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UVI Employees Honored at Service Awards

University of the Virgin Islands faculty and staff were honored for their years of service, retirement and perfect attendance at Service Awards Ceremonies on both campuses.

"Thank you for your dedication and demonstration to the core values of this institution," UVI's President LaVerne Ragster told the honorees in her remarks at the St. Thomas campus ceremony on April 9. The St. Croix campus ceremony was held on April 10. "Every single one of you has touched the lives of hundreds or thousands of people in the community and your time is well spent," she said.

Manuel Thomas, manager of UVI's human resources department, the area that organizes the service awards, said employees' dedication and loyalty is "the framework that has made this institution what it is today." Employees were recognized in five year intervals for their years of service, with two people receiving awards for thirty-five years of service.

One employee on each campus was selected for the prestigious "Employee of the Year" award. The employee of the year on the St. Thomas campus is Riisa Rymer, a library



UVI President LaVerne Ragster presents Riisa Rymer, St. Thomas campus employee of the year, with a plaque bearing Rymer's name while her husband looks on.

specialist in the Ralph M. Paiewonsky Library. On the St. Croix campus the employee of the year is Yvonne Horton, an administrative specialist at the Agricultural Experiment Station. Several special awards were also given to exemplary UVI employees.

President Emeritus Dr. Orville Kean was the keynote speaker at the St. Thomas campus ceremony. Dr. Kean retired in August after 36 years of service to the University.

"Whatever contributions I have made is because of the support I've had from many of the people who are here being honored

today," Dr. Kean said. Other notable employees who have retired and were being honored include: Dr. Gilbert Sprauve, a humanities professor who worked on the St. Thomas campus for 36 years; Juanita Woods, the former St. Croix campus associate chancellor; and Dr. Erika Waters, founder and former editor of The Caribbean Writer.

"We are fortunate to be working for one of the finest institutions in the Virgin Islands. We are all part of a great success story," said Carmelo Rivera, a UVI business professor, who was the keynote speaker on the St. Croix campus.

2002-2003 Service Awards Recipients

RETIREES

Franklyn Belle (STT)
Elridge Blake (STT)
Orville Kean (STT)
Keith Moolenaar (STT)
Christopher Ramcharan (STX)
Gilbert Sprauve (STT)
Marie T. Traina (STT)
Erika Waters (STX)
Juanita Woods (STX)

35-YEAR AWARD

Malcolm C. Kirwan (STT)
Noreen E. Stout (STT)

25-YEAR AWARD

Mavis M. Gilchrist (STX)
Jacqueline A. Sprauve (STT)
Utha O. Williams (STT)

20-YEAR AWARD

Doris C. Battiste (STT)
Adelle C. Belle (STT)
Sarah L. Dahl-Smith (STX)
Evannie A. E. Jeremiah (STX)
Blanche K. Mills (STT)
John Payne (STT)
Yvonne M. Phillips (STT)
Lynn E. Rosenthal (STT)

Jilleen J.C. Webster (STX)

15-YEAR AWARD

Velma A. Abramsen (STT)
John J. Ambrose (STT)

Mary A. Belgrave (STT)
Stafford M.A. Crossman (STX)
Kenneth Olasse Davis (STX)
Evans A. Henley (STT)

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Events Calendar

April 29	Student Academic Awards, STT/STX
April 29	Toxic Metals Workshop, STT
May 17, 18	Commencement, STT/STX
May 30	Safe Diving Workshop, STT

Ededet A. Iniama (STT)
Julien Maduro (STT)
Gwen-Marie Moolenaar (STT)
Agatha P. Nelson (STT)
Lydia H. Pickering (STX)
Jimmy Rogers (STT)
Judith V. Rogers (STX)
Annette U.S. Shuck (STT)
Roy A. Watlington (STT)
Lorna C. Young-Wright (STT)
Theresa V. Anduze-Parris (STX)

10-YEAR AWARD

Suzanne F. Adrien (STT)
Betty J. Christian (STX)
Valerie A. Combie (STX)
William S. Hendrickson (STT)
Marie J. Hermann (STT)
Justina E. Joseph (STX)
Stuart R. Ketcham (STX)
Jacqueline A. Kowalski (STX)
Barbara E. Mark (STT)
Miriam V. Osborne-Elliott (STX)
Manuel C. Palada (STX)
Charmaine I. Smith (STX)
Linda V. Thomas (STT)
Julie A. Wright (STT)
Thomas W. Zimmerman (STX)

5-YEAR AWARD

Emil Aska (STT)
Williams A. Gonzales (STX)
Stevie Henry (STT)
Alicea V. Joseph (STX)
Richard S. Nemeth (STT)
Adam W. Parr (STT)

Samuel D. Salisbury (STT)
Mayra E. Suarez-Velez (STT)
Manuel C. Thomas (STT)
Nadine L. Williams (STT)
Marvin E. Williams (STX)

PART-TIME FACULTY

Rigmerie Finch-Ponteen (STX)
Mario Golden (STX)
Vancito E. Gumbs (STT)
Patricia Hector (STT)
Naomi L. Herbert (STT)
Lofton Holder (STT)
Joseph Mark (STX)
Ena Miller (STT)
Eugene Mitchell (STX)
Ellen W. Murraine (STT)
Joseph Philbert (STT)
Yvonne Rivera (STX)
Nurseen I. Rogers (STT)
Catherine Terrel (STX)
Mario Thomas (STX)

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Michael E. Austrie (STX)
AiLun Joseph (STT)
Blanche K. Mills (STT)
Yvette E. Richards (STT)
Helen M. Smith-Ottley (STT)



(above) Edwardo Smith, production supervisor at WTJX TV-Channel 12, explains to a student how to use a television camera at the 24th Annual Career and Job Fair held on April 3, in the Sports and Fitness Center on the St. Thomas campus. A health fair was also held in the Sports and Fitness center that day. (below) A student gets his blood pressure checked by a volunteer nurse at the health fair.



*Happy
Carnival!*

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