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A Community of Hope Yearns To Rebuild *“UB-North can emerge bigger, stronger, better.”*

When a natural disaster strikes, it is easy to focus on the damage and loss that occur and the handicaps that are left in the aftermath. The University of The Bahamas-North campus in East Grand Bahama sustained massive devastation in Hurricane Dorian, one of the most powerful hurricanes on record.

More than a year later, it is the incredible will to rebuild even stronger, adapt and thrive that defines this community of faculty, staff, students, administrators and supporters. Theirs is a tale of strength and resilience that mirrors the wider community of Grand Bahama.

What do you do when your administrative and ancillary offices have been gutted, classrooms have been slammed by monstrous

winds and storm surges and residential facilities are mere remnants of what they once were? With the tangible help of many good Samaritans, the UB-North community banded together even stronger, lent their shoulders of support to each other and found a way to move forward. At a meeting with students soon after the storm had passed, there was a distinct note of hope, hope that fueled the drive to resume classes, and continue administrative operations a mere month later.

“This mammoth natural disaster, the most powerful hurricane in a hundred years, brought out the best in Bahamians and the best in our friends around the world,” Vice President of UB-North Dr. Ian Strachan wrote in a message to donors and friends. “NGO’s

mobilized, providing potable water and medical aid; churches, civic groups, ordinary people made heroic sacrifices. Individuals and organizations demonstrated a level of caring and generosity that has also been “unprecedented”.

Still, the UB-North community is steadily moving forward. Some of the students who attended classes in temporary locations at the Bishop Michael Eldon School (BMES) in Freeport and at UB’s secondary office location at the Teachers and Salaried Workers Cooperative Credit Union Building have now completed their senior year and graduated. At BMES, classes are held in the evenings and on weekends. Some teaching continues in the virtual space because of COVID-19.



Desolate courtyard of the former UB-North Campus in East Grand Bahama.

Dr. Strachan and many others remain hopeful.

“In the midst of the dark cloud which was Dorian, even amidst the current storm of COVID-19, there are beautiful silver linings. UB-North can emerge bigger,

stronger, better. We will adapt. We will change. We will innovate. And with the help of amazing donors like you, we will create a unique and dynamic college experience for Bahamians in the northern Bahamas,” he shared.

The Board of Trustees is deliberating options for rebuilding and the future of UB-North, according to President and CEO of UB Dr. Rodney D. Smith.

“Dr. Ian Strachan along with a committee of trustees headed by

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Mr. Henry St. George, a member of the Board of Trustees, are exploring alternative sites right now, looking at possibilities. The Board has decided to use the old campus in East Grand Bahama as a Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Research (CCARR) Centre headed by Dr. Adelle Thomas who is internationally known as a climate change specialist,” he explained.

The University launched the CCARR Centre in November 2019. Its research work will focus on the human dimensions of climate change from a Small Island Developing State (SIDS) perspective. A fundamental part of its work will be to collaborate with public and private sector agencies on effective policy development and conduct education and outreach with the public and international organizations. The research on the human dimensions of this global threat from a SIDS point of view fills a critical niche as research on climate change has long been dominated by institutions in industrialized countries.



Hurricane Dorian’s fierce winds, storm surges and massive flooding gutted much of the facilities at the UB-North Campus in East Grand Bahama.



Heeding the Call for Climate Action



Director of the Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Research Centre Dr. Adelle Thomas at the centre’s opening ceremony.



The Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Research (CCARR) Centre at University of The Bahamas (UB) was established in 2019 in the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian. This unprecedented storm highlighted the significant vulnerability of The Bahamas and other small island developing states (SIDS) to the existential threats posed by climate change.

At the pinnacle of its operations envisioned for the UB-North campus in Grand Bahama, the CCARR Centre is intended to be a hub for research, policy support, education and outreach on the human dimensions of climate change. The Centre will focus on the impacts of climate change on societies in at-risk regions and how members of these communities can best prepare for and respond to the many risks posed by this pressing issue.

