

Forty-Sixth Annual

Commencement



ST. THOMAS CAMPUS

Saturday, the Fifteenth of May
Two Thousand and Ten
Seven O'Clock in the Evening
Sports and Fitness Center
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

ST. CROIX CAMPUS

Sunday, the Sixteenth of May
Two Thousand and Ten
Half after Four O'Clock in the Afternoon
Campus Grounds
St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands

Randall Robinson

Social Justice Advocate, Author, Educator

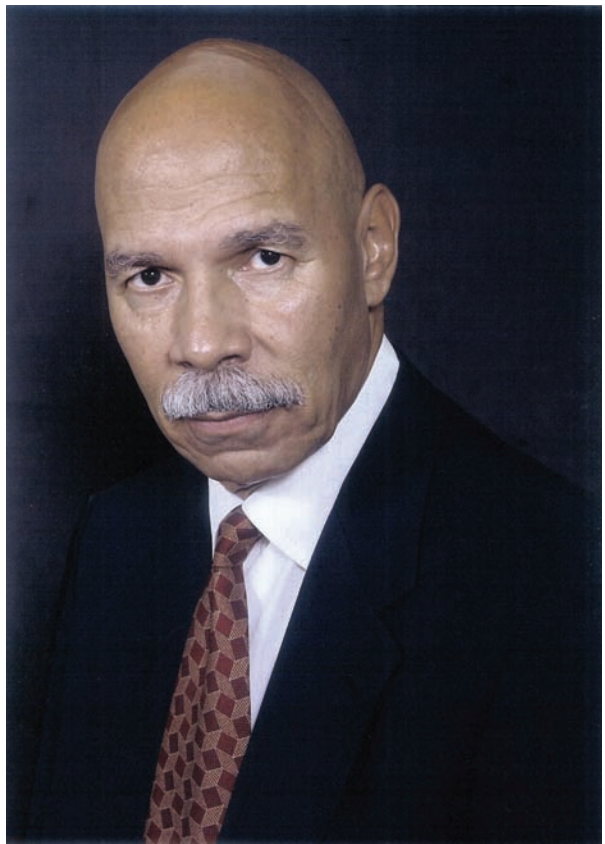
Randall Robinson, an internationally respected social justice advocate and author, is also a professor of law at Penn State University. In 1979, he established TransAfrica, the mandate of which is to promote enlightened, progressive U.S. policies towards Africa and the Caribbean. While president of that organization, he frequently testified before the House and Senate on U.S. policies toward Africa and the Caribbean.

He also led the “Free South Africa Movement” – the nation-wide campaign to end apartheid in South Africa. His 1994 campaign to end military rule in Haiti included a 27-day hunger strike that caused the United States government to lead the successful multinational operation that, in 1994, returned to power Haiti’s first democratically elected – but violently overthrown – government.

Through his writings, congressional testimony, television appearances and civil disobedience campaigns, Mr. Robinson was actively involved in efforts to expose the brutality of the Mengistu regime in Ethiopia and the corruption in Nigeria during that country’s era of military dictatorships. He also fought to thwart U.S. attempts to end the Caribbean’s access to the European banana market.

Mr. Robinson resigned from TransAfrica in 2001.

He is a best-selling author whose works include “Defending the Spirit – A Black Life in America,” “The Debt – What America Owes to Blacks,” “The Reckoning – What Blacks Owe to Each Other,” “Quitting America – The Departure of a Black Man from his Native Land,” and “An Unbroken Agony – Haiti, from Revolution to the Kidnapping of a President.” He is a graduate of Harvard Law School. Some 19 universities have bestowed honorary Ph.D.s upon him in recognition of the international impact of his social justice advocacy. He is the recipient of numerous awards. Among the institutions that have honored him are the United Nations, the Congressional Black Caucus, Harvard University, Essence Magazine, ABC-News Person of the Week, the Martin Luther King Center for Non-Violent Change, the NAACP and Ebony Magazine.



Randall Robinson

Mr. Robinson has shared his views and policy recommendations on “Nightline,” CNN, the “Today Show,” C-Span, “The Tavis Smiley Show,” “Charlie Rose,” and other leading American television programs. He resides with his wife Hazel in St. Kitts, where he continues to write.

