

# Career Way



## Centre for Business and Career Development

### Annual Business Lecture: The Belizean Economy

The 1st Annual Business Lecture under the theme of "The Economy of Belize" was a successful venture undertaken by the Centre for Business and Career Development for student awareness and social consciousness.

The areas of focus were: entrepreneurship and commerce, financial services, the general public sector and SWOT analysis. The presenters for the various topics were: Mr. Alan Slusher, ad-



**Annual Business Lecture Panelist:**  
**"The Economy of Belize"**

visor to the Ministry of Finance, Mr. Richard Harrison, Entrepreneur, Mr. Santiago Castillo, CEO (San Cas Group of Companies), and Mr. Alberto Paredes, Financial

Sector. The Lecture cater to a wide audience of Junior College, High School students, faculty and members of the community.

## High School Seniors Career Day

St. John's College High School senior participated in a Career Day that hosted a series of professionals from the private

and public sector. Seniors welcome the opportunity to directly associate with architects, engineers, doctors, meteorolo-

gists, CEO's and entrepreneurs to fully understand the career path that presents the best opportunity for them.

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#### *Special points of interest:*

- CBCD extends its gratitude to all the panelist for their participation and support of the Annual Business Lecture
- A DVD version of the lecture is currently available in the CBCD office as reference material for any business program.
- A soft or hard copy of the lectures presented are available at the CBCD office.

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## Universidad Rafael Landivar Campus Visit

As part of St. John's College vision to move forward in union with other Jesuit institutions, we have expanded our relations with our neighboring Jesuit University of Guatemala: Universidad Rafael Landivar. An official visit was conducted by representatives of URL, Licenciada Lisette Aguilar and Licenciada Fabiola Padilla Beltranena. During their visit, they were introduced to faculty

members and administrators. They were also able to address a large number of our student body and present information about the programs and great career opportunities offered at Universidad Rafael Landivar.

URL will be visiting our campus and recruiting our students on a yearly basis.



Licda. Aguilar, Licdo. Burgos, Licda. Beltranena

## High School Sophomores Academic Expo '09

The High School Sophomores were provided with an educational and informational Academic Expo which highlighted the academic programs that will be available for Junior and Senior forms. The event also incorporated the participation of HS seniors in the Business Program with

the marketing and demonstration of business/entrepreneurial skills acquired in their program of study. Students and parents were thrill with all the information shared. Great support from faculty and administrators!!



## Student Development Workshops

Several workshops were conducted to promote student development in areas of importance for students entering the world of work or attending university. Mr. Richard Harrison conducted a workshop about product development to business management students.

The University of Belize, Galen University and University of the West Indies visited campus and presented scholarship opportunities and programs to all students. Students were also provided with scholarships and financial aid workshops.



Belize Defense Force Scholarship Opportunities



## Pedro Miguel Espat Memorial Award 2009

The Pedro Miguel Espat Memorial Award 2009 for Entrepreneurial Excellence in the Junior College School of Liberal Arts. Mr. Peter A. Gegg was the recipient of the PME Award 2009 for Academic Excellence in the High School senior class.

Students have responded positively to the PME Award in terms of academic and entrepreneurial excellence with vigor and leadership.

Ms. Adelaide Sabido was the recipient of the PME Award 2009 for Entrepreneurial Excellence in the Junior College School of Liberal Arts. Mr. Peter A. Gegg was the recipient of the PME Award 2009 for Academic Excellence in the High School senior class.



Adelaide Sabido  
Entrepreneurial Excellence



Peter A. Gegg,  
Academic Excellence 2009

## CBCD as member of Belize Association of School Counselors

The Belize Association of School Counselors (BASC) was established in February 2009 under the sponsorship of BCAPSS (Belize Catholic Association of Principals of Secondary Schools) as a medium to structure and develop counseling programs with a common purpose. BASC will

provide technical and professional development support to its members. As CBCD director, for career development, is an executive member as Treasurer of BASC and also is leader of the Career Counseling committee.



## Leadership Academy Course: Studies in Belizean Leadership

The Centre for Business and Career Development has developed a 1 credit course offering designed to cultivate the leadership potential of students through direct and interactive exposure with leaders in work positions of significance across all facets of Belizean life. The course is di-

rectly aligned with all areas of professional leadership in all sectors of the Belizean society that will motivate and guide in a realistic career path in leadership.



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## A Gateway to Great Career Choices

### Goals:

- Career counselling for SJC students, whether locally or distance-based;
- Guidance, support and feedback in gathering information, including self-assessment, relevant to effective career decision-making;
- Job search preparation, including search strategies, career workshops, current job listings, online job hunting and an Alumni Career Network;
- Opportunities to connect with employers through an online recruiting service;
- Career coaching assist in long term career-planning activities;
- Collaboration with private business organizations, as well as government agencies, for research or strategic planning purposes;
- Providing a forum for one-on-one counseling and coordinating conference to promote small business development and entrepreneurship.

## Upcoming events: (September—December 2009)

- Small Business Management Seminar
- Business Mixer
- Career Development Workshops
- Professional Development Work-
- shops
- Career and Educational Preparation Week
- Higher Learning Workshops
- Jesuit Identity Week
- Career Week

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