Annual Commencement Exercises

at

Seven O'clock
Thursday Evening
The Sixteenth of December
Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-nine

Holy Trinity Activity Centre
Stapledon Gardens
Nassau, Bahamas
The College of The Bahamas

Annual Commencement Exercises

Thursday, The Sixteenth of December
Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-nine
The National Anthem

Lift up your head to the rising sun, Bahamaland;  
March on to glory, your bright banners waving high.  
See how the world marks the manner of your bearing!  
Pledge to excel through love and unity.

Pressing onward, march together to a common loftier goal;  
Steady sunward, tho’ the weather hide the wide and treacherous shoal.

Lift up your head to the rising sun, Bahamaland;  
’Til the road you trod lead unto your God,  
March on, Bahamaland!

Timothy Gibson  
Writer/Composer

The College of the Bahamas Alma Mater

Where the blue skies greet the palm trees all around  
COB, our alma mater, proud you stand.  
We will come from every isle far and wide.  
Knowledge, Truth, Integrity will be our guide.

Though apart we’ll be together always friends  
Working hard for love of country ‘til the end  
We will live to praise your name filled with pride  
Knowledge, Truth, Integrity will be our guide.

Christian Justilien  
Writer/Composer
The College Council

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The Order of Ceremony

Master of Ceremonies
Mr. Hugh Sands
Chairman of The Council
The College of The Bahamas

MUSICAL PRELUDE......................... The Bahamas Youth Musical Club

PROCESSIONAL

Chief Faculty Honour Marshal
Mr. Freeman Kelly

Faculty Honour Marshal
Ms. Majorie St. Rose

Junior Honour Marshals
Carolyn Rolle
Audrea Smith

* NATIONAL ANTHEM.................................................. All

* INVOCATION ..................................................... Rev’d Vernon Moses
Superintendent
Assemblies of God in The Bahamas

WELCOME............................................................... Dr. Leon Higgs
President
The College of The Bahamas

SELECTION ......................................................... The College of The Bahamas Choir

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ........................................ Claire Hepburn
Attorney-at-Law

MUSICAL SELECTION................................................ Graduate

*Please Stand
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
Dr. John Samuel
Vice President, Academic Affairs

CONFERRING OF AWARDS........................................... Dr. Leon Higgs

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARDS
Dr. Brenda Cleare
Dean, Arts & Sciences
Olivia Saunders
Dean, Professional Studies

GRADUATES’ RESPONSE........................................... Evan Adderley

ALMA MATER....................................................... December '99 Graduating Class

BENEDICTION..................................................... Senior Pastor Thomas Roberts
East Street Gospel Chapel

RECESSIONAL..................................................... The Bahamas Youth Musical Club

Guests are required to remain in their places during Recessional. Please refrain from applauding and standing until all graduates have received their awards. You are welcome to take photographs after the Conferral of Awards.
Ms. Claire Hepburn is an Attorney-at-Law who was admitted to The Bahamas Bar in 1985. A Partner in the firm of Graham, Thompson, & Co., Mrs. Hepburn came to the Law following a distinguished career in Education which began at The Government High School and concluded at The College of The Bahamas. She was among that pioneering group of educators who enabled The College of The Bahamas to open its doors to begin classes in 1975 by transferring from The Government High School to the fledgling institution. Beginning as a lecturer in the Department of History, Mrs. Hepburn’s movement through the ranks was meteoric; achieving the positions of Chairperson of the Division of Social Sciences, Academic Dean and Acting Vice-Principal within a six-year period 1975-1981.

Claire Hepburn, nee Smith, hails from the eastern part of New Providence. She attended St. Anne’s High School and subsequently transferred to The Government High School to complete A’ level studies. Her undergraduate work was undertaken at the University of West Indies (Mona) where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) and a Diploma in Education. Further postgraduate studies with the University of Miami culminated in the conferral of the degree of Master of Education (M.Ed.).
Attorney Hepburn leads a very active civic life. She is a member and past President of the Zonta Club of Nassau and member of the Anglican Central Education Authority. In addition, she is a Sunday School teacher and past Superintendent of St. Gregory’s Sunday School. As the first woman to be appointed Chairman of the Broadcasting Corporation of the Bahamas (1992-1994) and the first woman to be appointed Chairman of The Gaming Board of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas (1994-present), Mrs. Hepburn’s reputation as a trailblazer is well founded.

