

Forty-Seventh Annual

Commencement



ST. THOMAS

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

ST. CROIX

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

Johnnetta B. Cole, Ph.D.

Director of the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art

Johnnetta B. Cole, Ph.D., was appointed the Director of the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art (NMAfA) in March, 2009. Founded as a small museum on Capitol Hill in 1964, NMAfA became a part of the Smithsonian Institution in 1979, and in 1987 it moved to its current location on the National Mall. The museum's collection of over 9,000 objects represents nearly every area of the continent of Africa and contains a variety of media and art forms. NMAfA also has an extensive education program. Since the mid-1980s, Dr. Cole has worked with a number of Smithsonian programs. She currently serves on the Scholarly Advisory Board for the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture, which will be completed on the National Mall by 2015.

Before assuming her current position, Dr. Cole had a long and distinguished career as an educator and humanitarian. Her work as a college professor and president, her published works, her speeches and her community service consistently address issues of racial, gender and all other forms of inequality.

Dr. Cole is president emerita of Bennett College for Women and Spelman College. She is the only individual to have served as the president of these two Historically Black Colleges for women in the United States. She is also professor emerita of Emory University from which she retired as Presidential Distinguished Professor of Anthropology, Women's Studies and African American Studies.

After beginning her college studies at Fisk University and completing her undergraduate studies at Oberlin College, Dr. Cole earned a master's degree and a Ph.D. in anthropology from Northwestern University. Dr. Cole made history in 1987 when she became the first African American woman to serve as president of Spelman College. At her inauguration, Drs. Bill and Camille Cosby donated \$20 million to the college; and during her presidency, Spelman was named the number one liberal arts college of the South. During her presidency at Bennett College for Women, an art gallery was opened and programs were initiated in women's studies and global studies.

Dr. Cole has conducted research in Africa, the Caribbean and the United States, and she has authored and edited several books and scores of scholarly articles. She is a fellow of the American Anthropological Association and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. She is also a member of the American Association of Museum Directors.

Dr. Cole has been awarded 55 honorary degrees and she is the recipient of numerous awards, including the TransAfrica Forum Global Public Service Award, the Radcliffe Medal, the Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Medal, the 2001 Alexis de Tocqueville Award for Community Service from United Way of America, the Joseph Prize for Human Rights presented by the Anti-Defamation League, the Uncommon Height Award from the National Council of Negro Women, the John W. Gardner Leadership Award from the Independent Sector, and the Lenore and George W. Romney Citizen Volunteer Award from the Points of Light Foundation.

From 2004 to 2006, Dr. Cole was the chair of the board of United Way of America, the first African American to serve in that position. She has served on the corporate boards of Home Depot, Merck and Nation's Bank South. She was the first woman to serve on the board of Coca-Cola Enterprises. Dr. Cole currently chairs the board of the National Visionary Leadership Project, and she is a member of the board of TransAfrica Forum and the Johnnetta B. Cole Global Diversity and Inclusion Institute, and she is on the Advisory Committee of America's Promise. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, The Links, Inc. and the National Council of Negro Women.

Dr. Cole is married to James D. Staton, Jr. She is the mother of three sons, has three grandchildren, and is a mentor to many young women and men.



Johnnetta B. Cole, Ph.D.

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 campus on St. Croix, on 130 acres also donated by the federal government. At a ceremony on March 24, 2011, the St. Croix campus was named in honor of the late Albert A. Sheen, Sr. Also in March of 2011, UVI opened the St. John Academic Center in Cruz Bay, with interactive classrooms and computer facilities.

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. He succeeded Dr. LaVerne E. Ragster, who was named president in 2002. Dr. Orville Kean was named president in 1990, succeeding 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 2,700 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 7,000 alumni who have gone on to excel as doctors, lawyers, judges, university and government administrators, teachers and other professionals. Among the many accomplished 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 qualified UVI students 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. Maarten 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. Lavety Stoutt Community College in Tortola. Additionally, there are 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

