The overarching goal of the University of the Virgin Islands is “to become the cornerstone of academic excellence, operational effectiveness, and economic stimulus for the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean” (Pathways to Greatness, 2013). The Center for Student Success takes pride in highlighting the achievements of the UVI community which is working diligently to ensure we meet our strategic goal; and as the Spring 2014 semester comes to an end we are one step closer to victory.

CSS would like to congratulate every UVI graduate of Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 as your habitual demonstration of excellence, willingness to learn and dedication to your education have resulted in your overall academic success.

To our returning students, the Center for Student Success can be instrumental to help you perfect the execution of academic excellence. Whether it is through our advisement, workshops, or tutoring services we look forward to a collaboration with you to support you on your pathways to greatness.

Scherrayn Garcia
Interim Assistant Director
Center for Student Success
The Center for Student Success conducted a series of study skills, time management, financial aid and note-taking skills workshops in the months of February and March. The goals of the workshop series were to increase the students of the University of the Virgin Islands’ knowledge of various study strategies such as the SQ4R (Survey, Question, Read, Record, Recite, and Review), time management strategies and financial management. Students acquired tips on note-taking, reading assignments, and other study strategies to improve their academic performance at the University of the Virgin Islands. At the end of the workshops students completed evaluations to provide their feedback and comments on whether the content covered was relevant to them and the overall impression of the workshops.

Of the total number of students who attended the workshops on both the Albert A. Sheen and the St. Thomas campuses and who completed the workshop evaluations, 97% reported the content covered within the workshops was excellent/very good/good, and 3% reported the content covered within the workshop as fair. In addition, 100% of the students stated that the information provided within the workshop was relevant to their studies at the institution. Finally, when asked “would you recommend this workshop to a friend”, 87.5% stated they would. Overall, CSS spring workshops were a great success, and CSS anticipates the same outcome in Fall 2014. Stay tune for our upcoming workshops schedule!
1. **Dump your brain.** When you first get your test, write down any information that is difficult to remember such as formulas, dates, keywords, etc. on the back of the test. Then, you can reference it while you’re taking the test without worrying if you’ll remember it correctly.

2. **Skim through the entire test.** When you first get your test, skim through the entire test and mark the questions you know that you can answer or questions that you don’t know right off the bat. Sometimes professors like to put easy questions at the end of the test.

3. **Skip the questions you don’t know.** Don’t waste time on questions you’re unsure of. Mark them with question marks and move on. You can go back to them later.

4. **Double check your work.** If you have extra time after you’ve finished the exam, take a few minutes to double check your answers, make sure you’ve followed all the directions, and haven’t skipped any pages.

5. **Look elsewhere on the test for answers.** Sometimes the answer to one question may be found on another section of the test worded differently.

6. **Pace yourself.** Being able to take a test quickly yet carefully is essential. Also, don’t get anxious if you hear other students finishing their tests early.

7. **Ask questions.** If you’re confused about the wording or meaning of a question, ask your professor. Don’t risk getting a question wrong because you misunderstood it.

8. **Carefully read all of the directions.** Most students get a lot of points taken off because they were careless and didn’t fully read all of the directions.

9. **Follow your gut instinct.** Most of the times when students second guess themselves, they choose the wrong answer.

10. **Relax.** It is important to keep your head during a test. There can be a lot of pressure on you to succeed, but remember that stressing out works against you. You risk panicking and/or forgetting information you’ve studied.

For more information on test taking strategies and academic success tips please click here.
Every Saturday I wake up almost as early as I wake up on a regular school day. I wear something comfortable, grab my backpack on my way out of the door, and make my way to the University of the Virgin Islands. My final destination is not the sandy shores of Brewers Beach, or the book-laden walls of the Ralph M. Paiewonsky Library, but rather the third floor of the CA Building in room 302, where I appear an hour before most people and sit and watch the room fill up around me until I see the smiling face of Mrs. Rohan, the University Bound Director, as she walks into the room and starts our weekly general assembly.

