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Stephen Moore, U.V.I. Dean of Students, Selected To Receive National A.A.K.C. Award

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ST. CROIX -- Stephan Moore, dean of students on the Albert A. Sheen Campus on St. Croix and acting vice provost of access and enrollment services, was nominated for and selected to receive this year's African American Knowledge Community (A.A.K.C.) Sankofa Award from the National Association for Student Affairs Administrators (N.A.S.P.A), according to a U.V.I. press release. Presented to a senior student affairs officer that has provided leadership and guidance to African Americans in higher education, this award acknowledges Mr. Moore's commitment to black professionals in the field of student affairs, according to the release.

“This award means a lot to me,” Mr. Moore said. “It means that as a student affairs professional and also as a person of color, I have provided leadership, guidance, support and direction to others in the profession or those seeking to enter the profession. I have always aspired to help others, and it is a privilege to serve as an advocate for those within the field, especially my fellow student affairs practitioners of color.”

Mr. Moore looks forward to representing the University of the Virgin Islands at the N.A.S.P.A. conference in Indianapolis this March. He will be presented with the Sankofa – this Historically Black College and best in terms of our academics, staff,



U.V.I. Dean of Students Stephan Moore.

The A.A.K.C. is a constituent group of N.A.S.P.A., which increases members' awareness of, knowledge about, and appreciation for issues unique to African American professionals working in higher education and student affairs. It also seeks to educate N.A.S.P.A. members on trends and issues related to African-American professionals and students by sharing information on research, campus issues, and mentoring.

“Stephan Moore is very deserving of this honor based on his leadership and guidance to African Americans in higher education,” said Dr. Dhanfu E. Elston, A.A.K.C. Co-Chairperson. “Multiple higher education colleagues nominated Stephan for this award for his work that demonstrates Sankofa, which means ‘teaching us that we must go back to our roots in order to move forward.’”

One such colleague is Dr. Camille McKayle, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

“Mr. Moore has injected a new energy into student affairs on the Albert A. Sheen Campus, and works with his team to ensure that our UVI students enjoy quality

programming,” said Dr. McKayle. “Mr. Moore’s leadership is evident each year, especially during key periods, such as orientation. Along with his team, he ensures that our new students are introduced to the campus and to college life in an exciting and welcoming way.”

The other academic affairs professionals that nominated Mr. Moore for the prestigious Sankofa award are Dr. Darrell C. Ray, assistant vice chancellor at Louisiana State University, Gary Santos Mendoza, coordinator of campus life at Florida Atlantic University, and Dr. Nicole Gibbs, director of admission at North Carolina Central University.

In addition to providing high quality leadership to students on the Albert A. Sheen Campus, as well as to fellow NASPA members, Mr. Moore is a firm believer in community building through engagement and empowerment, according to the release. He knows the value of a great mentor, having been afforded the opportunity to work with several mentors who influenced and enhanced his own journey.

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