



## Center for Student Success Newsletter

“C.H.A.S.E.: CSS Highlights Academic Success and Excellence ”

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### Excellence is Rewarding!



*“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit.” - Aristotle*

The overarching goal of the University of the Virgin Islands is “to become the cornerstone of academic excellence, operational effectiveness, and economic stimulus for the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean” (*Pathways to Greatness*, 2013) . The Center for Student Success takes pride in highlighting the achievements of the UVI community which is working diligently to ensure we meet our strategic goal; and as the Spring 2014 semester comes to an end we are one step closer to victory.

CSS would like to congratulate every UVI graduate of Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 as your habitual demonstration of excellence, willingness to learn and dedication to your education have resulted in your overall academic success.

To our returning students, the Center for Student Success can be instrumental to help you perfect the execution of academic excellence. Whether it is through our advisement, workshops, or tutoring services we look forward to a collaboration with you to support you on your pathways to greatness.

*Scherrayn Garcia*

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Center for Student Success

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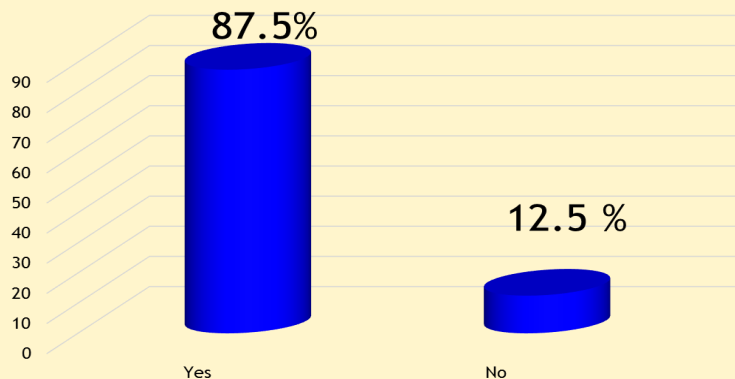
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The Center for Student Success conducted a series of study skills, time management, financial aid and note-taking skills workshops in the months of February and March. The goals of the workshop series were to increase the students of the University of the Virgin Islands' knowledge of various study strategies such as the SQ4R (Survey, Question, Read, Record, Recite, and Review), time management strategies and financial management. Students acquired tips on note-taking, reading assignments, and other study strategies to improve their academic performance at the University of the Virgin Islands. At the end of the workshops students completed evaluations to provide their feedback and comments on whether the content covered was relevant to them and the overall impression of the workshops.

Of the total number of students who attended the workshops on both the Albert A. Sheen and the St. Thomas campuses and who completed the workshop evaluations, 97% reported the content covered within the workshops was excellent/very good/good, and 3% reported the content covered within the workshop as fair. In addition, 100% of the students stated that the information provided within the workshop was relevant to their studies at the institution. Finally, when asked "would you recommend this workshop to a friend", 87.5% stated they would. Overall, CSS spring workshops were a great success, and CSS anticipates the same outcome in Fall 2014. Stay tune for our upcoming workshops schedule!

Percentage of Students Who Would Recommend CSS Workshops to a Friend

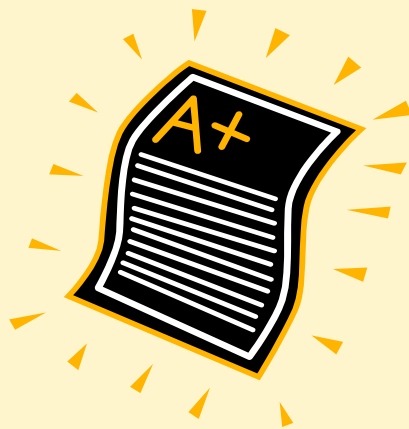


# College Tips:

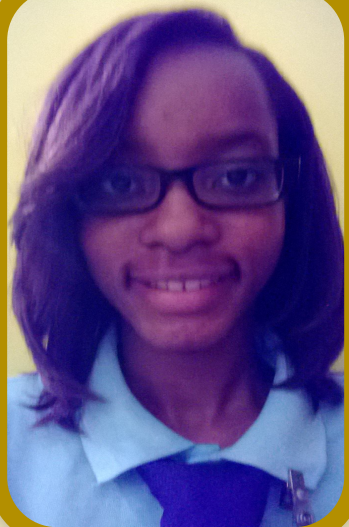
## 10 Test Taking Tips to Ace your Exams.

