



Bahamas Barry Alumni Chapter Newsletter

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Bahamas Barry Alumni Chapter Board



Welcome to the first edition of our electronic newsletter. Our Chapter consists of a group of alumni from the Bahamas who graduated with a Bachelor's or Master's degree from Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida.

Our Chapter was established to assist low-income and educationally disadvantaged students in our communities. This first issue of our electronic newsletter highlights some of our accomplishments.

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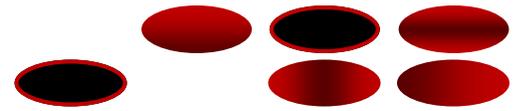
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Christmas Toy Drive



The Barry University Bahamas Alumni Chapter hosted a toy drive on Saturday, December 21, 2013. The toys were donated to disadvantaged students at Carmichael Primary and Claridge Primary Schools in New Providence. The Chapter's board decided to rather target these children because the orphans in the local children's homes are typically taken care of during the festive season. "There are children in various schools throughout the Bahamas

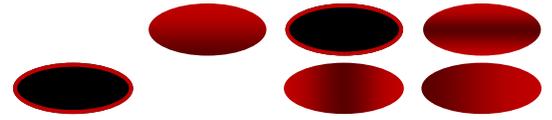
that will not be as fortunate as those in the children's homes. The schools we chose are a few of the schools represented by teachers who are members of the Bahamas Barry Alumni Chapter," said Braquelle Newton, Chapter President. On Christmas Eve, members of the Barry University Bahamas Alumni Chapter presented the gifts collected during the toy drive to 20 children from the two schools. "Our goal was to put a smile on some

children's faces this past Christmas by giving them an opportunity to open a gift on Christmas Day. The fact that we took the gifts directly to their homes and presented them made it especially meaningful. The recipients were pleasantly surprised and several of the parents were overwhelmed and shared with us that this gift may be indeed be the only gift their child may receive during this time," Ms. Newton explained.



(L-R): Johnette Cooper-Lockhart, Programs and Events Co-Chair; Tamara Saunders, Programs and Events Co-Chair; Tanya Wells, Chapter member; Glendena Mills, Senior Mistress at Carmichael Primary; a parent and two child recipients; Braquelle Newton, Chapter President; and Pleshette McPhee, Chapter Vice President.

Meet & Greet Reception



The Barry University Office of Alumni Relations has been forming regional chapters across the United States for the past two and a half years. However, The Bahamas Barry Alumni Chapter has the distinction of being the first international alumni chapter.

A meet and greet reception, hosted by the Bahamas Barry Alumni Chapter at the British Colonial Hilton, the was attended by over sixty

alumni, current students, and Barry faculty.

Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, Senator the Honorable Z. C. Allyson Maynard-Gibson was the keynote speaker. A proud Barry University alumna, Senator Gibson enrolled at the then Barry College for Women at the tender age of 15 to pursue studies in Marketing, Management, and Economics. She completed her program in Decem-

ber of 1975, although the graduation was held in May 1976. Another prominent alumnus who attended the reception, Senator Jerome Gomez, graduated in 1989 with a BS in Economics.

Barry University, one of the leading centers for education in South Florida, presently offers five master's programs in education in New Providence and three in Grand Bahama.



(L-R): Senator Gomez; Dr. Jill Beloff-Farrell, Associate Dean, Adrian Dominican School of Education; James Touma BPA '06, MPA '09, Director for Alumni Programs; Senator Gibson; Matthew Blair BA '04, Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations and Annual Giving; Braquelle Newton MS '12, Bahamas Alumni Chapter President (Photo by MWong Media).

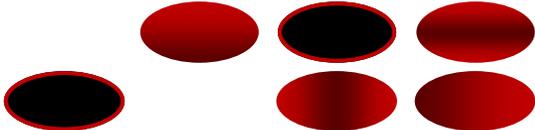


Barry University's Adrian Dominican School of Education faculty **(L-R):** Drs. Yvonne Campbell, Susan Hildenbrand, Fabienne Monuma and Lilia DiBello.



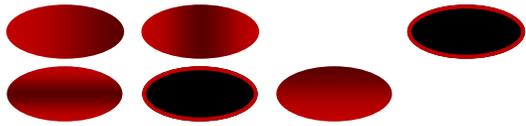
Barry alumna, Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, Senator the Honorable Z. C. Allyson Maynard-Gibson delivering the keynote address.

Meet & Greet Reception



Barry Proud!





