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Associate Campus Administrator – Student Affairs

Dear Prospective UVI Student:

“The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”— Lao Tzu

Welcome to the University of the Virgin Islands-St. Croix Campus! You have taken the first step in your journey to maximizing your capacity to learn, to grow and ultimately contribute to transforming your world by enhancing your knowledge and skills through higher education.

On behalf of the Division of Student Affairs, I would like to welcome you to one of the most significant institutions for nurturing human potential, cultivating skillful citizens and producing global leaders. You are joining an accomplished and talented community of learners and educators that provides extraordinary pathways for intellectual, creative and cultural enrichment. We look forward to the qualities and attributes that you will bring to the campus, and the substantive contributions we know you will add.

The University of the Virgin Islands holds high expectations for its students. In this regard, and as part of your introduction to UVI, we invite your full participation in an exciting array of activities and programs for **Orientation week which is scheduled for Tuesday January 5, 2010 through Saturday, January 9, 2010. This is an experience you do not want to miss!** During this very special time, new students will begin to learn about campus services; tour the campus; meet new classmates; plan your classes; register for classes and even interact with successful UVI alumni who will share their successes and strategies on a first hand basis with you.

In anticipation of your arrival to campus, our planning committee has put together an exciting variety of activities and informational sessions to facilitate your transition to the University of the Virgin Islands and the Virgin Islands culture. **Our opening program on Tuesday, January 5, at 6:30 pm is required for all newly admitted full time and part-time students.** Check in begins at 6:00pm. We encourage your parents, spouses, and partners to join you in the **Northwest Wing Great Hall** for this important session. ***As part of your collective experience as a new student, you are expected to attend all sessions during Orientation.*** So mark your calendars today. An overview of the orientation schedule is included.

The members of the staff in the Division of Student Affairs are here to help you maximize opportunities for experiential learning, through your involvement in a variety of social, cultural and co-curricular programs and services. We want you to be successful; therefore, take full advantage of the opportunities that will help to support your academic endeavors, personal growth, and ultimately persistence and graduation from this fine institution of higher education.

You have truly taken the first step on a wonderful educational journey. We encourage you to get connected to all that UVI has to offer, stay engaged and focused on your goals, and watch how your potential to give back to others will blossom and grow. The members of the university are here to assist you in this journey and guide your overall development. If you have any questions please feel free to contact any of our offices. We look forward to meeting you on **Tuesday, January 5, 2010.** Have an engaging and productive year!

Sincerely,

Miriam V. Osborne Elliott
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