1. **Dump your brain.** When you first get your test, write down any information that is difficult to remember such as formulas, dates, keywords, etc. on the back of the test. Then, you can reference it while you're taking the test without worrying if you'll remember it correctly.
2. **Skim through the entire test.** When you first get your test, skim through the entire test and mark the questions you know that you can answer or questions that you don't know right off the bat. Sometimes professors like to put easy questions at the end of the test.
3. **Skip the questions you don't know.** Don't waste time on questions you're unsure of. Mark them with question marks and move on. You can go back to them later.
4. **Double check your work.** If you have extra time after you've finished the exam, take a few minutes to double check your answers, make sure you've followed all the directions, and haven't skipped any pages.
5. **Look elsewhere on the test for answers.** Sometimes the answer to one question may be found on another section of the test worded differently.
6. **Pace yourself.** Being able to take a test quickly yet carefully is essential. Also, don't get anxious if you hear other students finishing their tests early.
7. **Ask questions.** If you're confused about the wording or meaning of a question, ask your professor. Don't risk getting a question wrong because you misunderstood it.
8. **Carefully read all of the directions.** Most students get a lot of points taken off because they were careless and didn't fully read all of the directions.
9. **Follow your gut instinct.** Most of the times when students second guess themselves, they choose the wrong answer.
10. **Relax.** It is important to keep your head during a test. There can be a lot of pressure on you to succeed, but remember that stressing out works against you. You risk panicking and/or forgetting information you've studied.

For more information on test taking strategies and academic success tips please click [here](#).



## University Bound: I'm Bound for Greatness!



Every Saturday I wake up almost as early as I wake up on a regular school day. I wear something comfortable, grab my backpack on my way out of the door, and make my way to the University of the Virgin Islands. My final destination is not the sandy shores of Brewers Beach, or the book-laden walls of the Ralph M. Paiewonsky Library, but rather the third floor of the CA Building in room 302, where I appear an hour before most people and sit and watch the room fill up around me until I see the smiling face of Mrs. Rohan, the University Bound Director, as she walks into the room and starts our weekly general assembly.

I joined University Bound in the summer of my 11th grade year and have been a part of it ever since. The summer sessions focus on giving students a preview of what to expect in their upcoming school year so that they can be a step ahead of their peers before the first bell rings on the first official day of school. It also acclimates students to college life as they try to balance typical distractions with their summer course work. I recall being up with my suitemates at one in the morning drinking coffee and cramming for an AP Biology test in a couple hours. I can also remember going to the beach and making the decision to bring a textbook along so I can keep up with classes while soaking up some sun. It was not long until midterms rolled by and finals week was looming. The experience culminated with a college tour in the Sunshine State of Florida, where I got even more tastes of being a college student. I went back to school that year with confidence. It felt amazing to have a teacher standing in front of me starting a new lesson on something I already covered months before.

During the school year, University Bound is there to guide me. My Saturday schedule mirrors my schedule during the week with the addition of a college readiness course taught by Mrs. Rohan herself. The instructors here are great at teaching their particular subjects and I can find help and tutoring for classes ranging from AP Calculus to Physics and beyond. My classmates on Saturday are also my classmates on any other day of the week at CAHS, along with students from IEKHS and private schools. Information blends together as we work towards a fruitful semester. Although some students who do not have the pleasure of being in the program feel that their Saturday is better spent elsewhere, I cannot help feeling that I am right where I belong.

At University Bound, I am bound for a high school career of accomplishment, a college career of achievement, and a life of success. I am bound for greatness and there is nowhere to go but upwards. This is more than a program, or some Saturday activity to occupy time. University Bound is a family, where my siblings are my classmates and my parents are the instructors that assist me on my journey to fulfillment. This is an environment where love and support surround me like a warm blanket. This is a home away from home, where hope welcomes me with arms wide open.

Written By: Sheila Joseph  
University Bound Participant

## Software to aid in Academic Advisement



AdvisorTrac

The Center for Student Success is utilizing AdvisorTrac to manage its advisement process. AdvisorTrac is a software for advising, and counselling centers for colleges and universities. It is completely web-based and is installed within the mycampus portal for easy access. It is hosted by Redrock Software Corporation. AdvisorTrac provides a unified system to track visits to the Center for

Student Success, record and share notes about sessions, and report on student activity and progress. It allow students to view their own visit history and schedule their own appointments with their Academic Advisor. To access AdvisorTrac log in to your mycampus and click on the TRAC icon and log-in to Advisor TRAC using your mycampus username and password. Log-on to AdvisorTrac and schedule an appointment to meet your Academic Advisor today! To access AdvisorTrac please click [here](#)



### Have You Completed your FAFSA?

The deadline to complete your Federal Application for Financial Aid (FAFSA) passed on March 1, however, you can still apply for your financial aid today.

