



Forty-Eighth Annual

Commencement



ST. THOMAS

Saturday, the Twelfth of May
Two Thousand and Twelve
Seven O'Clock in the Evening
Sports and Fitness Center
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

ST. CROIX

Sunday, the Thirteenth of May
Two Thousand and Twelve
Half after Four O'Clock in the Afternoon
Campus Grounds
St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands

President's Message

This year marks a historic moment in the life of the University of the Virgin Islands. I am deeply honored and truly humbled to be President when this special University is celebrating its Golden Jubilee – 50 years of providing higher education opportunities to residents of the U.S. Virgin Islands and those across the wider Caribbean. As part of this year's Commencement exercises, we are also awarding three honorary degrees – two to native Virgin Islanders – Dr. Alfred O. Heath and Congresswoman Donna M. Christensen – who have contributed extensively to improve the quality of life for residents of the territory, and to our Commencement speaker, Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum, whose roots are solidly planted on the island of St. Croix. The awarding of these honorary degrees adds to the historical significance of this year's Commencement exercises.

It is with heartfelt joy and a great sense of pride that I congratulate the members of the Class of 2012. We are gathered today, on one of the most significant days in the lives of the members of this Class, to celebrate the culmination of years of hard work, sacrifice and commitment to educational advancement. Each of you should be elated at achieving this milestone and you should savor this day as you are duly recognized for your educational accomplishments. The journey through life is seldom traveled alone; so, at this 48th annual Commencement, we are surrounded



David Hall, S.J.D.

by success stories that have a firm foundation in discipline, focus, commitment to excellence, and dreams that have been nurtured and cultivated with the support and assistance of an extended network of family, friends, colleagues and faculty.

Our celebration today of your individual and collective educational accomplishments in your particular fields of study is a resounding affirmation that the University continues to fulfill its mission. Further, your presence here today as members of the Class of 2012 is testament that we have prepared a cadre of persons who are poised to contribute to the educational, social, and economic growth and development of the U.S. Virgin Islands, the wider Caribbean, and, indeed, the world. I challenge you to use the knowledge, understanding and insights that you have gained during your educational journey at UVI to transform the community you decide to make your home. In these challenging times, both here in the Territory and beyond our borders, we need transformational leaders to effectuate positive change, one community at a time. You have a responsibility to be a part of this transformational change that is needed. I firmly believe that your years at UVI have prepared you for the challenges that lie ahead and that you will leave your mark on your community, wherever you choose to reside.

This special University came into being because of the vision and dreams of many, but particularly the late Governor Ralph M. Paiewonsky. As members of the Class of 2012, you have a special place in the history of UVI, as we celebrate your educational accomplishments during this historic time in the life of UVI. So, dream dreams and pursue your dreams. Create your future as we create the future of UVI.

Remember that you will always be ambassadors for the University of the Virgin Islands. On behalf of the UVI faculty and staff, I salute you on your accomplishments and wish you God-speed.

I leave you with this thought: "No dreamer is ever too small; no dream is ever too big."
– Anonymous

David Hall
David Hall, S.J.D.
President

Keynote Speaker - Honorary Doctorate

Dr. Beverly Tatum - President, Spelman College

With an auspicious career as a psychologist, scholar, educator, race relations expert and leader in higher education, Beverly Daniel Tatum, Ph.D., realized a professional goal when, on April 19, 2002, she was appointed the ninth president of Spelman College. Spelman College is widely recognized as one of the leading liberal arts colleges and one of the most selective women's colleges in the United States.

Appointed by President Barack Obama, Dr. Tatum is a member of the Advisory Board for the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities and is also a member of the boards of the Institute for International Education, Council of Independent Colleges, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and Teach for America.

A productive scholar, Dr. Tatum has authored three books, with primary emphasis on racial identity and development. Mount Holyoke College President Joanne V. Creighton praised Tatum in the College Street Journal, saying, "As a scholar and writer, she has helped shape the national discussion on issues of race."

Dr. Tatum's best known article is, "Talking about Race, Learning about Racism: An Application of Racial Identity Development Theory in the Classroom," published in the Harvard Educational Review in 1992.



Beverly Daniel Tatum, Ph.D.

The recipient of numerous honorary degrees, in 2005 Dr. Tatum was awarded the prestigious Brock International Prize in Education for her innovative leadership in the field. Her best-selling books include "Can We Talk About Race? And Other Conversations in an Era of School Resegregation" (2007) and "Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations About Race" (1997). She is also the author of "Assimilation Blues: Black Families in a White Community" (1987).

On December 3, 1997, following the publication of her second book, Tatum was one of three authors and one of 67 people invited to participate in the "Summit on Race Relations and America's Public Education System," the first program in President Bill Clinton's initiative to improve race relations in the United States. The conversation took place on a stage in a University of Akron auditorium. In an effort to spark a national conversation about race, President Clinton challenged participants to speak about subjects ranging from affirmative action to the role race plays in their daily lives. C-Span broadcast the meeting live.

