# MAKE THE CONNECTION GIVE TO BCC





#### **Barbados Community College Alumni**

#### Dear Alumni

The celebration of our 45th Anniversary is upon us. We can indeed reflect on our accomplishments and progress as we continue to provide the educational base for our students to reach their goals.

When you are travelling down memory lane to the days you spent at College, what do you remember most?

- 1. Examinations?
- 2. Favourite tutors?
- 3. Meeting and interacting with your friends?

Whatever your memory, it would have involved a new and exciting time. The skills and experience you received from the College still remain with you and for the most part formed your life patterns.

For many of our current and prospective students, there are ever increasing challenges to completing their College education. In some cases, it's meeting the challenge of buying text books, paying the next semester's tuition, getting an opportunity to intern in order to complete the programme or even completing a project which may require an outlaying of cash. For some it's just the right advice or a guiding hand to ensure their success towards their professional path.

Make a difference! Make the Connection ... Give to BCC.

The Give to BCC initiative is seeking to create opportunities for our students. Give to BCC will seek not only to provide financial support for individual students but also to promote a spirit of support and bridge some of the gaps that directly affect all our students' College lives and experience. We invite you to peruse the following information and let us know where you can make the difference.

We look forward to partnering with you towards making our students' experiences successful and exciting.

Yours sincerely

Gladstone A Best, Ph.D. Principal

#### Give to BCC ...

Your support is important to us. By making a gift to the College, you will be providing our students with some of the resources they need to succeed. Whether you are interested in making occasional contributions or you would like to make regular donations, you will find all the information about how to make your contribution on these pages.

There are a number of ways you can "Give to BCC". Please choose from one of the following options outlined within this document or visit us at <a href="https://www.bcc.edu.bb">www.bcc.edu.bb</a> for further updates.

# How will giving to BCC make a difference?

Through your participation in the Give to BCC initiatives you could...

- Help a student realise the dream to complete his/her higher education.
- Boost a student's self-confidence
- Assist a student in his/her career development

These small but valuable measures will go a long way towards enhancing and enlightening our student population and improving their lives at the College.

# Power of Change?

Numerous hands joined together can make a difference to the life of one of our students. By joining the alumni and making a contribution, you can empower change.



#### We need more than just your money!

Funding is always vital to sustain the programmes at the College but you can also ...

- Boost a student's self-confidence by becoming a mentor or establishing an internship programme.
- Volunteer your time or equipment to assist the College in projects.



### Career Networking & Mentor Programme

We need you help to us complete their journey by opening doors to internships or becoming a mentor. Hundreds of subject areas are now taught at the College. Our doors are open, share your skills and experience ...

- Hire a student for a minimum of 4 weeks for internship.
- Become a guest speaker at our career showcase.
- Write a column or create a blog to provide answers to students.

#### Volunteer

We invite you to volunteer and lend a hand. Help us to beautify the campus. We are always looking for volunteers who can work to create vibrant, modern teaching and learning environments and improve our labs.

#### And with monetary donations we can ...

- Create more sponsorship opportunities for students
- Sponsor an internal student work programme.
- Make a monetary donation or donate a piece equipment.

Join our regular donors to the Alumni Fund. You can help today's students succeed tomorrow. We have number of options available for you to choose from and there is no limit to how much you can do.

Your can make monetary donations in the form of cash, cheque or wire transfer. Or you can make donations in kind which can come in the form of pieces equipment and services. It's your gift so you get to choose which project area you wish to



support. The following are some of the areas that require funding:

#### **Scholarships**

A combination of gifts can help to create a series of scholarship programmes across the campus. Some of our students need that little bit of extra financial support to purchase books and other school supplies.

Prospective students can also benefit from one of these scholarships. Students from disadvantaged backgrounds who might find it challenging to pay tuition fees and would otherwise opt not to apply, can be sponsored by the Alumni as a way of giving back to the community.

#### Contingency Fund

The contingency fund is developed for students to earn wages for any task they perform for the College. In essence, students are hired outside of the internship programmes to fund their college expenses in any semester.

#### Building & Equipment Fund

Equipment costs are increasing incrementally yearly. The rapid changes and developments in technology often mean we are trying to ensure our students have access to the latest gadgets. Building and enhancing the facilities is always a priority towards ensuring creative learning in a comfortable atmosphere. Donations to these areas not only can help to equip classrooms but also help with expansion for several of our programmes.

#### Portfolio Shows

As part of the final examination process, students in the Division of Fine Arts present their creativity in the Portfolio Shows. Music, Dance and Theatre Arts are performed at the Frank Collymore Hall. The exhibition for students enrolled in the Bachelor of Fine Arts - Major in Graphic Design is held at the Grand Salle, Central Bank of Barbados. The exhibitions by students in the Bachelor of Fine Arts - Studio and Associate Degree Visual

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Arts respectively are held in the Morningside Gallery and classroom of the Division.

Costs start to accumulate as students are required to be in costumes, create a prototype of a business, rental of the venues and other miscellaneous incidentals. You can become a patron of the arts by sponsoring components of these shows to assist the Division.

As a body we aim to provide over \$50,000BDS per year in funding to support a number of these important activities.

We will ensure all issues of transparency and accountability are addressed. We will keep you updated on all events and welcome you as a supporter of the College.

# Alumni Day

Alumni Day will be held on the last Friday of January each year, as Alumni Open Day. The day will provide members the opportunity to interact with students on Campus throughout the day. Tents will be set around the campus for members to showcase business models and showcase products and services. In addition, we invite you to participate in the lecture series held throughout the day. We will be seeking your help to make this day a success in several areas. Keep checking the website for more details.





# **ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP FORM**

# Fellow Alumni

As we begin to celebrate our 45th anniversary, we want to hear from you. You are invited to connect once again with other Barbados Community College alumni in order to share

our academic, professional and other experiences. We hope you will take this opportunity to support your Alma Mater in its various endeavours as well as make valuable input of your own.

Please fill out the form below, your contact information will be included in our database. We want to hear from you and invite you to play an active role in our current and prospective students' lives.

Name while at BCC:		
Name if different from above:		
Current address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Tel: (H)	(C)	(W)
Email address:		
Occupation:		
Division:	Programme/Major	
Graduating Year:		
Please complete and return the above form to: The Business Development Office, Barbados Community College, "Eyrie", Howell's Cross Road, St Michael BB11058, Barbados or email us at <a href="mailto:alumni@bcc.edu.bb">alumni@bcc.edu.bb</a> .		

If you are not part of the Alumni Association fill out the form overleaf and return to the Office of Business Development, Barbados Community College, "Eyrie", Howells Cross Road, St Michael or complete and submit the application form online at <a href="http://bcc.edu.bb/Alumni/Join.aspx">http://bcc.edu.bb/Alumni/Join.aspx</a>.

If you have any questions please send an email to alumni@bcc.edu.bb.



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