

Bonas and Beyond: Haiti



From September 23 to October 12, 2015, twenty Haitian students will be on the St. Bonaventure University campus for an educational and cultural exchange.

This will be the kickoff of ***Bonas and Beyond***. We will also be launching an online, not-for-credit learning program to help educate people while also making friends and associates from around the globe.

Classes will be taught on a volunteer basis by professors, students, and experts from the Bonaventure community. The classes will be in English and available online for free.

Classes during the Kickoff Conference

1. Accounting
2. Economics
3. Finance
4. Marketing
5. Environmental Science
6. Computers and leadership
7. Political Science

Seminars during the Kickoff Conference (Some tentative)

- Water, Sanitation & Hygiene
- Irrigation Kits and Gardening
- Alternative Energy-Solar
- Teaching (Standards)
- Teaching (Practical Tips)
- Project Management
- St. Francis
- NGO Management
- Job Readiness and US College Preparation
- Physical Education/Yoga



Haitian participants will be presenting on their own work (some participants run schools, orphanages, and garden and reforestation efforts). Additionally, they will be offering classes in Creole and giving insights into life in Haiti.



Classes after the Kickoff Conference

Economics

- The ABC's of Business
- Sustainability made cheap
- Computer apps and tools
- English
- Online project management
- Finance and Microfinance



In the spirit of Franciscan Cooperation, ***Bonas and Beyond*** is open to everyone. It is a collaborative effort of the entire St. Bonaventure University community.



Haitians participants are responsible for the costs of travel to and from WNY. Once to WNY, ***Bonas and Beyond*** will cover their food, lodging, and costs on campus and for local travel to events here. Initial funding for the program is from the Pacioli Scholar program, St. Bonaventure School of Business, and BonaResponds.

Bonas and Beyond is not only in the classroom. It is a cultural and learning exchange that will also take place outside of the classroom.

Haitian participants will go to local businesses and farms, tourist sights, and museums.

Bonas and Beyond will also be making presentations at local schools and to community programs.



Themes for ***Bonas and Beyond*** include equality, continual improvement, education, economics, sustainability, and making the world a better place.

To achieve these goals, the Haitians will work with The Warming House, BonaResponds, and HaitiScholarships.

Getting involved:

The more people involved, the better. We need:

- Drivers
- Hosts (to lead our visitors around campus)
- Tour guides and hosts
- Businesses to tour
- Donors (pay for a night at a local restaurant or pay for a meal on campus)
- Translators (Creole or French)
- Local classes or church groups to speak to and to work with (donation drives for school supplies etc)



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For more information **and to get involved**, email BonaResponds@gmail.com and attend on campus meetings the first week of September.