Dr. Tatum appeared on an "Oprah Winfrey" program in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, which examined racism in schools. Teens candidly discussed their biases, stereotypes and perceptions about racism as America has become more diverse. On the program, Tatum suggested providing children with books, movies and other media that reflect diverse populations. She offered several suggestions that were featured on Oprah Winfrey's website.

Dr. Tatum earned a B.A. degree in psychology from Wesleyan University, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Michigan. She also holds an M.A. in Religious Studies from Hartford Seminary and has served as a faculty member at the University of California at Santa Barbara, Westfield State College, and Mount Holyoke College, where she also served as dean and acting president.

Born in Tallahassee, Florida, Dr. Tatum was raised in Bridgewater, Massachusetts. She is married to Dr. Travis Tatum, a retired college professor. They are the parents of two adult sons.

UVI HISTORY

The University of the Virgin Islands (UVI) was chartered on March 16, 1962, as the College of the Virgin Islands (CVI) – a publicly funded, coeducational, liberal arts institution – by Act No. 862 of the Fourth Legislature of the U.S. Virgin Islands. According to that law, UVI's cornerstone objective is to provide for "...the stimulation and utilization of the intellectual resources of the people of the Virgin Islands and the development of a center of higher learning whereby and wherefrom the benefits of culture and education may be extended throughout the Virgin Islands."

The first campus opened on St. Thomas in July 1963, on 175 acres donated by the federal government. The first Board of Trustees took office in August 1963. In 1964, the college founded a campus on St. Croix, on 130 acres also donated by the federal government. At a ceremony on March 24, 2011, the St. Croix campus was named in honor of the late Albert A. Sheen, Sr. Also in March of 2011, UVI opened the St. John Academic Center in Cruz Bay, with interactive classrooms and computer facilities.

CVI began by offering only associate of arts degrees. UVI now offers numerous associate and baccalaureate degrees, including an associate's degree in process technology. UVI also offers six master's degree programs, an education specialist's degree program, and certificate workforce training courses through the UVI Community Engagement and Lifelong Learning Center.

In 1972, the College of the Virgin Islands was awarded Land-Grant status by the U.S. Congress. This allowed for the establishment of an Agricultural Experiment Station and a Cooperative Extension Service. Since then, many other programs and services have been added. These include the Reichhold Center for the Arts, the Eastern Caribbean Center, the William P. MacLean Marine Science Center and the UVI Sports & Fitness Center, among others.

In 1986, the College of the Virgin Islands was renamed the University of the Virgin Islands to reflect the growth and diversification of its academic curricula, community and regional services, and research programs. That same year, the U.S. Congress named UVI one of America's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). It is the only HBCU outside the continental U.S., and the first to offer an undergraduate degree in marine biology.

Dr. David Hall began his tenure as president of the University of the Virgin Islands on August 1, 2009. He succeeded Dr. LaVerne E. Ragster, who was named president in 2002. Dr. Orville Kean was named president in 1990, succeeding Dr. Arthur A. Richards, who became president in 1980. Lawrence C. Wanlass served as the first president of the College of the Virgin Islands from 1963 until 1980.

Today, UVI enrolls approximately 2,700 full-

time and part-time students on its two campuses. It continues to offer a high-quality, affordable liberal arts education in a culturally diverse environment. The University boasts more than 10,000 alumni who have gone on to excel as doctors, lawyers, judges, university and government administrators, teachers and other professionals. Among the many accomplished alumni are two Rhodes Scholars, the winner of a Pulitzer Prize for Journalism and the Premier of Nevis.

UVI holds active membership in many higher education associations, including the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association. The University is also an active member of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the American Association of University Women, the American Council on Education, the Association of Caribbean Information Systems and the Association of Caribbean Universities and Research Institutes.

Cooperative agreements between the University of the Virgin Islands and many other leading universities allow UVI students to receive degrees not offered on the UVI campuses. The Boston University School of Medicine cooperative agreement allows qualified UVI students to be accepted provisionally into the medical school at the end of their sophomore year. These students spend two summers and their senior year at Boston University, graduate with a bachelor of science degree from the University of the Virgin Islands, and then proceed to complete medical school at Boston University.

UVI has established relationships with the University of St. Martin, H. Lavity Stoutt Community College in Tortola, Clarence Fitzroy Bryant State College in St. Kitts and Dominica State College, as well as other colleges in the Caribbean. Additionally, there are transfer programs in pre-engineering, pre-pharmacy and pre-medical technology for students who wish to begin their studies in these fields at the University of the Virgin Islands before transferring to a specialized institution to complete their degrees.

