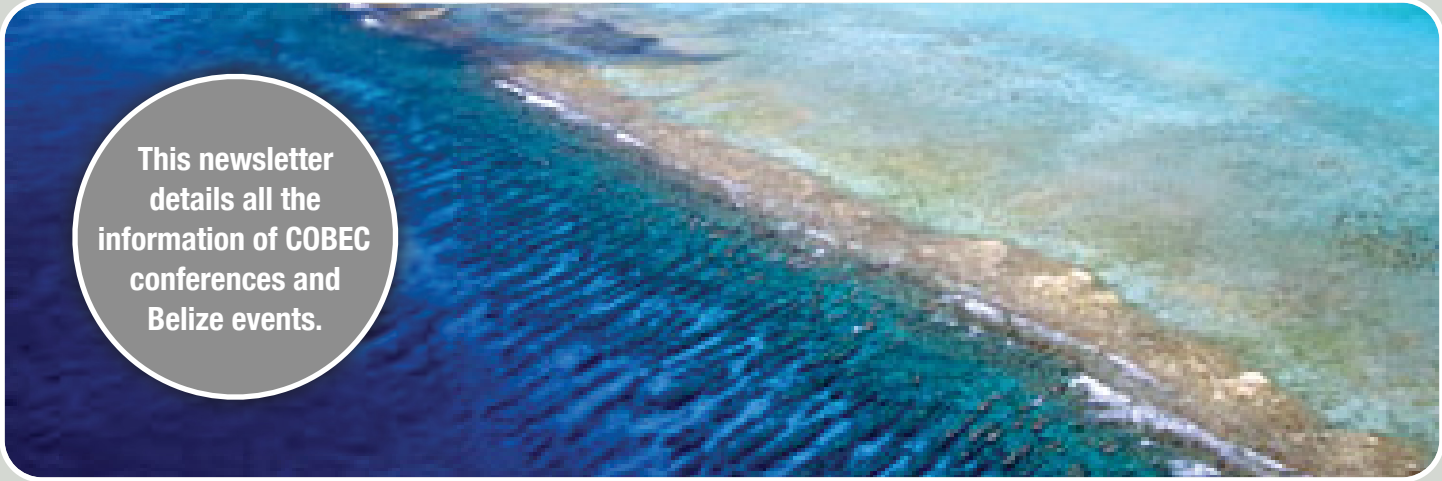


THE COBEC DISPATCH

An Inside Look at the Ultimate COBEC Study Abroad Experience



This newsletter details all the information of COBEC conferences and Belize events.

COBEC CONTINUES THE TRADITION OF STUDY ABROAD

Biannual meeting of COBEC at Georgia Perimeter College in Atlanta proved to be huge success due to efforts of Dr. John Anderson and Ms. Debra Denzel.

First we would like to welcome everyone to a new school year. A number of items are in store for the COBEC study abroad trip to Belize at the end of the year, including tuition information, awarded scholarships and upcoming dates and conferences.

First of all, members of COBEC approved a motion to create a one-year memorial scholarship for Martin Aird, the son of Chris and Eve Aird and a student at Sacred Heart Junior College, in Belize, who tragically lost his life in early July.

The Scholarship will be made available for the 2011-2012 academic years and will be offered to any Belizean student attending a COBEC member in Belize to be used at any United States COBEC member school.

After a brief discussion regarding the COBEC logo, members reached a consensus on the design and wording. U.S. Caucus Chair Kemppainen will coordinate with Mr. Michael Brennen, immediate past-chair to make the minor adjustments and to move forward with the logo. The logo will be used for stationary and other COBEC specific materials.

According to Jim O'Donnell, from New Mexico State University, the International Student-Teacher/Teacher Exchange Program is now an exchange program where money from outgoing students pay for tuition and participation in the program is held in a separate account. Tuition rates can fluctuate, so to be safe we have to make sure the students' accounts from Belize come in during a timely manner.