Director of the CCARR Centre Dr. Adelle Thomas noted that SIDS have long been

recognized as being on ‘the frontlines’ of climate change.

According to Dr. Thomas, “High vulnerability and significant exposure to hazards such as tropical cyclones, sea level rise and ocean warming and acidification all lead to SIDS being at high risk to climate change. Within these countries, climate change is already having significant impacts, from extensive damage to communities and infrastructure caused by extreme events, to coastal erosion and salinization of water resources from slow onset events like sea level rise.”

Still relatively new, the activities of the centre will focus on the human dimensions of climate change – how are communities, particularly social groups and society at large, affected by climate change and what is the best response with a particular lens on adaptation and disaster risk management and loss and damage, a critical issue for which SIDS have

been advocating since the initial development of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Recently Dr. Thomas identified an important intersection of climate resiliency and COVID-19 responses in an opinion editorial that she wrote. The point made was that crises may overwhelm the capacity of SIDS to respond, with implications for the effectiveness of their response and contingency measures.

Forging diverse national and international public and private sector collaborations is a pivotal part of the activities of the CCARR Centre. As such, if you are would like to find out more about its operations and propose a partnership aligned with its focus, please contact Dr. Thomas at (242) 302-4366 or adelle.thomas@ub.edu.bs .



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Dr. Rodney D. Smith, President and CEO
University of The Bahamas**

When one thinks about disruption, the natural inclination may be to view it as a vice, rather than a force for positive change. There is no denying that disruption can be upsetting, painful, or uncomfortable. But it can also constructive and give birth to radical changes, innovations and concepts that improve operations, revolutionize systems and advance the human condition.

Disruptive forces in higher education can transform the academy for the better if we adopt a mindset that embraces new norms as well as the opportunities that stretch us beyond our comfort zones for the benefit of those whom we serve. Seismic shifts in digital literacy can increase capacity for those with baseline knowledge and capabilities and it can also open the door to improving the digital literacy rate. Similarly, reimagining and transforming avenues for access to higher learning has the potential to reap vast dividends not only for the individual but for the wider society.

Hurricane Dorian in September 2019 and COVID-19 in 2020 brought unparalleled challenges. They were a shock to our system and caught us largely unprepared and

off-guard. But what would our Bahamian society, our academic community and our world look like and how would they operate if we all stood ready and on the lookout for the next constructive disruption? How would we operate if we fostered an environment where change is nurtured and harnessed? How do we learn how to pivot when circumstances demand it?

Out of crises we are presented with opportunities for transformative change. One of the most destructive hurricanes that the world has ever seen, Dorian, damaged our University of The Bahamas-North Campus in East Grand Bahama so terribly, that all of faculty, staff and students are still operating in temporary locations in the city of Freeport. In that moment, the work that had taken place to automate our processes and teaching content became even more imperative in our resumption of operations just one month later. The island of Grand Bahama has been in the crosshairs of record-breaking hurricanes quite often and is still struggling to recover from the likes of Frances, Jeanne and Wilma. It has taken its toll on the strong and resilient residents of that island. From our ground zero on that island, our Climate Change Adaptation and

Resilience Research Centre will lead investigations into the human impact of climate change.

In March 2020 with COVID-19, we were left to ratchet up and complete our implementation of the Banner system. Banner is used by many higher education systems to make processes like admissions, registration, advising and curriculum management more efficient and productive. This allowed us to continue remote instruction and operational continuity that had much less gaps in service provision during an infectious disease outbreak. Making the transition to this did not come without great sacrifice and discomfort. Today, 90 percent of our courses are being taught in the virtual realm and we have made improvements to registration times, real-time access to grades and academic history, better reporting and metrics, and more efficient billing and payment processes.

