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UVI's 45th Charter Month Events are Scheduled

In recognition of the University of the Virgin Islands' 45th anniversary of its Charter Day, UVI will host a number of activities during the month of March 2007. The official Charter Day Ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. on March 16 in Chase Auditorium, room B110, and will be videoconferenced to the Theater of the Evans Center, room EC401, on the St. Croix campus. Charter Day is an annual celebration that commemorates the signing of legislation establishing the College and later the University of the Virgin Islands 45 years ago.

The theme for this month's Charter activities is, "Celebrating the Past, Looking to the Future." The activities, scheduled on both campuses, include a walk/run, several performances, the Miss UVI Ambassadorial Pageant and The Caribbean Writer's 20th anniversary celebration. Both campus libraries will also feature a Charter Day library display. Most of the activities will be videoconferenced between the St. Thomas and St. Croix campuses.

Events-at-a-Glance

March 7
 -- Archery Competition - STX
 March 9
 -- 5K Walk/Run - STX
 March 10
 -- Savion Glover at the Reichhold - STT
 March 13
 -- VI-EPSCoR seminar - STT & STX
 March 14
 -- SBDC Women in Business Forum - STT
 March 15
 -- Ag Experiment Station's program - STX
 March 15
 -- Alumni reception - STX
 March 16
 -- Charter Day Ceremony - STT & STX
 March 19
 -- *The Caribbean Writer* 20th anniversary
 March 20 & 21
 -- Health Fair - STX
 March 24
 -- Miss UVI Ambassadorial Pageant - STT
 March 28
 -- Shadow Our Students - STT & STX
 March 29
 -- UVI Steel Pan Ensemble - STX
 March 29
 -- Ag Experiment Station gardening seminar
 March 31
 -- Spring Research Symposium - STX

- **Wednesday, March 7 at 10 a.m.** -- The 2nd Annual UVI Charter Day Archery Competition took place on the St. Croix campus. Open to all UVI students, faculty, staff, and alumni. For more information, please contact Bruce Wray at 692-4139.
- **Friday, March 9 at 6 a.m.** -- The 6th Annual Queen Mary Highway 5K Walk/Run will begin at Kmart in the Sunshine Mall and will end on the St. Croix campus. Limited registration will be conducted from 5:30 a.m. on race day. The event culminates in a medal-awarding ceremony and breakfast on the St. Croix campus. For more information please contact Irene Ramos at 692-4000.

- **Saturday, March 10 at 8 p.m.** -- Savion Glover was just a boy of 12 when he made his Broadway debut in "The Tap Dance Kid." Today, the 34-year-old has emerged as the force keeping the tap dance genre alive. His 1996 Broadway show "Bring in Da Noise, Bring in Da Funk" earned Glover a Tony Award for best choreography. He will perform at the Reichhold Center for the Arts on St. Thomas. Tickets, at \$45, \$36 and \$20, are available at the Reichhold Center Box Office at 693-1559.
- **Tuesday, March 13 at noon** -- VI-EPSCoR – the Virgin Islands Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research – will sponsor a seminar with visiting Yale University researcher Dr. Gaboury Benoit at the MacLean Marine Science Center on UVI's St. Thomas campus. The seminar will be videoconferenced to Evans Center room 302A on the St. Croix campus. Benoit, who works with Yale's School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, will speak on land development issues as they relate to non-point source water pollution, soil erosion, and habitat fragmentation and destruction. His presentation is titled: "Green Sprawl: Can land be developed sustainably?"
- **Wednesday, March 14 at 6 p.m.** -- A Women in Business Forum is scheduled at the Small Business Development Center Training Facility at Nisky Center on St. Thomas. Panelists and business owners participating are Sheena Conway of Sweet Kisses, Dr. Kimberly Moore of Dentist in Paradise, Lorrie Peterson Sebastien of Therapeutic Massage Center and Rita Staheli of Sun, Sand and Sea Get-Aways. The moderator will be Cynthia Jerry. Admission is free. Pre-register by calling 776-3206. Sponsored by UVI SBDC with the New Image Foundation.
- **Thursday, March 15** -- UVI's Agricultural Experiment Station's Animal Science Program will host the annual meeting of the Swine Genome Sequencing Consortium (SGSC) on the St. Croix campus from March 15 through 17, 2007. For information, call 692-4020.
- **Thursday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m.** -- The University of the Virgin Islands Alumni Association St. Croix Chapter and the Student Government Association will hold an Alumni charter month reception at the UVI Cafetorium, St. Croix campus, on March 15 from 7:30 p.m. until.
- **Friday, March 16 at 9 a.m.** -- The 45th annual Charter Day Ceremony will begin via videoconference in Chase Auditorium on the St. Thomas campus and the Evans Center Theater on St. Croix. Refreshments will follow. For more information, contact Patrice Johnson at 693-1058.
- **Monday, March 19 at 6 p.m.** -- The Caribbean Writer, an international literary anthology published in the summer of each year by the University of the Virgin Islands, will commemorate its 20th anniversary milestone at a celebratory event scheduled for 6 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2007, in the Great Hall (the North West Wing Conference Room) on the St. Croix campus.
- **Wednesday and Thursday, March 20 and 21** -- The 8th Annual Health

Fair is scheduled on UVI's St. Croix campus. Workshops will begin at 10 a.m. at the Health Services center at the Great House. Topics to be covered include: nutrition and health, herbal medicine, massage therapy, chiropractic, mental and general health, and sexually transmitted diseases. Also included will be free blood pressure and glucose testing, a blood drive, HIV education and testing, vision screening and family planning education. For information, contact Irene Sealey at 692-4208.

- **Saturday, March 24 at 7 p.m.** -- The Miss UVI Ambassadorial Pageant will showcase the talents of four UVI students who will compete for the title "Miss UVI" at the Reichhold Center for the Arts. The theme of the pageant is "Leading Ladies Poised for Greatness." The contestants are Janeisha John, Sharifa Maloney, Zahra A. Spencer and Shamika Thomas. Tickets are \$30 in the covered section, \$25 uncovered, with a \$5 discount for UVI students.
- **Wednesday, March 28 from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.** -- Local high school students will participate in the Shadow Our Students (SOS) Program on the St. Thomas and St. Croix campuses. SOS is a student-focused initiative of the UVI Student Government which aims to create mentoring relationships between University students and seniors in the local high schools. Motivational speaker and Central State University senior Tobias Brown will speak at 1 p.m. in the Sports and Fitness Center. For information, contact the Student Government Association at 693-1098 or the Student Activities Office at 693-1111.
- **Thursday, March 29 at 11 a.m.** - The UVI Steel Pan Ensemble will perform outside the Ralph Paiewonsky Library on the St. Thomas campus. For further information, please contact Dr. Lorna Young-Wright at 693-1191.
- **Thursday, March 29** - The UVI Agricultural Experiment Station will present a "Gardening Basics" seminar for 25 women from The Reef Condo Gardening Club. The focus of the seminar will be plant propagation and maintenance and will be conducted on the UVI-AES Model Farm.
- **Saturday, March 31 at 1 p.m.** -- The Annual Spring Research Symposium will take place in the Cafetorium on UVI's St. Croix campus from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday March 31, 2007. UVI's Emerging Caribbean Scientists scholars from both campuses present their various research projects to the public. For further information, contact Velma V. Tyson, Ph.D., at 692-4157.

Additional events will be added as information becomes available.

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