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Welcome to *The College of The Bahamas' Research Journal*

Twenty-eight years ago when The College of The Bahamas published its first research journal, then called *College Forum*, no one had yet heard of the world wide web and the idea of rapid electronic communication and information-sharing was just germinating. Scholarly works were printed on paper and these were mailed to those who asked for them. The only surfing anyone did was on water. *Google* was not yet a word.

Over the years, the articles written by our faculty in *College Forum* reflected a broad range of research interests and scholarly pursuits. These articles, however, never had the kind of visibility and distribution potential that we are providing today's scholars at The College with the launch of "*The College of The Bahamas' Research Journal*".

An online journal provides our faculty with a tool to reach others with similar interests in the global knowledge network. Faculty, students or other researchers can also learn from the work our faculty are doing. Our faculty can also receive feedback and commentary on their work from others in their fields. We are proud of this initiative, yet another in our list of accomplishments as we build The University of The Bahamas. We are very particularly proud to share with you the work of our faculty and students.

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