UVI HISTORY

The University of the Virgin Islands (UVI) was chartered on March 16, 1962, as the College of the Virgin Islands (CVI) – a publicly funded, coeducational, liberal arts institution – by Act No. 862 of the Fourth Legislature of the U.S. Virgin Islands. According to that law, UVI's cornerstone objective is to provide for "...the stimulation and utilization of the intellectual resources of the people of the Virgin Islands and the development of a center of higher learning whereby and wherefrom the benefits of culture and education may be extended throughout the Virgin Islands."

The first campus opened on St. Thomas in July 1963, on 175 acres donated by the federal government. The first Board of Trustees took office in August 1963. In 1964, the college founded a second campus on St. Croix, on 130 acres also donated by the federal government.

CVI began by offering only associate of arts degrees. It now offers numerous associate and baccalaureate degrees, including an associate's degree in process technology. UVI also offers six master's degree programs, an education specialist's degree program, and certificate workforce training courses through the UVI Community Engagement and Lifelong Learning Center.

In 1972, the College of the Virgin Islands was awarded land grant status by the U.S. Congress. This allowed for the establishment of an Agricultural Experiment Station and a Cooperative Extension Service. Since then, many other programs and services have been added. These include the Reichhold Center for the Arts, the Eastern Caribbean Center, the William P. MacLean Marine Science Center and the UVI Sports & Fitness Center, among others.

In 1986, the College of the Virgin Islands was renamed the University of the Virgin Islands to reflect the growth and diversification of its academic curricula, community and regional services, and research programs. That same year, the U.S. Congress named UVI one of America's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). It is the only HBCU outside the continental U.S., and the first to offer an undergraduate degree in marine biology.

Dr. David Hall began his tenure as president of the University of the Virgin Islands on August 1, 2009. Dr. LaVerne E. Ragster was named the fourth president of the University of the Virgin Islands in 2002, succeeding Dr. Orville Kean who had served since 1990. Dr. Kean succeeded Dr. Arthur A. Richards, who became president in 1980. Lawrence C. Wanlass served as the first president of the College of the Virgin Islands from 1963 until 1980.

Today, UVI enrolls approximately 2,600 full-time and part-time students on its two campuses. It continues to offer a high-quality, affordable liberal arts education in a culturally diverse environment. The

University boasts more than 5,500 alumni who have gone on to excel as doctors, lawyers, judges, university and government administrators, teachers and other professionals. Among the many accomplished UVI alumni are two Rhodes scholars, the winner of a Pulitzer Prize for Journalism and the Premier of Nevis.

UVI holds active membership in many higher education associations, including the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association. The University is also an active member of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the American Association of University Women, the American Council on Education, the Association of Caribbean Information Systems and the Association of Caribbean Universities and Research Institutes.

Cooperative agreements between the University of the Virgin Islands and many other leading universities allow UVI students to receive degrees not offered on the UVI campuses. The Boston University School of Medicine cooperative agreement allows UVI students, after meeting certain qualifications, to be accepted provisionally into the medical school at the end of their sophomore year. These students spend two summers and their senior year at Boston University, graduate with a bachelor of science degree from the University of the Virgin Islands, and then proceed to complete medical school at Boston University.

Students in St. Martin and the British Virgin Islands earn bachelor's degrees via cohort programs the University of the Virgin Islands has established with the University of St. Martin and H. Lavity Stoutt Community College in Tortola. Additionally, there are less formalized transfer programs in pre-engineering, pre-pharmacy and pre-medical technology for students who wish to begin their studies in these fields at the University of the Virgin Islands before transferring to a specialized institution to complete their degrees.

The National Student Exchange (NSE) program operates on both the St. Thomas and St. Croix campuses. Each semester approximately 25 students from the U.S. mainland enroll through NSE. In addition, UVI continues to admit students via memoranda of understanding with the State University of New York at New Paltz, the College of Charleston, Emory University, Savannah State University (social work completion), Columbia University and Washington University in St. Louis (engineering), UNINTER (Universidad Internacional de Cuernavaca, Mexico) and the UNICA Caribbean Exchange Program.

The University of the Virgin Islands is increasingly being recognized as a leading American institution of higher learning in the Caribbean.

