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Hector Acosta, Jr Is St. Croix Chamber of Commerce's 2016 High School Senior Scholarship Winner

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ST. CROIX -- After a highly competitive application process, the St. Croix Chamber of Commerce recently announced the 2016 winner of its Annual Scholarship for High School Seniors as Hector Efrain Acosta, Jr., above, a 2016 graduate of St. Croix Central High and the son of Hector Acosta, Sr. and Amanda Jackson-Acosta, according to a press release the Chamber issued Thursday.

Mr. Acosta, Jr. was presented with the award at an event held at the Cast Iron Pot Restaurant on June 27. The scholarship is for \$4,000 payable \$1,000 annually over four years as long as the recipient maintains a minimum GPA of 3.0. Mr. Acosta, Jr. has been accepted at Morehouse College in Atlanta and plans to pursue a degree in Business

Management with a minor in Communications, according to the release.

During the scholarship qualifying interview, he revealed to the panelists that after overcoming many obstacles during his formative years -- including being the victim of bullying -- he learned resilience and adopted as his personal motto, "Self-Motivation is the best Determination". Mr. Acosta expressed that his goal is to return to St. Croix to start a media company after completing his studies.

The St. Croix Chamber is currently soliciting applications for its scholarship to be awarded to a final year college student. The scholarship is to be in the amount of \$1,000. Interested candidates may obtain the application from the Chamber's website at www.stxchamber.org or call (340) 718-1435. The deadline is August 1, 2016.

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