

The Bahamas Agriculture and Marine Science Institute

THE BLUE HOLE

The BAMSI Weekly Bulletin

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The Institute Welcomes New Students

The Bahamas Agriculture and Marine Science Institute (BAMSI) 2015 Spring orientation process was no ordinary humdrum event! For the newest BAMSINITES, as they are affectionately called, the orientation period saw them go a step beyond the typical placement examinations and discussions on policies, academic expectations and appropriate student behaviour. From the rugged, soaring heights of Morgan's Bluff to the awe-inspiring blue holes of North Andros the students, who hail from across the length and breadth of The Bahamas, were fortunate enough to have a first hand view of the area's most unique geographical occurrences along with an introduction to the BAMSI farm. Hosted by Executive Director Dr. Raveenia Roberts-Hanna, the group toured the farm where they saw growing bananas, developing papayas, BAMSI livestock and a beautiful campus that when complete will serve as their home base during their stay in Andros.



BAMSI Students tour the Blue Holes of North Andros with the Bahamas National Trust

What began as a special tour for Marine Science students grew exponentially to include everyone, from staff members to agriculture students and faculty— everyone who was interested in learning about Andros' world famous blue holes.

The star of a National Geographic feature where they are described as living laboratories, the blue holes of The Bahamas and more specifically Andros — which boasts 178 of these geological phenomenon — are protected marine environments.

The tour was led by the Bahamas National Trust.

A Special Message

From the Executive Director



Welcome to the first issue of The Blue Hole Bulletin, a weekly publication of The Bahamas Agriculture and Marine Science Institute!

As we bask in this achievement, I wish to thank Ms. Yolanda Deleveaux, Communications Officer, for her tireless work in producing such a masterpiece. Well done!

It is indeed my pleasure to share all of the events and highlights of the week. Our students are eager and excited to learn and are fully engaged in all activities both inside and outside of the classroom and farm. I am so pleased with the crop of students that we will produce and even more satisfied that our country will have a more productive future as a result of their efforts.

As enshrined in our mandate, we are committed to nation building, human development, scientific excellence, and a sustainable future. I invite you to come grow with us and immerse yourself in this and other stimulating and informative issues of The Blue Hole.

If I may leave you with a quote from the late and beloved Mahatma Gandhi, *"Be the change that you wish to see in this world"*

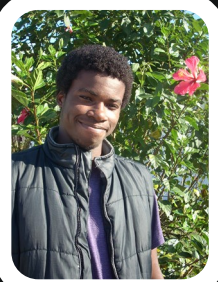
Rest assured that The Institute will continue to foster an environment of change, knowledge, integrity and truth.

I extend to you God's blessings.

Dr. Raveenia Roberts-Hanna



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BAMSI High Flying Achievers (G.P.A. of 3.00 or higher)

- Gimel Morley
- Romero Josey
- Montez Hopkins
- Paul Major
- David Adderley
- Anves Ferguson
- Garneth Campbell
- Travone Pinder
- Jerome Coakley



Montez Hopkins



Paul Major Jr.



David Adderley



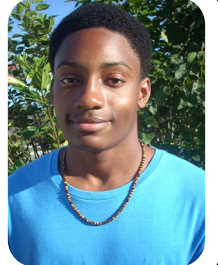
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News You Can Use!



- ALL STUDENTS are encouraged to make and HONOUR appointment dates set with BAMSI Counsellor Rev. Philip Campbell. It is a requirement for all students, as a service provided by the Counseling Services arm of the Student Affairs Office. He may be contacted at **bamsicounseling@gmail.com** and/or (c) **464-3908**.
- You are also free to visit Ms. Rahming at the Student Affairs Office or contact her at **bamsistudentaffairs@gmail.com** with any questions or concerns you may have. I am here to help!
- Each lecturer should have office hours. Please make inquiries to them and make use of the opportunity to build good STUDENT/ TEACHER relationships and excel in your courses.
- BAMSI Student Affairs office provides numerous services for the entire student body. Check the bulletin board stationed in the Library and your email address for important student notices and upcoming events.
- As we grow and expand, there will be more student activities available to you such as social events, outings, sports, games, workshops and seminars just to name a few. Do listen out for these exciting times planned for your enjoyment.
- The Student Affairs Office welcomes the new BAFY sub-chapter that was recently launched in February. We encourage all students (as much as possible) to get involved.
- Library Books are to be borrowed through the Student Affairs Office. You MUST sign for them. Books should be returned on the date set by the same.
- Some Library books can only be borrowed for three (3) days to ONE WEEK maximum, depending on the supply in stock. Others may go up to two (2) weeks. Please see the office for consultation.
- Late Book Returns carry a \$5.00 PER DAY penalty fee.
- To REPLACE Meal Vouchers, there is a \$5.00 penalty fee for each one.
- Mid-Term examinations begin Monday, March 2, 2015 and ends Friday, March 6, 2015

From the desk of the BAMSI Student Affairs Officer, *Ms. Rahming*

Calendar of Events

- ♦ February 28: Deadline for complete payment of room and board fees
 - ♦ March 27: Deadline for Fall 2015 applications
 - ♦ March 31: Deadline for payment of tuition
 - ♦ February 26: Midterm begins
 - ♦ March 1: Classes resume
 - ♦ March 2: Farm Skills course begins

DID YOU KNOW?

Andros, with 178 blue holes, has the highest concentration of these inland caves and sinkholes per square mile in the world. Go Andros!!!

SPECIAL UPDATES

- ♦ Special Topics Announcement:
The fish trap class have been pushed back to mid-March. Look out for more information as the date draws closer.



BAMSI students enjoyed Harvest Fest 2014 in Fresh Creek, Andros. Elon Moxey (centre, in red) was a featured artist.

Chef's Corner



RECIPE PAPAYA SALSA

(Yield 6 servings)

INGREDIENTS

1 Medium Red Onion (Medium Diced)

1 Green Sweet Pepper (Medium Diced)

1 Teaspoon Salt

1 Teaspoon White Pepper

4 Tables Spoon Olive Oil

3 Teaspoon Honey

1 Medium Papaya (Medium Diced)

2 Tablespoons Balsamic Vinegar

Cilantro finely chopped

in my
Community

- March is Consumer Month and the focus will be on Healthy Life-styles. There will be a health fair and walkathon.
- The North Andros Arts Festival will be held March 13 & 14 at Seaview Beach, Nicholl's Town.

METHOD

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and mix well.

Adjust seasoning if necessary

(Serves well with tortilla chips, bruschetta and also makes a nice compliment to grilled tuna.)

Bon appetite!

THE STUDENT HONOUR CODE

As a lifelong member of The Bahamas Agriculture and Marine Science Institute, I adhere to the principles of

TRUTH
INTEGRITY
&
RESPECT.

I will not lie, cheat, steal or tolerate those who do.

Top 10 Test Taking Tips

Tip #10:
You may
use a
calculator.



- * Get a Good Night's Sleep
- * Eat a Good Breakfast
- * SHOW UP and Be ON TIME!
- * Be Prepared
- * Make **BIG** Problems small
- * FOCUS and Don't Get Distracted




**KEEP
CALM**
DROP
**EVERYTHING
AND READ**

- * Read Everything
(read it again, you missed something)

- * Listen
- * SLOOOOOOW DOWN
- * Check and Re-Check

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