Many times change is not palatable and a disruption in what we know as the norm is not welcome, but it may be germane to our own survival and competitive advantage. How we prepare for and respond to that change will be the defining factor.



Hampton University Aids Storm-Weary Students



UB President Dr. Rodney D. Smith bids farewell to a group of students at Lynden Pindling International Airport headed to Hampton University in Virginia.

Surviving a deadly hurricane can be an unsettling and traumatizing experience. But being in a supportive community can make all the difference in the world. This was the case for University of The Bahamas-North students after Hurricane Dorian unleashed its wrath on Grand Bahama. With their campus severely damaged, some wondered if they would be able to continue their Fall 2019 semester. Exhibiting true grit, administrators, faculty and staff had operations back up and running in temporary locations just one month later. What also happened was that Hampton University (HU) in Hampton, Virginia generously offered students who met the criteria tuition, room and board initially for the Fall semester, but extended it to Spring 2020.

In announcing the arrangements Hampton President Dr. William R. Harvey said, “I think this agreement is something that can be helpful to a great number of students and

families, and is part of something I’ve tried to do my entire career – helping people to achieve and meet their goals.”

A total of 43 students accepted the offer. With a hearty UB send-off at the Lynden Pindling International Airport and an enthusiastic welcome from their counterparts upon arrival in Hampton Virginia, they embarked upon a new experience.

HU’s acts of kindness sparked a tide of giving. New Birth Church in Atlanta, GA under the leadership of Pastor Jamal Bryant, arranged for the free air travel for the students while K12, Inc., an online public school company donated laptops for the students to use. A long list of private donors also stepped forward with total pledges and gifts amounting to \$300,000, used to pay for student visas, health insurance, books, supplies and other personal needs.

UB President Dr. Rodney D. Smith, the former Administrative Vice President and Chief Planning Officer at Hampton University, was deeply appreciative. “President Harvey, Hampton University and the wider community has provided safe harbor for some of our students when they needed it the most. Your generosity has lent continuity to their studies and is providing a measure of comfort during a time of crisis,” he said.

A UB team which included Dean of Students at the UB-North Campus Dr. Teo Cooper visited students at HU in February 2020 to reconnect with them and check on their welfare.

Students are grateful to have received a safe harbor after the storm and a haven to restore a semblance of normalcy in their curricular and co-curricular routines.



In Spring 2020, a team from UB including the Dean of Students at UB-North Dr. Teo Cooper visited students at Hampton University. In front row from left are: VP Institutional Advancement Mr. Dino Hernandez; Dean of Students at UB-North Dr. Teo Cooper; Executive Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations Mrs. Kandice Eldon; and former Assistant Director of Grants & Policy Fellow Keyron Smith.



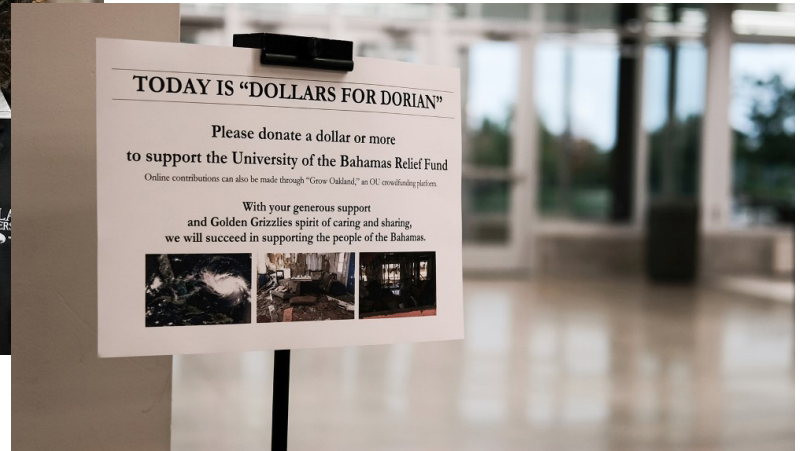
Students chat among themselves before heading on a flight to Hampton University.



