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St. Thomas-St. John Students Recognized for Participation in Alpine Securities SAT Prep Program

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Students asking questions of Brian Stewart, author of several ACT, SAT and PSAT books via Skype By. Alpine USVI

More than 60 high school students were recently celebrated at the closing ceremony for Alpine Securities USVI SAT Prep and 1000 Words Challenge at Charlotte Amalie High School.

The free SAT program, which officially launched at the beginning of the 2019-20 school year, ended with a panel discussion by three college students and a recruiter from the University of the Virgin Islands, and a Skype presentation by a nationally recognized test preparation expert.

“I applaud you for coming today and showing up,” said Jason Charles, alumni of CAHS and Chief of External Affairs at Alpine Securities USVI, organizers of the initiative. “You are the future of

our Territory, and we want to equip you with the tools to succeed in college and life so you can become world leaders.”

Top students in the SAT Prep program were rewarded cash prizes and TI-84 graphing calculators went to the most active participants.

Winning TI-84s were: Kaylin Wallen, Jahnequa Venzen, La'Monee' Morris, Destini Whitley, MiKaylah Thomas, and Je'Mia Ortiz.

The top students in the 1000 Words Challenge took home \$100 cash prizes. They were: Kaylin Wallen, Mila Carty, and Kyra Lin.

The best overall student who won an extra \$100 cash prize was Kaylin Wallen (a junior at Ivanna Eudora Kean High School) who not only attended all four sessions and logged in the most number of study hours on Khan Academy, but also traveled farthest, from St. John to St. Thomas.

The panel discussion with the three students and the recruiter from the University of the Virgin Islands was led by Mr. Charles.

They shared tips and experiences in preparing for college and succeeding as a college student. The panelists included: Ishara Jendayi (Early Admissions Freshman, Major: Early Childhood Education, CAHS); Carissa Moses (sophomore, Major: Biology, CAHS 2018); Jordina Pierre (sophomore, Major: Physics, CAHS 2019); and Tiyan Walters (UVI Recruiter).

Closing ceremonies included an hour-long Skype presentation by Brian Stewart, founder of BWS Education Consulting and author of several ACT, SAT, and PSAT books published by Barron's Educational Series. His books have sold hundreds of thousands of copies worldwide.

In attendance to encourage the students were: Stefan Jurgen, Superintendent of Education; Desha Powell, Deputy Superintendent of Education; April Petrus, Principal of Charlotte Amalie High School; and Sally Petty, Principal of Ivanna Eudora Kean High School.

Alpine's SAT Prep & 1000 Words Challenge was launched by Alpine Securities USVI, to help Virgin Island's high school students boost the scores of their SAT and increase the overall average mean to exceed the U.S. average mean SAT score of 1060.