

CAREER WAY NEWSLETTER



Centre for Business and Career Development

Junior College Business Mixer 2010



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We extend our gratitude to the participants for this year's Business Mixer: Belize Telemedia, Scotiabank Belize Ltd., Belize Natural Energy, Radisson Fort George Hotel and Marina, MADISCO, James Brodies & Co. Ltd., Global Marketing, Bravo Motors, and Grace Kennedy (Belize) Ltd.



The Junior College business department represents a positive and driven group of students who, through strong leadership, will lead in the building of new industries and growth of the Belizean economy. The Business Mixer allows the business students to directly interact

with local businesses and senior-level managers to exchange information and experiences to enlighten and motivate students.

The Business Mixer was held on April 28th 2010 at the Radisson Fort George Hotel and Marina, Caracol Room from 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

school. The Business Mixer will be increasing the number of business entities that will be invited to participate next. The business entities along with students will be given more opportunities for interaction by allowing promotional drives to be conducted by the various businesses in attendance.



Pedro Miguel Espat Award 2010

The Pedro Miguel Espat Memorial Award was presented to two outstanding students who received the recognition for their commitment to excellence and entrepreneurship. The award was presented during the graduation ceremonies on Sunday, June 6th at St.

John's College. Ms. Cheyenne Monique Usher is the recipient of the PME Award for Entrepreneurial Excellence in the Junior College



School of Liberal Arts. Mr. Mischa Von-Derek Aikman, this year's valedictorian, is the recipient of the PME Award for Academic Excellence in the High School.

Students have responded positively to the PME Award in terms of their vigorous pursuit of academic and entrepreneurial excellence as well as leadership.

Annual Business Lecture: "Privatization vs. Nationalization"



ness and economy, entitled "Privatization Vs. Nationalization." The forum featured four panelists, with attention directed to various constitutive areas of the Nationalization process, public policy, including reflections on the advantages and disadvantages for the economy of Belize.

CEO of the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Lynn Young, President and Chief Executive Officer of Belize Electricity Limited; as anticipated, the pre-

The Centre for Business and Career Development planned and organized its second consecutive Annual Business Lecture, formatted essentially as a discussion on busi-

The Annual Business Lecture was moderated by Mr. Kevin Herrera, Country Manager for CHx Belize, a petroleum investment company. The panelists included Mr. Shaun Finnetty, Manager of Fusion HR, Mrs. Celene Cleland-Gomez,



High School Student presenting a question

High School Sophomores Academic Expo '09

It's crucial and important for Second form students to be cognizant and aware of career opportunities available to them, and how these are directly associated with the academic programs offered for third and fourth form. The yearly Academic Expo offers the forum for the exchange and sharing of information between the academic departments, faculty members, parents and students. The Academic Expo was held on February 13, 2010 on the St. John's College grounds.

Each academic department markets their programs with detailed information about subject content, expectations and obligations that are to be met by each student over the next two academic years leading to graduation.

The Centre for Business and Career Development also conducts various presentations addressing important areas of interest: "Career Path to Success"; "Scholarship Opportunities"; "Career Planning" and "Higher Learning: Jesuit Universities Association with SJC".



All students were also presented with the academic program form for them to select their program of choice for third and fourth form.

Career Way Workshops to Catholic Schools

As part of the St. John's College mission, the Centre for Business and Career Development has an outreach program to assist other Catholic High Schools with career program development and professional support.

schools with guidance and professional support: St. Ignatius High School – "Career Planning"; Bishop Martin High School – "Career Path to Success" and Our Lady of Guadalupe High School – "Choosing the Right Career"

to all other schools for the up coming 2010-2011 school year. We express our thanks to all the high schools mentioned above for supporting our efforts in building long-term collaboration through professional support and guidance.

The CBCD was able to assist the following

The program has proven to be very beneficial



Leadership Academy

The Centre for Business and Career Development was able to pilot its “Leadership Academy Course” to Junior College students. The course aims at educating students by exposing them to site visits which cover a wide range of entities considered most instrumen-

tal in the development of awareness and leadership skills. Students were hosted by professionals and provided with a site tour and a presentation which highlighted its role and implications for the Belizean society.



Here are few of the sites visited: Central Bank of Belize, Belize Tourism Board, Central Prison of Belize–Kolbe Foundation, Belize Audubon Society, Social Security Board, and the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO).

All these institutions provided a tour of their facilities and introduced students to all the members of the staff,



and they all concluded with a presentation that included a comprehensive description of their roles, responsibilities and programs rendered to Belize and its people – us.



BCASC Annual General Meeting May 2010

The Centre for Business and Career Development (CBCD), as a member of the Belize Catholic Association of School Counselors (BCASC) and the National Career Development Association (NCDA) of the USA, as an executive member of BCASC (Treasurer) and chair for the Career Standing committee, it was a great venture to attend the BCASC Annual General Meeting held on 27th of May 2010 at Delille Academy in Dangriga Town.

The works that have been conducted by the executives, members, chairs and all the standing committees are commendable, particularly in consideration of the various large projects undertaken: “A New and Comprehensive Life Skills Course for Secondary Schools”; “A Code of Ethics for Counselors”; and “A Career Program Guide”.

The Director of the CBCD will continue

to serve as member of the BCASC, and contribute to the building, development and implementation of career programs with the necessary resources and professionalism.

BCASC will also be hosting its 2nd Annual Professional Development Week on: 21st, 22nd & 23rd of June 2010 at St. John’s College AV Room.

CBCD Career Way Website

The Centre for Business and Career Development invites you to visit its new website: www.sjc.edu.bz/careerservices to obtain new and updated information pertaining to career options, scholarship opportunities, financial aid, self-help handouts for business development and career paths, self-assessments and many more areas for personal and academic research materials. For any questions or comments, contact the Director of the

Centre for Business and Career Development, Mr. Juan M. Burgos, at e-mail: careerservices@sjc.edu.bz.



Leadership Academy students at Belize Central Bank

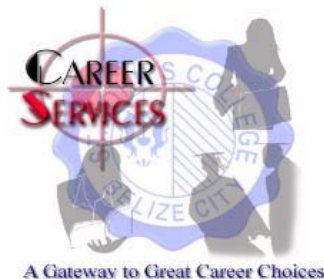
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A Gateway to Great Career Choices

Goals:

- Career counseling 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 2010)

- New Student Orientations
- Small Business Management Seminar
- Career Way Workshops
- Career and Educational Preparation Week
- Higher Learning Workshops
- Jesuit Identity Week
- Career Week
- Outreach Program Workshops

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