To complete the FAFSA, go online to [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).

The federal school codes for UVI are **006989** for the St. Croix campus and **003946** for the St. Thomas campus.

To complete the FAFSA you will need your Personal Identification Number (PIN). If you don't already have a PIN, register for one at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov).

## Register Today!



It's that time again and classes are filling up. Come select the class you want before your seat is gone. You can drop by the Center for Student Success for registration assistance or log on to AdvisorTrac to make an appointment.

To view the Summer 2014 Class Schedule click [here](#)

To view the Fall 2014 Class Schedule click [here](#)

# CSS Summer Programs are Now Accepting Applications!



## Summer Bridge

UVI's Summer Bridge Program focuses on high school graduates' transition from high school to college during a five-week, residential, academic program held on the St. Croix and St. Thomas campuses. The program is specifically designed to assist students in excelling on UVI's placement tests. The program will begin June 22, 2014 and end July 26, 2014.

To apply please click [here](#) . For more information about UVI's Summer Bridge program contact:

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## University Bound

**Summer Residential Component** includes an intense 6-week preparatory program. Students will participate in a wide variety of academic, cultural enrichment, social and recreational activities for six weeks during the summer. Students will be exposed to The Summer Residential component of University Bound will begin June 2014 and end July 2014. University Bound is accepting applications for its Academic Year Round component which is from October-May.

For application information please click [here](#). For more information about UVI's University Bound program contact:

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## Math and Writing Tutoring Services for Summer Session.

There will be math and writing tutoring services available for students during the Summer 2014 semester. Please review hours of operation and contact information below:

### Math Tutoring Services:

**Mondays through Fridays 9:00am-5:00pm**  
Ms. Leslie Greene  
(340) 692-4224

### Writing Tutoring Services:

**Mondays through Fridays 11:00am-5:00pm**  
Dr. Valerie Combie  
(340) 692-4126



*CVI Congratulates*  
*Prospective Class of Fall 2013 & Spring 2014*  
**School of Business**

**Master of Business**

**Administration**

Bernie M. Abraham  
Sherell S. Anthony  
Jana E. Cammie  
Necola A. Charles  
Shatima K. Charleswell  
Allison L. De Gazon  
Esmie H. Edwards  
Yusef K. Francis  
Kimberly L. Fowle  
Janelle C. Gumbs  
K'Nisha A. Gumbs  
Tiffany M. Gumbs  
Janice C. Hodge  
Kimmoleah S. Jones  
Rosetta A. Romain  
Maria Tamas  
Joe'lle L. Webster  
Marolin K. Williams  
June K. Wyatt

Carl E. Derricks  
Kevin David Dixon  
Aquila Ebony Dorsey\*  
Joseph Jamahl Douglas  
Herschell L. Edwards-Bartlette\*  
Krista E. Edwards  
Trichelle A. Ekpe\*  
Marsha Laurea Elcock-Bedford\*  
Tiffany Fabian-Schmidt  
Jacqueline Valerie Faulkner  
Camelia Febres  
Wilson C. Ferrance  
Shevvin A. Fleming  
Amiquah J. Freeman  
Robenson M. Gassant  
Almeade J. George  
Heather Lynn Hessler\*  
Shirley A. Hodge  
Taimmi Carol Jackson\*  
Elizabeth Jn Baptiste

Latisha Carren Scatliffe \*  
Patricia M. Simmonds  
Rashi Singh  
Kimberlee Smith\*  
Sarai O. Smith\*  
Rashown S. Soldiew  
Amie S. St. Louis  
Ghadeer A. Taha\*  
Bernard Malcolm Taylor \*  
Jamalie Ortwell Thomas  
Tamisha I. Thomas  
Sheena S. Tonge\*  
Jahnelle Nicole Devalene Toussaint  
Astrid M. Carmona Tuitt  
Gisel Ventura\*  
Kasieam M. Webster  
Somere Alozi Webber  
Artara Wilkins  
D'Lisa A. Williams  
Tabari A. Williams

**Bachelor of Arts**

Nicole Karena Abbott  
Heba N. Abdallah\*  
Damari Natasha Acosta\*  
Jerrick I. Amaro  
Shaylah S. Anthony  
Kamillesse A. Arroyo  
Loydene E. Bloice\*  
K'desha Veonca Bloice \*  
Amanda Jovielle Bridgewater \*  
Taphia Pelisha Browne\*  
Alexander Alan Dean Burlar  
Brenda Ash Carty  
Chamica Liza Charles  
Dara D. Cozier  
Juan M. Cruz  
Dilia Daniel  
Kambia A. David  
Javelle Tamara Davis\*  
Kefentsi K. Davis  
Rochella T. Davis\*  
Stephany M. Davis  
O'Kiema M. Dedier\*  
Leechang Joycelyn Defreitas  
Mike O. Denver\*

