

## **UVI PRESS RELEASE**

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### **UVI Students, Faculty to Share Findings at Research Day**

The University of the Virgin Islands will host the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 7, in the Great Hall on the Albert A. Sheen Campus on St. Croix, and at the Sports and Fitness Center on the St. Thomas Campus. Research Day provides UVI students, faculty and staff the opportunity to showcase their research, which highlights diverse topics that impact the community.

UVI students and faculty will be on hand with the results of their findings. Some research that will be featured include:

- “Do Healthy-Eating Self-Efficacy, Body Fat, Spouse’s Body Fat, and Ethnicity Predict Marital Satisfaction?”
- “Evaluation of 21 Cucumber Varieties for Downy Mildew Resistance in the Virgin Islands”
- “Do Well-Established, Out-Planted Staghorn Corals Host More Diverse Fish Populations?”
- “Attitudes and Effects of Cannabis Legalization in Society: A U.S. Perspective”

The posters featured on Research Day come from the various schools, colleges and centers at UVI to include the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Cooperative Extension Service, Center for Marine and Environmental Studies, College of Science and Mathematics, the School of Business and the School of Education.

“For the last three years we have recognized the quality of our student research by awarding the best student research poster on each campus,” said Dr. Frank Mills, vice provost for research and public service. “This year we introduce the first faculty awards for the most outstanding research poster on each campus. This further confirms to our faculty our intent to enhance the repute of our UVI research agenda.”

This year Research Day will offer round-table discussions on both campuses on current social and development topics and feature many demonstrations.

#### **Roundtable topics on St. Thomas include:**

- “Is Facebook Changing your Relationships?”
- “Sin-Tax is the Only Way!”

#### **Roundtable topics on St. Croix include:**

- “Is Facebook Changing Your Relationships?”
- “Sin-Tax is the Only way!”
- “Psychologists Experience with Presentation of Intergenerational Trauma Due to Slavery”

#### **Demonstrations:**

- “UVI Coral Reef Health Laboratory” (St. Thomas Campus)

- “Red Mangroves: The Tree of Life” (St. Thomas Campus)
- “We’re Getting Muddy! How and Why We Sample Mud in Coastal Habitats” (St. Thomas Campus)
- “Sea Shell Exhibit” (Albert A. Sheen Campus, St. Croix)

Since 2012, UVI has been following its strategic plan titled “Pathways to Greatness.” Bearing in mind this mission, UVI Research Day has become a cornerstone of the University for students and faculty alike.

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