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Junior Achievement V.I. Teams Up With Delta Airlines And Port Authority For Career Exploration

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ST. THOMAS -- High school students from both islands participated in a "Job Shadow" experience on Thursday at the Cyril E. King airport, an event initiated by Delta Airlines' Station Manager, Debra Ceronsky, by reaching out to [Junior Achievement V.I.](#), according to a press release issued on Monday.

Rather than limit the program to just the airline, the team agreed to bring on the VI Port Authority as a partner and expose the students to the entire aviation sector, according to the release.

The day began early as students flew over from St. Croix's Vocational and Technical School at the complex. Students from Charlotte Amalie High School joined them at the airport bringing the total to twenty-five. The tour covered most of the sectors and operations associated with an airport. They were introduced to customs officers, TSA agents and administrative personnel while they moved through the facility. They also got a chance to speak to a myriad of professionals, who explained their duties and how they arrived in the specific positions. Students asked questions about educational requirements and salaries for the various occupations.

They proceeded on to the tarmac of the airport, where they observed a plane landing and prepared for departure. As the St. Croix Aviation Club took part in the day, they were very excited about sitting in the cockpit of the Delta jet and speaking with the pilot about his occupation. They also toured the exterior of the plane and received instruction on the mechanics of the engine, landing gear and the communications system.

The Port Authority provided lunch and invited various employees to speak about their jobs at the airport. The students were most enthralled by the marine pilot, who introduced them to yet another facet of the port and marine facilities. Other participating occupations included the fire chief, airport manager, a police officer and a civil engineer who had recently graduated from college.

The tour then moved to the FAA Tower, where students received a presentation from an official overseas tower operations. They were able to see the air traffic controllers land planes and communicate with pilots. The day closed with a tour of the Airport Fire Department, where the students were able to get a ride on the fire trucks and witness the power of the hoses.

"It was a fantastic day and I think students really were shocked at the myriad of occupations involved with keeping an airport operating," said Albert Bryan Jr., executive director of Junior Achievement remarked. "It is our goal to do these kinds of job shadow days with other industries to help our VI students make decisions about their careers and prepare them selves educationally to be successful in them. Heartfelt appreciation to Debra Ceronsky of Delta Airlines, her team and the VI Port Authority, who made this possible."

About Junior Achievement of the Virgin Islands *Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to empowering students to own their economic success by giving them the knowledge, skills, and confidence necessary to dream big and reach their full potential. Through a dedicated volunteer network, Junior Achievement provides in-school and after-school programs for students which focus on three key content areas: work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy. Locally, over 1,500 volunteers reach 18,000 students with quality education programs. In addition, 118 individual area operations reach more than four million students in the United States.*