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Surprises Abound at Service Awards

The St. Thomas campus Annual Service Awards ceremony took a climatic turn when out-going Employee of the Year Dr. Henry Smith took to the podium to announce the 2005 St. Thomas campus Employee of the Year. The winner, who is selected through a voting process by his or her peers, remains a secret until the actual announcement.

Anticipation built up as Dr. Smith described the winner without mentioning the person's name. But when her name was announced, an overwhelmed Judy Roland-Fahie couldn't immediately accept her award. Overcome by emotion, Roland-Fahie had to take support in the lap of her colleague. She emerged teary-eyed.

"This is truly a surprise," Roland-Fahie said after containing herself. "Well, I'm feeling proud today." Roland-Fahie, an administrative specialist II, is the program coordinator of the Summer Science Enrichment Academies and Mentoring Program. She is also the grant administrative specialist for several programs under UVI's Emerging Caribbean



UVI President Dr. LaVerne Ragster congratulates Employees of the Year; above, Judy Roland-Fahie, winner on the St. Thomas campus, and below, Joyce Hobson, the St. Croix campus winner.



Scientists Program – including MARC, RISE, HCOP and NASA scholarship programs.

"I was able to, I hope, make an impact on students," she said, which is the reward of her work. "It's many sacrifices that I've made, but I'm proud of it," she said. Roland-Fahie has worked at UVI for 14 years and is a "proud graduate" of UVI. "I thank you so, so much," she said in closing.

On the St. Croix campus, Human Resources staff became frantic when the ceremony started and the employee of the year was nowhere to be found. They had the task of finding the employee and getting her to the ceremony without leading on that she was the employee of the year. So Joyce Hobson was delighted when she found out that she was chosen as Employee of the Year on the St. Croix campus.

"I feel honored and humbled," Hobson said of the award after the ceremony. Hobson is the faculty administrative assistant

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Shop With a Purpose

When radio personality Tom Joyner and the "Fantastic Voyage" cruise pulls into the Charlotte Amalie Harbor on Memorial Day, thousands are expected to flood the downtown area. And UVI is counting on their spending power to help provide scholarships for deserving students. Through a collaborative effort between UVI, the V.I. Department of Tourism, the Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Merchants Association – Main Street will become shopping central. The street will be closed and turned into a pedestrian mall, with selected stores offering shoppers special discounts for the first-time event called "Shop be-Cause."

There will be a taste bazaar featuring local cuisine and native drinks, a cultural bazaar highlighting local arts and crafts and a youth art gallery showcasing local talent. There will also be several bands and various UVI displays. Main Street Merchants will donate a portion of their day's proceeds to UVI.

Events Calendar

May 14	Nursing Ceremony	STX
May 14	Lily Cai at Reichhold	STT
May 14	Upward Bound Meeting	STT/STX
May 14	Commencement	STT
May 14	Commencement Dinner	STX
May 15	Commencement	STX
May 18	Town Hall Meeting	STX
May 16-29	Summer Institute	STT
May 16-June 1	Adult Video Workshop	STT
May 25	Bird Workshop	STT
May 28-29	'The King & I' Musical	STT
May 30	Shop be-Cause	STT

UVI Keeps Carnival Alive with Participation, Winning Entries

Congratulations go out to the UVI family for its spectacular performances in V.I. Carnival 2005. UVI's 70-member troupe "Schooling for the Future" in the Adult's Parade took first place in the "Troupe fewer than 100" category.

The UVI 4-H Troupe "Marine Life is Alive in 2005" claimed third place in the Children's Parade "Troupe of fewer than 50" category.

Additionally, 4-H participants Zaliana Clark and Ajanie

Farrington won the Junior Queen of Band and Junior King of Band titles, respectively.

UVI's Family Life Center Pan Panthers also represented UVI in the Children's Parade. The Pan Panthers, made up of 25 students from the M.J. Kirwan Elementary School, also participated in Carnival's Pan Jamboree.

A slide-show of the UVI troupe in the Adult's Parade is available on the UVI web site - <http://www.uvi.edu>.



Students by Day . . . and Night

Warren Bush, far left, speaks with students at the St. Thomas campus Career Fair held on April 21. Right, students party at a St. Croix campus "End-of-Semester Boat Ride" held on April 23.



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for the Chancellor's Office. She has worked at UVI for 4 years.

Dr. Smith, the keynote speaker for the St. Croix campus ceremony, also recognized a dedicated employee whose service he compared to that of a five-star-hotel. Dr. Smith gave Fredericka Tonge a jar of honey, produced by bees that he raised, as a token for her dedication. An unsuspecting Tonge was surprised by the gesture. Tonge, a custodial worker, was also taken aback by the token.

The Employee of the Year awards are the highlights of the Annual Service Awards held on both campuses. The cer-

emonies were held on April 14 on the St. Thomas campus and April 18 on the St. Croix campus. At the ceremonies UVI employees are honored for their years of service in 5-year increments.

The full list of the Service Awards recipients is available in the latest links section on the UVI website www.uvi.edu.

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