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Golf Classic Offers Chance at New Truck

The stakes have been raised in the Foundation for the University of the Virgin Islands third annual Celebrity Golf Classic, scheduled for June 28 through July 1 on St. Croix.

Along with being grouped with celebrities from the sports and entertainment industries, participants will have the chance to win a new F-150 pickup truck. The first golfer to make a hole-in-one at the 17th hole at the Carambola Golf Course will win the new truck. More than 20 actors, professional athletes and television personalities are expected to converge on St. Croix for the fundraiser.

“We hope to continue to raise funds and awareness for the Foundation for the University of the Virgin Islands and to achieve the goals of Vision 2012 through the



Regina King, star of the Academy Awarding winning biopic “Ray,” poses with St. Croix junior golfer Shlomo Williams, at the 2006 FUVI Celebrity Golf Classic.

support of scholarships and academic programs,” said Joseph B. Boschulte, UVI’s vice president for Institutional Advancement. Boschulte’s component organizes the event. “Support for the tournament helps support the future of the territory indirectly and directly supports scholarships for students in the very near future,” he added.

Acclaimed Actress Regina King will return to the V.I. to participate in the Golf Classic. King is perhaps most famous for her role as Margie Hendricks in the Academy Award-winning biography, “Ray” which chronicled the life of the great Ray Charles.

As always, a highlight of the event will

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Photo courtesy of Amber McCannnon

Mark VanGoor, a volunteer of the Virgin Islands Mangrove Research and Conservation Coalition tows away a kayak full of debris from the Cas Cay Mangrove Lagoon Marine Reserve and Wildlife Sanctuary.

spent two days in May cleaning the area. The VIMRCC is a newly formed organization that encompasses several organizations that came together in February when the University of the Virgin Islands received a \$31,677 grant from the Gulf of Mexico Foundation to support debris removal and monitoring at the Mangrove Sanctuary. The sanctuary is home to black and red mangrove trees, along with many species of fish and other wildlife.

Volunteers conduct two types of cleanups – water-based and land-based. At recent cleanups volunteers collected 180 large construction garbage bags of debris.

“What we want to do is collect baseline data on how healthy mangroves survive, so that we can apply it to other mangrove restorations in the USVI,” said Project Manager and Assistant

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Cleanups Continue at Lagoon

Used food wrappers, tires, batteries and buckets – they belong at the dump, but instead many of these items were found at the Cas Cay Mangrove Lagoon Marine Reserve and Wildlife Sanctuary on St. Thomas’ east end when volunteers conducted cleanups at the site. Volunteers from the Virgin Islands Mangrove Research and Conservation Coalition (VIMRCC) recently

Events Calendar

June 22-25	Play ‘Run for Your Wife’	STT
June 23-24	Relay for Life	STT
June 28-July 1	FUVI Celebrity Golf	STX
July 1	Mango Melee	STX
July 3	UVI Closed - Emancipation Day	
July 4	UVI Closed - Independence Day	

Alumni Association Honors Four



Deanna E. Rogers



Curtis Gilpin



Lisa Maria Penn



Jose Raul Carrillo

UVI's St. Thomas/St. John Alumni Association Chapter honored four of its members at an Alumni Recognition Award Breakfast held on June 2. Jose Raul Carrillo, Curtis Gilpin, Deanna E. Rogers and Lisa Maria Penn were recognized for giving voluntarily of their time, talent, integrity and resources to the community. Proceeds from the event will support the alumni annual scholarship fund.

Golf Classic Continued

be the Youth Sports Clinics scheduled for 9 a.m. on Friday, June 29, on UVI's St. Croix campus grounds.

"I look forward to returning to St. Croix for the Third Annual Celebrity Golf Classic in support of the higher education initiatives of the University of the Virgin Islands," said Andia Winslow, who is returning to lead the golf clinic. In 2006 Winslow was the first African American to play in an LPGA Tour event in five years.

At the clinics, professional athletes from the NFL and NBA, along with pro golfers will give St. Croix youth, ages 9-15, basic tips and training in football and basketball. The youth participants also get to interact one-on-one with athletes who tell them the real deal on being famous, the discipline required to become a professional athlete and the importance of getting an education.

The main event, the tournament, will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 30, at the Carambola Golf Course and Club House. Local golfers are invited to join the celebrities on the green. The cost is \$135 for individuals and \$350 for threesomes.

The Celebrity Golf Classic, now in its third year, is a four-day event that brings national celebrities to the Virgin Islands in support for the Foundation for the University of the Virgin Islands. Partnership opportunities are still available. To sign up for the tournament or to become a partner, call UVI's Institutional Advancement Office at 340-693-1040 or visit the UVI website at www.uvi.edu.

The Prosser ICC Foundation, Inc., HOVENSA, LLC and American Airlines are presenting partners of the FUVI Celebrity Golf Classic.

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Mangrove Lagoon Continued

Professor in the Marine Sciences at UVI Dr. Nasseer Idrisi.

A newly acquired hydrolab will be used to evaluate water quality and other hydrology information within the mangrove. A detailed map is also being created to track where and what type of debris accumulates, said Project Coordinator Amber McCammon. The information will be used to develop solutions and increase public awareness about the importance of a healthy mangrove ecosystem, McCammon added.

Two more cleanups are scheduled for the year. For more information about the Cas Cay Mangrove Lagoon Marine Reserve and Wildlife Sanctuary Debris Removal and Monitoring Effort or to volunteer as an individual or community group, contact Dr. Idrisi at 693-1388 or nidrisi@uvi.edu.

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