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250 St. Croix Students Recognized By Dept. Of Education At 'Shining Stars' Celebration

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The Department of Education's Office of the Insular Superintendent on St. Croix Sunday recognized 250 students at its Shining Stars Celebration, which was held at the Alfredo Andrews Elementary School.

The ceremony recognized students in public elementary, junior high and senior high schools who scored the highest or made a significant improvement on the 2018 Fall Smarter Balanced Assessment, D.O.E. said.

Acting Insular Superintendent Carlos McGregor expressed how the beneficial the assessment is to schools.

"The more shining stars (students) we see at these celebrations, the more resources from our federal government we'll receive for our schools; from computers, to Promethean boards to laptops and professional development trainings," he said.

Mr. McGregor took time to acknowledge Board of Education member Winona Hendricks who was present and Senator Alicia Barnes who shared some supporting words, D.O.E. said.

"I would like to commend the Department of Education, the administrators, teachers, faculty and staff for all that you do to empower, and educate the best and most important resource in the Virgin Islands; our students." She continued, "It is very important that we stress the academic excellence in our students," said Senator Alicia Barnes, who attended not only as a senator to show support, but also as a parent, as her daughter, Nia Sylvester, exceeded state achievement standards on the assessment.

St. Croix District Director of Data and Assessments, Dr. Saul Santiago,. expressed his satisfaction with the students' performance and gave some background on how the Smarter Balanced Assessment is configured.

"As the District Director of Data and Assessments, I couldn't be more proud of these students and their achievements," he said.

Mr. Santiago added, "The two highest levels on the assessment are proficient and advanced. Proficient students meet the achievement standards for their grade level. But the students being recognized here today went beyond their grade level. They were advanced in Math or the English/Language Arts."

The same Smarter Balanced Assessment students took are administered to all schools across the nation.

"Out of the 2,300 students who took the exams last fall in St. Croix, this group represents the top 10 percent in our district," Mr. Santiago went on. He also acknowledged and commended the students who may not have scored advanced but has shown significant growth.

"We're also honoring students who are not necessarily advanced but have made significant progress on the Smarter Balanced Assessment. These students and their teachers have shown how hard work and perseverance can translate into remarkable results in academics," he said.

The ceremony continued with the recognition of students. Schools were called up individually, and students received a certificate, a medal, and a pin. Light refreshments were available for students and families following the ceremony.

Acting Deputy Superintendent Dr. Carla Bastian closed out the event expressing her gratitude to all stakeholders on behalf of the District.

"Students, I expect you to continue to do your best. Parents, I want to say thank you for continuing to push our children. You play an important part in what we recognized here today. To our teachers, our administrators, and our school staff, we also say thank you for your daily contributions to our students' success," Ms. Bastian said.

