning modalities to expand our scope of course and programmes offering; strengthen relationships with our numerous college, nursing and allied health professions stakeholders; seek national, regional, and international accreditation for our nursing programmes; have all of our faculty with at least a master’s degree with more than 75% of coursework in Nursing; have at least 75% of faculty with a doctorate degree with more than 75% of coursework in Nursing; have Clinical Preceptors with at least a Bachelor in Nursing degree; have clerical staff with at least an Associate degree in their field; have diverse clinical experiences; have state-of-the-art on-campus learning labs and classrooms, and library; and engage in extensive institutional and community research and service.

The vision for the School of Nursing and Allied Health Professions is such to ensure that we produce sufficient graduates who are liberally educated; committed to ethical and professional behaviours; can provide safe, effective and quality health care to diverse clients in various settings and effectively manage present and future health care challenges in The Bahamas and around the world.
Irene Alene Cooper-Coakley was born in the heart of this small island nation, New Providence, Bahamas, on July 19, 1943, the blessed second child of the union of Dr. R. E. Cooper Senior and Mrs. Florence L. Cooper née Edgecombe, both deceased, who were pace-setters in the Baptist denomination.

Upon graduating from Queen's College, she followed in her late maternal grandmother's service legacy and entered the Nursing profession at the Princess Margaret Hospital. The first person to leave and the first to return from the United Kingdom, Irene received her Professional State Registration and her Midwifery State Registration certification for England and Wales. In 1980, she successfully achieved a certificate in Advanced Nursing Education at the University of the West Indies, which catapulted her to the position of a qualified Nursing Administrator. The recipient of numerous accolades and meritorious awards, including being honored by the Governor General, Dr. Cooper has served on the Board of Examiners and Interview Panels for entrants into the Nursing Profession in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

Having attained the rank of Senior Nursing Officer and acted in the capacity of Principal Nursing Officer in the Public Health Department and Sandilands Rehabilitation Center, Sister Coakley retired from active Nursing in 1994 following thirty-three years of service. She attributed her early retirement to the affirmation of hearing and answering the Call of God to pursue a Higher Calling in Christ Jesus.

Ordained to the Sacred Gospel Ministry in 1992, she continued her professional preparation. She received the Bachelor of Ministry and Master of Divinity degrees from Covington Theological Seminary in Rossville, Georgia and, in 1998, received a Certificate in Theology from Morehouse School of Religion at The Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia. As a culmination to her theological pursuits, in 2001 she received the Doctor of Christian Education degree from Virginia University of Lynchburg, Lynchburg, Virginia.

Immediately after her retirement from Nursing, she followed in her late mother's footsteps and became the principal of The Baptist Citadel, the forerunner to Westminster College. She also served as Registrar, Dean of Students and lecturer at Covington Theological Seminary and Atlantic Colleges, where she presently co-chairs the National Clinical Pastoral Programme. She also served as Facilitator for the Morehouse School of Religion Extension Programme in Nassau, Bahamas. Services were also rendered at Westminster College as Nurse, English Language and Literature teacher. At present, she is a Justice of the Peace and Acting Magistrate of The Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

Prior to her present assignment with the AIDS Secretariat at Health Educator/Counselor, the Great Commission: “Go into all the world...” became Reverend Coakley's obsession, and her Christian stewardship in carrying out this Divine Mandate has been persistent and varied. She heads a vibrant outreach ministry in the Grant's Town Community, Simpson Penn School for Boys, the Rauflurly Home, hospitals and H. M. Prisons, giving counsel and benevolent services for the spiritually deprived, impoverished and troubled families. She is also the former host of the radio programme, “Just for Today”.

This preacher/teacher and motivational speaker, currently serves as Associate Pastor and Director of Christian Education of The Mission Baptist Church and Executive Secretary of The Mission Baptist Consortium of Churches.