Claire Hepburn and her husband, Livingston, are the parents of Ian and Tara.
Special Graduation Honours

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S AWARD
This is awarded on the basis of academic excellence.

Evan Adderley
1999 July Graduates

DIVISION OF BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE STUDIES

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE
ACCOUNTING

CREDIT
BURROWS, Derrick Marvin

PASS
SANDS, Desmond Ronald

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE
BANKING & FINANCE
OPTION I: COMMERCIAL BANKING

PASS
MAJOR, Marvin Olander

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE
COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

CREDIT
BAIN-INGRAHAM, Shantal Alfreda

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE
MANAGEMENT

CREDIT
ADDERLEY, Gwendolyn S.
BASTIAN, Gavin Wentworth
ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE
ACCOUNTING

CREDIT
BASTIAN, Gavin Wentworth
SANDS, Marcia L.

PASS
BLATCH, Olivia Michelle
CURTIS-HANNA, Diann
FRITH, Chanan Nicola
GIBSON, Chivialle S.
GILBERT, Michelle V.
KNOWLES, Lorraine V.
MATTHEWS, Martella M.
PAUL, Cicely Alexandria
RILEY, Ramona O.
SMITH, Temico L.
SWAIN, Daphne
WATKINS, Ashquel Deandra
WILKINSON, Hernipha

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE
BANKING

CREDIT
SMITH, Shekera Lashanna

PASS
GILBERT, Kenyatta Patricia
SMITH, Remarca

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE
BANKING & SPANISH

PASS
DELANCEY, Thackeray Antoniz
ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE
BANKING & FRENCH
PASS
NOTTAGE, Noelle Paje

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE
COMPUTER DATA PROCESSING
DISTINCTION
ADDERLEY, Evan Malcolm

CREDIT
DANIELS, Genina Noelle
GOODMAN, Timna Maude
MILLER, Leslie James
ROLLE, Stephen U.
SANDS, Desiree Veedon
STEWART, Astacia Y.
STUBBS, Simeone Marknella
TUCKER, Taniele

PASS
BENEBY, Alexander T.
DORSETT, Ryan Trenard
FORBES, Agatha D.
FORBES, Michelle Brenda
KNOWLES, Neorisa Philipa
McPHEE, Robyn A.
MINUS, Demario Alexandra
MOXEY, Kristy Teresa
SMITH, Quincy E.
STUART, Toaschena C.
WOODSIDE, Sherell C.
ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

ECOnOMICS

CREDIT
LIGHTFOOT, Tishka Simone

PASS
BARR, Raquel Regina
BLAIR, Andrew Jefferson
PINDER, Omara L.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

FINANCE

PASS
DORSETT, Philip Julian A.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

MANAGEMENT

CREDIT
SAWYER, Odinga Lynden D.
WELLS, Necka Estelle

PASS
McKENZIE, Elton
ROLLE, Autrey Jamaine
SAUNDERS, Bertha M.
SAUNDERS, Deerika Shantel
SIT, Cecilia Suk-Kwan

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

MARKETING

CREDIT
SEYMOUR, Earla Krista
ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

PASS
FERGUSON, Valencia L.
KNOWLES, Shonell D.
QUANT, Deneyne

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE
SECRETARIAL STUDIES

PASS
NEWBOLD, Marva Terah

DIVISION OF TEACHER EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
PHYSICAL EDUCATION(K-12)

CREDIT
SWANN, Douglas

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
PRIMARY

CREDIT
PINDER, Prescola Louise

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
GENERAL STUDIES

CREDIT
TURNER, Michelle Agnes

PASS
ALLEN, Monique R.
BENEBY, Carol J.
DELEVEAUX, Chavone
McpHEE, Shavone Nickia
ROBINSON, Samantha S.
ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE
ENGLISH & RELIGION

PASS
KEMP, Sophia Monica

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE
SOCIAL STUDIES

PASS
BODIE, Tamika K.

DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION
DISTINCTION
BOWLEG, Alexia Tenique
PRATT, Malinda W.

CREDIT
ADDERLEY, Shavonette G.
BETHELL, Linelle Yvette
EDGAR, Jovianna M.
EDGECOMBE, Larissa Simone
JOHNSON, Natasha Daniele
NAIRN, Andra Vincent
PIERRE, Shelly
THOMPSON, Christina D.
TURNER, Carlton J.

PASS
BAIN, Inderia
CHEA, Anselm Colyn
HAMILTON, Frederica Stephanie
HIGGS, Daisry L.
MURPHY, Pamela
TUCKER, Trevor John
TYNES, Terry A.C.
WILLIAMS, Anthia N.
YOUNG, Ian L.
CERTIFICATE

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PASS
SAUNDERS, Christina Andrea

CERTIFICATE

PRE-SCHOOL AUXILIARY

PASS
COOPER, Laverne L.
DARVILLE, Jania Michelle
THOMPSON, Barbara Lynn

DIVISION OF HUMANITIES

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

CREDIT
FORBES, Jerome James

PASS
KNOWLES, Makisha Margaret
PINDER, Nazmoon A.
ROLLE, Ruby A.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

LANGUAGE & LINGUISTICS

PASS
CAMPBELL, Julian E.

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

FOREIGN LANGUAGE & TOURISM STUDIES

OPTION A: SPANISH

PASS
URIZ, Raul A.
DIVISION OF NATURAL SCIENCES

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

**BIOLOGY/CHEMISTRY**

CREDIT
CARROLL, Shakera Rakell
GOMEZ, Chrispin L.A.

PASS
TURNER, Chester D.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

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PASS
MUNROE, Alkeisha

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

**MATHEMATICS**

CREDIT
ROBERTS, Renate Eloise

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**PHYSICS/MATHEMATICS**

PASS
DELEVEAUX, Don Marrell

DIVISION OF NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE

**NURSING**

CREDIT
ROBERTS, Tina Maria
STUART, Karen O.
CAMPBELL, Cyprianna Michelle
CULMER, Monnalisa S.
DANIELS, Carla Latanya
FERGUSON, Daphne Idena
HEPBURN, Donnicka S.
PINDER, Tameka S.
SANDS, Targina
SAUNDERS, Agnes Nina
SWANN, Bonnieodette
TAYLOR, Shantel S.
WEISE, Tamico

DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE
HISTORY

CREDIT
BONAMY, Candida Vinette
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PASS
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ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE
LAW & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

CREDIT
SPENCER, Yolande C.
ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

CREDIT
ROLLE, Minera L.

PASS
JOHNSON, Paula Maria
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PSYCHOLOGY

CREDIT
WRIGHT, Eboney Janell

PASS
BOWE, Leshan Shantell

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RELIGIOUS STUDIES

PASS
CAPRON, Theodora Tracey
ROMER, Trevor S.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE
SOCIOLOGY

PASS
HAQQ, Asma Nafisa

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE
SOCIAL WORK

DISTINCTION
JOHNSON, Kimrice Y.
PASS
CARTWRIGHT, Decarlo Donise
CLEARE, Esther E.
DAVIS, Anya M.