The National Student Exchange (NSE) program operates on UVI's campuses on St. Thomas and St. Croix. Each semester approximately 25 students from the U.S. mainland enroll through NSE. In addition, UVI continues to admit students via memoranda of understanding with the State University of New York at New Paltz, the College of Charleston, Emory University, Savannah State University (social work completion), Columbia University and Washington University in St. Louis (engineering), UNINTER (Universidad Internacional de Cuernavaca, Mexico) and the UNICA Caribbean Exchange Program.

The University of the Virgin Islands is increasingly being recognized as a leading American institution of higher learning in the Caribbean.

Golden Jubilee

UVI's Golden Jubilee - "Honoring Our Past - Creating Our Future"

The University of the Virgin Islands has invited the University community – students, alumni, faculty, staff and supporters – and the entire Virgin Islands public to participate in the ongoing celebration of its Golden Jubilee throughout 2012.

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With approximately 2,700 full-time and part-time students on its St. Thomas and St. Croix campuses, and a new Academic Center on St. John, UVI continues to offer a high-quality, affordable liberal arts education in a culturally diverse environment. The University boasts more than 10,000 alumni.

UVI Seal/ Mantra

It is fitting, during this 50th anniversary year, for the University to recognize those individuals whose creative contributions have impacted the unique ways in which the College of the Virgin Islands (CVI) and the University of the Virgin Islands have come to be recognized.

CVI student Roland Roebuck was the initiator of a 1974 design project that resulted in the adoption, in 1975, of what is today known as the UVI seal. CVI Professor of Philosophy and Modern Languages Dr. Mauricio Escardo drew the final design (at right).



As stated in a College of the Virgin Islands Winter 1975 Newsletter, "In the design, the three islands in the sun represent St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix – the U.S. Virgin Islands, which the College was established to serve. The design symbolizes the radiation of knowledge and culture (the book), especially West Indian culture (the tetraskele), to all and, in particular, to the Caribbean area (the palm tree)."

The phrases that make up the University of the Virgin Islands' mantra, "Historically American. Uniquely Caribbean. Globally Interactive," were conceived by former UVI Public Relations Director Jessica Thorpe.

We Are UVI: Stories of Our Past... (Golden Jubilee Blog)

Each week of 2012 UVI adds a new story to its Golden Jubilee online blog – "We Are UVI... *Stories from Our Past.*" It features stories, and "then" and "now" photos, contributed by individuals who have had a close affiliation with the institution at some point in the last 50 years. New contributions will continue throughout the anniversary year. This fascinating look at the University's history is available from a link on the UVI website homepage – www.uvi.edu.

HONORING OUR PAST • CREATING OUR FUTURE Golden Jubilee Events

A calendar of ongoing "Golden Jubilee" events and activities is available from the UVI website – www.uvi.edu.

Golden Jubilee Time Capsules

Contributions will be accepted from UVI students, alumni, departments and staff members through Oct. 31, 2012. The time capsules will be capped in December 2012. Visit the UVI website – www.uvi.edu – and click the Golden Jubilee link for details.

PROGRAM - St. Thomas Campus

Vincent O. Cooper, Ph.D., Professor of English and Linguistics
COMMENCEMENT MARSHAL

- *PROCESSIONAL "Pomp and Circumstance" (Elgar)
University of the Virgin Islands Concert Band, Austin A. Venzen, Director
- *INVOCATION Tishiro Henry, Class of 2012
- *NATIONAL ANTHEM "Star Spangled Banner" (Key)
University of the Virgin Islands Concert Band
- *VIRGIN ISLANDS MARCH "Virgin Islands March" (Adams)
University of the Virgin Islands Concert Band
- MUSICAL SELECTION "I Dreamed A Dream" (Arranged by Michael Brown)
University of the Virgin Islands Concert Band
- WELCOME David Hall, S.J.D., President
- KEYNOTE ADDRESS Beverly Daniel Tatum, Ph.D.
President, Spelman College
- AWARDING OF HONORARY DEGREES President Hall
- MUSICAL SELECTION "Like An Eagle" (Strommen)
University Concert Choir, Lorna C. Young-Wright, D.M.A.
- ADDRESS Sondria Pemberton, Class of 2012
- REMARKS Alexander A. Moorhead
Chairman, UVI Board of Trustees
- The Honorable Ronald E. Russell
President of the 29th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
- The Honorable Donna M. Christensen
Virgin Islands Delegate to Congress
- The Honorable John P. deJongh, Jr.
Governor, United States Virgin Islands
- MUSICAL SELECTION "Lady Sings the Pops" (Arranged by Robert W. Smith)
University of the Virgin Islands Concert Band
- PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES Karl Wright, Ph.D., Provost
- CONFERRING OF DEGREES**
- Master of Arts in Education • Master of Business Administration • Master of Arts in Mathematics for Secondary Teachers
Master of Public Administration • Master of Science in Marine and Environmental Science
Bachelor of Arts • Bachelor of Science
Associate of Arts • Associate of Applied Science • Associate of Science
- INDUCTION INTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Dionne V. Jackson
Vice President for Institutional Advancement
- COMMISSIONING CEREMONY Major William Velasquez-Rivera
Senior Military Science Instructor
- *ALMA MATER "Alma Mater by the Sea" (LaMotta)
University of the Virgin Islands Concert Band
- *BENEDICTION Sheniqua Lake, Class of 2012
- *RECESSIONAL "Ceremonial Procession" (Elgar)
University of the Virgin Islands Concert Band

*Audience is requested to stand.