PROGRAM - St. Thomas Campus

Alexander Randall, Ed.D., Visiting Associate Professor of Communications
COMMENCEMENT MARSHAL

*PROCESSIONAL..... “Pomp and Circumstance” (Elgar)
University Jazz Ensemble
Martin Lamkin, Director

*INVOCATION Dacil Heyliger, Class of 2010

*NATIONAL ANTHEM..... “Star Spangled Banner” (Key)
University Jazz Ensemble

*VIRGIN ISLANDS MARCH..... “Virgin Islands March” (Adams)
University Jazz Ensemble

WELCOME David Hall, S.J.D., President

KEYNOTE ADDRESS Randall Robinson, J.D.
Professor of Law, Penn State University

MUSICAL SELECTION..... “Let Us Walk In Peace” (Patsy Ford Simms)
University Concert Choir
Lorna C. Young-Wright, D.M.A

ADDRESS..... Jaedee S.K. Caines, Class of 2010

REMARKS Alexander A. Moorhead
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The Honorable Louis Patrick Hill
President of the 28th Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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Virgin Islands Delegate to Congress

The Honorable John P. deJongh, Jr.
Governor, United States Virgin Islands

MUSICAL SELECTION..... “In a Sentimental Mood” (D. Ellington)
University Jazz Ensemble featuring Ashena DeSouza, Steel Pan

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES Al Hassan I. Musah, Ph.D., Provost

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Master of Arts in Education • Master of Business Administration • Master of Public Administration
Master of Science in Marine and Environmental Science
Bachelor of Science • Bachelor of Arts • Associate of Science • Associate of Arts • Associate of Applied Science

INDUCTION INTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Henry H. Smith, Ph.D.
Interim Vice President for Institutional Advancement

*ALMA MATER “Alma Mater by the Sea” (LaMotta)
University Jazz Ensemble

*BENEDICTION Re’Neesha Thomas, Class of 2010

*RECESSIONAL “March in F/Blues March” (G. Holst/B. Golson)
University Jazz Ensemble

*Audience is requested to stand.

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beyond our control may have resulted in unintentional errors.

ST. THOMAS CAMPUS

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Candidates for Master of Business Administration Degree

Pamela V. Berkeley
Kimbalee Kareema Dawson
Kevermay A. Douglas

Cecile Y. Fahie
Willa Fils
Allyson R. Gregory

William E.C. Mike
Monifa Jamila Potter ^

Ravi Vashi Ramnani ^
Simina Van Clief

Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degree

Jyrell R. Amaro *
Sherell Shantaye' Anthony
Roberto C. Arrindell
Jermaine L. Baptiste
Genecia T. Bassue
Danisha N. Benjamin *
Carolyn L. Brewley ^
Shakeemia A. Browne
Triola T. Browne **
Cordell A. Buchanan
Dawn A. Callwood
Marilyn Michelle Callwood ^ ***
Avon J. Cannonier **
Kyle K. Coker *
Joycelyn A. Connor **
Joselita M. Daniel
Dyan A. Defrietas
Dujon J. DeSuza ***
Bimar Disashi
Kevin A. Donovan
Julo Chez Drigo
Te'Wanna T. Eddy
Tracy D. Evans ^
Eugene D. Farrell

Gemma Florant
Denetra M. Francis
Millicent M. Francis
Sharice A. Francis
Cristina Aurora Frederiksen ^
Kishma K. Freeman
Katubelle Gweneth Gumbs
Melvin L. Gumbs
Tiffany M. Gumbs
Ornella Rosney Halliday ^ *
Emelda A. Hamm
Gary Helders ***
Dacil M. Heyliger ***
Lyndon A. Hodge
Herle C. Howe *
Jeneva A. Hughes ***
Leah J. Hughes **
Jane G. Husband
Tanya N. Industrious
Ikysha James
Randy Jean ^ ***
Jevern V. Jeffers **
Ray Jenkins

Jennifer Jones
Kimmoleah S. Jones
Keya Kuntz
Leon A. Lafond ^
Alastair M. LaFong
Anthea C. Leo
Lambert E. Lewis **
Tiffany S. Lewis
Mauverneen C. Liburd
Natalie A. Malone **
Tashima I. Martin
Victorine Merrifield ***
Ija J. Mills **
Clepha A. Murray
Cononiah M. McCarthy ^ ***
Jo-Anne Catherine Neale ^ ***
Judith A. Parris *
Belinda Phillips
Natalie C. Thomas Pickering
Kaisa L. Prentice *
Danielle M. Questel
Daryl D. Rawlins ***
Paul H. Remy, Jr.