Oakland University Responds with Dollars for Dorian Campaign



Oakland University's President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, right, joined OU mascot Grizz and Jean Ann Miller, director of the Office for Student Involvement for the start of the campaign in the Oakland Center. (Photo courtesy of Oakland University News).



Several groups on campus executed the Dollars for Dorian Campaign which raised much needed funds for the relief and restoration effort. (Photo courtesy of Oakland University News)

A simple title matched with a fierce resolve to help. That is how Oakland University (OU), a fellow Association of Governing Board of Universities and Colleges member, came the aid of University of The Bahamas in a time of great need.

As it barreled through Abaco and Grand Bahama, Hurricane Dorian left the UB-North Campus in ruins and approximately 600 students, faculty and staff displaced. Oakland University President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz wanted to raise funds to help.

Dollars for Dorian was born on 10th September 2019 in a "President's Perspective" email. According to OU, Pescovitz informed the OU community that: the drive would be active for 24 hours on Thursday, Sept. 12. Tabling would take place in the Oakland Center from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. while online donations would be accepted through the "Grow Oakland" crowdfunding platform. Two more tables would be set up by Housing in the Hillcrest and Vandenberg residence halls.

The President announced that her office would contribute matching funds up to \$5,000 of the amount raised and she would personally contribute up to another \$5,000. It was a means of mobilizing greater support. All amounts, even the smallest ones, were welcome.

"Any amount is better than no amount," OU Student Congress Vice President Julia Alexander urged.

The OU community matched resolve with creativity in their fundraising to help UB. An article in the OU student newspaper, the Oakland Post, reported that \$1 and \$5 donation options were added to cash registers across campus.

The athletics department pledged all tickets sales from the September 14th women's volleyball and men's soccer matches. Plus, Meadow Brook Hall pledged 50% of all revenue from September 12th tours to the fundraiser and the OU Police Department

contributed \$387.55 from parking tickets and parking meters to the drive. Meantime, the Golf and Learning Center contributed \$383 from its \$1-per-round fundraiser.

By day's end, over \$9,000 was raised and an added combined \$10,000 from President Pescovitz and the President's Office for a grand total of \$19,307.05.

UB President and CEO Dr. Rodney D. Smith has thanked OU for its overwhelming generosity.

"Your kindness has matched the strength of our UB resolve to rebound and rebuild," he said. "President Pescovitz, Oakland University sprang to our aid when we needed it the most. Your community's generous giving has warmed our hearts and is helping us to provide a measure of continuity for our faculty, staff or students who desperately need it. We are deeply grateful for your kindness."

National Cristina Foundation and Associates Respond to Digital Need

The National Cristina Foundation has a singular purpose, to ensure that as many people as possible have the technology they need to thrive in a digitally connected society. When Hurricane Dorian left the University of The Bahamas-North Campus incapacitated and rendered much of the technology and equipment lost, the US-based organization responded to the call and helped fill a great need.

Professor of English Dr. Sally Everson, who had previously been helping to source a number of grants, established contact with her networks which ultimately led to the National Cristina Foundation lending its support. One of the foundation's associates, Computer Reach, donated 40 laptops. The laptops were put to good use for students who desperately needed computers

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National Cristina Foundation and Associates Respond to Digital Need Cont'd

after the storm. Additionally, another associate, Tech for Troops, donated 144 desktop computers.

A 24-hour computer lab was a part of the operations that resumed at the University's relocated base of operations in Freeport. The lab became somewhat of a haven as the island was struggling to rebound after Hurricane Dorian. Students were able to use the facility to complete assignments and conduct research. Access to computer devices and technology helped to bridge the digital divide and offered a level of continuity after a major crisis. UB-North expressed gratitude for the donations provided.



