The University of the Virgin Islands celebrated the 40th Annual Academic Awards by honoring top students for the 2013-2014 academic year at awards ceremonies held in April on the Albert A. Sheen Campus on St. Croix and on the St. Thomas Campus.

Students, who have earned the highest GPAs in their various majors, and in their individual schools or colleges, were recognized. Newly inducted members of the Golden Key International Honour Society, Who’s Who In American Colleges and Universities, the Thurgood Marshall College Fund Leadership Institute, and the UVI Psychology Association were also recognized. Additional individual awards in a variety of areas were also presented.

Highest GPAs on St. Thomas

On the St. Thomas campus students with the highest GPAs received the Barnett Frank Awards. Those recipients were:

Wael Abduljaber - senior male
Shenee Martin - senior Female
Christophe Buttaro - junior male
Khalin Nisbett - junior female
Brian Hilderbrand - sophomore male
Ketura Bethel - sophomore female
Omari Tuit - freshman male
Azhar Hussein - freshman female

Highest GPAs on St. Croix

On the Sheen Campus students with the highest GPAs received the Best in Class Awards. Those recipients were:

Denver Mike - senior male
Khanisa Figaro - senior female
Anton Manylov - junior male
Arige Shrouf - junior female
Francis Jackson - sophomore male
Krystal Hurtault - sophomore female
Kimani George - freshman male
Amelle Williams - freshman female

St. Thomas Campus Awards and Scholarships

College of Science and Mathematics
Brandon Rhymer - Outstanding Senior Mathematics Major
Jamila Martin - Outstanding Applied Mathematics Major
Lavida Brooks - Outstanding Senior Biology Major
Dannelly Samuel - Outstanding Freshman Biology Major
Khalin Nisbett - Outstanding Senior Chemistry Major
Jamar Liburd - Outstanding Freshman Chemistry Major
David Paulius - Academic Achievement Award in Computer Science
Jamila Martin - Student Research Symposium Fall 2013 first place winner
Tiffany T. Smith - Student Research Symposium - Fall 2013 second place winner
Nichole Etienne - St. Croix Spring Symposium Award
  David Paulius - College of Science and Mathematics Dean's Awards

School of Business
Accounting Awards
Jefferine Niles - senior
Aujeunelle Brown – junior
Michael Little - sophomore

Business Administration Awards
Laura Bedminister - senior
Nisha Bellot - junior
Hans Cheetham - sophomore

Hotel & Tourism Management Award
Darisa Bobb - senior
Wilfred Blyden - junior
Melissa Bryan - sophomore

School of Education
Jessica Sibilly - Student Teaching Award (Fall 2013)
Andreene Johnson - Student Teaching Award (Spring 2014)
Chelsea DeYoung - St. Thomas/St. John AFT Award
Francis Jno-Lewis - St. Thomas/St. John Administrator’s Award
Mia Felix Dowe - White-Benjamin Graduate Education Award
Mia Felix Dowe - School of Education Graduate Class Award
Jessica Sibilly - SOE Graduating Undergraduate Class Award -

Undergraduate Class Award (Students with highest GPA)
Lindia Leslie - Freshman
Lyndsey Filmer - Sophomore
Latoya Benjamin - Junior
Sierra Scatliffe - Senior

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Shakima Plunkett and Ebony Browne - Eldra L. M. Shulterbrandt Award
Shenee Martin - Nancy K. Bryam Award
Allena Clifford - Psychology Faculty Award
Mary Rabsatt Rodriguez - VIP Graduate Psychology Award

Glendora Husband - Public Administration Award
Mark E. Van Beverhoudt - Social Sciences Faculty Award
Manefa O’ Connor-Francis - Outstanding Communication Major
Akela Brumant - Outstanding Student in Theatre
Kenisha Pascal - Outstanding Student in French
Julisa Marcel - Outstanding Student in Spanish
Amber Clark - Outstanding Humanities Major
Sherriece Fergus - Outstanding Student in Creative Writing
Erick Willie - Outstanding Student in Music

School of Nursing
Sabrina Katwaru - Professor Emerita Ilva F. Benjamin Award
Renee Bridges - Professor Emerita Laura Yergan Award
Jennifer Xavier-Callwood - Chi Eta Phi Sorority Award
Sabrina Katwaru - The BSN Faculty Award
Jerice Lake - Wilfred & Cheddena Smith Scholarship Award
Dean’s Award for School of Nursing
Jenise Wheatley-Roberts - senior
Sierra Jno-Lewis - junior
Akeeda Clarke - sophomore

PSI CHI Honor Society - New Inductees

Holly Dolan
JaNeil Francis
Ayanna Fredericks
Jhozna Gilbert
Yentyl Levet
Angela Mills Petty
Kymberli Simon
Krystal Wynter

Thurgood Marshall College Fund 2013-14 Leadership Institute Ambassadors
Wael Abduljaber
Darisa Bobb
Shakim Cooper
Charlesworth McCarthy
Teresa Powell
Natalie Richardson

