



St. John's College New Students Orientation 2008

The Centre for Business and Career Development (CBCD) continues to improve its collaborative efforts with the divisions of the College: Junior College School of Liberal Arts and School of Professional Studies and the Extension. All incoming students were informed about the services and resources available to them through the CBCD. A brochure and handout containing more detailed information about the CBCD services and resources were also distributed to students present for the orientations. The CBCD will also be contributing to the delivery of Junior College recruiting sessions to all high schools nationwide for the upcoming school year in August, 2009.



School of Liberal Arts Internship Program Workshops

The Centre for Business and Career Development in collaboration with the SLA Business department coordinated and delivered several workshops in preparation for the newly established internship program 2008. The students were given training through workshops in the following areas: Job Application Letters, Effective Resume Writing, Successful Interview Techniques and Professionalism and ethics in the workplace. The CBCD also assisted a number of students in locating and accessing business institutions that cater to their professional interests and abilities, to ensure that the internship experience is more fruitful and beneficial to the student.



Loyola University New Orleans, University of New Orleans and Galen University

As part of the development of students, the CBCD has partnered with some international universities to visit St. John's College in order to promote their schools' academic programs. Ms. Fatma Elfagh from Loyola University in New Orleans presented career opportunities and scholarships that will be available to St. John's College students for 2009 - 2011. Loyola University New Orleans awards a 50% tuition scholarship as part of the Jesuit Scholarship program at St. John's College. University of New Orleans representative Ms. Allison Betts, for the second year in a row, visited our campus and addressed students interested in enrolling in one of their academic programs. Galen University was represented by Ms. Candace Willacey to inform students of career opportunities locally as a tentative option to further their education.



School of Professional Studies Professional Development Workshops

A series of workshops were delivered by the CBCD to promote students' personal and professional development. Sr. Barbara Lammers presented a workshop on "Plagiarism" to English class students in order to ensure higher quality of written research papers. Mr. Juan M. Burgos presented a workshop on "Effective Resume Writing" to a mixture of students from various academic programs to complement materials taught in the classroom. Ms. Angie Moody delivered a workshop on "Effective Presentations Skills" to a Study Skills class in preparation for their final project. Ms. Martine King delivered a workshop on "Values and Attitudes" to motivate and build enthusiasm to low academic performing first year students.



Career Day—St. Catherines Academy and Wesley College

The Director of the Centre for Business and Career Development, Mr. Juan M. Burgos, in collaboration with the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs of the School of Liberal Arts, Ms. Consuelo Godfrey, delivered a presentation to fourth form students at St. Catherine Academy as part of their career day. The presentation provided information about SJC Junior College academic programs, scholarships, financial aid, career options, expectations and CBCD resources and services available. Wesley College was provided with equal presentations and were also given a campus tour.

Incorporation of Life Skills Course with a Career Guidance Component for High School

The Counseling Center and the CBCD acquired full control of the Life Skills course for the high school in order to include new components for student development and career guidance. The CBCD having provided all the necessary technical support for the career guidance component, the outstanding student development component will subsequently be delivered and overseen by the Counseling Center.



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New Career and Educational Preparation Course for SJC Extension

A new course was developed by the Centre for Business and Career Development specifically for the SJC Extension. The Career and Educational Preparation course was created with the main objective of providing on-hands practice to students in areas for personal and career development relating to the expectations and demands of the world of work. The main areas of focus consist of job search strategies, job search correspondence, career exploration, professionalism and ethics in the workplace.

Higher Learning Workshops—Counseling Center and CBCD

With the vision of promoting higher learning, the Counseling Center and the Centre for Business and Career Development implemented and delivered a total of four workshops addressing such topics as: “How to Find the Right School”, “Scholarship Opportunities”, “The Jesuit Scholarships”, and “All about the ACT/SAT”. The workshops were well attended and students responded positively to all the information provided. Additional support and assistance is provided through the SJC Centre for Business and Career Development.

Extension Division Personal and Career Development Week 2008

The Annual Personal and Career Development Week 2008 for SJC Extension students meeting graduation requirements proved to be a great success! The first great achievement was an 82% average of students attending the workshops. Students expressed sincere gratitude for the opportunity given to attend the workshops: “Self-esteem”, “Values and Attitudes”, “Conflict Resolution”, “Personality Development”, “Professionalism and Ethics in the Workplace”, “Career Pathways”. The gratitude of the CBCD is extended to all the presenters for a job well done in delivering the workshops: Ms. Denise Lopez, Mrs. Deanna Nisbet, Ms. Myrna Manzanarez, Mrs. Sandra Cadle, Mr. Dale Guzman, Ms. Juliet Simmons and Mrs. Deborah Domingo.

Small Business Management Seminar 2008—SLA and SPS

The Small Business Management Seminar 2008 in collaboration with the SLA Business Department and the CBCD proved to be a success. The information and statistics presented for the various areas were very educational and insightful. Our gratitude goes to Mr. Rudolfo Carcamo and Mr. Pedro Perez representing the banking sector as employees of Atlantic Bank Ltd. Their presentations were well prepared in presenting excellent information about capital financing opportunities available to small and medium size enterprises.

St. John's College and BCCI — Business Mixer 2008

For the fifth year in succession, the Annual Business Mixer 2008 was a smashing success! The support provided by the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry's management and members, SLA Business Department, SJC Centre for Business and Career Development reflects the outstanding collaborative efforts that resulted in a great experience for all students in attendance. Students were able to directly share and obtain practical and insightful information from various business managers from a wide range of industries to complement theories and strategies taught in the classroom. Mr. Alan Slusher, Advisor to the Minister of Finance, presented on the topic “The Global Financial Crisis and its effects on Belize” to close the Business Mixer 2008.

New Annual Business Lecture 2009

In order to enhance the education of our students and the members of the community at a larger scale, the CBCD will present the St. John's College Annual Business Lecture that will feature innovative and well-known members of the community to share their knowledge on select ‘hot topics’ in business and economy. The lecture will feature a panel and will be featured and televised by all members of the media, specifically news and radio stations. A vigorous appeal will be made to all concerned for their participation in the lecture, scheduled for presentation on the 1st Thursday in February of 2009 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Bliss Centre for the Performing Arts.