Pictured from left are Dr. Ian Strachan, Vice President, UB-North; Keturah Babb, Development and Alumni Affairs, UB-North; Juliet Callender, Librarian, UB-North; Gregory Arthur, Campus Information Technology Technician and Dr. Sally Everson, UB-North Faculty member.



Epson America, Inc. Provides Technology Support

In the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian, the Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations secured a donation from Epson America, Inc. which replaced damaged Epson education technology valued at \$11,000 for the UB-North Campus.

Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations, Assistant Director of Grants and Policy Fellow Keyron Smith and Office of Information Technology, Asset Inventory Manager Bridgette Stuart received the donated technology from Epson America, Inc.



Book Aid International Donates to Library Repository

Before Hurricane Dorian struck in September 2019, plans were being made to increase the resources and capacity at the University of The Bahamas-North library. The storm's devastating impact on the campus in East Grand Bahama completely erased what little assets there were.

However, it didn't take long for Book Aid International to spring into action and help to fill a desperate need for books for the

university community. At the time UB-North had approximately 600 students, faculty, staff and administrators.

In two separate installments, Book Aid supplied the campus with more than 5,000 volumes of new, publisher-donated books. The books replaced some of those which were destroyed when Hurricane Dorian battered the UB-North Campus with destructive winds, rain and storm surges.

Books lost to the storm included those in education, business and the sciences.

This particular book donation was special as the organization was founded in The Bahamas. In 1952, the Countess of Ranfurly moved to The Bahamas with her husband, who was the Governor General. As Lady Ranfurly toured the islands she felt compelled to set about collecting books that could be distributed to schools, libraries



Hurricane Dorian left the UB-North library in shambles.

and institutions throughout the islands. In this way, the Ranfurly Out Island Library – the antecedent for Book Aid International – came to fruition.

Book Aid International's Chair Lord Paul Boateng called the gift a "coming home".

“These storms have a devastating effect on books, libraries and those who use and work in them. The destruction of the library on Grand Bahama was complete and The Bahamas was where our founder the Countess Ranfurly started her work. In stepping up to meet the challenge of its restocking Book Aid International is coming home.”

University Librarian Dr. Berthamae Walker was extremely grateful for the donation and

tangible demonstration of support. In the weeks and months after the storm, the focus was on restoring a semblance of normalcy.

“Though Hurricane Dorian caused massive disruption, our University of The Bahamas-North community is determined to rebound. Less than a month after the hurricane struck, classes resumed at temporary locations on the island so access to books and other publications to support students’ continued academic pursuits is fundamentally important,” Dr. Walker noted. “We are so grateful for the support from Book Aid International and we look forward to building a stronger relationship for the benefit of our educational community.”



St. George's University Donation Helps Replenish Lost Inventory

Technology, equipment and infrastructure were not the only assets that Hurricane Dorian destroyed. UB-North's library was left in ruins and all of its books were lost presenting a challenge for students and members of the University community who relied on the critical resource centre.

Moved to act in the wake of such a disaster, Campus Librarian Juliet Glenn-Callender contacted her colleagues in the Caribbean who responded positively to help restore the library's assets. St. George's University in Grenada made a donation valued in excess of \$13,000. The books donated focused on Chemistry, Nursing and Behavioural Sciences.

Knowledge-Sharing for a Reimagined Resiliency



Representatives from the public and private sector, academia, non-government organizations and advocacy groups attended the Sustainable Grand Bahama Conference held in March 2020.

