

University of the Virgin Islands



Fortieth Annual COMMENCEMENT

Sunday, the Twenty-third of May
Two Thousand and Four
Five-thirty in the Afternoon
The St. Croix Campus
Golden Grove, St. Croix
United States Virgin Islands

Dr. Len Ishmael

Director General, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States



Dr. Len Ishmael is the first female Director General of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States, the administrative body of the nine member states that make up the OECS region. Dr. Ishmael assumed leadership of the OECS in May 2003, punctuating a career marked by achievement and world travel.

As Director General of the OECS, Dr. Ishmael is responsible for the overall management of the technical and administrative functions of the OECS Secretariat, which has as its ultimate goal the attainment of an OECS Economic Union. Given the dynamics within the global environment and the challenges facing small island developing states such as the OECS countries, Dr. Ishmael is committed to lead the way to strategically re-position the OECS Secretariat to meet the complex challenges that lie ahead.

From August 1997 until May 2003, Dr. Ishmael was the director of the ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, a regional “think tank” that engages in research, strategic policy advice and governmental technical assistance to 23 countries in Central and South America and in the insular Caribbean.

Before joining ECLAC, Dr. Ishmael was the director of Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD) International, an international organization founded by the Rockefeller Foundation to pursue changes in worldwide development policies and attitudes in pursuit of sustainable development at the global level. As director her work took her to Africa, South and Central America, Mexico, the Soviet Union, China, Japan, Thailand and Africa.

Prior to this, Dr. Ishmael operated her own consultancy firm, providing services in her field of specialization to many governments and international organizations in the Caribbean and elsewhere.

Born in St. Lucia, Dr. Ishmael lived in Germany as a child and returned to St Lucia where she received her high school education.

She graduated with honors from the University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica in 1974 with a bachelor of arts degree in economics and geography, and went on to attend Columbia University in New York, where she received a master’s degree in urban planning in 1978. In May 1988 she was conferred a doctoral degree in developmental planning from the University of Pennsylvania – the first Caribbean national to obtain a doctorate in this field.

The mother of two teenage sons, Dr. Ishmael has worked and traveled extensively around the world, meeting interesting people along the way, an experience that has influenced her work in no small way. Her interesting career has not been without its own challenges, a fundamental one of which has been the need to balance responsibilities as a mother with that of the rigors of a professional career.

ST. CROIX CAMPUS

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PROGRAM

Marvin Williams, Assistant Professor of English, Editor of The Caribbean Writer
COMMENCEMENT MARSHAL

Gary Cox, Assistant Professor of Business Administration
COMMENCEMENT CO-MARSHAL

*PROCESSIONAL	<i>“Pomp and Circumstance”</i> (Elgar) Central High School Band
*INVOCATION	Pastor Anthony Benjamin Calvary Baptist Church
*NATIONAL ANTHEM	<i>“Star Spangled Banner”</i> (Key) Central High School Band
*VIRGIN ISLANDS MARCH	<i>“Virgin Islands March”</i> (Adams) Central High School Band
WELCOME	LaVerne E. Ragster, Ph.D., President
KEYNOTE ADDRESS	Len Ishmael, Ph.D. Director General Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States
ADDRESS	Jonell J. Johnson Class of 2004
REMARKS	Auguste E. Rimpel, Jr., Ph.D. Chairman, UVI Board of Trustees The Honorable David S. Jones President of the 25th Legislature of the Virgin Islands The Honorable Donna M. Christensen Virgin Islands Delegate to Congress The Honorable Charles W. Turnbull Governor, United States Virgin Islands
MUSICAL SELECTION	<i>“ILRé Pasture Overture”</i> (W. A. Mozart) Arranged by Albert Oliver Davis
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES	Gwen-Marie Moolenaar, Ph.D., Provost and Jennifer Jackson, Chancellor, St. Croix Campus
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	Master of Arts in Education • Master of Business Administration • Master of Public Administration Bachelor of Science • Bachelor of Arts • Associate in Applied Science Associate in Science • Associate in Arts
*ALMA MATER	<i>“Alma Mater by the Sea”</i> (LaMotta) Central High School Band
*BENEDICTION	Father Kenneth Gaddy, C.SsR. St. Patrick’s Catholic Church
*RECESSIONAL	<i>“Ceremonial Procession”</i> (Elgar) Central High School Band
<i>*Audience is requested to stand.</i>	

Alma Mater By the Sea

Words and Music by Wilbur "Bill" LaMotta

*Hail to thee, dear Alma Mater
Beside the blue Caribbean calm
Hail to thee, dear Alma Mater
'neath sunny skies and whisp'ring palm*

*Proud we are to tread thy ways
Loud and true we voice our praise
Open door thy every portal
'mid sand and sea and golden days*

*Long the ties that will endure
Strong in heart and memory
Faithfully we'll always honor
Our Alma Mater by the sea*

*Hail to thee, dear Alma Mater
For guiding stars so brightly shown
Hail to thee, dear Alma Mater
How wide the bound'ries we have flown*

*Sing we now of bright tomorrows
Yesterday we never knew
Walking down thy halls of wisdom
The towerin' heights are all in view*

*Here to us on islands famed
Dear to us thy name will be
University of the Virgin Islands
Our Alma Mater by the sea.*



Academic Regalia

The wearing of caps, gowns and hoods at graduation exercises is one of the oldest and most democratic of collegiate customs. It originated in the Middle Ages when the first universities were founded as clerical institutions. Besides distinguishing the wearers from laymen, the costume served a very practical purpose in the unheated churches and cloisters of the time. It often added grace to the individuals and impressiveness to the ceremonies in which they took part. Its chief virtue, however, was that it eliminated undemocratic differences in dress which might otherwise have marred an essentially democratic occasion.

Under the intercollegiate system adopted in 1893, the Oxford

cap or "mortarboard" is worn for all degrees, but the doctor is entitled to a gold tassel and optional velvet cap. The sleeve of the master's gown is distinguished from the bachelor's by a half-moon cut at the end. The doctor's gown has faced-down fronts, and round bell sleeves with bars of velvet. The master's degree hood is longer than the bachelor's and the doctor's is longer than the master's. All hoods are lined with silk showing the official colors of the institution that conferred the degree.

The bachelor's and master's degree candidates at the University of the Virgin Islands wear hoods lined with Caribbean blue and white, the school colors. The bachelor's degree hoods are trimmed with white velvet to signify liberal arts, and with golden yellow velvet to signify science. UVI master's candidate hoods are also trimmed with velvet — light blue for education, drab to represent business, and peacock blue to indicate public administration.

According to the Academic Costume Code, at most U.S. institutions the color of velvet trim indicates the following academic disciplines: agriculture/maize; economics/copper; engineering/orange; fine arts/brown; home economics/maroon; law/purple; library science/lemon; music/pink; nursing/apricot; philosophy/dark blue; physical education/sage green; public health/salmon pink; science/golden yellow; social science/cream; social work/citron; speech/silver gray.