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UVI Welcomes the Class of 2014

Members of the UVI Class of 2014 were welcomed to the University's St. Thomas and St. Croix campuses at a host of Fall 2010 Orientation activities August 15 through 20.

In addition to the official welcome session in the Northwest Wing of the Great Hall, the St. Croix campus hosted a Cultural Party, a Down on the Corner social and an Alumni Give Back activity in the Student Center.

Speaking at a breakfast for new students in the Sports and Fitness Center on St. Thomas, Associate Campus Administrator for Student Affairs Dr. Doris Battiste assured new students that UVI administrators "are here to guide you, advise you and help you."

In his remarks, outgoing St. Thomas Vice President

of the UVI Student Government Association St. Clair Hodge told new students to take part in the SGA elections that will be held in September.

UVI President Dr. David Hall called UVI a "wonderful place" and said he is proud to be the fifth president of the University. He implored students to "reflect deeply upon this day," saying that "an authentic partnership of success" now exists between new students and the University, wherein promises have been made and something of value is to be exchanged.

"We will work hard to make sure that your experience at UVI will be a rewarding experience," President Hall said. "We ask that you make a promise to yourselves and

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Alumni Breakfast Honors Four

More than 90 people came out on Saturday, July 24th, for the University of the Virgin Islands Alumni Association St. Thomas-St. John Chapter's 8th Annual Alumni Recognition Award Breakfast on UVI's St. Thomas campus.

St. Thomas-St. John Chapter Vice President Pamela Toussaint ('98, '05) welcomed guests as the Superior Court Rising Stars Steel Orchestra played several musical selections.

The Alumni Association presented International Capital and Management Company President Cornel A. Williams ('87) with the Alumni Honor Award. Associate Attorney Joss N. Springette ('00) and Guy H. Benjamin Elementary School Principal Dionne A. Wells ('03) re-



Honorees at the 2010 Alumni Breakfast are, from left, Cornel A. Williams, Glendia B. Caines, Joss N. Springette and Dionne A. Wells.

ceived the Alumni Horizon Award. Court Administrator of the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands Glendia B. Caines ('77, '87) received the Alumni Award of Excellence.

University of the Virgin Islands President Dr. David Hall lauded the honorees during his remarks, which he said were crafted based on the legal "Best Evidence Rule." Dr. Hall said UVI alumni present the best evidence that the University of the Virgin Islands is producing accomplished professionals.

"The people that we honor this day are the best evidence that we can produce individuals who can excel in the fields of business and law and education ... individuals who have excelled in areas that are so critical to the future of the Virgin Islands."

"If we have been able to do it in the past, we can do it in the future," Dr. Hall said. "I recognize and applaud them because they are examples of the case we are making in the territory and throughout the world. When our alums leave and do great things elsewhere it is the best evidence of our ability to succeed."

Dr. Hall said the MARC program, which is funded by the National Science Foundation, helps to nurture stu-

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Events Calendar

Aug. 27	BWC Social Event	STX
Sept. 3/5	Volleyball Invitational Tourney	STT
Sept. 4/14	CELL Real Estate Classes	STT/STX
Sept. 6	Labor Day Holiday	STT/STX
Sept. 15	Presentation Skills Workshops	STT/STX
Sept. 23	Biodiversity Film Fest	STX

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to us ... to work hard each day to create your own success ... to explore new paths, new challenges. It is only through that process that you will realize your full potential," he said.

Keynote speaker L. Trenton Marsh, who in 2004 became the first African-American male commencement speaker at Georgetown University, motivated students with a high-energy talk.

More than 100 students attended the Alumni Give Back activity on the St. Croix campus, where Dr. Roderrick Moorehead ('71), Dr. O. Anne Treasure ('86), Ian Tomlinson ('88), Suzette Bloodman ('97, '01), Marthious Clavier ('02, '09) and Derval Prince ('02, '09, '10) served as panelists.

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dents who go on to pursue Ph.D.s (especially students of color). Nationwide, African-American students in pursuit of Ph.D.s in the sciences have a 45 percent rate of completion. The rate of completion for white Ph.D. candidates nationwide averages 55 percent. At UVI, the rate of completion for students who go on to pursue their Ph.D.s is 90 percent.

"That is the best evidence that we are doing something wonderful at this University, that we produce students who compete and compete well," Dr. Hall said.

The Alumni Honor Award recognizes the significant contributions made over a number of years by university of the Virgin Islands alumni in their local communities. The Alumni Award of Excellence celebrates the specific, recent accomplishments of a UVI graduate within the 12 months prior to the nomination deadline in March. The Alumni Horizon Award recognizes the outstanding achievements of UVI alumni early in their careers.

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Representatives of Brothers With a Cause on the St. Croix campus, from left, Public Relations Officer Richard Motta, President Michael Campbell and Vice President Joel Dorsett, recruited new members at a student clubs and organizations orientation mini fair on Aug. 16.

Meeting in the Capitol

Friends and alumni of the University of the Virgin Islands residing in the Washington D.C. area got to meet UVI President Dr. David Hall and members of the UVI administration at a social in July. UVI Trustee Donald Sussman hosted the event at his residence. About 50 people attended, including the Honorable Donna M. Christensen, Johnny Taylor (Thurgood Marshall College Fund President and CEO), Joan Harrigan Farrelly, Ian ('88) and Averil ('88) Tomlinson, General Sam Ebbesen, Dwayne Petersen ('09) and Dr. Wayne Archibald ('97).

President Hall engaged alumni and members of the Virgin Islands community residing on the mainland and shared his vision for the University. Many CVI graduates shared memories of on-campus experiences and the opportunities that became available upon graduation.

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