Dr. Coakley is the wife of Mr. Stephen Coakley Sr., an Executive with IBM Bahamas, and the mother of Stephanie McClendon, a family counselor in Winston Salem, North Carolina, and Stephen Coakley, Jr., a minister of the Gospel in Fort Worth, Texas, USA. As an outstanding Christian woman, Dr. Irene Alene Cooper-Coakley positively impacts the lives of others daily. Her main concern in life is to respect others and display justice and fair play for all. She enjoys singing and writing poetry. Her hobbies include art, gardening, and photography.
Programme

Mistress of Ceremony
Mrs Yvonne McKenzie, Lecturer
School of Nursing & Allied Health Professions (SNAHP)
The College of The Bahamas (COB)

Procession of Faculty & Graduates

National Anthem
COB Wind and Ensemble
Mr Christian Justilien, Director

Invocation
Mrs Hilda Douglas, Lecturer, SNAHP

Welcome Address
Dr Shane Neely-Smith, Chairperson, SNAHP

Introduction of President
Dr Linda Davis, Vice President, Academic Affairs

Remarks
Dr Rodney Smith, President, COB

Selection
C.O.B. Wind and Ensemble

Introduction of Speaker
Mrs Ingrid Gibson-Mobley, Lecturer, SNAHP

Address to Graduates
Rev. Dr Irene Coakley
HIV/AIDS Educator, Counsellor & Research Nurse

Tribute to Graduates
Ms Allyson Estwick
President of Student Nurses' Club
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Graduates

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Distinction
KING, Jennifer C.

Credit
WARD, Jessica M.

Pass
BUTLER, Doreen E.

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Credit
BUTLER, Kayla L.
METHOLALL, Sarika M.
MITCHELL, Tanya S.
SWAN, Felicia
WRIGHT, Janeal K.

Pass
BODIE, Veronica
BOWE, Nicole A.
BURROWS, Renisha K. D.
CHARITE, Joanna
DESMANGLES, Richardson

FERGUSON, Shantell M.
ESTWICK, Alyson C.
GIBSON, Shana E.
GRIFFITH, Felicia D.
HAMILTON, Paula M.
LEWIS, Branishka B.
LIGHTBOURNE, Kaytora G.
McKINNEY, Alverna A.
NESBITT, Natisha A.
OLIVER, Janice Y.
RICHARDS, Deandra S.
ROLLE, Annis
ROLLE, Bernadett T.
SWANN, Hope
THOMPSON, Melissa M.
TURNQUEST, Lisa N.
WEBSTER, Jenelen L.
WEST, Shantelette L.
WILLIAMS, Amancha A.

POST BASIC DIPLOMA

CRITICAL CARE NURSING

Distinction
CAREY, Julian P.
HANNA, Lisa
LLOYD, Cypriana G.
MAYCOCK, Golda Y. H.

Credit
DARLING, Charlene D.
GRANT, Anishka S.
KEMP, Margaret E.
PIERRE, Elizabeth B.
ROLLE, Anoinette M.
SANDS, Targina D.
STUBBS, Anniemae R.

Pass
TURNER, Monique

CERTIFICATE

TRAINED CLINICAL NURSING

Distinction
CAREY, Pearl
DUNCOMBE, Denise H.
HEILD, Samantha M.
JENKINS-LOUISE, Clover S.
JOSEPH, Terah R.
KEMP, Delerece M. C.
LEWIS, Sinead C.
OSSUDE, Dematree V.
PENNERMAN, Thelcita I.
PINDER, Ashley R.
REMY, Ginna
ROLLE, Seanica N.
SANDS, Claudette E.
SIMONS, Sheila C.
STUBBS, Sharlene A.
SMITH-SWEETING, Marcia S.
TATE, Nesheena L.

Credit
PARSONS, Sharmaine
POITIER, Virginia L.
TATE-DAVIS, Mildred
WILLIAMS, Cherie R.

Pass
BROWN, Marshanel
FORD, Shamelle M.
MINUS, Barbara E.
Deborah Alleyne  
ICU  
Princess Margaret Hospital

Virginia Ballance  
Librarian  
Hilda Brown Library

Priscilla Cunningham  
Medical Area  
Princess Margaret Hospital

Joanna Curry  
Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre

Ruthmae Elliot  
Surgical Area  
Princess Margaret Hospital

Deborah Fox  
Community  
Department of Public Health

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Medical Area  
Rand Memorial Hospital

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Faculty

Dr Shane Neely-Smith (Chairperson)

Doreen Butler
Dr Zorene Curry
Shirley Curtis
Coral Dean
Lindel Deveaux-Stuart
Hilda Douglas
Ingrid Gibson-Mobley
Stephanie Hanna
Dianne Holden
Laura Knowles
Yvonne McKenzie
Patricia Miller-Brown
Theresa Moxey-Adderley
Leah Rolle
Vanria Rolle
Esther Sherman-Jolly
Ericka Thompson