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St. Croix Hiking Association Scholarships Awarded

St. Croix, U.S.V.I. - September 2, 2009 – The first annual St. Croix Hiking Association Scholarships were recently awarded at the UVI Campus in St. Croix. The recipients are two local St. Croix High School graduates entering UVI at the St. Croix campus this September.

Kara Spencer graduated from the St. Croix Seventh-Day Adventist School this past June and will be majoring in Chemistry at UVI. She attained a perfect 4.0 GPA in her four year High School career. Her essay focused on how she would use her knowledge of science to heighten awareness of our natural resources among the children of St. Croix. Her initiatives include: create a swimming program to foster healthy lifestyles and promote positive outdoor activities; establish an experimental aquarium and fish nursery to feed local fisheries; and develop energy conservation programs in the local schools.

Tenesha Wallace is a June graduate from the St. Croix Educational Complex High School. After her successful High School career, Tenesha will study Radiology at the UVI St. Croix campus. She knew that she wanted a career in medicine because she felt that would be the best way to give back to her community. After exploring various choices in the medical professions, she decided that focusing on diagnostics would make the biggest difference for the people of St. Croix. Early detection offers the best chance to defeat so many diseases.

To apply for the scholarship, each applicant had to submit a 500 word essay and a high school transcript and plan to major in a Science. The scholarships are available only to St. Croix residents. All applicants, win or lose, get one free hike with the St. Croix Hiking Association. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded annually to incoming college freshmen.

Applications can be found online at www.stcroixhiking.org and should be submitted next May or June for this year's graduating Seniors.

The St. Croix Hiking Association is a non profit organization dedicated to educating the local community and visitors about the Territory's areas of natural, cultural, and historical significance.

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