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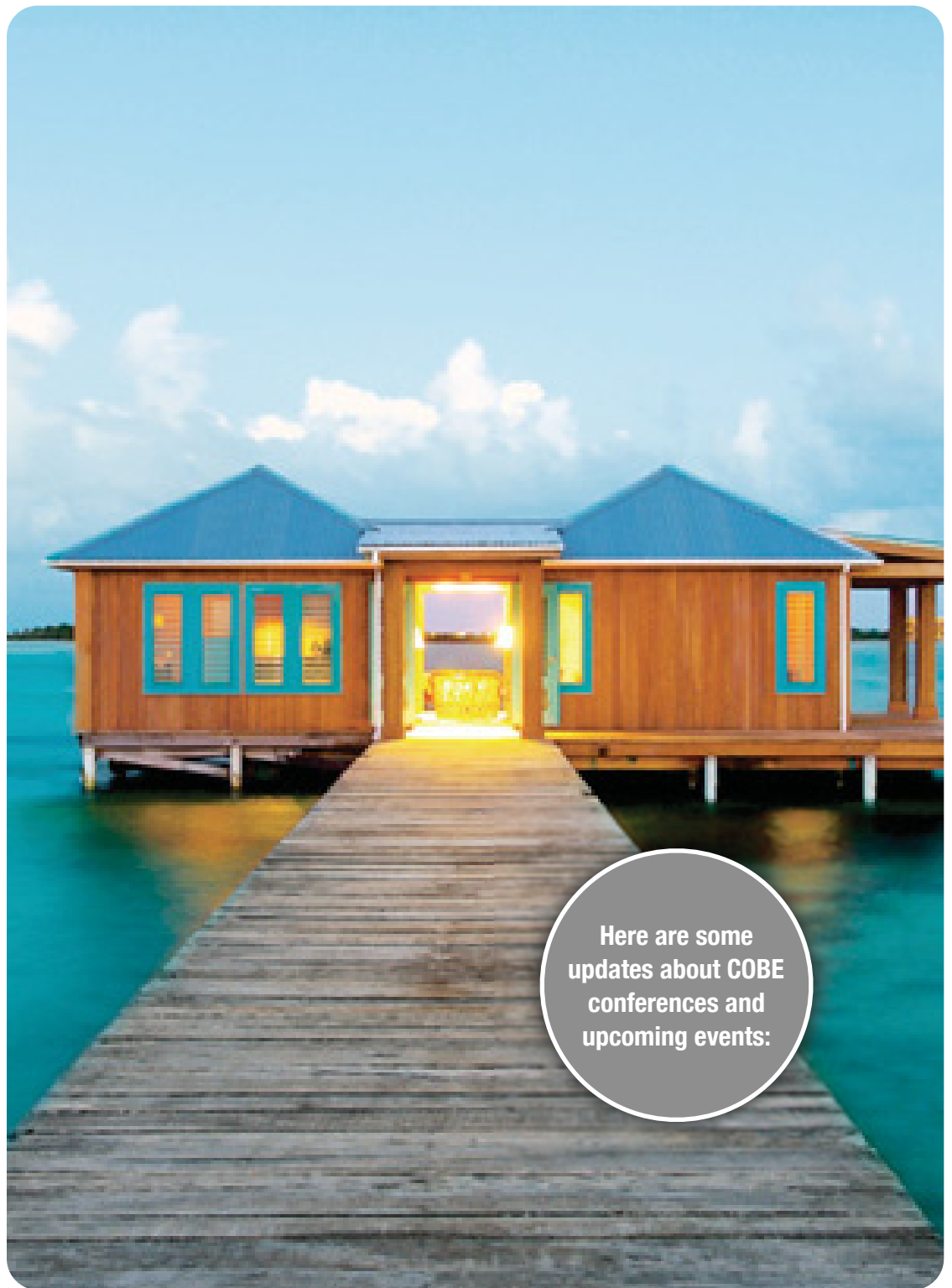
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Here are some updates about COBE conferences and upcoming events:

GAINESVILLE STATE COLLEGE

Gainesville State College in Atlanta will be the host for COBEC'S Summer 2011 biannual meeting.

This meeting is traditionally scheduled for the month of July.

UNIVERSITY OF WEST INDIES IN BELIZE

The University of West Indies in Belize will be hosting the February 2011 COBEC meeting in Belize

Mark your calendars as there will be some changes in the

format for the 2011 meeting. Additional professional development sessions will be provided.

GETTING TO KNOW...

**BELIZE AMBASSADOR
VINAI THUMMALAPALLY**



Ambassador Thummalapally moved to the United States in 1974 in pursuit of engineering studies.

He received his Bachelor's of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from California State University and completed postgraduate Business Administration courses at California State University.

Among these achievements, Thummalapally also speaks Telugu, Hindi and Urdu.



ABOVE: The Belize Flag

Contacting Ambassador Vinai Thummalapally in Belize

This is just a reminder for all of our United States partners to send letters to the Honorable Vinai Thummalapally, U.S. Ambassador to Belize requesting his support in approving Fulbright Scholars for Belize.

SEND LETTERS TO:

U.S. Embassy Belize
Floral Park Road
Belmopan, Cayo
Belize, Central America

We all should also contact our U.S. Senators and Representatives requesting their support as well.

We believe through a united front we will be able to have Belize approved for future Fulbright Scholar exchanges.

The Fulbright Program was established in 1946 under legislation introduced by then Senator J. William Fulbright from Arkansas.

The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The Fulbright scholarship is worldwide and is operating in 155 countries.

CONTACTS' WEBSITES:

To locate more information on the Fulbright Program go to: cies.org/about_fulb.htm

To find a list of senators and representatives in the U.S. area go to: directory.usayfoundation.org



Belize
Ambassador
Thummalapally

Georgia Rotary Student Scholarship

Susan Ralph, Bainbridge College and U.S. Caucus COBEC Treasurer reminds our Belizean partners of the availability of the 2011-2012 academic year. Interested students should go to their website at grsp.org for more information.

Carly Wynne Awarded Small Grant Through COBEC

Wynne, GSC, was awarded a small grant in the amount of \$1,492 to continue with educational workshops in Belize for the 2010-2011 academic year. Ms. Carol Babb, Deputy Chief Education Officer with the Ministry of

Education in Belize in assisting in coordinating these workshops.

Robin Kratzer Volunteers to Manage COBEC Website

Kratzer, Defiance College, has graciously volunteered to take over and manage our COBEC Website, look for more up-to-date information.

Ole Miss Becomes the Newest and Latest Member of COBEC

Kim Shackelford, Martha Bass, Lollie Vaughan and Lennette Ivy presented their activities and credentials to COBEC members July.

They were sponsored by Dr. Eve Aird and Sacred Heart College.



Dr. John Kemppainen

“As we look for ways to improve communication among our member institutions, I hope that this newsletter will be just one of many avenues of communication to keep us connected. I look forward to receiving news from any and all COBEC institutions. Please send any bits and pieces of information worthy of sharing so that we can all be informed. Jose Mai and myself look forward to many more collaborative efforts among our members.”
~Dr. John Kemppainen

ADVENTURES:



ABOVE: Georgia Perimeter College President, Dr. Anthony S. Tricoli, welcomes COBEC members to his campus at the July 2010 meeting in Atlanta.



UNF teacher education interns Mary Beth Wood (ABOVE) and Brandy Hutchinson (BELOW) work on their assignments at Unity Presbyterian Primary School in Belize City in April 2010.