Ricardo Caldwell, Assistant Professor of Accounting
COMMENCEMENT MARSHAL

- *PROCESSIONAL.....“Pomp and Circumstance” (Elgar)
University Jazz Ensemble
Martin Lamkin, Director
- *INVOCATION Kadeem Benjamin, Class of 2011
- *NATIONAL ANTHEM..... “Star Spangled Banner” (Key)
University Jazz Ensemble
- *VIRGIN ISLANDS MARCH.....“Virgin Islands March” (Adams)
University Jazz Ensemble
- MUSICAL SELECTION “The Preacher” (Silver)
University Jazz Ensemble
- WELCOME David Hall, S.J.D., President
- KEYNOTE ADDRESS Johnnetta B. Cole, Ph.D.
Director, National Museum of African Art
- AWARDING OF HONORARY DEGREE President Hall
- MUSICAL SELECTION..... “We Are One” (Gilpin)
University Concert Choir
Lorna C. Young-Wright, D.M.A
- ADDRESS..... Derron Ambrose, Class of 2011
- REMARKS Alexander A. Moorhead
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President of the 29th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
- The Honorable Donna M. Christensen
Virgin Islands Delegate to Congress
- The Honorable John P. deJongh, Jr.
Governor, United States Virgin Islands
- MUSICAL SELECTION..... “God Bless the Child” (Holiday)
University Jazz Ensemble
Featuring Kwesi Williams, Steel Pannist
- PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES Karl Wright, 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 Arts • Bachelor of Science
Associate of Arts • Associate of Applied Science • Associate of Science

- INDUCTION INTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Dionne V. Jackson
Vice President for Institutional Advancement
- *ALMA MATER “Alma Mater by the Sea” (LaMotta), University Jazz Ensemble
- *BENEDICTION Estelle Andrew, Class of 2011
- *RECESSIONAL “March in F/Blues March” (G. Holst/B. Golson)
University Jazz Ensemble
- *Audience is requested to stand.

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ST. THOMAS CAMPUS

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Candidates for Master of Business Administration Degree

Andrew Andy Abraham	Terencia Erma Cameron	Roxann K. Mc Mahon	Dolena Maria Paul
Crystal L. Bryan	Yasmaine M. Davis		

Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degree

Carlen N. Adams	Claudette Alicia DeSuza *	Sharin Jennings	Derisa Chevon Ruan **
Jolicia Alexander	Racquel Davinia Dolphin	Ashma John	Kiese Nadirah Sam
Chelcy Angol **	Lario Dietrich Duzanson	Leann Joy Joseph ^	Anya L. Santos **
Melissa Baron *** ^	Nisha E. Etienne-Turnbull *	Nishant Ashok Khiani *	Eustus Lester Saunders **
Benjamin Bell	Aubryant Elien	Blair James Lampert ^	Oswin A. Sewer, Jr. ^
Kadeem I. Benjamin	Nyka Carina Etienne *	Bernesha B. Liburd	Daria N. Scott *
Delvian Fiona Bennett	Vanora E. Ferguson	Anissa Jeanette Lindquist	Taiesha Mareisa Skelton
Carlin E. Berridge *	Daniella Flax *	Felicia G. Louis *	Joneisa Makeeda Smith
Laurel A. Brown Boulai	Lindsey Vanessa Francis *	Cheryl Maureen Martin-Liburd **	Lynnai Orlanda Sprauve
Renuka E. Brown	Okeamo Olanzo Freeman	Nelvin Lexon Maynard *	Doris Sumayah
Hilary Sharifa Browne ***	Helen Iona Frett	Felix Miga ***	Sergio Jelani Swan * ^
Vanessa Bruney	Tammie Carolle Gage ^	Jacqueline Modeste-Blyden ^	Sherma Lauralee Tonge-Rawlins
Pearl Marie Byran ^	Taneshya Nadasta George ^	Faheemah Rasheedah Muhammad	Kima K. Tyson **
Kyza Asward Callwood ** ^	Tamra Beverly Graham *	Benaiah S. Nicholson	Kimesha Michelle Wade ^
Jana E. Cammie	Lyle Quentin Gumbs *	Warren Michael Pemberton *	Kyoni T. Walters **
Shaneka L. Carter	Ericia H. C. Halliday *** ^	Jerrel A. Penn	Wanda Walters ^
Cherisa Janel Comissiong	Shakeema Harrigan-Rosa	Devonee Tenisha Pickering **	Tamara Tiffany Ward *** ^
Alvona Addaria Connor	Dianne Lorna Hodge *	Keroma Joya Pollock **	George Lionel Watts
Shenille Xenia Cromwell *	St. Clair Sylvester Hodge ** ^	Chari Radiance Richards	Tamisha Wiggley
Narissa J. Daniel ***	Denice Norine Huggins *	Carin A. Richardson ***	Mery-Ann Crystal Wilks
Natasha J. Davis *	Randy Jean *** ^	Tasha Janelle Richardson *	Marolin Katuska Williams *
Nesha Rochelle David	Nahshon A. M. Jeffers	Josephine P. Riviere	
Tanya A. M. Davis	Rueben Jennings *	Waynika A. Romney **	