Every effort is made to ensure that this program is accurate; circumstances beyond our control may have resulted in unintentional errors.

ST. THOMAS CAMPUS

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Candidates for Master of Business Administration Degree

Jermaine L. Baptiste
Jacquette Bass

Natasha K. Mills
Girish Mukhi[^]

Patricia M. Rogers
Barbara Indiana Todman

Neville N. Williams[^]

Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degree

Andres E. Amaro
Joanna C. Archibald*
Claydonna M. Bartlette
Sade Shaville Bartlette*
Ronelle Bobb
Coralee L. Boddie**[^]
Andrew T. Brooks[^]
Sonnell Browne*
Magdalene Burke
Anna Caban
Dimples Casimir
Aiesha T. Corbett[^]
Adrienne Council
Makijah Damali Crabbe**
Loretta David
Melodi Davis
Esmie Henrietta Edwards[^]
Tiffani M. Francis*[^]
Rhonda Sophia Frett*

Nicole Marika Friday
Kelya G. George
K'Nisha Aretha Gumbs**
Kalefa Harvey
Verna Lee I. Hector
Alyssa Hodge
Janice C. Hodge
Tracy Ann-Marie Hodge
April Huggins*
Davida Huggins*
Tameisha Jodean Ible**[^]
Latesha A. Isaac
Annisha Jacobs-Mclean
Vernon Jones, Jr.
Shamir A. L. Joseph*
Michelle R. Joshua
Michelle Musheneta Julius***
Shadine M. Julius***
Sheniqua L. Lake

Careen S. Laurent
Jenelle Looby
Devon Luis
Charlesworth M. Mc Carty
Leslene Luanda Mardenborough**[^]
Nigel Anthony Martin
Valerie Melany Mills
Carlia Hyacinth Morris[^]
Susanna Pacquette[^]
Fransisca Parillon*
Vandel D. M. Percival**
Shenika Aneesha Peters
Kaznee K. T. Phipps**
Sharona Pickering*
Ebony Rhymer
Lalique Richardson*
Recaldo Richardson***[^]
Onya C. Rogers

Denaulia Rouse***
Kerlson Sablon
Evenlyn Sasso[^]
Aclesia La-Toya Scotland**
Jamey Christina Simpson*
Sherell Smith[^]
Jessica Taylor[^]
Ginelle A. D. Thomas**[^]
Ian M. D. Turnbull
Alexia Walters
Roger D. Wattlely
Shaiela A. Wilkinson***
Keima V. Willett[^]
Amanda L. K. Williams**
Donna A. Williams-Andrews
Errol Christopher O'Niel Williams*
Kisha K. Williams
Melissa F. Wolfe

Candidates for Associate of Arts Degree

Carlen N. Adams[^]
Magdalene M. Burke[^]
Loretta C. David[^]
Almeade George[^]

Kelya George[^]
Conisha Gumbs
Tracy A. Hodge[^]

Susanna Pacquette
Sondria G. Pemberton
DeRon A. Scatliffe[^]

Joneisa Makeeda Smith[^]
Kendall Kenya Smith
Mamadou D. Thioune

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Candidates for Master of Arts in Education Degree

Kendra Clarina John-Baptiste Frett
Dornnette Lewis

Margo C. Mike

Omega Isha Russell[^]

Renee N. Wilkinson

Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degree

Kensha Casimir*
Franchesca Charles
Marjani Khalilah Christian[^]
Teejah Daley
Ruth T. Elmes[^]

Francine Emmanuel*
Patrice Halliday
Jaunna Tamara Hart*
Melanie Nichole Huggins*
Ronnie Joyner

Christina Lee
Ebony D. Miller
David Reuben Payne, Jr.
Shernore Prince*

Joshuanette J. Rhasba
Eustacia Chatelle Steinbergen[^]
Philiis Agatha Vanterpool
Shaneka Zakers*

Candidates for Associate of Arts Degree

Claudia V. Payne[^]

Corinne R. Smith

***summa cum laude

**magna cum laude

*cum laude

[^] Fall Semester 2011 Graduate

ST. THOMAS CAMPUS

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Candidates for Master of Public Administration Degree

Marlene Francis [^]	Yasmine N. Haynes	Cononiah M. McCarthy [^]	Monique Lavorn Walters
Rick Serrano Spencer Grant [^]	Claudius Hippolyte	Sadio Thomas [^]	

Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degree

Gail Alexander-Stukes	LaTanya Jessica Christopher	Tishiro Hanley	Sondria G. Pemberton
Shermel A. Archibald ^{***}	Trevicia Nakishma Clarke	Syida N. Huggins-Richards	Deleon Richardson ^{**}
Shenise Lenae Baker	Jasentha Crawford ^{**}	Kaisa N. Jederon	Rose-Ann V. S. Richardson
Sandy Bellot ^{**}	Ruth Donovan-Smith [^]	Emica King [*]	Deneesha Lyvette Smith [*]
Aretha Amara Benjamin	Monique Romain Duncan	Lana A. Letang ^{**}	Tishia Neshirma Skeete
Marlene Bramble	Jolyn Ferran Edwards	Ayana N. Milligan [^]	Kishma Stapleton
Marcia Bruno	Merle Eustache [^]	Angela Vanessa Mills-Petty	Jamisha Stuard [*]
Lynique Louise Burnett [^]	Eliion George	Louise M. Mitchell	Deyzha A. G. Todman
Joi Charles	Conisha Gumbs [*]	Myoshi D. M. Osborne	C'Neesha J. Williams
Jamilya Inisha Athena Christopher [^]			

Candidates for Associate of Applied Science Degree

Collette E. Boyce	Kayana K. Letang	Tamra Olive	Deyzha A. G. Todman
Emica King	Ayana N. Milligan [^]		

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Candidates for Bachelor of Science Degree

Yhara Floretta Bougouneau	Robelynn B. Green	Celia Nurse	Jazmin Deanna Townes
Jamila A. Fahie	Tina Sherima Hazel	Latricia S. M. Richards	Christine Ann Vinas
Shenika Nakeisha Freeman	Judith Joan Henderson [*]	Shaynae R. Smith	

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Candidates for Master of Mathematics for Secondary Teachers Degree

Chasda D. Clendinen [^]	Andre R. Douglas [^]	Edna S. Joseph [^]	Clive Anthony Wyatt [^]
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Candidates for Master of Science in Marine and Environmental Science Degree

Shruti Arora	Bryan J. Legare [^]	Jeffrey D. Renchen	Sean Richardson
Leslie Marie Henderson	Christopher R. Loeffler [^]		

Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degree

Louise Abigail Alfred	Gisnel Candia Commodore	Sherica Mathurin [*]	Yasmeeen Z. Suid
Aquellah Cantois [^]	Nicola J. Maduro [^]		

Candidates for Bachelor of Science Degree

Frazly Alexander [*]	Angelica Claxton	Daunette Adina Hazell	Kerez T. Phipps
Denelle Gelisa Baptiste ^{**}	RaShaun Felicien	Manar Hussein [*]	Russell E. Robinson [^]
Fitzgerald Blanchette [^]	Nicole Delita Fleming ^{**}	Haskel King ^{*^}	Katy Sanon [^]
Steven Brunner [^]	Dorian Foster	Blanche Letang [*]	Cedric Smith
Karissa K. Cave	Shenelle N. Gabriel	Dimitri A. Maduro	Jevon Michael Thompson
Michael J. Celestine [*]	Lionel Gumbs	Melisa Matthias [*]	Kelsey Worth [^]
Justine Charles	Cosme Jeremy Harrison [^]	Shevane' D. Nisbett	Demarion Javon Williams
Tinika Christopher [*]			

Candidates for Associate of Science

Pamella Rielle Remy	Phil M. Smith
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**magna cum laude

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[^] Fall Semester 2011 Graduate

ST. CROIX CAMPUS

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Candidate for Master of Business Administration Degree

Viviana Manso-Bansal

Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degree

Terrell Alexandre	Talisa E. E. Griffith ^{^*}	Andrea O'Neacia Miller
Curtis Brian Archibald	Brenda Lee Carrasquillo Guadalupe	Claudia Yvette Parson
Danielle Anastacia Christian	Shama M. Jn Baptiste	Kasai P. Rondon
Sheron Eulander Carr [^]	Cecily V. Lawrence	Aaron J. Roundtree [*]
Somalia T. Edwards	Ellsworth E. London	Latrice C. Schuster [*]
April Francois	Amber M. Magloire [*]	Harold E. Smith Jr. [^]
Jamie Gaston	Viviana V. Matthew-James	Solgisselle Torres [*]
Anna Y. Gilbert	Vania L. Maysonet	Marcus Kevin Sydney [^]
Desiree K. Golden	Siejah Frederica Mike ^{***}	

Candidates for Associate of Arts Degree

Nina S. Brumant	Idona C. Ellidge	Linda Sablon-George
Renney H. Charles	Adonna Kathleen Leonora Ford	Eachan Jevon Simon
Danielle Anastacia Christian	Eileen A. Francis-Carr	Kendra Eudora Woodley

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Candidates for Master of Arts in Education Degree

