



Dear Prospective UVI Student:

“The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”— Lao Tzu

Congratulations to you on your admission to the University of the Virgin Islands! You have taken the first step on your journey to maximizing your capacity to learn, to grow and ultimately contribute to transforming your world by enhancing your knowledge and skills through higher education.

On behalf of the Division of Student Affairs, I would like to welcome you to one of the most significant institutions for nurturing human potential, cultivating skillful citizens and producing global leaders. You are joining an accomplished and talented community of learners and educators that provides extraordinary pathways for intellectual, creative and cultural enrichment. We look forward to the qualities and attributes that you will bring to the campus, and the substantive contributions we know you will add.

The University of the Virgin Islands holds high expectations for its students. In this regard, and as part of your introduction to UVI, we invite your full participation in an exciting array of activities and programs for **Orientation Week which is scheduled for Monday August 10, 2009 through Friday, August 14, 2009. This is an experience you do not want to miss!** During this very special time, new students will begin to learn about campus services; tour the campus; meet new classmates; plan your classes; register for classes and even interact with successful UVI alumni who will share their successes and strategies on a first hand basis with you. You will even have an opportunity to win valuable *free prizes* just by being present at our second annual **“UVI Alumni Give Back” Student Convocation.**

In anticipation of your arrival to campus, our planning committee has put together an exciting variety of activities and informational sessions to facilitate your transition to the University of the Virgin Islands and the Virgin Islands culture. **Our opening program on Monday, August 10, at 6:00pm is required for all newly admitted full time and part-time students.** We encourage your parents, spouses, and partners to join you in the **Northwest Wing Great Hall** for this important session. **As part of your collective experience as a new student, you are expected to attend all sessions during Orientation Week.** So mark your calendars today.

With your admissions letter, you received Enrollment Confirmation and Health Services Forms. These forms are must be submitted as part of your student record. If your Health Services documents are not on file, you will not be able to register for classes. If you have not paid your enrollment deposit, please submit payment to the UVI Business Services Offices as soon as possible to ensure your space in the fall semester. Additionally, it is also not too late to sign up housing on campus. Research has shown that living on campus maximizes opportunities for social, cultural and extracurricular involvement. These influences impact student learning, personal growth, and ultimately persistence and graduation. We want you to be successful; therefore, take full advantage of the opportunities UVI offers.

You have truly taken the first step on a wonderful educational journey. We encourage you to get connected to all that UVI has to offer, stay engaged and focused on your goals, and watch how your potential to give back to others will blossom and grow. The members of the university are here to assist you in this journey and guide your overall development. If you have any questions please feel free to contact any of our offices. We look forward to meeting you on August 10, 2009. Have an engaging and productive and year!

Sincerely,

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