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This year is the **25th Anniversary of the Bentley in the Bahamas Trip** and we are so excited to celebrate this incredible milestone with the Class of 2024! As we approach the start of the year we are excited to welcome you to your Bahamas experience!

Registration for the Bentley in the Bahamas May 2024 trip is now open to all currently eligible seniors. To learn more about the trip, visit the Bentley in the Bahamas <u>CampusGroups website</u> or the <u>2024 Trip Event Page</u> and review the detailed information about registration, cost and payments, trip package, housing, required documents, eligibility, and FAQs. Throughout the year these pages should become your go-to destinations for answers to all of your trip questions.

Trip Registration: Registration for the Bentley in the Bahamas May 2024 trip is now open to all currently eligible seniors on the <u>CampusGroups Trip Event Page</u>. Eligible seniors are able to complete the registration process and an initial \$50 deposit to secure a spot on the trip. Registration will close on **Monday, October 2 at 11:55 PM EST** and we will not be able to accommodate additional trip participants following this deadline. For the previous ten trips, we have accommodated every eligible senior who wanted to participate and intend to do so again this year.

Trip Eligibility: All Bentley undergraduate students who are graduating in May in their fourth year are eligible to purchase a trip package. All trip participants must be 21+ at the time of the trip departure and have valid travel documents to travel to the Bahamas. Registered seniors will sign a waiver and complete all payments as part of participation in the trip. Students graduating earlier or later than originally intended can request approval to attend the trip by submitting the <u>Senior Event Registration</u>. The committee will review all requests in accordance with our eligibility policy and notify students of their status. If approved, participants not enrolled as a Bentley student at the time of the trip, due to graduating early, will be required to sign the trip waiver and pay a \$200 refundable deposit as terms of participation. It is important to note that a Bentley student can participate in the trip one time only.

For any issues with the CampusGroups registration related to your class year or senior status, make sure to complete the <u>Senior Event Registration</u>. This will prompt our staff to verify your status as a

graduating senior and ensure your account access is updated. If you see the message: "Sorry, this event is open to specific members only. You will not be able to register for this event." make sure to complete the <u>Senior Event Registration</u> and email <u>GA_Bahamas@bentley.edu</u> with any specific questions.

Payment Options & Financial Support: We understand that this trip is a significant financial investment and one that might be a challenge for many students and/or families. We deeply value this trip feeling accessible to those seniors who are interested. Seniors who require a payment plan or financial assistance should plan to complete the trip registration and initial \$50 deposit by the communicated registration deadline. During the registration process, seniors requiring financial assistance should select the "Financial Assistance" payment option and will need to submit the Financial Assistance Request by the registration deadline to indicate their request and provide additional details. Once completed, a staff member from the Bahamas team will reach out to provide assistance and discuss available options.

In its second year of existence, the Student Opportunity and Access Resources (S.O.A.R.) fund offers us the opportunity to financially support a handful of students with partial scholarship money for the trip. Pell-eligible students will automatically be considered for a reduced trip cost that will be determined based on total funds raised. Other students facing financial obstacles that would otherwise prevent them from participating should complete the trip registration and the <u>Financial Assistance Request</u> no later than the trip registration deadline. This will ensure you get further information about these options and will additionally guarantee that your \$50 deposit can be refunded if the financial support will not meet your need.

In addition, we also have the opportunity for students to sign up for a payment plan, extending the payment deadline and maximizing financial flexibility. Eligibility for the payment plan will require the completion of the trip registration and the <u>Financial Assistance Request</u> no later than the trip registration deadline. Once completed, a staff member from the Bahamas team will reach out with more details.

For any students wishing to attend the trip, but experiencing potential obstacles (i.e. financial, family, etc.), you are encouraged to email <u>GA_Bahamas@bentley.edu</u> before the registration deadline to discuss your particular situation to see if we are able to accommodate.

Information Session: Staff members from the Bentley in the Bahamas Planning Team will host an information session on **Tuesday, September 19 at 2pm in the Wilder Pavilion in Adamian**. We will walk through the trip schedule and payment deadlines, share information about travel and the Atlantis, and answer any of your questions.

Frequently Asked Questions: For more information about the trip and for answers to our most frequently asked questions, visit <u>Bentley in the Bahamas FAQs</u>.

Follow @Bentley_Bahamas on Instagram for the latest trip updates and information!

Thank you!
Bentley in the Bahamas Planning Team