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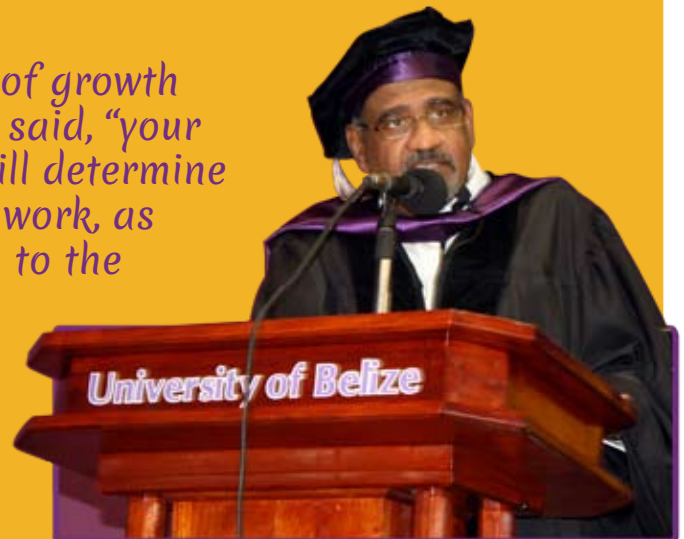
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“Education is the only way forward for Belize,” declared Senator the Hon. Godwin Hulse, Minister of Labour, Local Government, Rural Development and National Emergency Management in his Keynote Address to graduates of the University of Belize at the Seventeen Commencement Exercises on June 15 and 23 respectively in Belmopan and Toledo.

In underscoring the importance of education and training in relation to national development, the Minister said, we must step up our training areas of Science and Technology, and that he is “glad to see UB is doing that, in the arts and culture, in business and the environment in social sciences, agriculture.”

In his call on graduates to lead a life of growth and accomplishment, President Fraser said, “your ability to meet the challenges of life will determine your success, and you should see your work, as a blessing since it is your contribution to the wider world.” He also remarked that personal accomplishment is the bedrock of success, “but it is meaningless if there is no legacy from which others benefit.”



The President’s remarks focused upon literature which has been an important element in the creation of the national and international identity in the modern world. He recognized two Caribbean Nobel laureates for literature, Trinidadian author, V.S. Naipaul and his St. Lucian counterpart, Derek Walcott. Both sons of the Caribbean soil represent the excellence of regional life and have ensured that their contributions stand at the pinnacle of world literature on behalf of both themselves and the Caribbean.

Of the total of 471 graduates who received their diplomas at the Associate, Bachelor, Certificate and Diploma levels, 298 are females and 173 males representing 63.3 and 36.7 per cent.

The Award of Academic Excellence in all Bachelor Degree Programs was presented to Luis Javier Ek and Oliver Joseph Garay, who both scored a 3.92 GPA in Mathematics; and Management respectively.



The Award of Academic Excellence in all Associates Degree Program

was presented to Anna Petkau who achieved the highest overall GPA score of 3.95 in Business Science. And, the Award of Academic Excellence in a Certificate/Diploma Program was presented to Jonelle Francine O'Brien scoring the highest overall for Certificate/ Diploma with a GPA of 3.89 graduating with a Diploma in Education Methodology.



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The Faculty with the highest number of graduates was the Faculty of Management & Social Sciences (FMSS) totalling 153 followed by the Faculty of Education and Arts (FEA) with a total of 133, the Faculty of Science and Technology (FST) 132, and the Faculty of Nursing, Allied Health & Social Work (FNAHSW) with a total of 53.

During the ceremony, several students received University of Belize's official white, gold and purple honour chords. The tri-cable white honour chords are de-

signed to recognise those graduating with Cum Laude; gold honour chords designate graduates with Magna Cum Laude (great honour); and purple honour chords are for graduates with Summa Cum Laude-the highest honour. A total of 43 graduated with honours.

Invited guests included the Mayor of Belmopan, His Worship Mr. Simeon Lopez and Mrs. Lopez, members of the Diplomatic Corps, public and private sector officials, Heads of regional and international agencies, and representatives from a cross-section of the wider society.





CONGRATULATIONS



CLASS OF JUNE 2013



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Toledo Campus Graduates

UB graduates receive EU Scholarships

Two Belizeans are among recipients of top scholarship awards offered under the European



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Union's Erasmus Mundus program. *The awardees Leo Koop and German Lopez, graduates of the University of Belize will pursue Masters Degrees in Europe which will begin in September.*

Mr. Koop has been awarded a two year study at the Technische Universität Berlin in Germany; he will major in Computer Simulation for Science and Engineering while Mr. Lopez will attend the Bangor University in the United Kingdom for a similar period of study in Sustainable Forest and Nature Management.



Leo Koop

The scholarship awards will cover monthly allowances, tuition, registration costs and insurance costs.

Erasmus Mundus, the EU's only scholarship program, is open to graduate students and institutions across the globe. It operates under three main components, with the objective of assisting individual students, tertiary institutions and organisations active in the field of higher education. In relation to students, the main objective is to promote accessibility to Europe's top universities and help improve the career prospects of students by enabling them to study abroad at top-class institutions. The program also helps to promote intercultural understanding.

The second component which focuses on higher education institutions assists universities to implement joint programs at the postgraduate level or set-up inter-institutional partnerships between themselves and universities in Europe and targeted Third-Countries. Under the third component, organisations active in the field of higher education who wish to develop projects aimed at enhancing the attractiveness, profile, visibility and image of European higher education institutions also qualify for funding.

Mr. Koop and Mr. Lopez join several Belizeans who have benefitted from the program since its inception in 2004.

Head of the Delegation of the European Union in Jamaica and Belize Ambassador Paola Amadei extends her congratulations to both students and is urging students and institutions in Belize to seize the opportunities offered under the program.

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