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCES DEGREE
TOURISM STUDIES

PASS
GONGORA, Raul

DIVISION OF TECHNOLOGY

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE
ARCHITECTURE

PASS
MAJOR, Mona Lisa
SMITH, Conway A.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE
ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

PASS
SMITH, Julian

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION & POWER SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

PASS
PINDER, Kendall Anthony
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These are awarded on the basis of scholarship as well as significant contribution to the Division

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Kimrice Johnson: A/A Social Work
Alexia Bowleg: Diploma In Education
Malinda Pratt: Diploma In Education

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This is awarded for excellence in the nursing programme
Karen Stuart

THE ALBANIA MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AWARD
This is awarded to a part-time student in the Business Division who has done excellent work.
Shantal Bain-Ingraham
LAW AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
This is awarded on the basis of excellence in the Law and Criminal Justice Programme.
Yolande Spencer

SPECIAL AWARD FOR HISTORY
This is awarded for outstanding interest, accomplishment and achievement in history.
Candida Bonamy

BAHAMAS ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORK AWARD
This is awarded for academic achievement as well as exemplary commitment, community involvement and contribution to the profession.
Kimrice Y. Johnson

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AWARD
This is awarded on the basis of excellence performance in the Public Administration programme.
Minera Rolle

CAROL RICHIE MEMORIAL AWARD FOR MATHEMATICS
This is awarded for excellent performance in mathematics.
Renate Roberts

BIOLOGY/CHEMISTRY
Chrispin Gomez
The Symbols of Learning

Modern academic regalia evolved from the kinds of apparel worn by monks and students in the eleventh and twelfth centuries to keep warm in medieval castles and halls in which they studied. Academic life, as we know it today, began in the Middle Ages - first in the church, then in the guilds. The teaching guild was the Guild of the Master of Arts, and the Bachelor was the apprentice of the Master. Their dress was the outward sign of structure and responsibility. Academic regalia was thus a visible manifestation - in colour, pattern, and design - that unified those of the discipline and like purpose. The principle features of academic dress are the gown, the cap, and the hood. Participants in The College of The Bahamas Academic Procession this evening are dressed according to the style of Academic costumes described as follows:

The Gown
The gown had become symbolic of the democracy of scholarship, for it completely covers any dress or rank or social standing. The sleeves of the gown indicate the level of the degree held by the wearer. A long, pointed sleeve indicates the Bachelor's Degree. The Master's gown has an oblong sleeve cut in and arc, with a slit at either the upper arm or wrist. The Doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves and may also have velvet facing and sleeve bars or chevrons. The trimming may be black, or it may match the degree colour on the gown edging.

The Cap
The freed slave in ancient Rome won the privilege of wearing a cap, and so the academic cap is a sign of the freedom of scholarship and responsibility and dignity with which scholarship endows the wearer. Old poetry records the cap of scholarship as a square, symbolizing the book, although other authorities claim that it is a mortar board, the symbol of the masons, a privileged guild. The colour of the tassel on the cap denotes the discipline. The tassels on the caps (mortarboards) worn by the faculty may be black or a colour indicating the degree. Those who hold a doctoral degree may wear a gold tassel. It is traditional for degree candidates to wear tassels on the right and for those holding degrees to wear them on the left. Graduates transfer their tassels to the left after the conferring of the degree by the President. Tassel colours worn by our graduates this evening include:

Accounting - Drab  Agriculture - Maize  Architecture - Blue Violet
Arts - White  Business Studies - Drab  Education - Light Blue
Economics - Copper  Finance - Drab  Engineering - Orange Geog-
raphy - White  General Studies - White  Journalism - Crimson
History - White  Marketing - Drab  Library Science - Lemon
Music - Pink  Mathematics - Gold  Psychology - Gold
Nursing - Apricot  Sciences - Gold  Social Studies - Citron
Secretarial Studies - Drab  Technology - Gold  Sociology - Citron
Language/Literature - White  Law/Crim. Justice - Purple  Public Admin. - Peacock
The Hood
The hood is the prominent feature of the academic costume and is lined with the official colours of the institution conferring the degree and edged and bound with velvet or the colour appropriate to the degree. At The College of The Bahamas, the lining of the hood is orange and yellow representing The College’s colours.

The Cord
The gold cord worn by candidates for the Associate’s Degree identifies those graduating with distinction. The cumulative grade point average requirement for distinction is 3.51 - 4.00, effective Fall 1998.

Adapted from:
International Code of Academic Dress

Academic Honours
Three levels of pass are awarded in each programme.