Jacelle D.A. Richardson ^ *
Rhymia A. Samuel
Kassandra K. Sasso
Jennifer R. Simon
Nicoye Vanecia Smithen ^ *
Sharon Marie Stapleton ^
Taneshia C. Stevens *
Ebony I. Stout-Corea *
Shantell N. Taylor
Barbara I. Todman ^ *
Ariana A. Thomas
Neline E. Thomas
Roslind M. Tudor
Adrian M. Ward *
Jewelle J. Warner **
Monique N. Warner
Shamara T. Watts
Keri A. Weeks *
Akeliyah Subira Welcome ^ * *
Francesca P. Wenner-Carty
Renee N. Wilkinson **
Elizabeth Williams
Zoya S. Williams

Candidates for Associate of Arts Degree

Sherell Shantaye' Anthony ^
Youlando Semon Belle ^
Laurel Amanda Boulai ^
Shivonne L. Bridgewater
Kyza Asward Callwood ^
Patricia Esdaille ^

Anita Lynn Etienne ^
Corey O. Forbes
Tammie G. Gage
Julia A. Grant-Abramson
Selwyn Gumbs
Nicole Hobson

Symone R. Huggins
Leon A. Lafond
Valerie Melany Mills ^
Cononiah M. McCarthy
Tamika M. Morson

Shara Smith
Lisa S. Thomas
Tamara Tiffany Ward
George L. Watts
Nelcia I. Tyson Williams ^

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Candidates for Master of Arts in Education Degree

Lourdes Ma Rita D. Aguila
Kernis A. Akers
Racquel E. Benjamin
Rebecca Brahm
Susan Heartburg Edwards

Nina R. Farrell
Jacqueline P. Francis
Valerie L. Giterson-Pantophlet
Shana E. Jno Finn
Nina N. Joseph

Buffy Daphine Myers
Ja'Nel A. Moorehead
Jahima A. Parsons
Elirie S. Pierre
Roshini N. Rajwani

Saraan Antoinette Saunders
Sheneen T. Smith
Glenda I.A. Stevens ^
Ann Paul Williams

Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degree

Andrea O. Bridgewater **
Joycelyn Marie Bryan ^ *

Rhashaunda R. Charles ***
Cheryl L. Eddy *

Kishma O. Liburd

Ashley Victoria Phillip ^ *

Candidates for Associate of Arts Degree

Shirlin M. Brown
Cheryl Leona Hodge Eddy ^

Bernice Ephraim-Roberts

Merle Narcisse

Diana N. Woods ^

ST. THOMAS CAMPUS

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Candidates for Master of Public Administration Degree

Trisha D. Baker-James ^	Shoran Denise Caines-Sasso ^	Kemba Martin-Morgan ^	Monique M. Richardson-Blake ^
Luvia C. Blijden ^	Leo L. Gardner, Jr.	Abena M. McClean ^	Karen Cecelia Warner-Gonzalez ^

Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degree

Natisha Alexander	Ashena K. DeSouza **	Davril M. Huggins *	Shakeimah K. Pemberton *
Alan K. Browne	Campbell Q. Douglas **	Karen H. Isaac	Leida Perez
Nicole M. Burke	David Paul Dudemaine ^	Siovoln V. Jones	Angelina J. Prince **
Charisse S. Burroughs	Paula A. Duke **	Marah Joseph	Joshuanette J. Rhasba
Desiree D. Burton	Hariyah dan-Fodio **	Janelle R. Lake *	Ernest S. Smithen **
Jaedee S.K. Caines ***	Leoneal A. Furet	Michall J. LaRochelle *	Re'Neesha J. Thomas *
Michael L. Charles	Robyn G. Glasgow *	Zoe M. Mathis	Julian Warner
Denise Christopher ^	Ava B. Gumbs	Kathleen Pascal	Sacher J. Warner *
Teejah T. Daley	Charmaine N. Heyliger		