Karlin N. Antoine	Michael T. Francois	Linda Rosita Javois-Leslie
Valda C. Austrie	Roselyn F. Gardiner	Natasha Shanna Liburd
Anselma John Ayala	Alicia B. George	Rosaleen Melone
America Ayala-Perez	Augustina L. Gonzague	Leah M. Messer
Elen Celestina Benjamin-Francois	Fern S. Green	Jessica Joy Parker
Petra Fatal	Joseph William Irwin Jr.	Ray A. Setorie

Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degree

Sherma M. Albert-Ferdinand [*]	Jenell Hendricks ^{^**}	Mary Polius ^{^**}
Nydia E. Asencio ^{^*}	Joy-Ann Carol Henry	Irivette Rivera
Elsa Patricia De Lande ^{^**}	Sarita A. Malcolm [^]	Claudette Ruth Titre ^{^*}
Annie E. Errilienne	Martha Nelson [^]	Mandisa A. Williams ^{^*}
Sana Mohammed Hamed ^{^*}		

Candidates for Associate of Arts Degree

Orniqa R. Edney	Claudia Victorine Payne-Anthony [^]	Shermaine Refnee Springer
Marilyn Lynch	Murium Prescott	Tia L. Springer
Trinisia Lathasia Milligan-Jones	Maynalsy Santiago [^]	

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Candidates for Master of Public Administration Degree

Adrienne A. Anthony Khadila D. Joseph^ Carnell Lawrence Troutman

Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degree

Alene R. Browne	Rossidaly Cruz	Shenelle Marie Henry
Yahaira L. Castillo	Joey F. Emmanuel	Ramona Drate King
Christina N. Clement*	Eva Cyrillia Francis**	Kemi Chanel Grace Lay
Aquanette M. Clarke	Melinda B. Gibson	Eugenia C. Maffei^*
Kimene Hermis Clouden-Jacobs	Shevonne Anita Gumbs	Nichelle Sherene Stanley

Candidates for Associate of Applied Science Degree

Vernice Antonya Alleyne Ebony V. John Iyisha S. Victorine
Christina N. Clement Leima L. Lake

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Candidates for Bachelor of Science Degree

Cheryl V. Audain-Registe Tiffonee A. Nicholas**

Candidates for Associate of Science Degree

Brooke M. Condit	Dawn Marie Drew	Rayma L. Lawrence
Salal M. Cook	Irene Garcia	Rubia Maria Stival
Kelley A. Copley	Sharica Keona John	Shalen Clarissa Sylvan
Claudette V. Drew		

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Candidates for Master of Arts in Secondary Education Degree

Kodzo Mawulawoe Ekpe^ Lynel A. Lynch^

Candidates for Bachelor of Science Degree

Laurie Barnwell** LaDia S. Carrington** Ismael Rosado
Hema Balkaran* Jewel C. Ible

Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degree

Kathymia Daleen Brookes^

Candidates for Associate of Science Degree

Jonathan Bannis Shamo Garcia Dexter Peter Hypolite

Candidates for Associate of Applied Science Degree

Teresa M. Bermudez	Janine N. Figueroa	José Andres Nieves^
Zachary William Canney^	Kimora Quantaya Gregoire^	Tiffany S. Parrilla
Ardon Antonio DuBois	Merlene S. Lesmond	Kendall T. Payne
Miguel R. Emanuel	Mathu B. Mutidi^	Sunil A. Rivera
Bobby Ferris^	Marilyn Nyack	Fernando O. Young

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PROGRAM - Albert A. Sheen Campus - St. Croix

S. B. Jones-Hendrickson, Ph.D. Professor of Economics
COMMENCEMENT MARSHAL

Gabriel Ogunmokun, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Business
COMMENCEMENT CO-MARSHAL

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*INVOCATION	Viviana Matthew-James, Class of 2012
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WELCOME	David Hall, S.J.D., President
KEYNOTE ADDRESS	Beverly Daniel Tatum, Ph.D. President, Spelman College
AWARDING OF HONORARY DEGREES	President Hall
ADDRESS	Desiree K. Golden, Class of 2012
REMARKS	Alexander A. Moorhead Chairman, UVI Board of Trustees The Honorable Ronald E. Russell President of the 29th Legislature of the Virgin Islands The Honorable Donna M. Christensen Virgin Islands Delegate to Congress The Honorable John P. deJongh, Jr. Governor, United States Virgin Islands
MUSICAL SELECTION	“Lady Sings the Pops” (Arranged by Robert W. Smith) University of the Virgin Islands Concert Band
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES	Karl S. Wright., Ph.D., Provost
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	
Master of Arts in Education • Master of Business Administration • Master of Public Administration Master of Arts in Mathematics for Secondary Teachers • Bachelor of Arts • Bachelor of Science Associate of Applied Science • Associate of Arts • Associate of Science	
INDUCTION INTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	Dionne V. Jackson Vice President for Institutional Advancement
COMMISSIONING CEREMONY	Major William Velazquez-Rivera Senior Military Science Instructor
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*Audience is requested to stand.