I joined University Bound in the summer of my 11th grade year and have been a part of it ever since. The summer sessions focus on giving students a preview of what to expect in their upcoming school year so that they can be a step ahead of their peers before the first bell rings on the first official day of school. It also acclimates students to college life as they try to balance typical distractions with their summer course work. I recall being up with my suitemates at one in the morning drinking coffee and cramming for an AP Biology test in a couple hours. I can also remember going to the beach and making the decision to bring a textbook along so I can keep up with classes while soaking up some sun. It was not long until midterms rolled by and finals week was looming. The experience culminated with a college tour in the Sunshine State of Florida, where I got even more tastes of being a college student. I went back to school that year with confidence. It felt amazing to have a teacher standing in front of me starting a new lesson on something I already covered months before.

During the school year, University Bound is there to guide me. My Saturday schedule mirrors my schedule during the week with the addition of a college readiness course taught by Mrs. Rohan herself. The instructors here are great at teaching their particular subjects and I can find help and tutoring for classes ranging from AP Calculus to Physics and beyond. My classmates on Saturday are also my classmates on any other day of the week at CAHS, along with students from IEKHS and private schools. Information blends together as we work towards a fruitful semester. Although some students who do not have the pleasure of being in the program feel that their Saturday is better spent elsewhere, I cannot help feeling that I am right where I belong.

At University Bound, I am bound for a high school career of accomplishment, a college career of achievement, and a life of success. I am bound for greatness and there is nowhere to go but upwards. This is more than a program, or some Saturday activity to occupy time. University Bound is a family, where my siblings are my classmates and my parents are the instructors that assist me on my journey to fulfillment. This is an environment where love and support surround me like a warm blanket. This is a home away from home, where hope welcomes me with arms wide open.

Written By: Sheila Joseph
University Bound Participant
Software to aid in Academic Advisement

The Center for Student Success is utilizing AdvisorTrac to manage its advisement process. AdvisorTrac is a software for advising, and counselling centers for colleges and universities. It is completely web-based and is installed within the mycampus portal for easy access. It is hosted by Redrock Software Corporation. AdvisorTrac provides a unified system to track visits to the Center for Student Success, record and share notes about sessions, and report on student activity and progress. It allow students to view their own visit history and schedule their own appointments with their Academic Advisor. To access AdvisorTrac log in to your mycampus and click on the TRAC icon and log-in to Advisor TRAC using your mycampus username and password. Log-on to AdvisorTrac and schedule an appointment to meet your Academic Advisor today! To access AdvisorTrac please click here.

Have You Completed your FASFA?

The deadline to complete your Federal Application for Financial Aid (FASFA) passed on March 1, however, you can still apply for your financial aid today.

To complete the FAFSA, go online to www.fafsa.gov.

The federal school codes for UVI are 006989 for the St. Croix campus and 003946 for the St. Thomas campus.

To complete the FAFSA you will need your Personal Identification Number (PIN). If you don't already have a PIN, register for one at www.pin.ed.gov.

Register Today!

It’s that time again and classes are filling up. Come select the class you want before your seat is gone. You can drop by the Center for Student Success for registration assistance or log on to AdvisorTrac to make an appointment.

To view the Summer 2014 Class Schedule click here

To view the Fall 2014 Class Schedule click here
Summer Bridge

UVI's Summer Bridge Program focuses on high school graduates’ transition from high school to college during a five-week, residential, academic program held on the St. Croix and St. Thomas campuses. The program is specifically designed to assist students in excelling on UVI’s placement tests. The program will begin June 22, 2014 and end July 26, 2014.

To apply please click here. For more information about UVI’s Summer Bridge program contact:

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University Bound

Summer Residential Component includes an intense 6-week preparatory program. Students will participate in a wide variety of academic, cultural enrichment, social and recreational activities for six weeks during the summer. Students will be exposed to The Summer Residential component of University Bound will begin June 2014 and end July 2014. University Bound is accepting applications for its Academic Year Round component which is from October-May.

For application information please click here. For more information about UVI’s University Bound program contact:

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Math and Writing Tutoring Services for Summer Session.

