



# *Summer 2019*

# *COBEC Conference*

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

JULY 24-26, 2019

*Embracing Binational  
Collaboration*



# COBEC Mission

- Promote mutual understanding and friendship through bilateral and multilateral programs and activities that make significant contributions toward higher education in Belize and that enhance the international dimension of member institutions through the cumulative experiences of students, faculty, staff, and administrators.
- Collaborate in research, teaching, curricular and library development. Promote faculty, staff and student exchanges among member institutions.
- Implement systematic and comprehensive planning of educational development efforts.
- Develop human and financial resources to assist in meeting Belizean needs in higher education.
- Identify financial aid for students.
- Advance the professionalization of Belizean higher education.
- Encourage study abroad programs in Belize for faculty, staff and students.



## COBEC

*Consortium for Belize Educational Cooperation*

Consortium for Belize Educational Cooperation (COBEC) was established in the late 1980s to link Belize with the United States and other countries for the purpose of strengthening and expanding their capabilities in higher education. In 2014 the consortium was incorporated as a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation.

# COEHS Mission

**The mission of the College of Education and Human Services is to:**

- Collaborate with local, regional, national, and international stakeholders to promote transformational learning experiences;
- Establish and nurture partnerships with local institutions and agencies to address the needs of our community, which is inclusive of urban areas;
- Develop and offer rigorous programs of study that promote high standards;
- Use evidence-based practices to prepare effective practitioners who exhibit a professional disposition;
- Contribute to the knowledge base in our disciplines through quality scholarship; and
- Model and foster a commitment to professional growth, critical and creative thinking, and reflective practice.

## UNF Mission Statement

The University of North Florida's academically talented students receive individualized attention and opportunities to engage in transformational learning: e.g., community engagement, internships, international study, and research. Dedicated faculty and staff create a rich learning environment on a beautiful campus that provides an inspiring setting for our diverse community. Together, we enhance the economic and cultural development of our growing metropolitan region.



*O! say can you see by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;  
O! say does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*



*O, Land of the Free by the Carib Sea,  
Our manhood we pledge to thy liberty!  
No tyrants here linger, despots must flee  
This tranquil haven of democracy  
The blood of our sires which hallows the sod,  
Brought freedom from slavery, oppression's rod  
By the might of truth, and the grace of God,  
No longer shall we be hewers of wood.*

*Arise! ye sons of the Baymen's clan,  
Put on your armour, clear the land!  
Drive back the tyrants, let despots flee -  
Land of the Free by the Carib Sea!*

*Nature has blessed thee with wealth untold,  
O'er mountains and valleys where prairies roll;  
Our fathers, the Baymen, valiant and bold  
Drove back the invader; this heritage hold  
From proud Rio Hondo to old Sarstoon,  
Through coral isle, over blue lagoon;  
Keep watch with the angels, the stars and moon;  
For freedom comes tomorrow's noon.*

# Schedule of Events

## Day 1: Professional Development Day

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

**7:30 AM**

Shuttle departs hotels

**8:00 – 8:30 AM**

**Tom and Betty Petway Hall (Bldg. 57)**

Registration & Refreshments

**8:30 – 9:30 AM**

**Room 1100A**

- "I come from a place" poem reading

- Pair campus walking and sharing

- Whole group debriefing

**9:30 – 10:30 AM**

**Room 1100A**

Unseen Disabilities in the Context of the Mainstream Classroom  
(Dr. Karen Patterson & Dr. Enita Barrett)

**Room 1100B**

Effective Use of Technology within today's classroom  
(Dr. Terry Cavanaugh & Melissa Bradley)

**10:45 – 11:00 AM**

**Room 1100A**

Refreshment Break

**11:00 AM – Noon**

**Room 1100A**

Inquiry/Action Research based upon practices within the  
modern classroom

(Dr. Lauren Gibbs & Ruth Reneau)

**Room 1100B**

Developing social and emotionally competent teachers

(Dr. Elizabeth Andersen & Tanesha Ross)

**Noon – 1:00 PM**

**Osprey Café**

Lunch

**1:15 – 2:15 PM**

**Room 1100A**

Q-Methodology: An Alternative to traditional research

(Dr. Chris Janson & Catherine Wade)

**Room 1100 B**

Deaf Culture (Dawn Wessling & Juanita Cadle)

**2:15 – 3:15 PM**

**Room 1100A**

Music Applications for schools

(Dr. Tim Grioux, & Courtney Gillett)

