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UVI Promotes Security Officers, Honors Them at First-Time Ceremony

In the first-ever Security Department Promotion Ceremony, members of UVI's St. Thomas campus Security Department were recognized for their promotion to the ranks of captain and sergeant. UVI administrators and staff, family and friends, joined the promotees at the ceremony held July 31, at the St. Thomas campus Sports and Fitness Center.

"Ladies and gentlemen, you should know this is history. In the years I have been here, this is a first," Captain John Payne said, opening the ceremony. He assured the UVI community that members of the security team will serve at the highest level.

UVI President Dr. LaVerne E. Ragster said that there are challenges in securing open campuses across the nation, including UVI's two campuses. The University and the mem-



The University of the Virgin Islands recognized members of the Security Department at a promotion ceremony held on July 31, in the Sports and Fitness Center on the St. Thomas campus. The promotees, pictured from left to right, are Captain John Payne, Sergeant Willmond Wattley, Sergeant Theodore Glasford and Sergeant Barbara Maynard.

bers of the Security Departments must meet those challenges, she said. "We've been given the responsibility of taking care of people's children, their spouses, sisters, brothers and loved ones," Dr. Ragster said. "I support what you do," she added. "Each and every one of you has my appreciation."

In light of more bold and defiant perpetrators, the responsibilities of security officer have increased, said UVI Chief of Security Elvin Fahie. "We who are charged with keeping you safe must work even harder," he said. While most people are asleep, Chief Fahie said he is busy thinking of ways to keep the campuses safe.

Chief Fahie asked that the UVI community work in con-

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Reasoning about Research



UVI junior biology major Neisa Cazaubon, left, explains her research to an attendee of the Summer Science Symposium held in August on UVI's St. Thomas campus.

Events Calendar

Aug. 29-31	Labor Day Volleyball Tourney	STT
Aug. 30	Pre-Labor Day Beach Picnic	STX
Sept. 3	Financial Literacy Workshop	STX
Sept. 4	Karaoke Night	STT
Sept. 5	TP Friday	STT
Sept. 7	Class of 2009 Meeting	STT
Sept. 10	RTP Board Meeting	STX
Sept. 11	SGA Student Debate	STT
Sept. 11	Graduate Student Meeting	STT
Sept. 14-20	Spirit Week	STT
Sept. 15-19	Student Leadership Sessions	STT
Sept. 21	Ice-cream Social	STT
Sept. 25	SGA Council Meeting	STT
Sept. 28	Poetry Night	STT

Student Affairs Retreats, Regroups, Raises Standards



The University of the Virgin Islands Offices of the Associate Campus Executive Administrator (ACEA) held an employee retreat for all UVI's Student Affairs staff. The retreat focused on "Standards of Student Affairs in Higher Education" and was held at the Wyndham Sugar Bay Resort on St. Thomas. Pictured are, seated, left to right, St. Thomas (STT) Campus Health Services Supervisor Ronda Hatchett, former St. Croix (STX) Campus Health Services Supervisor Naita Salmon-Iles, STX Campus Health Services Administrative Assistant Irene Hatchett-Sealey and Acting Student Activities Supervisor Hedda Finch-Simpson. Picture standing, left to right, are STT Campus Student Housing Supervisor Sean Georges, STT Student Activities Supervisor Junie Violenes, STX Campus Counseling and Placement Supervisor Doris Farrington-Hepburn, STT Campus Career Counseling Supervisor Verna Rivers, STX Campus Student Housing Administrative Assistant Maria Friday, STT ACEA Administrative Specialist Carolyn Wattlely, STT Student Housing Administrative Assistant Aneka Francis, Facilitator Renardo Hall, STX Student Employment Assistant Anyha Lord, STT Campus Counselor Andrea Hamm, STT Campus Counseling and Placement Administrative Assistant Melissa Williams, STX Campus ACEA Miriam Osborne-Elliott, STT Campus Student Employment Coordinator Mary Myers, STT Campus ACEA Dr. Doris Battiste and STX Campus Student Housing Supervisor Jay Wiltshire.

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junction with the Security Departments. "Being a small force, we have to employ the eyes and ears of every student, every faculty and every staff," he said. "We have a tendency to say 'it's their job,' but it's all of our jobs."

UVI Provost Dr. A.I. Musah recalled a time when a security officer alerted him around 11 p.m. one night that the windows of his vehicle were down. As students and staff go about their work at UVI, security keeps watch, he said. "Some-

body is watching over us. That somebody is our UVI security," Dr. Musah said. "We are here today to recognize the service and the excellence of that service."

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