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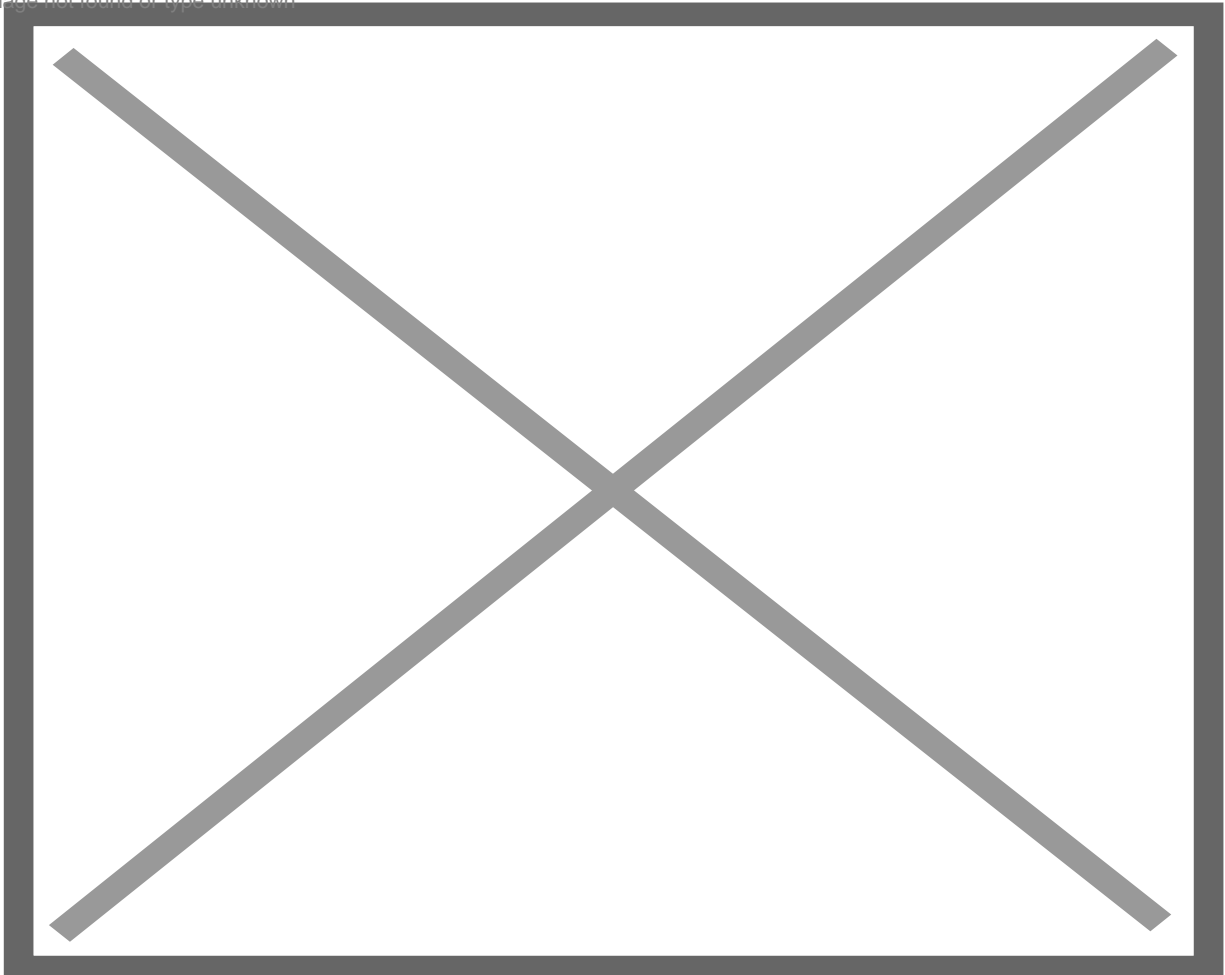
Four Students to Compete for Mister and Miss UVI Titles on Saturday

Kavone Wyatt, Micah Crawford, Micah McCants, and Ja'Herah Chelcher will take the stage Saturday evening on UVI's St. Thomas campus for the 2026–2027 Ambassadorship Competition, where contestants will be judged on leadership, talent, culture and intellect.

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From left to right: Micah McCants, Ja'Herah Chelcher, Micah Crawford, and Kavone Wyatt. By. UVI.

The University of the Virgin Islands will showcase four student leaders on Saturday as Kavone Wyatt, Micah Crawford, Micah McCants, and Ja'Herah Chelcher compete in the 2026–2027 Mister and Miss UVI Ambassadorship Competition, an annual event centered on leadership,

cultural pride, and academic excellence.

The competition is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2026, at 6 p.m. at the Elridge W. Blake Sports and Fitness Center on the Orville E. Kean Campus on St. Thomas. Hosted by the Student Government Association Ambassadorship Committee, this year's event will be held under the theme, "Crowned by Culture, Empowered for the World."

Contestants will compete for the titles of Mister and Miss UVI, serving as ambassadors of the university. Three contestants — Kavone Wyatt, Micah Crawford, and Micah McCants — will compete for the title of Mister UVI, while Ja'Herah Chelcher is the sole contestant vying for the title of Miss UVI.

Among the Mister UVI contenders is Kavone Wyatt, Contender #1, an Applied Mathematics and Civil Engineering student whose platform, "UVI Excellence, Beyond Boundaries," emphasizes student achievement and global impact.

Micah Crawford, Contender #2, is a sophomore Social Sciences major focused on "Culture Restoration Through Education," with aspirations in public service.

Micah McCants, Contender #3, is a junior Music Education major whose platform, "Amplifying Young Black Voices Through Music," centers on using music as a tool to uplift identity, build confidence, and create visibility for young Black creatives at UVI through performance, mentorship, and artistic collaboration.

Vying for the title of Miss UVI, uncontested, is Ja'Herah Chelcher, a Biology major whose platform, "A Crown Creates: Where Creativity Becomes Community," promotes innovation and community engagement.

Throughout the competition, contestants will be evaluated in multiple categories, including presentation, talent, cultural expression, intellect, and ambassadorial presence. The selected Mister and Miss UVI will represent the university at official functions, community engagements, and regional events throughout their reign.

"This competition reflects the very best of UVI—our students' intellect, creativity, leadership, and deep connection to Caribbean culture," said Jelani Smalls, Director of Student Life and Engagement. "Our ambassadors play a vital role in representing the University locally and globally."

Tickets are available in advance for \$10 for students and \$15 for faculty and staff with valid identification. General admission tickets are \$20. Tickets may be purchased at the UVI Bookstore, the Student Activities Office, or at the door.

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The event is open to the university community and the public. Attendees can expect an evening of dynamic performances, inspiring platforms, and a celebration of Virgin Islands culture and excellence.