Math Tutoring Services:
Mondays through Fridays 9:00am-5:00pm
Ms. Leslie Greene
(340) 692-4224

Writing Tutoring Services:
Mondays through Fridays 11:00am-5:00pm
Dr. Valerie Combie
(340) 692-4126
CSS Congratulates
Prospective Class of Fall 2013 & Spring 2014
School of Business

Master of Business Administration

Bernie M. Abraham  Carl E. Derricks  Latisha Carren Scatliffe*
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Jana E. Cammie  Aquila Ebony Dorsey*  Rashi Singh
Necola A. Charles  Joseph Jamahl Douglas  Kimberlee Smith*
Shatima K. Charleswell  Herschell L. Edwards-Bartlette*  Sarai O. Smith*
Allison L. De Gazon  Krista E. Edwards  Rashown S. Soldiew
Esmie H. Edwards  Trichelle A. Ekpe*  Amie S. St. Louis
Yusef K. Francis  Marsha Laurea Elcock-Bedford*  Ghadeer A. Taha*
Kimberly L. Fowle  Tiffany Fabian-Schmidt  Bernard Malcolm Taylor*
Janelle C. Gumbs  Jacqueline Valerie Faulkner  Jamalie Ortwell Thomas
K’Nisha A. Gumbs  Carmelia Febres  Tamisha I. Thomas
Tiffany M. Gumbs  Wilson C. Ferrance  Sheena S. Tongo*
Janice C. Hodge  Shevvin A. Fleming  Jahnelle Nicole Devalene Toussaint
Kimmoleah S. Jones  Amiquah J. Freeman  Astrid M. Carmona Tuitt
Rosetta A. Romain  Robsonob M. Gassant  Gisel Ventura*
Maria Tamas  Almeade J. George  Kasieam M. Webster
Joe’Telle L. Webster  Heather Lynn Hessler*  Somere Alozi Webber
Marolin K. Williams  Shirley A. Hodg  Artara Wilkins
June K. Wyatt  Taimmi Carol Jackson*  D’Lisa A. Williams

Bachelor of Arts

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Heba N. Abdallah*  Dennisha T. Joseph  Laura A. Winter
Damari Natasha Acosta*  Jareen A. Knight
Jerrick I. Amaro  Jeneva V. Lawrence
Shaylah S. Anthony  Jada M. Lynch
Kamilesse A. Arroyo  Tarsia Luke
Loydene E. Biloce*  Teckla T. McFarlane
K’desha Veonca Biloce*  Marlin Melendez
Amanda Jovienne Bridgewater*  Dante Akil Morton
Taphia Pelisha Browne*  Jana A. Nibbs*
Alexander Alan Dean Burlar  Jeffrine A. Niles*
Brenda Ash Carty  Marlene A. Parrott
Chamica Liza Charles  Carmen B. Pemberton
Dara D. Cozier  Garvin Penn, Jr.
Juan M. Cruz  Vakeel Anthony Pereira
Dilia Daniel  Reanna Allisha Powell*
Kambia A. David  Teresa Valencia Powell*
Javelle Tamara Davis*  April Marie Pride
Kefentsi K. Davis  Nikima S. Richards
Stephanie M. Davis  Natalie Theona Richardson*
Rochella T. Davis*  Akeya E. Roberts
D'Lisa A. Williams
O'Kiema M. Dedier*  LaReina Robinson
Stephany M. Davis  Keyan J. Roberts
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CSS Congratulates
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School of Education & School of Nursing

School of Education
Master of Arts in Education
Rosette Benjamin
Njnanya Boyd
Janine H. Crump
Joanna A. Delano
Mia A. Felix Dowe
Merle M. Durand
Patricia Erma Fatal
Francis Jno Lewis
Kishma O. Liburd
Hazel Jacqueline Phillip-Titus
Margaret Richardson
Patricia Robb
Nathalie V. Roumou
Coralie H. Schmidt
Uilez Ann Semper

Associate of Arts
Andretta L. Jacobs
Deborah A. Matthew
Demetria Arlene Mayers
Miriam Narcisse
Sharon I. Narcisse
Hermione C. Somerszaul

School of Nursing
Bachelor of Science
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Renee M. Bridges
Denisecia M. Clarke
Monica A. Hodge
Frances Florence McIntyre*
Kishma L. Ryan
Donette Skerritt
Hashia A. Wallace
Janise A. Wheatley-Roberts

Bachelor of Arts
Sonia Antoine
Akeema C. Charleswell
Cherise C. Davis
Chelsea Ayn DeYoung
Jasmine J. Fenton
Cellecia R. Francis
Cerese Gregoire *
Marla Hodge
Andrene Monique Johnson*
Balbariella Lopez
Shauntell Michelle Mactavious
Danielle N. Potter
Aisha K. Samuel
Jessica M. Sibilly
Natasha Springette
Raydiance K. Watts-Clarke*
Krystal R. Webster
Krystie A. Webster*
Luna William

