



COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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HLSCC and BVIHSA Partnership Empowers Sixteen

Committed to excellence, the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College (HLSCC) and the BVI Health Services Authority (BVIHSA) are making a difference in building a world class hospital with skilled workers. HLSCC in collaboration with the BVIHSA, and partnership with the Condensed Curriculum International Inc., have awarded sixteen individuals who successfully passed the 1st cohort of health care and administration courses.

In a ceremony held last Friday 30th January at Peebles Hospital, Chief Executive Officer of the BVIHSA, Darlene Carty Baptiste remarked that "HLSCC provides the knowledge and knowledge is power, and for the BVIHSA health is wealth, and together we now control the power and wealth." College President, Dr. Karl Dawson, equally supported Baptiste's remarks and expressed that "the College is committed to providing lifelong learning and building partnerships with the community like the BVIHSA."

In the past year, the Workforce Training Division at HLSCC launched three new healthcare courses (Medical Billing & Coding, Dialysis Technician and Medical Administrative Assistant) aligning to the immediate needs of the BVIHSA for having a 24hr Dialysis Unit, a new National Health Insurance (NHI) scheme coming on stream, and fulfilling good administrative patient and customer needs.

These successful students now have the ability to obtain internationally recognized certification in these fields without the expense to travel abroad as HLSCC has recently become an authorized Health Care Testing Centre under the National Certification Career Association (NCCA). NCCA certifies candidates on the basis of clinical skill and theoretical knowledge, for its allied healthcare exams before granting certification. The successful students for the Medical Billing and Coding course included Jesmira Callwood, Lisa Frank, Jennifer Heyliger, Thecla Hopkins, Chantelle Martin, Alice Pickering, and Claudia Thomas. Certificates for the Dialysis Technician course were awarded to Almeda Blyden, Shameka Durante, Faye Holder, Rita Delores Monsanto and Susie Wong. Medical Administrative Assistant certificates were awarded to Charmen Feehan, Niasha Penn, Kesheida Williams and Cargill Wright.

Starting March 2015, the 2nd cohort of these health care courses will be offered with the addition of courses in the areas of Clinical Medical Assistant, Dental Assistant, and Pharmacy Technician.



Upcoming Events

- ***Last Day for Regular Withdrawal**
February 10, 2015
- ***Phi Theta Kapa Induction Ceremony**
February 12, 2015
- ***General Assembly Paraquita Bay**
February 17, 2015
- ***General Assembly Virgin Gorda**
February 18, 2015
- ***H. L. Stoutt Remembrance Service**
March 1, 2015
- ***H. L. Stoutt Memorial Holiday**
March 2, 2015
- ***Commonwealth Day**
March 9, 2015

Announcements

Birthday wishes for the Month of February

Kerry-Ann Brown	1st
Rowna Martin	2nd
Vanessa Rhymer	6th
Levaughn Smith	7th
Dennis Gill	11th
Cherelyn Smith	19th



Phi Theta Kappa 2015 Faculty Scholars attend Conference

Last November it was announced that two Virgin Islanders were selected from among nearly 3,000 individuals to serve as 2015 Faculty Scholars of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK). Only twenty-eight PTK chapter advisors were selected as scholars after going through a rigorous application process based on their knowledge of the 2014/2015 Honors Study Topic, Frontiers and the Spirit of Exploration, and demonstrated excellence in teaching or administration. This resulted in a strong, diverse group of Faculty Scholars which the Colleges' very own Dr. Sauda Smith and Dr. Cassander Titley-O'Neal are among the group.

Through funding from PTK, Dr. Titley-O'Neal and Dr. Smith were able to recently attend the annual Faculty Scholar Conference at Phi Theta Kappa's Center for Excellence held in Jackson, Mississippi, from 28-31 January. The Faculty Scholar Conference is recognized internationally as one of the finest professional development programs available for community college faculty members. During the conference, scholars went through an intense training by nationally recognized scholars to prepare them to serve as facilitators for the 2015 Honors Institute at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

At the Honors Institute, Faculty Scholars will lead groups of 15 to 20 honor students in seminar discussions of the issues presented by experts on the Honors Study Topic throughout a week. The Honors Institute is attended by approximately 450 Phi Theta Kappa members and chapter advisors from around the world and praised as the crown jewel of honors programming experiences.

Dr. Smith and Dr. Titley-O'Neal are scheduled to make another trip as a second Faculty Scholar Conference will be held in the days leading up to the Honors Institute.

Poilycy Reminder

Due to a number of incidents, faculty and staff are to be reminded of our after-hours campus access policy. Please note the following policy:

Access to College facilities is allowed under the provisions of policy number 7.01.0109.2 approved March 17 2009 and revised March 11 2014 . The Paraquita Bay Campus is open for general access from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additionally, weekend opening hours are in place for specific departments at Paraquita Bay, whose hours are published and/or offer programmes or services of interest to faculty, staff, students or members of the public; for example the Learning Resource Centre and the Auditorium. The Centre at Virgin Gorda is open from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Requests for weekend and holiday use of facility should be submitted to the Director of Facilities for approval prior to use. Any person entering the facilities outside of these hours is required to check-in with College security and complete the necessary documentation. Employees already on campus who wish to remain and work outside the regular hours should notify security of their presence. Under no circumstance should employees, students and their guests, including parents and family members or patrons, enter College facilities outside of regular hours without the approval of authorised personnel.