

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**St. Croix Hiking Association Scholarships Awarded**

*St. Croix, U.S.V.I. - September 1, 2010* – The second 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.

Lynisha Farrell graduated from the St. Croix Central High School this past June and will be majoring in Biology at UVI. She attained a 3.6 GPA in her four year High School career while challenging herself with many Honors and Advanced Placement courses. Her essay focused on how she wants to use her attraction to the sciences to pursue a career in the medical field. Lynisha's desire to help others has not wavered, even after witnessing several surgeries at the Juan Luis Hospital Operating Room.

Antonio Forbes is a June graduate from the St. Croix Educational Complex High School. Antonio also achieved a 3.6 GPA with a challenging course schedule and is majoring in Biology at UVI. His essay addressed the environmental damage that is taking place on Planet Earth, specifically that due to global warming. He proposes reducing carbon dioxide emissions through a variety of sensible behavior modifications centered on improving efficiency and reducing waste. He also suggests increasing plant life on Earth, both on land and phytoplankton in the oceans to absorb more carbon dioxide.

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](http://www.stcroixhiking.org) and should be submitted next May or June for that 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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