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Honorary Doctorate

Dr. Alfred O. Heath

Dr. Alfred O. Heath has been a practicing surgeon since 1960. He served as Attending Surgeon at the then Knud Hansen Memorial Hospital on St. Thomas and later at St. Thomas Hospital, from 1965 to 1994, when he became Attending Senior Surgeon, a position he still holds.

Dr. Heath has been appointed to numerous administrative positions in the health field, to include serving as Commissioner of Health three times in the Cabinets of the late Governors Melvin H. Evans, Cyril E. King, and Alexander Farrelly; serving as Chief of Surgery, Chief Executive Officer, and Medical Director at the Knud Hansen Memorial Hospital/St. Thomas Hospital during this period.

Dr. Heath is a licensed pharmacist in both Philadelphia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Over the course of his five decades as a surgeon, he has received specialty certifications to include: Diplomate, American Board of Surgery; Fellow, American College of Surgeons; Fellow, International College of Surgeons; Fellow, American College of Surgeons; Fellow, International College of Surgeons; Fellow, American College of Surgeons; Affiliate, Royal Society of Medicine; Member, American Academy of Family Practice; Associate Fellow, College of Physicians of Philadelphia; and Member, Regional Faculty, American College of Surgeons Advance Trauma Life Support. He is certified in Advance Cardiac Life Support. Dr. Heath also holds medical licenses in Philadelphia and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

A graduate of the Charlotte Amalie High School, Dr. Heath earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from Temple University and his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in 1957, and was a resident physician at Philadelphia's Jefferson Hospital and Chestnut Hill Hospital in the areas of general, thoracic and cardiovascular surgery.



Dr. Alfred O. Heath

Dr. Heath's community service has been extensive and consistent. Among the organizations he has served as a board member or member are: Antilles School Board of Trustees, University of the Virgin Islands Board of Trustees, Foundation for the University of the Virgin Islands, Board of Medical Examiners, Boy Scouts of America, Reichhold Center for the Arts, Caribbean Chorale, Rotary International, Rotary Club of St. Thomas, Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree, Knight of Justice Order of St. John, Flying Physicians Association, Society of U.S. Army Flight Surgeons, United Way, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Veterans Resource Development Committee, Association of Military Surgeons of the U.S., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Catholic Charities, Association of Governing Boards and Universities, International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians, Quattour Novi Choral Group, Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral Choir, and the Polymnia Choral Group.

Dr. Heath is a graduate of the US Army Aero Medical Center in Ft. Rucker, Alabama. Secretary of the Army Clifford Alexander presented him with the Meritorious Service Medal in May 1979. The award was given for outstanding meritorious service while serving successively as Commander of the 649th Medical Detachment (Dispensary) and as Territorial Surgeon with the V.I. National Guard. Dr. Heath was promoted to Colonel in September of 1980 and to Brigadier General in 1999, at which time he received the Legion of Merit Award and the V.I. Distinguished Service Medal.

Among Dr. Heath's numerous accolades are membership in the Society of St. Gregory the Great (2011), being named a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow (2009 and 1987) receiving the Virgin Islands Medal of Honor (2003), being named the Virgin Islands Medical Society Physician of the Year (1994), Virgin Islands' Toastmasters International Honoree (1987) and Rotary International Man of the Year (1986).

Honorary Doctorate

Congresswoman Donna M. Christensen

The Honorable Donna M. Christensen continues to distinguish herself as a leader in the United States Congress. As a Member serving her eighth term, she is the first female physician in the history of the U.S. Congress, the first woman to represent an offshore Territory, and the first woman Delegate from the United States Virgin Islands. She serves as an Assistant Minority Whip.

In the 112th Congress, Delegate Christensen serves on the Committee on Energy and Commerce; its Subcommittees on Oversight and Investigations as well as the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. The Subcommittee on Communications and Technology has jurisdiction over telecommunication and information transmission by broadcast, radio, wire, microwave, satellite, or other modes. The Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations has responsibility for oversight of agencies, departments, and programs within the jurisdiction of the full committee, and for conducting investigations within such jurisdiction. She is the first delegate to serve on this select, exclusive committee.

Delegate Christensen is the First Vice-chair of the Congressional Black Caucus and chairs the Congressional Black Caucus' Health Braintrust, which oversees and advocates minority health issues nationally and internationally. She is a Member of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues; Member of the Steering Committee of the Congressional Travel and Tourism Caucus; Member of the Congressional Rural Caucus; Member of the Friends of the Caribbean Caucus; a Member of the Congressional National Guard and Reserve Caucus, as well as many other caucuses and taskforces.