Candidate for Associate of Arts Degree

Meuriel Georges-Adams ^

Candidates for Associate of Applied Science Degree

Jaedee S.K. Caines	Janelle R. Lake	Ernest S. Smithen	Julian Warner
Leoneal A. Furet	Kishma O. Liburd	Troy P. Tittle	

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Candidates for Bachelor of Science Degree

Megan M. Anderson *	Nishel D. Lawrence	Stephen D. Persaud	Melanie M. Ruiz
Lois L. Browne	Nicole T. Lewis	Shenella L. Pogson	Sherise Sonnatte Smith ^
Natasha Caines	Corleen K. McTavous ^	Benita Randolph ***	Jamie M. Spaulding ^
Samantha V. Duval	Faridah Mumin	Shalini Riley	Princess-Onesha O. Stuard

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Candidates for Master of Science in Marine and Environmental Science Degree

Allan Joseph Bright ^	Ian Lundgren ^
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Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degree

Patricia A. Benjamin	Aleta M. Brown	Nikita Rombley	Nakeia M. Williams
Tiffany A. Bernier	Zina M. Dore		

Candidates for Bachelor of Science Degree

Rifa H. Abdullah **	Phyon K. Christopher	Lindauson G.I. Hazell	Aimee M. Sanchez *
Kurt H. Alexander **	Al'Lima L. de Lugo	Artisha R. Hector *	Kiara D. Scatliffe **
Joselyn N. Allen **	Lystra A. Edwards	Michel J. Herbert	Brittani A. Stanley
Mahogany J. Ambrose ***	Nailah J. Elliot	Kiah A. Hodge	Nikita R. Thompson
Trevil L. Baker	Ferlicia Fergusson	Tafara N. Hyndman	Jonathan L. Toussaint
Chalaine A. Barry	Sayvi R. George *	Glenfield A. Jarvis, Jr.	Cherissre S. Tyrell-Boateng *
Everard A. Bellot **	Kafi S. Gumbs	Elisha D. Jno-Baptiste ***	Crystal M. Vanterpool
Angela A. Boateng	Jaurel L. Harley *	Sherikha C. Lewis *	Ophelia J. Wadsworth *
Neisa Cazaubon	Kelvin D. Harry	Zakenya Z. Ross	Janel D. Webster
Clarissa J. Chapman			

Candidates for Associate of Science

Artisha R. Hector	Glenfield A. Jarvis, Jr.
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***summa cum laude

**magna cum laude

*cum laude

^ Fall Semester 2009 Graduate

ST. CROIX CAMPUS

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Candidates for Master of Business Administration Degree

Amy A. Augustin	Onage S. Ghanie	Carmie K. Thompson
Brian W. Dore	Ann-Merrie Adalia Hendrickson	

Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degree

Sylvester L. Allen Jr. *	Victoria F. Cornelius	Derval A. Prince II *
Nickaya I. Armantrading **	Ivinia P. Douglas	Irene Jerris Ramos *
Marva Michelle Austrie	Rozana L. Felicien	Rosetta A. Romain ***
Danisha Natasha Benjamin *	Anita J. Gibbs-Forde	Sharmane Cindy Simon **
Santiago Camacho Jr. ^	Timothy W. Gilbride ^ ***	Joel Alan Sinanan *
Scott J. Cave *	Abimbola I. Gomez	Charmin L. Springer
Claudia D. Charles	Jenella Y. Gordon	Marva Swanson ^
Esteban Christian	Kareema NaTasha Huggins	Denise M. Tita-Walcott
Carl K. Christopher	Kelly-Ann M. Joseph	Andrew Charles Warbington III *
Esther Menerva Clifford ^	Ziel G. La-Force **	Renako S. Wells ***
Mark A. Corneiro	Franklin Orr	

Candidates for Associate of Arts Degree

Scott J. Cave ^	Ellsworth E. London	Bernhardt Simmonds
Mallar Douglas ^	Viviana V. Matthew-James ^	Catherine B. Simon ^
Lana L. Liburd	Derval A. Prince II ^	Sharmane Cindy Simon ^

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Candidates for Master of Arts in Education Degree