**Room 1100 B**

Redefining Educational Leadership

(Dr. Matthew Ohlson and Dr. Andrea Bernard Cummings)

**3:15 – 3:45 PM**

**Room 1100A**

-Praxis session (CUEP Staff)

-Debriefing of workshops

-Closing Circle

**4:00 PM**

Shuttles return to hotels

**6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**Tru Hotel**

Beer and Wine Social

# Day 2

Thursday, July 25, 2019

**7:30 AM**

Shuttle departs hotels

**8:00 – 8:30 AM**

**Tom and Betty Petway Hall (Bldg. 57)**

Registration

**8:30 – 9:00 AM**

Continental breakfast

**9:00 –9:45 AM**

**Room 1100A**

-Conference Welcome & Opening

(Dr. John Kemppainen)

-U.S. & Belize National Anthems

(played by Natasha Chapman and Courtney Gillett )

-Introduction of Dignitaries:

- His Excellency Sir Colville Young, Governor General of Belize
- Hon. Patrick J. Faber, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture
- Hon. Elodio Aragon, Jr. Minister of State and Ministry of Home Affairs
- Mrs. Laura Frampton, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Belize/Permanent Mission of Belize to the OAS
- Dr. Simon Rhodes, UNF Provost
- Dr. Diane Yendol-Hoppey, Dean and Professor, UNF College of Education and Human Services

-Welcome Remarks by COBEC Co-Chairs

(Dr. Emilia Hodge, Dr. Karen Martinez)



**9:45 – 10:15 AM**

Keynote Speaker

(Dr. Clint Van Negal, Professor Emeritus, UNF)

**10:15 – 10:30 AM**

**Room 1100A**

Coffee Break/Networking

**10:30 – 10:45 AM**

**Room 1100A**

Story of Belize/Video

(Fermin Magana and Betty Flinchum)

**10:45 – 11:45 AM**

**Room 1100A**

Child Safety Matters: A school-based program dedicated to eliminate child abuse in all its forms

(Lynn Layton & Stacy Pendarvis, Monique Burr Foundation)

**11:45 AM – Noon**

**Room 1100A**

GlobalJax Presentation: An overview of the goals of the nationally-linked nonprofit corporation promoting binational and international understanding

(Andrea Myers, GlobalJax Exec. Director)

**Noon – 1:30 PM**

**Room 1100A**

Lunch and networking

**1:30 – 2:30 PM**

**Rooms 1100 A & B**

-COBEC Standing Committees Meet

- College Fair
  - CAFE
  - Study Aboard
  - Action Research
- Set up for Poster Session

**2:30 – 3:30 PM**

**Room 1100B**

Academic Poster Session

**3:30 – 3:45 PM**

**Room 1100A**

Break/networking

**3:45 – 4:45 PM**

**Room 1100A**

Follow up session by Dr. Clint Van Negal

**4:45 – 5:00 PM**

**Room 1100A**

Review of details for evening event (Dr. John Kempainen)

**5:00 – 6:00 PM**

Return to hotels

**6:00 PM**

Shuttle leaves for 7PM Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp Baseball Game (vs Biloxi Shuckers)



# Day 3

Friday, July 26, 2019

**8:00 AM**

Shuttles depart hotels

**8:30 – 9:00 AM**

**Tom and Betty Petway Hall (Bldg. 57)**

Continental breakfast

**9:00 – 10:15 AM**

**Room 1100A**

Business meeting

(Dr. Emilia Hodge & Dr. Karen Martinez, COBEC Co-Chairs)

- Welcome and greetings
- Call to order
- Acceptance of agenda ✓
- Acceptance of minutes ✓
- Reports by Secretary and Treasurers ✓
- Matters arising from the minutes
- Report from Ingrid Alvarado on fundraising ✓
- Discussion on status of “individual” membership & bylaws issues ✓

**10:15 – 10:45 AM**

Refreshments & Networking

**10:45 AM – Noon**

Business meeting continued

- Membership Applications (Full & Associate)
- Emeritus Nominations
- COBEC Awards
- Partnerships & Collaborations

- New Business
- Wrapup, evaluations, and adjournment until winter 2020  
(Dr. John Kemppainen)

**Noon – 1:00 PM**

Box lunches available

*Remaining Conference Members are invited to an evening  
with Dr. Pritch Smith at Breezy Jazz Club.*

**Next COBEC Conference Venues**

Feb. 2020: University of Belize

July 2020: University of Texas at Tyler



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# Some COBEC Memories...



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