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Top three male winners in 2013 HLSCC/Highland Spring Race Series on Tortola



After three races newcomer Juliane Potgieter, clocking fourteen minutes 05.43, Team Cedar Secondary and the longest consecutive winning service club Team Rotary of Tortola have secured the overall wins in their respective divisions.

Counting three out of four races the men overall winner however, will have to be decided at race #4 as defending Champion, Khiry Creque (leader after two races) was unable to compete this past weekend. Guy Williamson on the other hand leading the way in race #3 in a time of 11 minutes 33.12 now has two second places and a win and the needed three runs under his belt.

However, many of the other divisions are undecided. The final HLSCC Highland Spring Race on Tortola is scheduled in three weeks on 16th November, 2013. This leg of the series will conclude with the awards ceremony.

(Details of the races can be found on the College's website and Face Book page).

HLSCC Staff Learn More about Swine Flu



In view of the recent reports of Influenza in our neighbouring Caribbean islands, namely St Vincent and Barbados, a presentation on the H1N1/Influenza A infection, also known as Swine Flu, was conducted on Tuesday 22 October in the atrium by Campus Nurse Patricia Hanley.

The BVI Health Services Department has issued an Alert and is asking for persons to be vigilant in the detection and management of respiratory and influenza like illnesses. To this end the presentation focused on the following:

- Key Facts about H1N1
- A Brief Overview
- The symptoms of Influenza A/ H1N1 (Swine Flu)
- Transmission
- What to do if you are the patient.
- What to expect from the caregiver.



New Appointments and Promotions



Chevon Turnbull



Cara Christopher

Miss Chevon Turnbull is a recent graduate of the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College (HLSCC), where she majored in Business Administration (General Concentration). While at HLSCC she was involved in several student organizations, namely the Hospitality Club, the Cervantes Spanish Club and the Student Newsletter Club. She would like to take this opportunity to encourage the students to join an organization on campus, as it makes your college experience so much better, than just always hitting the books. Getting an Associate's Degree or Certificate of Achievement is great, but forming life-long friendships is even better. Miss Turnbull is the new addition to the Fiscal Services Department where she holds the position of Cashier/Administrative Assistant.

Ms. Cara Christopher is the Student Success Officer attached/assigned to the Student Success Centre. Ms. Christopher holds a BA in Psychology from the University of the Virgin Islands. She is a HLSCC Alumna having obtained Associates Degrees in Humanities and Human Services. Prior to joining HLSCC Ms. Christopher was an intern at Clear Blue Sky Inc. in St Thomas.

Baking and Pastry Making Course



Participants after successfully completing the Baking and Pastry Making Short Course on 12 October, 2013. Among the participants was Lakeisha King, who is 16 years old and attends the Elmore Stoutt High School, as well as Shakeifa Chinnery who travelled all the way from St. Thomas to attend this instructional opportunity.

HLSCC Faculty Association

The H. Lavity Stoutt Community College Faculty Association is dedicated to representing and advancing the interests of faculty to improve the quality of the HLSCC experience for students, faculty, staff and the community.

OBJECTIVES

- To transact Faculty Association business;
- To serve as a channel of communication between faculty, students and other HLSCC bodies;
- To ascertain and represent faculty viewpoints and recommendations on matters that involve or affect students and faculty;
- To foster/encourage and promote faculty morale.

Currently elections are being held to appoint the Association's first president. The candidates are Fidel Captain and Dr. Titley O'Neal. Members of faculty who have not yet voted are being asked to contact Ms. Keisha Davis Barnes for information on the voting link.

Accreditation Self-Study updates

1. ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES AT HLSCC:

With the introduction of formal student outcomes assessment, the College has seen many changes:

- More professional development taking place;
- Systematic development and assessment of outcomes;
- Systematic reporting;
- Systematic use of results to inform teaching and learning;
- Development of Outcomes Assessment Plan;
- Formation of Outcomes Assessment Committee;

2010-2011 ASSESSMENT PERIODS

- All active programmes assessed;
- Heads and faculty were taking ownership of programme assessment ;
- Many challenges were being faced;
- Curricula and other changes made based on assessment results;

ASSESSMENT PLAN 2012-2015

➤ CHANGES

- No longer one large comprehensive plan;
- Done in stages and submitted;
- Report compiled by Assessment Coordinator at end of each year;
- Programme Assessment Co-ordinator selected for each programme.

ADVANTAGES OF NEW PLAN

- Allows for more effective reporting;
- Allows for modifying outcomes more readily;
- Allows for greater ownership by Heads and faculty.

CURRENT STATUS

- ✓ New (2012-2015) Assessment Plan was implemented in Fall 2012;
- ✓ Instructors found it more time-consuming to complete at the time. Did much better in Spring 2013. Actually prefer Plan because of benefits;
- ✓ Information from Fall's 2012 Plan and some of Spring's 2013 Plan have been submitted to Director of Outcomes Assessment;
- ✓ Report will be compiled by Director of Outcomes Assessment at end of 2012-2013 academic year;
- ✓ General Education Plan is being monitored;
- ✓ Work on assessment of non-academic programmes has begun;
- ✓ Director of Outcomes Assessment currently holding meetings with SSC and LRC;
- ✓ Meetings were held with Learning Resource Centre this summer 2013;
- ✓ Heads and faculty are taking greater ownership of plan;
- ✓ Reporting continues at different levels, eg. Student Outcomes Committee, Faculty meeting, Academic Committee of Board, President's Convocation, Accreditation Self-Steering Committee;

Efforts to improve the assessment process and use of results will continue at the institution.

HLSCC to Compete in the UMI Battle of the Corporations



Support Team HLSCC in the UMI's Battle of the Corporations modeling competition on Friday 1st November at 5p.m. in front of the UMI store.