Brittney K. Joseph  
Dennisha T. Joseph  
Jarleen A. Knight  
Jeneva V. Lawrence  
Jada M. Lynch  
Tarsia Luke  
Teckla T. McFarlane  
Marilyn Melendez  
Dante Akil Morton  
Jana A. Nibbs\*  
Jeffrine A. Niles\*  
Marlene A. Parrott  
Carmen B. Pemberton  
Garvin Penn, Jr.  
Vakeel Anthony Pereira  
Reanna Alisha Powell \*  
Teresa Valencia Powell\*  
April Marie Pride  
Nikima S. Richards  
Natalie Theona Richardson\*  
Akeya E. Roberts  
Keyan J. Roberts  
LaReina Robinson  
Jacqueline C. Romer\*  
José Luis Saldand Jr.

Cyrecia N. Wilson  
Laura A. Winter

**Associate in Arts**

Heba N. Abdallah  
Jorge L. Acevedo  
Samuel Cherival  
Kambia A. David  
Kevin David Dixon  
Marsha Laurea Elcock-Bedford  
Robenson M. Gassant  
Tysha T. Horsford  
Andrene Monique Johnson  
Lisa L. Marshall  
Shemika J. Nathaniel  
Claudia Prevost  
April Pride  
Rashida Rehema Quetel  
Levette Dubois Ruan  
Ghadeer A. Taha  
Vanessa Roxan Tamar  
Cherese L. Tyson  
Donna A. Williams  
Kervin S. Williams  
Cyrecia N. Wilson

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## *CVS Celebrates*

### *Prospective Class of Fall 2013 & Spring 2014*

#### School of Education & School of Nursing

##### **School of Education**

##### **Master of Arts in Education**

Rosette Benjamin  
Njnanya Boyd  
Janine H. Crump  
Joanna A. Delano  
Mia A. Felix Dowe  
Merle M. Durand  
Patricia Erma Fatal  
Francis Jno Lewis  
Kishma O. Liburd  
Hazel Jacqueline Phillip-Titus  
Margaret Richardson  
Patricia Robb  
Nathalie V. Roumou  
Coralie H. Schmidt  
Uilez Ann Semper

##### **Bachelor of Arts**

Sonia Antoine  
Akeema C. Charleswell  
Cherise C. Davis  
Chelsea Ayn DeYoung  
Jasmine J. Fenton  
Cellecia R. Francis  
Cerese Gregoire \*  
Marla Hodge  
Andrene Monique Johnson\*  
Balbariella Lopez  
Shauntell Michelle Mactavious  
Danielle N. Potter  
Aisha K. Samuel  
Jessica M. Sibilly  
Natasha Springette  
Raydiance K. Watts-Clarke\*  
Krystal R. Webster  
Krystie A. Webster\*  
Luna William

##### **Associate of Arts**

Andretta L. Jacobs  
Deborah A. Matthew  
Demetria Arlene Mayers  
Miriam Narcisse  
Sharon I. Narcisse  
Hermione C. Somerszaul

##### **School of Nursing Bachelor of Science**

Cherise X. Adams Charles  
Loreli A. Bess  
Tara S. Bougouneau  
Renee M. Bridges  
Denisecia M. Clarke  
Monica A. Hodge  
Frances Florence McIntyre\*  
Kishma L. Ryan  
Donette Skerritt  
Hashia A. Wallace  
Jenise A. Wheatley-Roberts

##### **Associates of Science**

Margaret A. Ferreras  
Emerala A. Finney  
Lotina Kadian Grant  
Ronald J. Hammer  
Melisa Vanessa Hanley  
Zalika Kaza  
Andrea N. Merchant  
Arthur A. Moxley  
Jessica Emilia Nieves  
Renita Olivia Phillip  
Kathleen A. Solomon  
Labodie Swanston  
Paulette Toussaint-Jarvis  
Sherae S. Victorine

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## *CSS Congratulates*

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## College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences

### **Master of Arts in Psychology**

Davril M. Huggins-Looby  
Leida Perez  
Glenda Raphael  
Mary A. Rabsatt Rodriguez

Marisha Jeana Jno-Lewis  
Derisee Lettsome  
Brenda Stephany Lewis  
Yoelika Liburd  
Shausmae L. Malone \*

### **Master of Arts in Public Administration**

Adrienne D. Council  
Keshia Naomi Cooper  
Merl Eustache  
George H. Greene  
Hedda T. Finch Simpson  
Jane Glendora Husband

