

## Honorary Doctorate

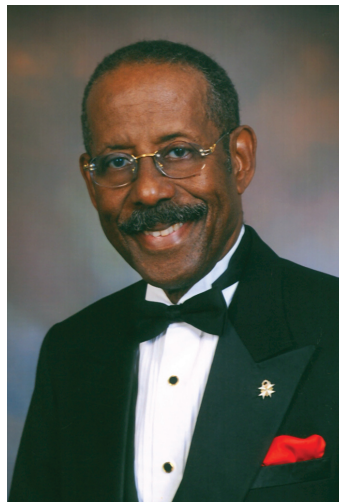
### Dr. Alfred O. Heath

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.



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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).



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# 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