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Reminder: UVI's 2020 Commencement Happens Friday; Students Have Earned More Than 370 Degrees

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The University of the Virgin Islands will commemorate more than 370 degrees earned by graduates in the Class of 2020 on Friday, the institution has announced. A virtual or online ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. for graduates from the Albert A. Sheen Campus on St. Croix and the St. Thomas Campus. Multiple social media sites will carry the event to include, UVI's official YouTube, Facebook and Twitter pages. Links to these sites will be found on www.uvi.edu. The Consortium will carry the event live as well on Facebook and our website.

[\[2020 Commencement Statistic\]](#)

“This year’s commencement ceremony for the University of the Virgin Islands is the most unique, gratifying and innovative experience of any the University has convened in its history,” said UVI

President David Hall. “The 2020 graduates were not able to experience the normal pomp and circumstance, family presence and cheering as graduates in the past. Yet, they are as excited and committed to this virtual ceremony as the ones we had face to face.”

“These graduates have faced and overcome challenges that no other group of students have faced, including hurricanes and a pandemic, and they stand victorious,” said Mr. Hall. “Speakers and honorary degree recipients are all in different locations, yet we all will be embraced by a common spirit of gratitude and celebration.”

Distinguished UVI Alumnus Hannibal “Mike” Ware will give the keynote address, UVI said. The university will bestow upon him the honorary degree – Doctor of Humane Letters. Ware holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting from UVI.

“Mr. Ware is one of our most distinguished alumni,” said Mr. Hall. “He studied and journeyed along the same path as these graduates and his UVI degree propelled him to the heights of professional success.”

Keeper of the Culture, Community Voice, and Intellectual Leader Dr. Eugene “Doc” Petersen will also be presented with the honorary degree – Doctor of Humane Letters at this year’s ceremony.

“These two men represent the intellectual and cultural fruits that the soil of the Virgin Islands has produced,” said Mr. Hall.

Asel H. Mustafa will be the Class of 2020 speaker from the St. Thomas Campus. Mustafa is a double major graduating magna cum laude with Bachelor of Science degrees in Chemistry and Biology. Dr. Allison L. DeGazon is the Class of 2020 speaker selected from the Sheen Campus with her doctorate degree in Creative Leadership for Innovation and Change.