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## Record Crowds Observe World Food Day

People turned out in record numbers for UVI's annual observation of World Food Day on Oct. 17, on the St. Croix campus. A record two tons of non-perishable food items were also collected in the "Kids CAN Make a Difference" food drive.



*Above left, Devanand Mangru of Good Hope School participates in the "Youth Super Chef" competition at World Food Day. Children sort food items for the food drive.*



citrus and poultry. Tomato and citrus fruit seedlings were distributed. Workshops and competitions were based on the featured foods.

A highlight was the "Youth Super Chef" competition for junior and senior high school stu-

This year's theme was "United Against Hunger." World Food Day brings attention to the plight of the hungry and undernourished in the territory and the world. It also provides an opportunity for a deeper understanding of the complex solutions required to reduce hunger. Items collected in the food drive were distributed to various charities, including Caribbean Catholic Charities, My Brother's Table, The Light House and Rotary West.

The featured foods for this year's event were tomato,

students. The "Citrus Splash" competition featured breads, desserts, preserves and drinks made from citrus fruits.

The day included entertainment by the Guardian of Culture Mocko Jumbies, the Rising Stars Youth Steel Orchestra and DJ Porter. Students from the St. Croix Martial Arts Center gave demonstrations. Vendors were on-hand selling food, drinks, produce and art.

World Food Day activities are sponsored by the UVI Cooperative Extension Service in partnership with UVI's Agricultural Experiment Station and the V.I. Department of Agriculture.

## 'The Caribbean Writer' to become Household Name

"The Caribbean Writer" has a new look, a new feel and a new editor. Dr. Opal Palmer Adisa, a long-time contributor to the anthology published annually by

the University of the Virgin Islands was named editor in January. She has since produced the book's 24th edition and is working hard to make "The Caribbean Writer" a household name.

"UVI has this literary gem," Dr. Adisa explained. She said that "The Caribbean Writer" has the potential to become a powerful local and international marketing tool, and she is working to position it as such.

"I want to make sure that everyone is aware of it and feels compelled to purchase it," she said. "I have my copy on my coffee table and I feel that there is where the book rightfully belongs," Dr. Adisa said.

The latest edition, with its re-designed cover, was rolled out with a launch party on Sept. 30, in the Great Hall on UVI's St. Croix campus. The event included readings from the journal by UVI students and local contribu-

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### Events Calendar

Oct. 28	Public Law Enforcement Forum	STT
Oct. 28	SGA Election Forum	STX
Oct. 28	Biodiversity Film Festival	STX
Oct. 28	RTP Board Meeting	STX
Oct. 30	UVI Board of Trustees Meeting	STT
Oct. 29	Debate Team Meeting	STX
Oct. 29	FBLA Meeting	STX
Nov. 1	Liberty Day Holiday - UVI Closed	
Nov. 11	Veterans Day Holiday - UVI Closed	
Nov. 14	UVI Concert Choir Performance	STT
Nov. 18	Creative Lunch Series	STX

## UVI Offers Free Screenings

More than 240 people participated in the Health and Wellness Screening Day hosted by the St. Thomas campus Health Services Office on Sept. 24. Held in the Sports and Fitness Center, the event featured free health exams such as screenings for blood pressure, blood glucose, blood cholesterol and HIV, eye exams and massage therapy. Attendees included students, staff, faculty and members of the St. Thomas community.

“It was an overwhelming response,” said Health Services Supervisor Ronda Herbert who organized the event. “Our numbers increased considerably from last year’s event,” Herbert added. “This shows that our message, that



*UVI nursing student Shenika Freeman draws blood from an attendee at UVI’s St. Thomas campus Health and Wellness Screening Day, held on Sept. 24, in the Sports and Fitness Center.*

health matters, is getting out to the UVI community and trickling out to the wider community.” Herbert extended thanks to everyone who attended and participated.

## Literary Gem Continued

tors, a jazz performance by the St. Croix Central High School Jazz Band and Caribbean appetizers.

“The Caribbean Writer” is evolving to become an entire brand, and not just a book. A 2011 calendar was recently released. It is a unique art and poetry calendar that includes the independence dates of various Caribbean islands, birthdays of local and regional poets, and important dates specific to the Virgin Islands. Dr. Adisa said the calendars, just in time for the holidays, will make perfect gifts.

In January Dr. Adisa will also introduce a monthly newsletter based on “The Caribbean Writer.” It will include important dates and monthly news.

Rather than just selling “The Caribbean Writer,” Dr. Adisa has introduced subscriptions. Subscribers pay an annual fee, and in addition to receiving the book, they may receive note cards, the calendar and the monthly newsletter. Subscriptions, Dr. Adisa explained, keep the anthology in the forefront of people’s minds and help to

generate needed funds.

Dr. Adisa is also fundraising for the Marvin E. Williams Scholarship. The new scholarship memorializes the former UVI Humanities professor and editor of “The Caribbean Writer” who died earlier this year. Williams is renowned for his contributions to Virgin Islands literature and culture. Each year the scholarship will provide \$1,000 to a UVI student pursuing the Humanities. A Scholarship Drive and Memorial for Williams will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Nov. 19, on the St. Croix campus Great Hall with a video conference link to the first floor conference room of the Administration and Conference Center on UVI’s St. Thomas campus.

For more information about “The Caribbean Writer” visit the website [www.thecaribbeanwriter.org](http://www.thecaribbeanwriter.org) or call 340-692-4152.

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