Dear UVI Student:

On behalf of the Division of Student Affairs, I would like to welcome you to the Fall 2010 semester at one of the most significant institutions for nurturing human potential, cultivating skillful citizens, and producing global leaders. You are part of an accomplished and talented community of learners and educators that provides extraordinary pathways for intellectual, creative, and cultural enrichment.

The members of the staff in the Division of Student Affairs are here to help you maximize opportunities for experiential learning, through your involvement in a variety of social, cultural, and co-curricular programs and services. We want you to be successful; therefore, take full advantage of the available opportunities that will help to support your academic endeavors, personal growth and, ultimately, persistence and graduation from this fine institution of higher education.

Become familiar with our programs and services: student development and leadership training opportunities, residential life and living learning communities, National Student Exchanges, health and wellness services, psychological, counseling and career planning services, social, recreational and sporting events. 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. We are here to assist you in your educational and overall development. If you have any questions please feel free to contact any of our offices. Have an engaging and productive year!

Sincerely,

Miriam V. Osborne Elliott
Associate Campus Administrator for Student Affairs-St. Croix

UVI STUDENT AFFAIRS

Vision Statement
The Division of Student Affairs will create a premier environment that stimulates excellence in academic achievement, leadership, citizenship, and community service.

Mission Statement
The Division of Student Affairs provides a campus environment engaging students in holistic human development through academic enrichment, health and wellness, social, cultural, recreational programs and services.

Watch for
Upcoming Events at UVI

- UVI Labor Day Community Picnic
- Student Clubs and Organizations Day
- Annual Health Fair
- Breast Cancer Awareness Week
- National Careers in Student Affairs Awareness Month
- Red Ribbon Week
- National Student Exchange Open House
- Big Ten Graduate School Forum
- Thurgood Marshall Leadership Program
- Annual Career Fair Week
- Student Employment Workshops
- Halloween Party
- Golden Key International Honour Society Induction
- Pool, Dominoes, and Table Tennis Tournaments
- And More...

You Can Be Whatever You Want To Be!
There is inside you
All of the potential
To be whatever you want to be;
All of the energy
To do whatever you want to do.
Imagine yourself as you would like to be,
Doing what you want to do,
And each day, take one step
Towards your dream.
And though at times it may seem too
difficult to continue,
Hold on to your dream.
One morning you will awake to find
That you are the person you dreamed of,
Doing what you wanted to do,
Simply because you had the courage
To believe in your potential
And to hold on to your dream.

-Donna Levine
Note Taking Tips For Student Success

- Attend classes.
- Prepare for classes by reviewing notes and text.
- Take your text to class.
- Sit where you can see and hear the professor.
- Keep notes organized and separate for each course.
- Participate in class, ask questions, discuss, write, watch, and listen.
- Have a system for note taking. Record main ideas, points on overhead, and anything emphasized by professor.
- Reorganize your notes while you still remember what was said.
- Materials posted online do not replace active note-taking on your part!

Adapted from Brock University

And Remember…

- Don’t procrastinate.
- Get to know your professors.
- Eat healthy and exercise.
- Take responsibility for your own learning.
- Read the syllabus for each of your courses.
- Seek counseling if you are lonely or depressed.

Adapted from 88 Surefire Tips for Succeeding in College

Learning Assistance Program (LAP)

LAP provides services to students with special needs or disabilities. It is recommended that interested students contact LAP prior or during the first two weeks of classes to ensure sufficient time to review documentation. Support services are determined on a case-by-case basis according to the student’s documented needs. Not sure if you qualify or want to learn more about the program? Contact LAP at 692-4223.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 23—Classes Begin
August 23 to 27—Add/Drop Period
September 6—Labor Day (University Recess)

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Please email comments, stories, pictures, and event notices to ldimeo@uvi.edu or contact Dr. Lucia DiMeo at 692-4223. Thank you for your support.

Student Affairs Offices

- Associate Campus Administrator —692-4188
- Campus Executive Administrator —692-4001
- Campus Psychologist —692-4223
- Counseling & Career Center —692-4187
- College Access Program —692-4101
- Health Services —692-4208/4214
- Residence Hall —692-4194/4181
- Student Activities —692-4228
- Student Employment —692-4180

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