Latoya Benjamin, TQRP Fellow
Krystie Webster, TQRP Fellow
Krystal Webster, TQRP Fellow
TQRP (Teacher Quality Retention Program)

Brother’s With A Cause - New Inductee
Sharone Richards

Golden Key International Honour Society - New Inductees

Bernie Abraham
Sherell Anthony
Tessa Anthony
Tonya Bartlette
Laura Bedminister
Nisha Bellot
Loydene Bloice
Wilford Blyden
Ronelle Bobb
Njnanya Boyd
Christel Brandy
Magdalene Burke
Jana Cammie
Shatima Charleswell
Amber Clark
Teejah Daley
Javelle Davis
O'Kiema Dedier
Khalil Dias
Anthonios Doliotis
Lyncia Dore
Andrea Dorsey
Julia Van Drieson
Melissa Van Drieson
Shanan Emmanuel
Nichole Etienne
Chamara Fahie
Sherriece Fergus
Xuxa Fraites
Ja'niel Francis
Kieshawne Green
Janai Gumbs
Amber Stanley
Carlison Stedman
Elisa Thomas
Abena Tyson
Rawle Watkins Jr.
Joe’lle Webster
Laura Winter

Who’s Who Among American Universities and Colleges

Aujeunelle Brown
Khalil Dias
Aquila Dorsey
Chrystal Duncan
Chamara Fahie
Lynisha Farrell
Kamarla Fearon
Shandale Francis
Gena Lee
Rita Green Gordon
Elesha Hazel
Shaneé Isaac
Sheneé Martin
Raynyse Nesbitt
Khalin Nisbett
Erma Pemberton
Brittane Peter
Deepa Sunita Punjabi
Abigail René
Sierra Scatliffe
Lurenzo Scotland
Kimberlee Smith
Suresh Sookraj
Amber Stanley
Rawle Watkins Jr.
Krystal Webster
Krystie Webster

Albert A. Sheen Campus
School of Business

Heba Abdallah - Senior Student Award in Accounting
Shawna Stringfellow - Junior Student Award in Accounting
Raul Flemming - Sophomore Student Award in Accounting
Denver Mike - Senior Student Award in Business Administration
Lennoxsea Thompson - Junior Student Award in Business Administration
Huda Hamed - Sophomore Student Award in Business Administration
Junior Student Award in Hotel & Tourism Management - Bibiana Emmanuel

School of Education

Joanna A. Delano - School of Education Graduate Class Award -
Raydiance Watts-Clarke - School of Education Undergraduate Class Award
Shanika Pennyfeather - Student Teaching Award Fall 2013
Raydiance Watts-Clarke - Student Teaching Award Spring 2014

School of Nursing

Denise Colbert - The Judith Grybowski Scholarship Award
Angelina Haywood - The Wilfred and Chedadena Smith Scholarship Award

College of Science and Mathematics

Emerging Caribbean Scientist NSF Fellowship Award
Rafael Almonte
Elangeni Yabba
Gejae Jeffers - Emerging Caribbean Scientist (MARC) Award
Gejae Jeffers - Outstanding Student in Mathematics Award
Amelle Williams - Outstanding Freshman Student in General Chemistry Award
Amelle Williams - Outstanding Student in General Biology Award

School of Nursing
Melisia Hanley - Dean’s Award for Academic Excellence (Highest academic standing in nursing courses)
Paulette Jarvis - ASN Nursing Faculty Award for Leadership

School of Education
Manal Asad - Sophomore with the Highest GPA in Elementary Education Award
Aliya Perkins - Senior with the Highest GPA in Inclusive Early Childhood Award
Hazel Boissiere - Junior with the Highest GPA in Inclusive Early Childhood Award

College of Liberal Arts and Social Science
Bibi Donaie - Marvin Williams Creative Writing Award
Kadeem Hendrickson - English Excellence Award
Sheniqua Robinson - Communication Excellence Award
Adrianne Council - Master of Public Administration Award (Highest GPA)
Denver Mike - Simon B. Jones-Hendrickson Economics Award
Rosan Walters-Mulley - St. Kitts/Nevis United Association of St. Croix International Student Award

Psychology Awards
Shanah Banis - Outstanding Academic Performance in Psychology Student Award
Berlina Wallace - Association of Virgin Islands Psychologists Graduate Student Award

Who’s Who Among American Universities and Colleges
Heba Abdallah
Kevin Dixon
Jacqueline Romer

PSI CHI Honor Society
Remah Asad
Shanah Bannis
Alvin Bedneau
Aaron Maynard
Kathleen Miego
Jennifer Werkheiser

Golden Key International Honour Society
Douglas Simpson - President-
Shanah Bannis - Vice President-
Erika Willie - Recording Secretary

Leadership Recognition Awards
Kevin Dixon and Trichelle Ekpe - Thurgood Marshall Student Ambassadors -

Thurgood Marshall College Fund Scholars

Kevin Dixon
Jacqueline Romer
Trichelle Ekpe
Ismael Rosado
Denver Mike
Rosan Walters-Mulley
Samantha Roberts