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CFVI And United Jazz Foundation To Present Local Students With The Jaci And Jerry Silverberg Trumpet Awards

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The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) and United Jazz Foundation (UJF) will present the Jaci and Jerry Silverberg Trumpet Awards to Keshawn Hardy, above right, and Daniel Newton, above left, at the Old Stone Farmhouse on Friday night, according to CFVI. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. as part of UJF's free community concert series.

According to the CFVI release, Mr. Hardy is a rising senior at the St. Croix Educational Complex High school and a member of the VI Youth Ensemble. In 2016, he was the first

student to receive the Silverberg Trumpet Award and scholarship to attend the Summer Music Program at the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI). Mr. Hardy is known as the best trumpet student in the youth program and will be attending the Summer Band Program at UVI and the Snow Pond Performing Arts Center Music Camp in Sidney, Maine this summer, according to the release.

Mr. Newton is a ninth-grader at the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School and first-year student of the VI Youth Ensemble. He will receive the Jaci Silverberg Trumpet Award and be recognized for his hard work and dedication. Mr. Newton is said to be one of the most promising trumpet students in the Virgin Islands and will be attending the Summer Band Camp at UVI.

The Jaci and Jerry Silverberg Trumpet Awards provide unique opportunities that will allow both Hardy and Newton to pursue their passions as musicians, and to honor Jerry's dedication to music over the past 80 years. Jerry Silverberg, who passed away in 2016, was a successful attorney, philanthropist and long-term resident of the Virgin Islands. He began playing the trumpet at a young age and continued playing throughout high school and college. Jerry's wife Jacqueline (Jaci) established the Silverberg Trumpet Award in 2016 to honor Jerry. Through Jaci's continuing generosity, the Silverberg Award has now been expanded to include two students.