Easter Basket Drive

With the proceeds raised at the Meet & Greet Reception, the executive team purchased 13 Easter baskets and on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 presented the baskets to underprivileged students adopted at Claridge Primary and Carmichael Primary schools. Younger children received the Easter baskets while partial payment was made towards the graduation packages of 6th grade students. "You all should have seen how their eyes lit up. Fellow alumni, it was another eye opener! There are some hurting and underprivileged children in our community. Both schools were really receptive and appreciative of what we are doing for these kids," said Braquelle Newton, Chapter President.



Recipients at Claridge Primary School

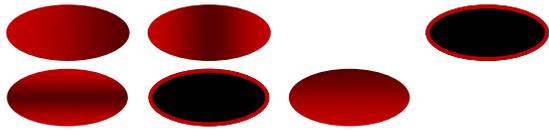


Recipients at Carmichael Primary School



If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.

~Mother Teresa



CHURCH SERVICE

In keeping with Barry University's mission of life-long learning, growth and development, members of the Bahamas Barry Alumni Chapter took time to reflect on the mercies of God in the Chapter's first official worship service at Bahamas Harvest Church on Sunday, March 9, 2014. Approximately fifteen alumni were in attendance, and the group was personally welcomed by Senior Pastor, Mario Moxey. During this time of reflection, the group was able to connect with two new fellow Barry alumni who joined the Chapter. This was a very memorable occasion and members are looking forward to their next church visit.



Back Row (L-R): Audra Dean; Braquelle Newton, President; Tamara Saunders, Program and Events Co-Chair; Pleshette McPhee, Vice President.

Front Row (L-R): Keenya Pinder-Rolle; Samantha Anderson, Secretary; Tanya Wells; Leontine Wells; Tamu McKinney; Johnette Cooper-Lockhart, Program and Events Co-Chair; Macquel Frazier.



President's Corner

Dear Fellow Alumni,

The goal of our Bahamas Barry Alumni Chapter newsletter is to share information about what's going in our Chapter and also in the lives of our alumni. We can only succeed with this endeavor if you, our esteemed alumni, assist us. Here's how you can help:

- We would like to include in future newsletters, any information you would like to share, e.g., where you are now, what you're doing, and other interesting updates like additional studies, employment, travels, family, etc.
- We also want to know what other information you would most like to see in this newsletter.

Please join us in this project. To send us your news and information you would like to see included, please email Jatón Martin, Communications Co-Chair, at jatonj@gmail.com Jatón will in turn forward the information to Dr. Yvonne Campbell at the Adrian Dominican School of Education. Dr. Campbell has initiated the idea of our newsletter and has also volunteered to serve as founder editor of the newsletter.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.



Braquella Newton,

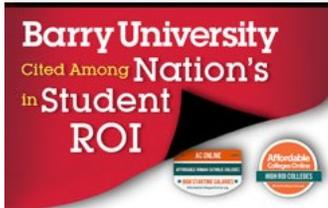
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Joan Knowles-Turnquest named
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Barry University in the Bahamas

Barry University provides you with the knowledge and support you need to develop professionally in order to propel your career to the next level. We offer master's and doctoral degrees in the Bahamas in a cohort format, making it convenient for you to attend graduate school.

- EdD in Organizational Learning and Leadership with a specialization in Educational Leadership begins September 2014 in Nassau.
- MS in School Counseling begins September 2014 in Nassau.
- MS in Organizational Learning and Leadership begins September 2014 in Nassau.
- Autism Education Certificate begins September 2014 in Nassau.

Additionally, Barry University frequently starts cohorts in Freeport and Nassau for the following programs: Master's in Organizational Learning and Leadership, Curriculum and Instruction, Special Education (exceptional student education), and Social Work.

Program Highlights

- Receive a special Bahamas tuition discount
- Courses are taught in Nassau or Freeport with face-to-face instruction
- Delivered in a cohort format (fall, spring, & summer semesters)

For more details, contact Vicky Totten at vtotten@barry.edu or call 305.899.4035

Barry University



Barry University in Miami, Florida, inspires students to foster positive change in the local and global community. No matter what undergraduate or graduate degree program you choose, you gain hands-on experience and apply what you learn in the classroom to a rapidly changing world. You work with professors who mentor, encourage, and challenge you. You choose from a full array of campus activities that allow you to have fun, make friends, and develop your talents. At Barry, you prepare to join the next generation of change agents and leaders.

Barry University offers more than 100 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs. The Barry community includes a dynamic, multicultural student body of more than 9,000 students from nearly all 50 states and 80 countries. Founded in 1940 as a Catholic university, Barry promotes knowledge and truth, an inclusive community, social justice, and collaborative service.