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FUVI Classic Draws Celebrities, Golfers, Youth



Celebrities participating in the 2006 Foundation for the University of the Virgin Islands Second Annual Celebrity Golf Classic gathered for a final group photo on Saturday, June 10, above the 18th hole at the Carambola Golf Club on St. Croix.

The Foundation for the University of the Virgin Islands (FUVI) hosted its second annual Celebrity Golf Classic on June 8-11, at the Carambola Golf Course on St. Croix. Some 75 golfers teamed with 25 celebrities from the worlds of sports and entertainment.

The weekend included youth clinics in basketball, football and golf, which drew 60 St. Croix youngsters. Andia Winslow conducted the golf clinic, with Tim Walton and Robert Porcher III headlining the football clinic and Maurice Lucas and Salim Stoudamire leading the football session. A Government House reception, press conference, casino night and celebrity party rounded out the weekend.

FUVI Board Chairman and UVI Vice President for Institutional Advancement Joseph B. Boschulte hailed the Classic. "Our supporters truly endorsed the event this year, moving us to record highs in the number of donors and contributions

A slide show and list of celebrity participants and donors at the Second Annual FUVI Celebrity Golf Classic are featured on the UVI web site - <http://www.uvi.edu> -

raised." Despite this year's success, Boschulte noted the challenges continue. "Our work is far from done. I received a great deal of feedback from the event. We

are going to work to make the 2007 FUVI Celebrity Golf Classic even better," he said.

Mitchell Neaves, UVI's director of Annual Giving, called the Golf Classic an enormous success for UVI and the Virgin Islands. "The planning committee, as well as our staff and alumni on St. Croix, did an outstanding job," Neaves said. "We needed a ton of help and the UVI community came through when we needed them."

Two Named to UVI HR Posts

John J. Sokolski has been appointed Human Resources director at the University of the Virgin Islands and Yvonne Lawrence has assumed the position of assistant Human Resources director.



Sokolski



Lawrence

They will be responsible for the management of the Human Resources Department for UVI's St. Thomas and St. Croix campuses.

Events Calendar

June 29	Alumni Reception	STX
July 2	Mango Melee	STX
July 3-4	UVI Closed	STT/STX
	<i>Emancipation Day/Independence Day</i>	
July 7-9	Oliver Samuels Play	STX/STT
July 28	Summer Session II Ends	STT/STX



V.I. Rum Donations Reach Half a Million Dollars

On June 12, the donation of \$25,000 brought the total amount that V.I. Rum Industries has given to UVI over the past 20 years to \$500,000.

“Cruzan Rum is once again pleased to be making this contribution to ... enable our students to obtain a quality college education right here in the Virgin Islands,” said V.I. Rum’s Senior V.P. and Chief Financial Officer Marvin Pickering (UVI ‘85).

On hand for the recent donation of \$25,000 to UVI from V.I. Rum Industries, Ltd. were, from left, UVI President Dr. LaVerne E. Ragster, UVI Vice President for Institutional Advancement Joseph B. Boschulte, V.I. Rum President Donald C. Nelthropp, V.I. Rum Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Marvin Pickering and Director/Park Director of the V.I. Economic Development Authority Francois Dominique. The donation is exclusive of Cruzan Rum’s endowment to the Knud Oliver Parris scholarship fund.

Spring 2006 a Busy Time for UVI

- The University was featured as the **Tom Joyner HBCU for the Month of May**, appearing on the radio host’s May 12 Sky Show. UVI’s Tom Joyner School of the Month Campaign surpassed its goal of \$150,000, raising \$242,000 for scholarships. The Tom Joyner Foundation provides matching funds to the schools it selects to participate.
- An international group of 45 undergraduate and first-year graduate students focused on the impact that technology, commerce and communications are having on the Caribbean at UVI’s **Summer Institute for Future Global**

Leaders, held May 17-31 on the St. Thomas campus.

- **UVI alumni** (St. Thomas/St. John Chapter) honored nurses Mariga Rosetta Fleming, Rona E. Hodge-Lake, Ruth Monica Leonard, Cynthia Brown Stapleton and Ophelia Powell Torres at a breakfast on June 3.

- UVI updated the V.I. public on its Strategic Plan **VISION 2012** at Town Hall Meetings on St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John on June 12, 14 and 15, respectively.

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