



# CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

Student Success Newsletter

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## Executive Director's Message

**Thank you!** Thank you to the faculty early adopters of the SSC Campus platform. Many faculty have been using the system for reporting of early alert and attendance. As expected, Center for Student Success staff have seen increased engagement of students who are reported through the system because each student is now connected through the platform. The impact of the platform on student success has been positive and we encourage all faculty to use the program and all its features to assist with creating a coordinated care network for students.

SSC Campus is a data collection and analytics software that the University is employing to examine the impact of all areas of student success and retention. Faculty and CSS staff are working together to hardwire student success throughout the University. When faculty contribute by inputting advising notes, sending early alerts, and attendance tracking the platform data analytics assist the campus to create strategies for student support, retention, and timely graduation.

Student risk analytics is just the first step to building a continuously improving student support infrastructure. We thank those faculty who have participated in the rollout of the EAB SSC Campus platform and look forward to increased engagement from both faculty and students for the upcoming semester.

Happy Holidays!

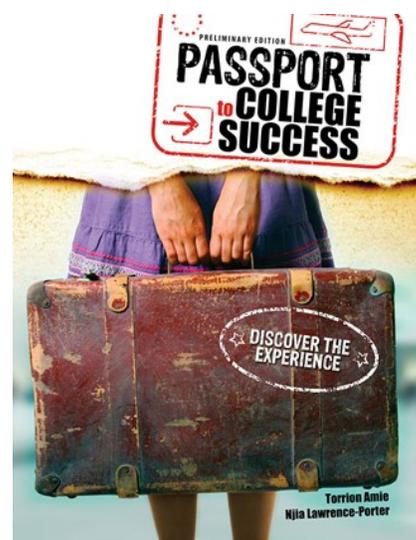
Regards,

Dr. Stephen Moore

Executive Director of Student Success and Honors Program

*"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."*

*- Malcolm X*



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# What people are saying!

## CSS Student Testimonials

Ms. Magualie Titre shares about her Center of Student Success Learning Center experience and how she overcame her fear of Math.

### Magualie Titre, Social Work major, Senior

Going through my first two and a half years at college, I always wondered how I would become more prepared for the real world after college. After visiting the Center for Student Success, it became clear on how I was going to prepare myself for life after college. It helped me learned a lot about myself such as my value and career goals and how I will eventually achieve those goals.

I also learned a lot of useful information through many one on one interviews, career events, and advice that was given to me to prepare me for life after college. The three most important things I learned after visiting the Center for Student Success, were time management skills, responsibility, and a positive attitude which takes you beyond the horizon.

All of these are extremely important in getting me into a good job and sustaining a great career for a long time. I am really glad I had the opportunity to visit the Center for Student Success at the University of the Virgin Islands. It helped me to move forward, even when the road felt like it ended.



## CSS

### CSS recognizes outstanding performance of Learning Assistants

During the Fall 2016 semester, the CSS Learning Center was staffed by a dedicated group of students who must all be recognized for their commitment in helping students to achieve their fullest potential.

In this issue of the CSS Newsletter, special recognition will be bestowed upon Holly-Ann Forde for her efforts and dedication in promoting and aiding student success.



**Holly-Ann Forde,  
Learning Assistant**

### FDS 100

Holly-Ann Forde is a third year student at the University of the Virgin Islands, pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, with a concentration in Creative Writing. This student began

attending UVI while still a high school senior in the Fall of 2014 as a result of the Early Admissions Program, and at the end of that school year, she graduated from her high school as Salutatorian of her class. Currently, she tutors English in the Writing Center and Mathematics with the Peer Led Team Learning (PLTL) program, and she works as a Peer Instructor for SCI 100 lectures and labs. After completing her degree, Holly-Ann plans to teach and/or write here in the Virgin Islands. Holly-Ann loves her university and encourages other students to attend and to excel at their studies.

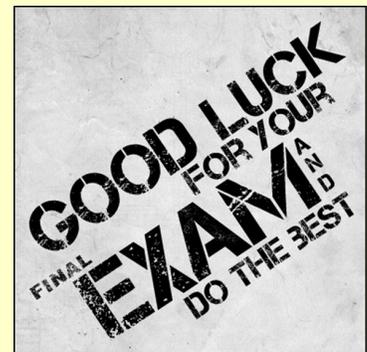
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## FINAL EXAM TIPS!!!

The earlier you prep, the better...study, study, study to ace those exams...

Follow this list as finals week approaches:

- ◆ Create your own study guide
- ◆ Ask questions
- ◆ Attend the review session (if any)
- ◆ Start early
- ◆ Organize a group study session
- ◆ Study information not on study guide
- ◆ Take breaks
- ◆ Stay well-rested



## Freshman Development Seminar 100 (FDS 100)



Keeping with tradition, Mr. Capriola joined his FDS students as they participated in the Annual March for Breast Cancer Awareness on the St. Croix campus on Monday, October 10. The march began at lunchtime outside the Research and Technology Park Building and proceeded up Palm Drive with students marching in sync to the beat of drummers and chanting slogans of support, finally reaching the Student Activities Area where the march came to its completion. Students wore pink hats and other pink attire to show their support for this most important cause. Before the march began, students held a moment of silence for the victims of breast cancer and also prayed in support of those who are survivors. Several students displayed pictures of current UVI family members who are battling the disease. Nurse Maritza DeCosta, Student

Health Supervisor and herself an alumna of Mr. Capriola's FDS class, was on hand to organize and lead the march. Nurse DeCosta commended the FDS students in their desire to raise awareness and show support for the fight against Breast Cancer during the month of October. Later in the week students continued to show support by coming to FDS class wearing various pink items, including shirts, scarfs, socks and shoes. Some students even colored their hair pink or used pink nail polish to mark the occasion.





