



THE COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT

Carolyn Wright-Mitchell: Inspiring Others Through Education

Carolyn Wright-Mitchell, AA'92, has no room for mediocrity in her life. The Vice Principal of T.G. Glover Primary School was one of three students who graduated top of her Masters Degree programme in Educational Leadership and Policy from East China Normal University in Shanghai, China in July, 2012.

She was among 28 students from Asia, Africa, Europe and the Caribbean in the rigorous programme that was “extremely challenging” with its many academic and research assignments.

“It [was] a once in a life time opportunity that has taught me so many valuable lessons. I learnt so much about different cultures of the world and it gave me a deep sense of appreciation for my own culture,” she recalls.

Becoming a teacher was Carolyn’s lifelong dream, ever since she was a carefree little girl growing up in Green Castle, Eleuthera. Back then she was given to role playing and many times she would pretend to be a schoolteacher shepherding her neighbourhood mates. “I would have my stick too, now,” she recollects, bursting into laughter.

Her childhood dream of being an educator was nurtured by hard work and determination which paid off more than two decades ago. Carolyn has been in the teaching profession for 21 years and she aspires one day to return to her alma mater in a different capacity – as a faculty member at The College of The Bahamas. That’s why she intends to ultimately pursue a PhD.

“I want to make a difference in our country. We are losing our young people and I think being at The College of The Bahamas I can make a difference,” she says.



Carolyn is propelled by excellence in other areas of her life; the songbird and aspiring recording artist performs in both soprano and alto ranges at church events, weddings and funerals.

She is an author too and is in the process of writing two books: one of which will focus on parental involvement in the schools and the other will be her memoir, designed to encourage young women. A wife and a mother of two girls, Rykarrah, 11, and Caryshé, 7, Carolyn says she is inspired by her children, whom she teaches to value hard work.

“I want to be a good role model for my kids. I want them to know that nothing comes easy in life and you should always pursue your dreams. In order to pursue your goal, you have to work diligently and relentlessly in order to accomplish the task,” she says.

She credits this early childhood grounding in the faith for many of her personal and professional achievements.

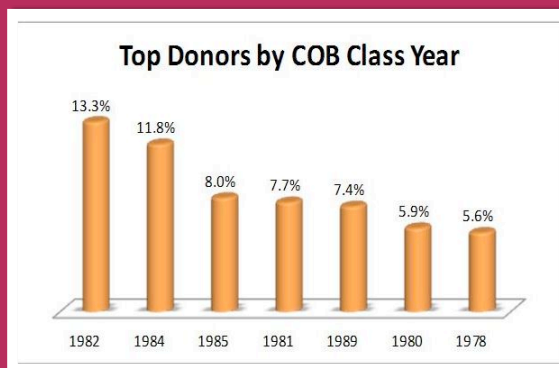
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2012-2013 COB Annual Fund

The Annual Fund is moving toward our goal of \$48,000, with only a few short months to the deadline. Thank you to those who have already donated and more pledges are on the way. But don't wait too long. We are past the Christmas rush and soon Easter will be knocking on our door.

The graph shows the giving percentage of our top donor classes. Is your class on the list? Your gift could put your class on top and encourage classmates to follow your example. Follow the rise and fall at MyCOB. We keep moving forward, one gift at a time, but the most important gift is yours.



Upcoming Events

- Alumni Society Mix & Mingle, February 21, 2013. Save the Date.
- COB Career Fair, March 14, 2013, Independence Park, Oakes Field Campus. For job seekers and employers. Contact nturnquest@cob.edu.bs to register.
- COB Invitational Track & Field Classic, April 5-6, 2013

COB Alumni in The News

Mrs. Anne Lightbourn '82 was recently appointed Director of Human Resources & Training with Baker's Bay Golf & Ocean Club in Abaco.

Mr. Deshawn McGregor X'07 has been using his passion for the environment and The Bahamas over the last year, serving as an Environmental Specialist at Baha Mar. He is preserving natural habitats, conserving indigenous trees and teaching teenagers to do the same.

Mr. Perry Rolle '90 with the Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company and Ms. Cleopatra Rolle '99 with the Central Bank of The Bahamas were recently awarded the first Bahamian Chartered Banker MBA's.

Ms. Danielle Morley '09 and Mr. Ladario Brown X'07, midshipmen in the Royal Bahamas Defence Force, successfully completed Naval Officer Training in December 2012 at the Britannia Royal Naval College in Dartmouth, England.

Ms. Shannal Jones '07, with Scotiabank, is a 2012 Bahamas Institute of Financial Services graduate.

The College is proud of our alumni's professional and personal achievements. If you have news to share with your classmates, or just say "Hi", contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 242-302-4357 or alumni@cob.edu.bs. You may also "Send Us Your News" through MyCOB.

COB Searching for Lost Alumni

Slowly but surely, COB's Lost Alumni are being found, and what an amazing time to get reacquainted with The College of The Bahamas. More community and alumni events are taking place, more students are earning 4-year degrees in The Bahamas and more efforts are being organized for COB's transition to The University of The Bahamas.

With your help, over the last year The College has 'found' 387 alumni that were not active members of our COB family. Now they receive The Spotlight and other special contacts. However, there are hundreds of fellow Caribs living in the United States and only you can help us reach this group. During 2013, The College and the University Transition Secretariat are planning special events in the U.S. promoting our efforts and we want to reach as many people as possible.

You have helped to make the COB family 387 members stronger. Help us continue to grow and spread the word. All contact updates can be made through MyCOB at my.cob.edu.bs or by calling the Alumni Office at 242-302-4357.

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