Hon. Donna M. Christensen

She earned a Bachelor of Science in 1966 at St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana. She earned an M.D. (Doctor of Medicine) in 1970 from George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C. She interned at Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco, California, from 1970 to 1971 and did her residency in family medicine at Howard University Medical Center from 1973 to 1974. She became a board certified family physician in 1977.

Christensen began her medical career in the Virgin Islands in 1975 as an emergency room physician. She served as staff physician at the Maternal & Child Health program, Medical Director of the Nesbitt Clinic in Frederiksted, Director of the Frederiksted Health Center, Director of Maternal and Child Health and Family Planning, served as the Medical Director of the St. Croix Hospital and rounded out her medical career as the Territorial Assistant Commissioner of Health and as the Acting Commissioner of Health. She maintained a private family medicine practice from 1975 until her election to Congress in 1996.

As a registered member of the Democratic Party of the Virgin Islands, member and officer of the Virgin Islands Democratic Territorial Committee, she has served as Democratic National Committeewoman, Delegate to Democratic Conventions from 1984 to present, and Member, Platform Committee of the Democratic National Committee from 1988 to present. She was elected to the Virgin Islands Board of Education from 1984 to 1986, and was appointed as a member to the Virgin Islands Status Commission from 1988 to 1992.

Christensen is a member of the National Medical Association, the Virgin Islands Medical Society, the Caribbean Studies Association, the Caribbean Youth Organization and the Virgin Islands Medical Institute. Prior to her election to Congress she served on a variety of church and civic associations.

She is the mother of two daughters, Rabiah Green George and Karida Green, and the grandmother of Nia Elena Hamilton, Kobe and Layla Marie George, and Nealia Williams. She is the granddaughter of the late renowned Virgin Islands educator Elena Christian, and daughter of the late distinguished Judge Almeric Christian and Virginia Sterling Christian.

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Alma Mater By the Sea

Words and Music by Wilbur "Bill" LaMotta

Hail to thee, dear Alma Mater
Beside the blue Caribbean calm
Hail to thee, dear Alma Mater
'neath sunny skies and whisp'ring palm

Proud we are to tread thy ways
Loud and true we voice our praise
Open door thy every portal
'mid sand and sea and golden days

Long the ties that will endure
Strong in heart and memory
Faithfully we'll always honor
Our Alma Mater by the sea

Hail to thee, dear Alma Mater
For guiding stars so brightly shown
Hail to thee, dear Alma Mater
How wide the bound'ries we have flown

Sing we now of bright tomorrows
Yesterday we never knew
Walking down thy halls of wisdom
The towerin' heights are all in view

Here to us on islands famed
Dear to us thy name will be
University of the Virgin Islands
Our Alma Mater by the sea.

Academic Regalia

The wearing of caps, gowns and hoods at graduation exercises is one of the oldest and most democratic of collegiate customs. It originated in the Middle Ages when the first universities were founded as clerical institutions. Besides distinguishing the wearers from laymen, the costume served a very practical purpose in the unheated churches and cloisters of the time. It often added grace to the individuals and impressiveness to the ceremonies in which they took part. Its chief virtue, however, was that it eliminated undemocratic differences in dress which might otherwise have marred an essentially democratic occasion.

Under the intercollegiate system adopted in 1893, the Oxford cap or "mortarboard" is worn for all degrees, but the doctor is entitled to a gold tassel and optional velvet cap. The sleeve of the master's gown is distinguished from the bachelor's by a half-moon cut at the end. The doctor's gown has faced-down fronts, and round bell sleeves with bars of velvet. The master's degree hood is longer than the bachelor's and the doctor's is longer than the master's. All hoods are lined with silk showing the official

colors of the institution that conferred the degree.

The bachelor's and master's degree candidates at the University of the Virgin Islands wear hoods lined with Caribbean blue and white, the school colors. The bachelor's degree hoods are trimmed with white velvet to signify liberal arts, and with golden yellow velvet to signify science. UVI master's candidate hoods are also trimmed with velvet – light blue for education, drab to represent business, and peacock blue to indicate public administration.

According to the Academic Costume Code, at most U.S. institutions the color of velvet trim indicates the following academic disciplines: agriculture/maize; economics/copper; engineering/orange; fine arts/brown; home economics/maroon; law/purple; library science/lemon; music/pink; nursing/apricot; philosophy/dark blue; physical education/sage green; public health/salmon pink; science/golden yellow; social science/cream; social work/citron; speech/silver gray.

The Mace

The mace of the University of the Virgin Islands is the symbol both of presidential responsibilities and authority. For the 50th Anniversary year a special mace was created. Carved on the island of St. Croix from the wood of a local mahogany tree, one of God's most enduring symbols of life, the mace says that the responsibilities of the president are without end. It

also says that the president cannot discharge those responsibilities without authority.

The mace is a three-foot long mahogany cylinder 1.5 inches in diameter topped by a four-inch mahogany ball into which a sterling silver reproduction of the University logo is set. The sterling silver logo was crafted on the island of St. Thomas.

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