From 5th – 7th March 2020, experts, academicians, scholars, policymakers and civic leaders converged on Freeport, Grand Bahama to deeply examine the myriad issues related to record-breaking Hurricane Dorian at the Sustainable Grand Bahama Conference: Reflecting, Reimagining, Rebuilding. The conference provided a national and international platform to discuss the lessons learnt and plot the way forward for adaptation, resiliency. Deadly Hurricane

Dorian dealt Grand Bahama and Abaco a heavy blow, obliterating communities and infrastructure and displacing thousands of people. A report from the Economic Commission on Latin America and the Caribbean said the natural disaster caused about US\$3.4 billion in damages and losses equivalent to one - fourth of The Bahamas' GDP. In addition to the plenary and panel sessions, there was also the Facing Climates of Inequality After Dorian exhibition. The

exhibition was UB-North's contribution to *Climates of Inequality*, an international travelling exhibit in partnership with the Humanities Action Lab at Rutgers University-Newark and 22 other partnering institutions. This exhibit presented stories of climate and environmental justice that emerge from local, community-based research projects by students in collaboration with local NGOs, Waterkeepers Bahamas and the Bahamas National Trust.





Packaging of computer equipment for shipment
(Photo courtesy of Florida Gulf Coast University.)

Florida Gulf Coast University Lends Support

After Hurricane Dorian’s raging floodwaters and storm surges struck Grand Bahama, one of the biggest needs for UB-North students was computers. Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) joined a line-up of donors whose giving helped to bridge this gap.

FGCU donated over \$50,000 worth of technology and instructional equipment including desktop computers, tablets, charging carts, exam tables, and athletic training equipment.

After the storm FGCU President Mike Martin contacted UB President Dr. Rodney D. Smith to extend support.

“We have reached out to our colleagues and the students at the University of The Bahamas to offer whatever assistance we can as they deal with the devastating impacts of Dorian,” Dr. Martin was quoted as saying. “These will be challenging times at UB, and we stand with them as they rise to the challenge.”

UB-North is in the process of developing a stronger relationship with FGCU, as it seeks to develop the new UB-North Campus and introduce innovative, new programmes. Faculty from FGCU participated in the Sustainable Grand Bahama Dorian Conference in March 2020 as well and the two universities are working on formalizing a Memorandum of Understanding.

University of The Bahamas Hurricane Dorian Relief Fund Donors

In the days, weeks and months that followed Hurricane Dorian, individuals near and far came to the aid of the University of The Bahamas-North community to support relief, restoration and rebuilding efforts. The ferocity of the storm was no match for the community’s indomitable spirit and will to bounce back from this crisis. We are deeply grateful for all of the contributions made and those that are continuing to pour in. Together, we remain #UBStrong!

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Nanjing University of Information Science and Technology Supports Rebuilding Efforts

As news spread about the state of Grand Bahama and Abaco and the severe damage to the UB-North campus as a result of Hurricane Dorian, the Nanjing University of Information Science and Technology (NUIST) in Nanjing, China was deeply moved to help an institution with which it had partnered for many years. NUIST made

a donation of approximately \$2,800 USD to the University of The Bahamas-North Hurricane Dorian Relief. NUIST President Li Beiqun expressed his concern for UB after the storm indicating that he was deeply saddened to learn of the tragedy. “Our hearts go out to the victims of this natural disaster and the whole Bahamas,” President

Li expressed. UB and NUIST have enjoyed a cordial partnership over the years with UB growing its once Confucius Classroom into a Confucius Institute with NUIST’s full support. Through the Institute, NUIST has also supported UB student scholarships as well as language and cultural immersion experiences in China for faculty and staff.

BECS Foundation Lends Immediate Aid

Founded to support organizations and institutions in The Bahamas that are involved in tertiary education, cultural endeavors, and scientific research, The Bahamas Education, Culture, and Science (BECS) Foundation has never wavered in its commitment. BECS Foundation was incorporated as a not-for-profit foundation in the State of Florida in 2003, and has full approval from the IRS as a 501c3 tax-free organization.

The foundation acted quickly in the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian. Co-founder and Secretary/ Treasurer Kathy Gerace along

with her daughter, Debbie, President of the BECS Foundation came to the University’s immediate aid and collaborated to launched the UB Hurricane Relief online giving portal, eBay page and a GoFundMe site. To date, total giving has exceeded \$400,000.00 in cash, pledges and in-kind donations.

