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Bartlette is UVI's Longest-Serving Employee

Inez Bartlette has been employed at the University of the Virgin Islands since the fledgling institution was just six years old. This year the purchasing technician set a record, becoming the longest-serving employee in the history of UVI for her 40 years of service to the University.

To say that Bartlette has grown with the University is an understatement. Bartlette began her career at UVI as a student worker when she was just a teenager. Her first full-time employment was as a clerk typist in the Accounting Department.

"Thank you guys for loving me, caring for me – even those



Above, Inez Bartlette, is congratulated for her 40 years of service to UVI by Vice President for Administration and Finance Vincent Samuel, left and President Dr. David Hall, right. Cheryl Mingo, right, is the St. Thomas campus Employee of the Year and Jose Herrera is the St. Croix campus Employee of the Year.

who don't like me that much, it doesn't really matter – I gave UVI 40 years," Bartlette said in emotion-filled remarks. Bartlette has served under all of UVI's five presidents and said she is pleased with the institution's growth. "As I leave the University I would like to see us return to the days of camaraderie, the days where we had everyone looking out for each other," she said. "It's not the St. Thomas campus. It's not the St. Croix campus. It's a UVI family," she said.

Bartlette was honored with other employees and retirees at UVI's Annual Service Awards. Ceremonies were held on April

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Joneisa Smith is Crowned Miss UVI



The newly crowned Miss UVI Joneisa Smith, second from left, is flanked by contestant Royette Carriere, at left, former Miss UVI Carice Glasgow, and contestant Indira Turney, at right.

Junior marketing major Joneisa Smith was crowned Miss UVI in the University's 30th Annual Ambassadorial Pageant on Saturday, April 3, at the Reichhold Center for the Arts. Smith, a St. Thomas campus student, also won the evening's Miss Popularity, Best Talent, Best Business Wear/Interview and Best Ambassadorial Presentation categories.

Indira Turney received the Miss Intellect award, while

Royette Carriere took the Best Evening Wear award. Turney and Carriere are St. Croix campus students. The contestants performed in five categories and participated in pre-pageant interviews.

The pageant's theme was "Collective Aspirations ... Colossal Achievements." It was sponsored by the Queen's Committee of the Student Government Association on the St. Thomas campus.

Events Calendar

April 23-27	Academic Jam	STT/STX
April 24	Academic Awards	STX
April 25	Academic Awards	STT
April 29-May 1	No Classes	STT/STX
April 30	UVI Closed	STT/STX
May 3-8	Final Exams	STT/STX
May 6-7	Pollution Conference	STT
May 15	Commencement	STT
May 16	Commencement	STX

Ambrose Wins Student Award



Derron Ambrose

St. Thomas campus student Derron Ambrose has impressed his supervisor Dr. Donald Drost so much that Dr. Drost believes Ambrose can teach introductory science courses. Ambrose, a Science 100 peer instructor in the College of Science and Mathematics, won the St. Thomas campus Student Employee of the Year award at the Student Employee Appreciation Awards ceremony held on April 15.

“All I can say is about two weeks ago I said to Derron, ‘you’re doing such a good job, how about you teach this course next semester,’” Dr. Drost said after Ambrose was announced winner. “Thank you for making me look good,” he added. Students were judged on reliability, initiative, quality of work, disposition and contribution to employer.

Service Awards Continued

13, on the St. Croix campus and April 16, on the St. Thomas campus. UVI recognizes employees in five-year intervals for their service.

Other long-time employees who were honored on the St. Thomas campus include Purchasing Specialist Valderie Abramsen, Director of the Eastern Caribbean Center Dr. Frank Mills and Nursing Professor Dr. Maxine Nunez for 35 years of service each. Mathematics Professor Dr. Ram Prakash Gupta, Accounting Technician Janice Henley and Access and Enrollment Program Assistant Barbara Todman were honored for 30 years of service each.

On the St. Croix campus long-time employees include Economics Professor Dr. Simon B. Jones-Hendrickson and Computer Science and Mathematics Professor Dr. Alan Lewit, who were honored for 30 years of service each.

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Culture Cavalcade



A member of The Filipino Group performs at the Cultural Extravaganza held at the UVI St. Croix campus Cafetorium on March 28. It was a brilliant, colorful cavalcade of music, dance, poetry and storytelling that showcased the history and heritage of the cultures that make up the U. S. Virgin Islands. It was also the final event

that celebrated the inauguration of UVI’s fifth President Dr. David Hall. More than 500 people attended.

As usual a highlight of the ceremonies was the announcement of the Employee of the Year award. On the St. Croix campus Jose Herrera was named Employee of the Year. Herrera is an agricultural aide in the Agricultural Experimental Station. On the St. Thomas campus Cheryl Mingo was named Employee of the Year. Mingo is a program specialist in Access and Enrollment Office. She was also honored for 20 years of service.

Vincent Samuel, UVI’s vice president for Administration and Finance, said honorees should feel proud of their milestones. “This is an extraordinary place,” he said of UVI. “This is truly a place where dreams are made.”

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