Candidates for Associate of Arts Degree

Berenice Baptiste-Jonas ^	Dianne Lorna Hodge ^	Carina Arlene Richardson ^	Burnet I. Williams
Astrid Margarita Carmona ^	Vernon R. Jones, Jr.	Waynika Amore Romney ^	Elizabeth Williams ^
Citrina T. Gumbs	Anissa J. Lindquist	Derisa C. Ruan ^	
Lyle Q. Gumbs ^	Shauna L. Matthew	Sergio J. Swan	
Jasmine Maria Haynes	Belinda M. Phillips ^	Patricia N. Varlack	

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Candidates for Master of Arts in Education Degree

Janney Ferrol-Hawley	Maura Jn Baptiste	Anna-Lee E. Hosier ^
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Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degree

Kendra F. Barzey	Bajahni Rasheema Frazer	Valerie Loretta Price Jones ^	Marjorie Wheatley
Shereeka LouRae Edmeade	Sara Husein	Shermaine L. Smith ^	

Candidates for Associate of Arts Degree

Christina Nwasia Lee ^	Annette May Olsen	Shani Afua Smith
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**magna cum laude

*cum laude

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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Candidates for Master of Public Administration Degree

Joylette S.M. Hunte-Gore Tamara K. Joseph	Diane Woneta Lake	LeCheea D. Smith [^]	Petula Maria Stevens
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Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degree

Joia Hannifah Adams Derron Kerry George Ambrose ^{***} Estelle Johnetta Andrew Khadejah Nagla Anthony Nakisha Alyssa Boasman [*] K'Nesia T. Brathwaite [^] Chastity Natasha Caines Eryn Demar Christian Diana Patricia Claxton	DeAnn Alyssa Connor Nesha Rochelle David Sean Joseph David Kate Cicely Davis April Rose F. Fale ^{*** ^} Porchia Lenece Farrington Davin Lynroy Francis ^{**} Patrice Loretta Henry Annalisa B. Hippolyte ^{**}	Everlene Chaneel Huggins ^{***} Isheba Labara James Amber Phyllis Knight Shade' Marie Leonard Asheda Alicia Maccow [*] Charlotte Lynn Brown Ramos [^] Latisha L. Ramsey [*] Alyssa Cherise Ryan Jacinta M. Sablon	Shaneze S. Sam Edward Emil Thabo Sello Nadja S. Skeete Desmond D. Smith ^{***} Julisa Gyra Thomas Kwesi Anthony Williams
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Candidates for Associate of Applied Science Degree

Estelle Johnetta Andrew Chastity Natasha Caines	Robyn G. Glasgow [^]	David Reuben Payne, Jr.	Latisha L. Ramsey
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Candidate for Associate of Arts Degree

Michael R. Campbell [^]

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Candidates for Bachelor of Science Degree

Patria Alexander [*] Jael Beth Artusy Camesha George-Caines	Shenelle Malene Joshua Jahmelia Juanita Lewis Natasha Lee Lillo	J'vonne Melagros Lorenzo Scarlin E. Lozano [*] Jamila Rashida Maduro	Sylvia Nicole Connor Navarro Shanetha Keelah Stapleton Naisha Niki Williams ^{**}
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COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Candidates for Master of Science in Marine and Environmental Science Degree

Christina Marie Colletti Steven Shawn Hitt [^]	Stephen Andrew McCauley	Edward Parish [^]	Gabrielle Faith Renchen
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Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degree

Renee' Aveonca Callwood	Natalie Charlotte Opoku
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Candidates for Bachelor of Science Degree

