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UVI Prepares to Install its 5th President

The University of the Virgin Islands is preparing for the Inauguration of UVI's fifth President, Dr. David Hall. The Inaugural Installation Ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 6, at the Reichhold Center for the Arts on UVI's St. Thomas campus. The ceremony is free and open to the public, but tickets are needed for entry. Tickets are available at the Reichhold Center Box Office and VI Bridal and Tuxedo Center on St. Thomas, and at the UVI Bookstore on St. Croix. The installation ceremony will be broadcast live at 6:30 p.m. on WTJX Public Television System.

Dr. Hall began his term of office as president of the University of the Virgin Islands on August 1, 2009. With



Dr. David Hall

a distinguished career as an educational administrator, Dr. Hall is also recognized as a preeminent scholar in the field of law.

Born in Savannah, Georgia, Dr. Hall holds a bachelor's degree from Kansas State University, a juris doctorate and a master's degree from the University of Oklahoma, and an LL.M. degree and doctorate of juridical science from Harvard

Law School.

In recognition of the Inauguration of Dr. Hall, a number of public and VIP events are scheduled. They include open houses, symposiums and receptions. For a complete list of inaugural events, visit the UVI website at www.uvi.edu.

Ag Fair Gets Better Every Year

Food, produce, plants and animals took center stage Feb. 13-15 at the 39th Annual V.I. Agriculture and Food Fair on St. Croix. This year's theme was "Healthy Food and a Safe Environment Make Sen\$e." Participants and visitors alike came as far as St. Kitts and Nevis to be part of the event.

The farmer's market was named the Aberra Bulbulla Farmer's Market in honor



Students from St. Croix's Central High School prepare a meal made with greens produced by UVI's AES garden as their instructor looks on, at the V.I. Agriculture and Food Fair.

of Bulbulla, who recently retired from UVI as a research analyst at the Agriculture Experiment Station. Bulbulla is also a farming enthusiast and has previously won the title of Crop Farmer of the Year.

A highlight of the fair is the Farmer of the Year presentations. Wendell Cox was named Livestock Farmer of the Year. Cox, who was bestowed with the honor for the first time, raises poultry on four and a half acres of land in Estate Lower Love. The title

of Crop Farmer of the Year went to Oswald Jackson. Jackson, who has won the title several times before, farms 70 acres of land in Estate Diamond.

The UVI tent was filled with displays from various UVI departments and services. "This was the best display that the UVI has ever had," said Extension Specialist Dara Cooper. She said the tent was well organized, easily accessible, visually appealing and everyone worked well together. Cooper said that she is looking forward to next year's 40th anniversary edition. "I could imagine that next year is going to be even better," she said.

Events Calendar

March 4	Spirituality Symposium	STT/STX
March 6	Presidential Inauguration	STT
March 7	Afternoon on the Green	STT
March 16	Charter Day Ceremonies	STT/STX
March 18	Heath Lecture Series	STT
March 26	Queen Mary 5K Walk/Run	STX
March 27	Spring Research Symposium	STX
March 28	Cultural Extravaganza	STX

Afternoon on the Green to Dish up International Flavor

Food and family fun come to the University of the Virgin Islands St. Thomas campus with the 21st annual Afternoon on the Green on Sunday, March 7, on the Herman E. Moore Golf Course. This year the University celebrates “An Inaugural Feast with an International Flair.” The event will open with a mini parade featuring UVI’s fifth president Dr. David Hall.

Food remains the focus of this free event. Afternoon on the Green Chairperson Jacqueline Sprauve said that visitors who are on-island for the inauguration, as well as long-time attendees should be thrilled by the gamut of Caribbean food. She also said to expect dishes based on cultures from around the world, such as Italian and Asian, in keeping with the theme of the event. Entertainment will also have an international flair, with performances by the blues and jazz Becca Darling Band, calypso by Spectrum Band and violinists from the VI Montessori School. There will also be performances by the Caribbean Ritual Dancers and the Mungo Niles Cultural Dancers.

This year features a “Grill Off” competition where community groups will fire up their grills to see who does the best chicken and ribs.

As in past years there will be a Children’s Corner, with activities such as face painting, coloring and inflatable bouncers.

The Afternoon on the Green committee has also instituted a UVI Student Volunteer of the Year Scholarship and a UVI Volunteer of the Year Scholarship. Winners will be announced at the March 7 event.

Sprauve encourages cooks to prepare dishes for the event and invites the entire community to attend. To contribute a dish or for more information call 693-1040.

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Alumni in the Making

President of Ottley Communications Corp. and radio personality Athniel “Addie” Ottley, center, and a group of fourth graders from the Leonard



Dober Elementary School applaud UVI President Dr. David Hall. Dr. Hall gave welcome remarks to the students who were visiting the UVI St. Thomas campus on Feb. 22. In addition to his welcome remarks, Dr. Hall fielded questions from the students. They inquired about why UVI was created, what his duties are as president, and why school teachers earn so little money. Fourth grader Kwanasia Charles said the President’s remarks were “good and informative.” “I learned that the University was founded in 1962 and on March 16 it will have its birthday,” Charles said. She hopes to become a CEO and plans to attend UVI. Dorian Hairston said he wants to become a senator, but is undecided about attending UVI. Dr. Hall told the students he was impressed with their attentiveness throughout his presentation and their questions. The group’s visit included a tour of the campus.

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