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U.V.I. Designated American Heart Association Learning Center

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ST. THOMAS -- The University of the Virgin Islands has been designated as an authorized training center by the American Heart Association (A.H.A.), the nation's oldest and largest voluntary organization dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke. Through the UVICELL Center, the university will provide emergency life support courses to meet the needs of healthcare providers and the general public, according to a release U.V.I. issued on Friday.

The UVICELL Center will support the mission of A.H.A.'s Cardiovascular Care Program to build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke in every community. As part of the partnership, UVICELL will serve as an authorized provider of lifesaving skills

courses to include Basic Life Support courses in Adult Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Automated External Defibrillators, and Infant C.P.R. Programs will be delivered according to AHA guidelines for initial and recertification emergency training.

“We’re delighted to be able to offer these lifesaving courses to individuals, educators and healthcare providers across the territory,” said Ilene Garner, Director of the UVICELL Center. “With the development of the UVI medical school on the horizon, the University will be poised to administer these courses to support this initiative,” continued Garner.

For more information on the AHA Training Center, call the UVICELL Center at (340) 693-1100.

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