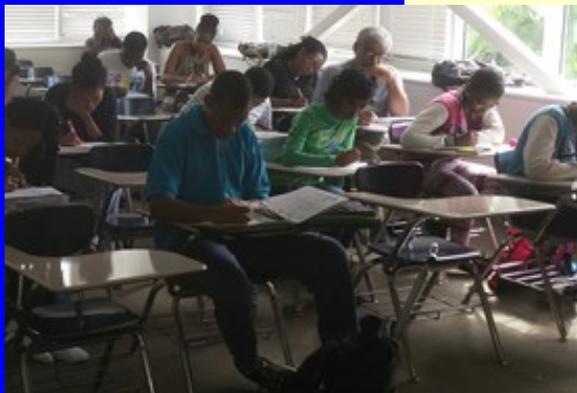
## The Center for Student Success Fall 2016 Workshops Summary

The Center for Student Success Fall 2016 workshop series has concluded. Workshops included: Study Skills (In collaboration with Student Affairs), Time Management (In collaboration with Student Affairs), The Neuroscience of Learning, English Proficiency Examination Preparation (In collaboration with Humanities), Opportunities and Rewards at UVI, Causes and Consequences of Failure in College, and Academic Advising.

CSS would like to say thank you to the students, staff, faculty, and departments who participated and supported this successful workshop series.



EPE workshop—Dr. Rossignol and participants



Time Management Workshop



EPE workshop—Dr. Cooper and participants

## What Makes a Good College Student? [Learn.org](https://www.learn.org)

Find out how you can succeed in college. Certain attributes you should aim for include staying organized and focused. Social attributes for being a good college student include reaching out to classmates and getting out of your comfort zone. Keep reading for tips about college.

### **Be Academically Successful in College**

Academic and social success in college requires hard work, patience, persistence and dedication. Even if you were a straight 'A' student in high school, you may find yourself struggling when facing the academic challenges of college. To help you achieve your full academic potential, here are a few key survival skills.

#### **Get Organized**

Getting organized is key to staying on top of a college-level workload. Keep two calendars: one for your class schedule, appointments and other engagements; and one for all of your assignment deadlines. When tackling assignments like term papers or problem sets, make sure to plan well in advance. Break down projects into manageable chunks, setting yourself goals along the way.

#### **Work Hard and Focus**

College-level assignments can be difficult, but by challenging yourself and working hard, you may find that you learn more and earn better grades. Always complete your homework and class readings on time. Avoid waiting until the last minute for important deadlines. It's essential to stay focused on your academic goals. This means attending class regularly and on time, paying attention to your instructors and tracking your academic progress. As you determine your major, you also need to pay attention to specific graduation requirements. Furthermore, as you start to develop career or graduate education aspirations, make sure to consider what courses and activities will best help you achieve your goals after graduation.

#### **Ask for Help**

Never be afraid to ask for help when you need it. Make sure you know all of your professors' office hours and take advantage of these opportunities to ask questions if you find yourself falling behind. Many schools also offer tutoring centers for homework help or additional assistance in specific subject areas.

#### **How to Be Socially Successful in College**

Your top priority in college is your academic study; however, social interactions are also an important part of your life at a college or university. To make the most of this aspect of your college experience, read the following suggestions.

##### **Reach Out to Your Classmates**

If you live in a dorm, take advantage of its built-in social group to make new friends. Participate in dorm activities and spend time studying or hanging out in the common areas.

If you live off-campus, it may take extra effort to meet other students. You can start by striking up conversations before or after class and using social networking websites to reach out to other students.

#### **Get Involved**

Get out there and experience campus life. In college, it can be easy for shy students to become just another face in the crowd, particularly at big universities. Making an effort to break out of your comfort zone occasionally may help you meet new people and discover new interests. This may include joining a student club, fraternity or sorority, participating in extracurricular activities, volunteering with community service organizations or simply attending regular campus events like musical performances or film screenings. You may also try checking out parties outside of your usual social group.



The **University of the Virgin Islands (UVI)** has partnered with the **Educational Advisory Board (EAB)** to roll out a new tutoring / advising platform, **Student Success Collaborative-Campus (SSC Campus)**. SSC Campus replaces the Trac platform UVI once used.

## Why is SSC Campus better?

It is more user friendly...easier to access needed information...and a great tool to communicate with students and advisees.

**Faculty** can use SSC Campus for submitting early alerts, taking attendance, and connecting with their students and advisees.

**Students** can use SSC Campus to make appointments with learning assistants, professors, and advisors.

## How can SSC Campus be accessed???

By logging in to [UVI myCampus](#) and clicking on the **EAB** icon. Students, faculty, and advisors have access to SSC Campus.

## Who should I contact if I need help???

The Center for Student Success staff can assist with your how to processes and Q&A. Call or email Ms. Julie Cruz (693-1338 or [jcruz2@uvi.edu](mailto:jcruz2@uvi.edu)) or Mrs. Wendy Fedler (692-4274 or [wendy.fedler@uvi.edu](mailto:wendy.fedler@uvi.edu)) for your SSC Campus needs.

## UVI Reminders

### Question of the Issue

**“How do you prepare for final exams?”**

*Email your answer to the CSS newsletter editor at [jprocto@uvi.edu](mailto:jprocto@uvi.edu) with the subject line “How I prepare for my final exams” for a chance to see your response in our next CSS newsletter.*

- ◆ Registration for Spring 2017 is ongoing
- ◆ Last day of classes - 12/1
- ◆ Study Day - 12/2
- ◆ Final exams - 12/5-9
- ◆ Certification of December Graduates 12/14





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