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Tom Joyner and His Listeners to Raise Money for UVI

With exposure to the eight million listeners of the nationally syndicated "Tom Joyner Morning Show," UVI administrators expect to raise more than \$150,000 in a national fundraising campaign led by the Tom Joyner Foundation. On Jan. 19, through pep rallies on both campuses, the Foundation officially announced that UVI has been selected as the Tom Joyner Foundation (TJF) School of the Month for May 2006.

"Congratulations to the University of the Virgin Islands," Tom Joyner said in pre-recorded video played at the rallies. "The only HBCU with a beach, man that's got to be nice," he added exhibiting his usual humor.

Tom Joyner is founder of REACH Media, Inc., The Tom Joyner Foundation, blackamericaweb.com, and host of the nationally syndicated "Tom Joyner Morning Show." He is one of the most influential radio personalities in the U.S. His radio show airs in 115 markets.

During May, the "Tom Joyner Morning Show" will highlight UVI's accomplishments, present live interviews with President LaVerne E. Ragster, spotlight UVI's major national and local donors, and profile UVI's Tom Joyner Foundation scholarship recipients – all while encouraging listeners to donate to UVI.

"We did this back in 2002 and you guys really rallied," he said, referring to the first time UVI was selected as a TJF School of the Month. "Our goal this year is \$150, 000 and I'm sure we're going to make that, plus some," he said. Once that goal is reached, the TJF will top it with \$25,000 and negotiate with national companies to donate even more.

"We look forward to coming to the University of the Virgin



Tom Joyner

Islands with a big check," Joyner said, "bigger than the last one."

While UVI will be highlighted on the "Tom Joyner Morning Show" during May, donations for UVI will be accepted throughout the year. Funds raised will go toward student scholarships, supporting enrichment programs for students in grades K-12 and the V.I. Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research.

The month's theme is "Old School, New School - Bridging the Gap." In the months leading up to May, UVI will host several activities on St. Thomas and St. Croix based on the theme and geared to getting the community involved.

The Tom Joyner Foundation is a charitable 501c3 non-profit organization that began in 1997. The Foundation assists African American students in financial need at Historically Black Colleges and Universities across the nation.

The "Tom Joyner Morning Show" is broadcast daily from 7-11 a.m. on KISS 101.3 FM.

To make a donation or to apply for a scholarship call UVI's Office of Institutional Advancement at 693-1040. For more information visit the

UVI website at www.uvi.edu and click on the Tom Joyner link.

Events Calendar

Feb. 4	Quelbe Concert	STT
Feb. 18	The O'Jays Concert	STT
Feb. 18-20	Agriculture Fair	STX

Guillory Tapped to Head St. Croix Campus



Dr. Monique Guillory

The UVI St. Croix campus has a new campus executive administrator (CEA). Concluding a nationwide search, Dr. Monique Guillory began her post as the St. Croix campus executive administrator on Jan. 20.

CEAs oversee student affairs, business and facilities operations, and security on each of UVI's campuses. The positions were created following a re-organization that eliminated campus chancellors.

"I think it's a great time to be coming to the University," Dr. Guillory said, noting UVI's progression with Vision 2012, its new strategic plan. "I'm hoping that I can bring a lot of energy and new perspectives to some of the challenges," she said.

Dr. Guillory, a Louisiana native, holds a bachelor's degree in English literature and rhetorical communications from

Tulane University. She earned a master's degree and a Ph.D. in comparative literature from New York University, and in 1999 returned to Tulane as an assistant professor in the English department. Most recently she was the executive director of the Mississippi Learning Institute at Jackson State University and an English professor at Jackson State.

With extensive experience in higher education, Dr. Guillory has taught at the Haitian American Institute in Port au Prince, at the University of California - Santa Barbara and the College of New Rochelle, and was deputy chief of staff and strategic planning coordinator at Jackson State University.

Under Dr. Guillory's leadership, the Mississippi Learning Institute enriched the student learning and living experience in the state of Mississippi. She espouses a collaborative approach to learning that focuses on students.

John A. D'Orazio was appointed St. Thomas campus executive administrator in July 2005. Dr. Guillory and D'Orazio are members of UVI President Dr. LaVerne E. Ragster's cabinet.



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Top: St Thomas campus Student Housing Supervisor Sean Georges looks on as Tom Joyner, Sr., host of the nationally syndicated "Tom Joyner Morning Show," announces via video that UVI was selected as his foundation's school of the month for May. Right: Captain Garrett Bell, professor of military science, delivers a kick in an Old School, New School Kickball Game that pitted faculty/staff againsts students. It was an event promoting UVI's selection as school of the month.

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