Associates of Science
Margaret A. Ferreras
Emerala A. Finney
Lotina Kadian Grant
Ronald J. Hammer
Melisa Vanessa Hanley
Zalika Kaza
Andrea N. Merchant
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Kathleen A. Solomon
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- Glenda Raphael
- Mary A. Rabsatt Rodriguez
- Marisha Jeana Jno-Lewis
- Brenda Lettsome
- Brenda Stephany Lewis
- Yoelika Liburd
- Shausmae L. Malone *

## Master of Arts in Public Administration
- Adrianne D. Council
- Keshia Naomi Cooper
- Merl Eustache
- George H. Greene
- Hedda T. Finch Simpson
- Jane Glendora Husband
- Shenee C. Martin*
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- Vernell G. McSween
- Kathleen Mae Alcudia Miego
- Richard W. Motta
- Nadia Nibbs
- Jamilla Rebecca Norris
- Manefa A. O'Connor-Francis*
- Kenisha Queenesta Pascal*
- Hannah Paul
- Shakima B. Plunkett*
- Takesha S. Roberts
- Rika N. Rodriguez
- Denisha Jermain Rogers
- T'Niqua L.K. Rogers*
- Verlyndah R. Rogers
- Carlton A. Stevens
- Mark E. Van Beverhoudt*
- Marcellina A. Ventura
- Nishelle G. Warrican
- Renee Candice Williams*
- Erick C. Willie*

## Bachelor of Science
- Herman J. Bardouille
- Kenisha Queenesta Pascal*
- Herman J. Bardouille
- Hannah Paul
- Shakima B. Plunkett*
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## Bachelor of Arts
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- Shamoya O. Barzey
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- Ebony Jackie Renee Browne
- Antonio T. Carey *
- Amber T. Clarke*
- Najuma O. A. Dunn*
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- Rhea M. Jenkins
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Nikita R. Thompson

Mohammad Hussein Mustafa*
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Louis Pascal
David Andres Paulius*
Rudel G. J. Phillip
Brandon A. Rhymer*

Bachelor of Science
Wael Maher Abduljaber*
Kamaria Kanika Alexander*
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Lavida Rashida Brooks*
Corbin R. Campbell*
Nicholas C. Cromwell, Jr.*
Tasha A. Corneille
Max L. Cymerint
Jonathan D. Donnell
Ahniqua Arelia Donovan
Denese L. Dorival*
Shamelle L. Farrington*
Anthonio Michael Forbes*
Mahlik Devon Griffin
Thia Tayvonne Homer
Shakeal J. Huggins
Stella Pernelle Jarvis*
Gemel Amillia Joseph*
Annesha Christina King*
Thalia C. Lake*
Liniqua L. Lindquist
Miguel M. Mark*
David A. Mohammed*

Renata Adia Rubaine
Cleopatra Joehendra Skerrit
Trevor Skeete
Phil M. Smith*
Amber J. Stanley*
Odari C. Thomas*
Nerissa Elise Washington
Makysha M. William
Samuel Nehemiah Williams
Matthew Russel Worden

Bachelor of Arts
Sharifah O. Cottle-Matthew
Shana A. Gilbert
Ry'Neese A. James
Tiffany L. Reddick
Chawnique D. Schjang

Associate of Science
Brandon A. Rhymer
Antonios Doliotis

Associate of Applied Science
Ambica Mala Balkaran
Tyrone Anthony Petersen

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Congratulations to the CSS Staff for your Years of Service to UVI

35 Years of Service
Rosalia M. Rhymer-Rohan

10 Years of Service
Michelle Albany
Jacinthe Proctor

5 Years of Service
Julie Cruz
Trudi Golphin
Leslie Greene

The Center for Student Success thank you for all you do!

Upcoming Events

May 13, 2014  Faculty Institute: “Advising”
9:00 am to 4:00 pm in B110 and EVC 401

May 17, 2014  Commencement on St. Thomas

May 18, 2014  Commencement on Albert A. Sheen

May 13-June 17, 2014  Summer Session I: Classes Begin

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