Effective Fall 1998:
Distinction .......... CGPA 3.51 - 4.00
Credit ................. CGPA 3.00 - 3.50
Pass .................. CGPA 2.00 - 2.99

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Junior Achievement, Nassau
Kiwanis, Cable Beach
Kiwanis, Eight Mile Rock
L. O. Pindling & Co.
Lindy Russell School, Freeport
Links
Long Island Association
Lyford Cay & Canadian Lyford Cay Endowment Fund
Marilu Tolo Young
Mees Pierson
Ministry of Education Cohort
Ministry of Education Diploma in Education
Ministry of Education National Award/Bursary
Ministry of Education Teacher Education Grant
Ministry of Health Nursing Grant
Ministry of Labour & Immigration
Ministry of Tourism - Cacique Award
Morgan Trust
Murray De Young
Myron Jacob Foremen Memorial
Nassau Music Society
Office of the Prime Minister
Ova Da Hill
Pilot Club of Nassau
Pinder's Point Auto
Police Cadet Corps
Press Association
Price Waterhouse Coopers
Prince Hall Lodge
Project Voice
Public Administration
Rotary Club of East Nassau
Rotary Club of Nassau
Rotary Club of New Providence
Rotary Club of South East Nassau
Royal Bahamas Defence Force
S. G. Hambros Bank & Trust
Department of Social Services
St. Lucia Development Bank
Sun International
Teachers & Salaried Workers Union
Texaco Bahamas Limited
Trevor Symonette Award
Turks & Caicos Government
Seta Beta Sorority
Zonta Club
Established by an act of Parliament in 1974, The College of The Bahamas was created through the amalgamation of four institutions: The Bahamas Teachers' College, The San Salvador Teachers' College, The C. R. Walker Technical College and the Sixth Form Programme of The Government High School. It is the primary provider of comprehensive, tertiary-level education in The Bahamas and serves a wide and diverse population, its clientele being drawn from all levels of Bahamian society, from throughout the islands of the archipelago and from a wider Caribbean region. Today, some 400 faculty, staff and administrators offer to nearly 4,000 full-time and part-time students a variety of programmes leading to bachelor degrees, associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates.

Over its twenty-four years, dedicated faculty, staff and administrators have brought The College to a high level of academic excellence such that the institution enjoys an enviable reputation at home and abroad. Credits awarded by The College are readily accepted in Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States and West Indies. Graduates of The College occupy influential positions in the professions, business, industry, the public service and within the institution itself.

The College has grown substantially over the last thirteen years to serve Bahamians located not only in New Providence but in several parts of the archipelago. In 1986, a northern campus was established in Freeport, Grand Bahama. In 1991, programmes in Nursing and Health Sciences administered by the Ministry of Health at Grosvenor Close in New Providence were incorporated into the institution's programme offerings. The College launched an Associate Degree Programme in Office Administration in Georgetown, Exuma in 1985. In addition to delivering instruction in traditional classroom formats at these campuses, The College's Centre for Continuing Education and Extension Services administers a variety of programmes, offering academic, technical and vocational instruction to learners residing in non-campus islands. Today, the beneficiaries of these arrangements are found in
Abaco, Andros and Eleuthera. Just recently, The Centre has intensified its efforts in providing continuing educational opportunities through the offering of several international certification programmes.

Research is an area in which The College is moving with deliberate speed. Compelled by its determination to evolve, in time, into a full-fledged university offering programmes at the undergraduate and graduate levels, the institution has established a Research Unit with a mandate to encourage and facilitate the research interests of faculty, staff, students and the wider public. Field Stations in San Salvador and Andros undertake ecological and marine research and foster international partnerships in research initiatives.

The Centre for Entrepreneurship, established in 1997, is designed to facilitate, support and encourage entrepreneurship and new enterprise throughout The Bahamas. Providing advice, counsel and programmes for persons wishing to start small businesses, the centre is poised to become the primary provider of advice in this domain.

The College now looks to the future with optimism as it continues to work towards providing access to quality education.