“Continued to support the University in a time of great need. As a result of their direct intervention, we secured food and water, to new equipment, direct student aid, as well as replacement vehicles and temporary classroom space. We cannot say

thank you enough!” noted Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Alumni Affairs Dino Hernandez.

To make a gift, pledge or in-kind donation to our UB Hurricane Relief and Rebuilding Fund, please contact Dino Hernandez at (242) 302-4667 or dino.hernandez@ub.edu.bs.

Grand Bahama Disaster Relief Foundation Donates Bicycles

The donations made to the Hurricane Dorian Relief Fund have helped the campus meet various needs after being incapacitated by Hurricane Dorian. The Grand Bahama Disaster Relief Foundation donated 10 bicycles for use by students and employees who were left stranded by the storm’s raging floodwaters and storm surges. The bicycles are being used for transportation to and from classes and stores in the surrounding area.



Message from the VP Institutional Advancement and Alumni Affairs



Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to this special issue of University of The Bahamas (UB) Development Reporter. I am Dino Hernandez, the Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Alumni Affairs and Executive Director of the Canadian Friends of UB and UB US Foundation.

These past twelve months have been extraordinary for our University. In September 2019, we lost our northern-most campus to Hurricane Dorian. On the heels of that devastation, since March 2020, we have been in remote operations and holding virtual classroom teaching due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through all of these trials and tribulations, our many friends, both in The Bahamas as well as internationally, have assisted us. Philanthropy in its many forms is crucial to the life of our University and made even more critical in the midst of this pandemic. We are deeply thankful to all who give unselfishly of their time, talent and treasure. Those include the hardworking volunteers who make up the UB Board of Trustees, the Canadian Friends of University of The Bahamas Foundation in Montreal, Canada, and the recently established University of The Bahamas United States Foundation Board based in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. These separate organizations make up the philanthropic arm of the University, and their commitment to University of The Bahamas makes our world class education accessible to any student from the Family Islands and internationally.

Now more than at any time in our history, charitable giving is vital to the future of our students and programs at University of The Bahamas. We continue our efforts to rebuild UB-North and your gifts in support of the UB Hurricane Relief and Rebuilding Fund will be critical to the success of these efforts. In addition, when we transitioned to remote operations and teaching we did not have laptop or notebook devices to issue to our students. Your gifts in support of the UB COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund support the purchase of these devices for our students. The overwhelming demand we have seen well exceeds our limited supply.

We depend on your gifts to transform lives in ways that carry well beyond our campus borders. As you consider your charitable giving this year, please consider making a gift that uplifts a student and gives them hope for a better future.

Sincerely,

Dino M. Hernandez
Vice President of Institutional Advancement & Alumni Affairs/
Executive Director of Canadian Friends of University of The Bahamas and US Foundation

P.S. - Please consider making your gift in observance of #GivingTuesday on 1st December 2020 in the United States and Canada or at year-end. Your gift through our international foundations is fully tax deductible.

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Planned Giving

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Your Will

Include language in your will or trust designating the “University of The Bahamas US Foundation” as beneficiary of your assets. Contact us so we can coordinate with you on the appropriate documentation to ensure your gift is used in accordance with your wishes when received.

Retirement Plan Assets

Complete a beneficiary designation form provided by your retirement plan custodian and designate the “University of The Bahamas”. If a US citizen, designate the “University of The Bahamas US Foundation” as beneficiary. Canadian citizens, designate the “Canadian Friends of University of The Bahamas.” Submit the form to your retirement plan custodian.

IRA Rollover

For US citizens, individuals age 70 ½ years old or older can transfer up to \$100,000 per year to the University of The Bahamas US Foundation from an IRA to satisfy the required minimum distribution for the year.

For more information about planned giving, please contact Dino Hernandez, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Alumni Affairs at (242) 302-2667 or dino.hernandez@ub.edu.bs

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