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### Public Invited to Ninth Annual UVI Undergraduate Research Symposium

The Virgin Islands public is invited to attend the Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium sponsored by the Emerging Caribbean Scientists program of the Division of Science and Mathematics at the University of the Virgin Islands.

The symposium is scheduled for 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23, in the UVI Sports and Fitness Center on the St. Thomas campus. Approximately 40 UVI students will present posters displaying the results of research they have conducted over the past year.

The symposium is part of an overall effort to increase research training and promote excellence in UVI students. The symposium provides an opportunity for students to display the results of their work and for the public to interact with them. The event, this year's is the ninth annual, traditionally draws an audience from the UVI community, the general public, and junior high and high school students interested in math and science.

The presentations will showcase projects conducted under the direction of mentors at UVI and at other universities across the nation. Students conducted research during UVI's Sophomore Science Research Institute and the Science Undergraduate Research Experience on-campus. UVI students also conducted research at Pacific Northwest National Laboratories, the Center for Bioimage Informatics at Carnegie Mellon University, Emory University, Rutgers University, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Institutes of Health, the Biology Department at the University of Central Florida, and other locations.

The students' research is supported by grants from many sources, including funding from the National Science Foundation's HBCU-UP and CSEM/EMET Programs, the MARC and RISE Programs of the National Institutes of Health, and by grants supporting their faculty mentors' scientific research. General support is also provided by UVI's Division of Science and Mathematics. Persons interested in participating in or sponsoring this event should call 693-1232 or send email [tpeters@uvi.edu](mailto:tpeters@uvi.edu). Additional information can be found at the Emerging

Caribbean Scientists program web site - <http://ecs.uvi.edu>.

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