



University of the Virgin Islands

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Dean of Students

Dear Prospective Student:

“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.”

Anthony J. D'Angelo

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 13, 2012 through Friday, August 17, 2012. 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, register for classes and even interact with UVI's administrators.

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 13, 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.** Mark your calendars today.

With your admissions letter, you received Enrollment Confirmation and Health Services Forms. These forms 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 semester. Additionally, it is also not too late to sign up for 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. We know that your future looks bright. If you have any questions please feel free to contact any of our offices. We look forward to meeting you on **Monday, August 13, 2012.** Have an engaging and productive year!

Sincerely,

Miriam V. Osborne Elliott
Dean of Students-St. Croix



Sunday, August 12		
12:00 pm	New Students Check-In (Residential Students Only) (Please bring health forms to check-in)	Residence Hall
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Placement Test Review (Reading & Writing Sections Only)	EVC 300 Level
Monday, August 13		
9:30 am-12:00 pm	Placement Testing - Block One (English & Math Sections)	NWW Labs 120 / 131 /133 / CSS Lab
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	New Students ID Pictures (Residential Students Only)	Library
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Placement Testing - Block Two (English & Math Sections)	NWW Labs 120 / 131 /133 /CSS Lab
5:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Orientation New Student Check-In	NWW 102 & 103
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Official Opening Ceremony Keynote Speaker: Kishma N. Allen: Author / Motivational Speaker	NWW Great Hall
Tuesday, August 14		
9:00 am - 10:45 am	Campus Tour: Get Connected to Your Campus (Bring your class schedules) Learn about UVI's history, important offices and where to find your classes.	NWW Great Hall
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Supporting Student Success (Sign Up for Island Tour) Everything that you need to know about becoming a master student. Meet the staff of Student Affairs, Financial Aid, Business Operations, Access & Enrollment, Information Technology and Center for Student Success. Learn about programs, opportunities, and more. Learn about UVI's male and female initiatives programs.	NWW Great Hall
12:00 pm -1:00 pm	Lunch Break Social: Take a moment to become familiar with your new classmates (UVI Historical Video Viewing)	NWW Great Hall
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	"It's All Academic" <i>Meet the academic Deans and faculty representatives of your Schools & Colleges. Learn about your majors and other academic program options</i>	NWW Great Hall
Wednesday, August 15		
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Orientation to Freshman Year Experience & Course Schedule Distribution	NWW Great Hall
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Academic Advisement & Registration	EVC-300 Level / NWW Great Hall
2:00 pm – 5:00pm	Social: Down on the Corner: Mix & Mingle & eat with new friends: Get Connected to UVI! (Sign up for Island Tour)	NWW Lawn
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	New and Transfer Students ID Pictures	NWW 102 & 103
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Non-Matriculated Students Registration	NWW Great Hall
Thursday, August 16		
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Student Workshops Get connected to UVI's resources! Navigate registration on-line, access grades, email, and transcripts, as well as be the first to know if there is an emergency on campus, become familiar with the student code of conduct and learn about campus support services. Also attend and win free prizes at the workshops to jump start the school year. (You must be present to win.)	NWW Labs 120 / 131 /133 / CSS Labs
12:00 pm -1:00 pm	Lunch	Student Center / Cafetorium
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Passport To Opportunities " A Cultural Party" Cultural music...Exotic foods and refreshments. Special treats. All are invited! (Sign up for Island Tour. All NSE and International students are required to attend.)	Student Center / Cafetorium
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Late Registration	NWW Great Hall
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	New and Returning Students ID Pictures	NWW 102 & 103
Friday, August 17		
12:00 pm -10:00 pm	Returning Students Check -In Island Tour (Space is limited. Sign up early!) Learn about the island's history by visiting historic sites throughout the day.	Residence Hall Residence Hall
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Late Registration – Returning Students	NWW Great Hall
Monday, August 20		
<p>CLASSES BEGIN!! HAVE A GREAT SEMESTER!!! <i>Activities may be subject to change, when necessary.</i></p>		