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At U.V.I.'s 100 Man March, A Passion To Rise Above And Lead

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ST. CROIX -- As part of the University of the Virgin Islands first annual 100 Man March event, held specifically in celebration of Black History Month, organizers sought to accomplish a simple goal: salute the legacy of African Americans, and challenge young black men to take, "The Road Less Traveled", which was the occasion's theme.

The men marched from the U.V.I. Kiosk to EVC 401, a small theater where talks and other programs are held. Once there, U.V.I. President Dr. David Hall was honored, and remarks were given by Dr. Hall and Senate President Neville James.

But the event came into focus when three college students and an alumni, who is currently employed by the institution, took to the podium and dug deep into their pasts to give perspective on the bright futures that lie ahead as a way of helping struggling youth in the territory overcome setbacks and adverse situations. See the videos below.

Marthious Clavier, an extension specialist at U.V.I., gave a glimpse of his past and how his life was transformed by a higher power. He also encouraged the audience to share love and speak positivity into the lives of the ones they encounter.

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Cheddie Rogers, Jr., a U.V.I. student, spoke about his chilling past which he credits for putting him on the right path. Mr. Rogers said that it is okay to make mistakes "sometimes," and encouraged young men to take responsibility for their lives and to positively contribute to society.

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Amali Krigger, student at U.V.I., motivated the attentive audience with inspiring words of faith and taking responsibility.

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And Michael Pemberton, another U.V.I. student, had a straightforward message: less talk, more action. He also spoke of his challenges and how he rose above them all to form a successful company.