Marcella Clara Combie	Annette Susan Jones	Maria V. Rios-Johansen
Ellen Cyrille-Charles	Juel Patricia Mills	Stefanie Miriam Lois Samuel
Bruce A. Graham	Shanda Ramnarine-Cebedo	Margaret Vidal
Alexandra B. Hinkson ^		

Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degree

Marlen Jiménez ^	Miguelina V. Neptune **	Akela L. Richards
Leoba John Baptiste-Pelle	Kim Vanessa Phillip	Leana Timothy ***

Candidates for Associate of Arts Degree

Nichole C. Durgadeen ^	Rosanna E. LaFond
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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Candidates for Master of Public Administration Degree

Michelle M. Albany-Crispin	Samuel J. Baptiste ^	Barbara Elizabeth Jackson-McIntosh
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Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degree

Shanet S. Alexander ^ ***	Laurna Bodley	Justina Esther Joseph ^ *
Adrienne A.M.D. Anthony	Shareece A. Cannonier **	Raheem Mohammed **
Erika Rochelle Barnes	Rasheeda T. Clarke	Junia N. Shillingford
Vanessa J. Battiste	Sana Mohammed Hamed ^ *	Liza Amanda Weber *

Candidate for Associate of Applied Science Degree

Rochelle F. Elizee

ST. CROIX CAMPUS

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Candidates for Associate of Science Degree

E'jaaz A. Abdulkabir	Kinara A. Gresham	Monique O. Lake-Appleton
Kelley A. Aldridge Goodson	Haven A. Halk	April M. Leonard
Claudina Jones Antoine	Neysha E. Jagrup	Jeannie Mathurin
Ryan Leon Ellsworth	Charisma V. Julian	Eldorana Weeks

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degree

Zina M. Dore *	Wendell W. Grouby Jr.	Wynante St. Jean
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Candidates for Bachelor of Science Degree

Kurt H. Alexander **	Lystra Annic Edwards	Dana C. McDougal
Angela Akua Amoanimaa Boateng **	Nailah Jessica Elliott	Gabriel Jesus Rivera
Anna-Mai F. Christmas	Love R. Felix ^	Alfonso Rodriguez Jr.
Phyon K. Christopher	Howard Anthony Forbes Jr. **	Roger O. Simon
Sara Rebeca Danaher *		

Candidates for Associate of Applied Science Degree

Shem E. Bramble	Farresha L. Farrell	Cartlyle A. Maynard
Claudia Celestine ^	Ryan A. Felicien	Philmore A. Mills ^
Janel M. Chitolie	Chenelle R. Hendricks	Sharleen Nestor
Ivossou A. Dyer	Travis I. Matthew	Dwayne Nesbitt ^

Candidates for Associate of Science Degree

Carice C. Glasgow	Medwo K. Paul ^
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RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS - ROTC - COMMISSIONING

Candidate for Second Lieutenant

Cadet Roger O. Simon

Order of Commissioning Ceremony

Introduction/Oath of Office	Lieutenant Colonel Jose Plaza Battalion Commander, Professor of Military Science, University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez
Pinning	Myrtle Rogers Cadet Simon's Mother
First Salute as an Officer	Master Sergeant Eugene Farrell Associate Professor of Military Science, University of the Virgin Islands

PROGRAM - St. Croix Campus

Denis Griffith, Ed.D., Associate Professor of Education - COMMENCEMENT MARSHAL
Aletha Baumann, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology - COMMENCEMENT CO-MARSHAL

*PROCESSIONAL..... "Pomp and Circumstance" (Elgar)
St. Croix Educational Complex Concert Band

*INVOCATION Shareece A. Cannonier, Class of 2010

*NATIONAL ANTHEM..... "Star Spangled Banner" (Key)
St. Croix Educational Complex Concert Band

*VIRGIN ISLANDS MARCH..... "Virgin Islands March" (Adams)
St. Croix Educational Complex Concert Band

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Governor, United States Virgin Islands

MUSICAL SELECTION..... "Rocky"
Arranged by Robert W. Smith
St. Croix Educational Complex Concert Band

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES Al Hassan I. Musah, Ph.D., Provost

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Bachelor of Science • Bachelor of Arts • Associate of Applied Science
Associate of Science • Associate of Arts

INDUCTION INTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Henry H. Smith, Ph.D.
Interim Vice President for Institutional Advancement