Shenee C. Martin\*  
Claudelle Mathurin  
Vernell G. McSween  
Kathleen Mae Alcudia Miego  
Richard W. Motta  
Nadia Nibbs  
Jamillia Rebecca Norris  
Manefa A. O'Connor-Francis\*

### **Bachelor of Science**

Herman J. Bardouille

Kenisha Queenesta Pascal\*  
Hannah Paul  
Shakima B. Plunkett\*

### **Bachelor of Arts**

Antoinette Barbara Lovette Anderson  
Rieka Je Livia Audain  
Shamoya O. Barzey  
Alvin S. Bedneau  
Akeel Allan Breedy  
Ebony Jackie Renee Browne  
Antonio T. Carey \*  
Amber T. Clarke\*  
Najuma O. A. Dunn\*  
Kimiesha A. Dyer  
Carol Adelita Frett  
Wreford W. Grouby  
Shanella L. Gumbs  
Kadeem Ulysses Hendrickson  
Jasmine K. Hobson  
Kirwin B. Hodge\*  
Rijziena Cassandra Hooker  
Lorie T. Jeffers  
Rhea M. Jenkins

Takesha S. Roberts  
Rika N. Rodriguez  
Denisha Jermain Rogers  
T'Niqua L.K. Rogers\*  
Verlyndah R. Rogers  
Carlton A. Stevens  
Mark E. Van Beverhoudt\*  
Marcellina A. Ventura  
Nishelle G. Warrican  
Renee Candice Williams\*  
Erick C. Willie\*

### **Associate of Applied Science**

Rochella Davis  
Ivoree S. Friday  
Lena Harris  
Kadeem U. Hendrickson  
Kirwin B. Hodge  
Mark E. Van Beverhoudt  
Deshona S. Williams-Liburd

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**College of Math & Sciences**

**Master of Marine and Environmental Sciences**

Rosmin S. Ennis  
Howard Anthony Forbes  
Randall Tyler Grespin  
Ashley M. Ruffo  
Nikita R. Thompson

**Bachelor of Science**

Wael Maher Abduljaber\*  
Kamaria Kanika Alexander\*  
Cyril Andrew  
Lavida Rashida Brooks\*  
Corbin R. Campbell\*  
Nicholas C. Cromwell, Jr.\*  
Tasha A. Corneille  
Max L. Cymerint  
Jonathan D. Donnell  
Ahniqua Arelia Donovan  
Denese L. Dorival\*  
Shamelle L. Farrington\*  
Anthonio Michael Forbes\*  
Mahlik Devon Griffin  
Thia Tayvonne Homer  
Shakeal J. Huggins  
Stella Pernelle Jarvis\*  
Gemel Amillia Joseph\*  
Annesha Christina King\*  
Thalia C. Lake\*  
Liniqua L. Lindquist  
Miguel M. Mark\*  
David A. Mohammed\*

Mohammad Hussein Mustafa\*  
Marisela Narcisse  
Louis Pascal  
David Andres Paulius\*  
Rudel G. J. Phillip  
Brandon A. Rhymer\*  
Renata Adia Rubaine  
Cleopatra Joehendra Skerrit  
Trevor Skeete  
Phil M. Smith\*  
Amber J. Stanley\*  
Odari C. Thomas\*  
Nerissa Elise Washington  
Makysha M. William  
Samuel Nehemiah Williams  
Matthew Russel Worden

**Bachelor of Arts**

Sharifah O. Cottle-Matthew  
Shana A. Gilbert  
Ry'Neese A. James  
Tiffany L. Reddick  
Chawnique D. Schjang

**Associate of Science**

Brandon A. Rhymer  
Antonios Doliotis

**Associate of Applied Science**

Ambica Mala Balkaran  
Tyrone Anthony Petersen

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# Congratulations to the CSS Staff for your Years of Service to UVI



35 Years of Service  
**Rosalia M. Rhymer-Rhohan**

10 Years of Service  
**Michelle Albany**  
**Jacinthe Proctor**

5 Years of Service  
**Julie Cruz**  
**Trudi Golphin**  
**Leslie Greene**



**The Center for Student Success thank you for all you do!**

## Upcoming Events

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|----------------------|---|
| May 13, 2014         | Faculty Institute: "Advising"<br>9:00 am to 4:00 pm in B110 and EVC 401 |
| May 17, 2014         | Commencement on St. Thomas  |
| May 18, 2014         | Commencement on Albert A. Sheen   |
| May 13-June 17, 2014 | Summer Session I: Classes Begin   |

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