ST. CROIX DISTRICT SHINING STARS

Alexander Henderson Elementary School

Ty'Shaune Brown

Iyana Gittens

Ra'Shaad Milligan

Kymira Baptiste

Elijah Josphe

Daejon Liburd

Adaina Smith

Jahyra Porfil

D'Neisjah Clouden

Serbina Tisson

Tiejah Roberts

Sa'Niyah Feliciano

Levendra Rattiram

Gabriel Donelly

Donnie Heywood

Claude O. Markoe Elementary School

A'Nyra Richards

Alexander Polydore

Ah'Kielah Nielson

E'leeya Richard

Jabez simon

Jayla John

Genesis Nesbeth

Anaika Santos

Janisa Boulogne

Shaquanna Russell

Alfredo Andrews Elementary School

Ahniyah Malaiyah Mason

Carl Justine Consulta

Mia Wells

OO'Mayah Lang

Leilani Henrys

Sherina Turney

Shaheem Rahahleh

Harry Crispin

Makeyah Jacobs

Malique Taylor

Sha'Dalia Stridiron

Jarimar Cintron

Eulalie R. Rivera Elementary School

Soriyah Evans

Jahnilah Swanston

Naomi Lloyd

Leilani Santiago

Amaryse Rivera

Khaleel Williams

Lalique Brathwaite

Sole Rogers

Re'yonce Roach

Yanisha Wilfred

Ajhiba Williams

Travon St. Ville

Juanita Gardine Elementary School

Jahnyah Greenidge

Laila Paula Joseph

Jade Douglas

Israel Brown

Angelina Guadelupe

Valyncia Thomas

Malchiel Proctor

Rhudel Lawrence

Lew Muckle Elementary School

D'Lejah Charles

A'nyah Carino

Pristine Tutein

Aure' Baptiste

Sarah Raglin

Amiyah Henderson

Jahnya Allahar

Anthony Fede-Hernanadez

Henry Medina Moreno

Arthur A. Richards Jr. High School

Addis Tzaddi

Ariel Heyliger

Azhanae Messer

Illiana Perez

Tyresha Stapleton

Na'Kia Armstrong

Alexander Avila- Guadelupe

Elijah Romain

Shem Thomas

Nely Reynoso

Jahshawn James

Tenequa Ayala

Ricardo Richards Elementary School

Aya Mahmoud

Demarqi Christopher

Kalyn Blackwood

Keemar Croskey

Denelle Moise

Lauren Jones

Ace Poyah

Angel Legrand

Kyvon Parris

Aundre Dolcar

Daryl Griffith

Dakari Smith

Terrance Bryson

Anaya Hector

A'Nyra Lang

Alana Francis

Christina O'Shaughnessy

Nishanna Parson

Nirisi Griffith

Masai Matthias Miller

Ani Velez

Jnai Valmont

Allysa Brady

Kristion Ferris

Orlando Gerard

Leila Idheileh

Terrilyn Mitchell

Kaylona Larocque

Kayla Matthew

Sativa Paul

Tiera J'Nai Polanco

Jah-Leen Shervington

Pearl B. Larsen Elementary School

Eugene Ventura

Divyne Frazer

Haley Olson

Frambelys Luna Polanco

Kayden Hay

J'Nairah Bryan

Sophia Ziegler

Norma Tyson

K'Layah Parris

Vigga Tyson

Isolde Diaz Belle

Austin Tutein

Amalie-Laeah Figureoa

Suri Williams

Jeniya Weste

Amaya Hamilton

Daniela De La Rosa Castro

Lily Skov

Jadah Kodran

John Gilbert

De'Jah Maynard

Kristhailis Dominguez Valera

Cheniel Silva Quinones

Jequan Weste

Tony Rios

John H. Woodson Jr. High School

Reneecia Bertrand

Arielle Orendain

Yadiel Parilla

Victor Perez

Jai'Lynn Santiago

Kristle Casey

Marcus Simmiokjier

Joscelin Torres

Janise Diaz

Deondre Christopher

Brianna Lopez

Rehanna Griffiths

Jahzara Lafond

Jahnaiy Rodriguez

Qui'Nyah Navarro

Jayden Ferdinand

Elisha Rogers

K'Yara Simon

Chenille Bolivar

Keijhenae Peterson

Leanne Valery

Marcus Miller

Carmindy Nicole Pickering

T'Naejah Aniyah Williams

Una Alexander

Eugene Stevenson

Ashlyn Morrell

Lamar Sealey

Dale Matthew

Malcom Lopez

David Ponce

Horato Matthew

Carlos Morales

Daniela Ventura

Darran Aubert

Nelson Velazquez

Zaryah Jonas

Carlos Crispin

Ana Boulonge

Elena Christian Jr. High School

Roshaad Titus

Tyreak Creighton

Alexia Sargeant

Kemari Hay

Lyisla Woods

Jaelyn Bailey

Hadeyah Donaie

Naveah Crump

Jose Torres

Gabriella Alexander

Gavin Douglas

Erin Flynn

Ke'Vounte Hughes

Le'shay O'Garro

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Kevin Williams

DaReone Christopher

Djamel Boucenna

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Jhylie Roebuck

Amari DeSouza

Malik Bailey

Jamoy Hardy

Sanay Hewitt

Angel La Force

Nisieni Griffith

Leishla Rodriguez

Camille Consulta
Sulaiman Donaie
Janay Ventura
Glerysbeth Rivera
Rahkiyah Felix
Julory Deterville
Kelvin Brodhurst
Shazim Brandy
Matthias Sinanan
Juan Batista
Kimara Cooper
Taajwar Samuel
Kobe Knight
Dianna Athurton
Xavier Hinkson
Reneice Llanos
Dayaneira Sigobin
Ron Duncan
Nathan Thomas
Omar De Haza
Melissa Ferraras
Julian Aponte
Sharika Milligan
Licelot Rodriguez
Kareem Sealey
Kyle Phil Lewis
Jah'Keyla Francis

Nia Sylvester

St. Croix Central High School

Nicholas Smith

Indeyah Todman

Jayme Colbert-Williams

Amira Claxton

Romeka Bergan

Letisha Ayala

Laurie Cedeno

Odaysha Abraham

Briannen Howell

De'Shanna Richardson

Guillermo Morel

Kayla Browne

Jashira Torres

Amayah Schoonmaker

Alex Valmont

Toquan Francis

Nyana Francois

Ishmael Webster

Akellia Tisson