*ALMA MATER "Alma Mater by the Sea" (LaMotta)

*BENEDICTION Ann-Merrie A. Hendrickson, Class of 2010

*RECESSIONAL "Ceremonial Procession" (Elgar)
St. Croix Educational Complex Concert Band

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Advancement

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Vice Provost
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President's Message

It is with a great sense of pride that I salute you, members of the University of the Virgin Islands' Class of 2010. I am thrilled to be celebrating this auspicious and momentous occasion with you, your family members, and friends at this my first commencement as the 5th President of the University of the Virgin Islands. At this 46th annual commencement, I see all around me success stories that have a firm foundation in personal sacrifice, hard work, commitment to excellence, and dreams and aspirations that have been nurtured and cultivated for many years.

Your achievement of this significant milestone in your educational journey is a resounding testimony that the University is fulfilling its mission and that we have prepared a cadre of persons who are poised to contribute to the educational, social and economic growth and development of the Territory. I challenge you to use the knowledge and insights that you have gained at UVI to make a unique contribution to the community in which you decide to make your home.

Remember, you are and will always be ambassadors for the University of the Virgin Islands. On behalf of the UVI faculty and staff, I salute you on your accomplishments and wish you Godspeed.


David Hall, S.J.D.
President

Commencement Committee

St. Thomas Campus

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Student Representative 2009-2010
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

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St. John, Virgin Islands

Mr. Edward E. Thomas
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Dr. Yvonne E. L. Thraen
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Rev. Dr. Wesley S. Williams, Jr.
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Mr. Sinclair L. Wilkinson
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Alma Mater By the Sea

Words and Music by Wilbur "Bill" LaMotta

Hail to thee, dear Alma Mater
Beside the blue Caribbean calm
Hail to thee, dear Alma Mater
'neath sunny skies and whisp'ring palm

Proud we are to tread thy ways
Loud and true we voice our praise
Open door thy every portal
'mid sand and sea and golden days

Long the ties that will endure
Strong in heart and memory
Faithfully we'll always honor
Our Alma Mater by the sea

Hail to thee, dear Alma Mater
For guiding stars so brightly shown
Hail to thee, dear Alma Mater
How wide the bound'ries we have flown

Sing we now of bright tomorrows
Yesterday we never knew
Walking down thy halls of wisdom
The towerin' heights are all in view

Here to us on islands famed
Dear to us thy name will be
University of the Virgin Islands
Our Alma Mater by the sea.

Academic Regalia

The wearing of caps, gowns and hoods at graduation exercises is one of the oldest and most democratic of collegiate customs. It originated in the Middle Ages when the first universities were founded as clerical institutions. Besides distinguishing the wearers from laymen, the costume served a very practical purpose in the unheated churches and cloisters of the time. It often added grace to the individuals and impressiveness to the ceremonies in which they took part. Its chief virtue, however, was that it eliminated undemocratic differences in dress which might otherwise have marred an essentially democratic occasion.

Under the intercollegiate system adopted in 1893, the Oxford cap or "mortarboard" is worn for all degrees, but the doctor is entitled to a gold tassel and optional velvet cap. The sleeve of the master's gown is distinguished from the bachelor's by a half-moon cut at the end. The doctor's gown has faced-down fronts, and round bell sleeves with bars of velvet. The master's degree hood is longer than the bachelor's and the doctor's is longer

than the master's. All hoods are lined with silk showing the official colors of the institution that conferred the degree.

The bachelor's and master's degree candidates at the University of the Virgin Islands wear hoods lined with Caribbean blue and white, the school colors. The bachelor's degree hoods are trimmed with white velvet to signify liberal arts, and with golden yellow velvet to signify science. UVI master's candidate hoods are also trimmed with velvet — light blue for education, drab to represent business, and peacock blue to indicate public administration.

According to the Academic Costume Code, at most U.S. institutions the color of velvet trim indicates the following academic disciplines: agriculture/maize; economics/copper; engineering/orange; fine arts/brown; home economics/maroon; law/purple; library science/lemon; music/pink; nursing/apricot; philosophy/dark blue; physical education/sage green; public health/salmon pink; science/golden yellow; social science/cream; social work/citron; speech/silver gray.

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