Alban J. Abraham Khamahl A. A. Anthony Kavita Balkaran Iverrisa M. Armstrong [^] Maria Cristina Arroyo [^] Leonardo J. Bardomero Eugene Brooks, Jr. Shellese A. Cannonier ^{**} Javan M. Cooper ^{**}	Adrienne Crooke [*] Kurtney Patrick Davis Alvaro Ronald de Lugo IV Lyssa A. Dickson [^] Debra Rose Garvey Sara E. Gennusa ^{* ^} Raymond A. Hunt Max Alonzo Laite [^] Precious L. Laurent [*]	Delia Patrice Miller [*] Shirrell A. Monsanto [^] LeSean Leroy Moses Cari Tishon Nicholas ^{***} Ciaran Feliz Akil Phillip ^{***} Leann R. Pickering Dennis Antonio Powell, II [*] Sanlin Sky Robinson ^{**} Agene' A. Rogers	Johnasha Donna Stuart ^{***} Anne C. Tagini [^] Jerry E. Thomas Oonijah T. Thomas [^] Randel Charles Thompson [*] Shani Carissa Walters Ezra Williams-Daniel ^{**} Tameca F. White Troii Andre' Williams
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Candidates for Associate of Science

Fitzgerald Blanchette Javan Marcellis Cooper [^]	Sean Anthony Francis	Ian Christopher Amor Richardson	Odari Cayenne Thomas
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*cum laude

[^] Fall Semester 2010 Graduate

PROGRAM - Albert A. Sheen Campus - St. Croix

Aletha Baumann, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology
COMMENCEMENT MARSHAL

S. B. Jones-Hendrickson, Ph.D., Professor of Economics
COMMENCEMENT CO-MARSHAL

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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Candidates for Master of Business Administration Degree

Athlene B. Cuffy

Atacha Patricia Laurencin

Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degree

Jenelle Crystal Alsuran*

Marsha Kyra Bartlett**

Christina Mellissa Brown

Noel T. Burnett^

Necola Alisha Charles^*

Diane A. DaCosta

Lornette P. Daniel

Joel André Dorsett

Mallar Douglas

Malika E. Felix

Niambi Tiffany Francois**

Sasha Green

Jamilah A. Hanley

Ashli Nicole Iles

Viola Leoni Joseph

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Stephania Monchery

Terry Marceline Phillip*

Shari Elizabeth Santos

Bernhardt Simmonds III*

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Rainia A. Thomas^

Mahalia C. Tyson

Marlene Tyson

Candidates for Associate of Arts Degree

Christina Mellissa Brown^

Emeryl Augusta Christopher

Talisha E. E. Griffith^

Sana Waleed Hamed

Donna Semone Harvey

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Ana Maria Montañez

Leila Dennis Muller

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Indira Marie Santiago

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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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Peter J. Forrester

Chantelle Dianna Greene

Rhalina E. LaPlace

Jennifa Mohammed

Merancienne Janice Marcellin Randolph

Karen René-Bess

Vernice Modesta Rogers

Delores Stapleton-Harris

Jaynae S. R. Williams

Eva A. Wilson

Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degree

Kaisha A. Knight

Chaselle Vianette McConnell***

Ericilda X. Ottley

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Savannah Leanne Saum**

Candidates for Associate of Arts Degree

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Jeannette Madlyn Rivera-George

Vashti J. Thompson^

Leena Hamad Yusuf

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Janelle Celine Gumbs

Nicole Chenelle Orr

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Chris St. Clair Richardson

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Candidates for Bachelor of Science Degree

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Terresha Natalia Brown

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Babet Nefertiti McCurdy-Benjamin

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Candidates for Bachelor of Science Degree

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Dexter Peter Hypolite*

Eliza G. Rampersad

Shellese A. Cannonier**

Mary Meena Mootoo^**

Oonijah Thomas^

Candidates for Associate of Applied Science Degree

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Dorian Michael Euzebe

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Akeem Timothy Harry

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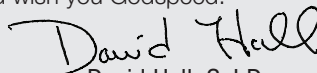
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President's Message

As we gather this day to celebrate with the members of the Class of 2011 the culmination of years of hard work, sacrifice and commitment to the educational goals that each member of the Class has achieved, it is with heartfelt joy and a great sense of pride that I congratulate the members of the Class. This is an awesome accomplishment and you should each be proud that you have arrived at this juncture in your journey through life. At this 47th annual commencement, we are surrounded by success stories that have a firm foundation in personal sacrifice, hard work, commitment to excellence, and dreams that have been nurtured and cultivated with the help and support of an extended network of family, friends, colleagues and faculty.

Your achievement of this significant milestone in your educational journey is a resounding testimony that the University continues to fulfill 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 Virgin Islands and the world. I urge you to use the knowledge and insights that you have gained during your educational journey at UVI to transform the community 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

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School of Nursing – Dean Cheryl P. Franklin, D.N.S.

College of Science and Mathematics – Dean Camille McKayle, Ph.D.

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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