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Over 300 Degrees Earned by 2021 Graduates Will be Conferred at UVI Friday

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The University of the Virgin Islands on Friday will confer over 300 degrees earned by graduates in the Class of 2021. An online ceremony will be held at 1:00 p.m. for graduates from the Albert A. Sheen Campus on St. Croix, the Orville E. Kean Campus on St. Thomas and the UVI extension campus, the University of St. Martin on St. Martin. Multiple social media sites will carry the event to include, UVI's official YouTube channel, Facebook and Twitter pages, the university said.

Links to these sites can be found on www.uvi.edu. "We are especially proud of our graduates as we celebrate their collective success and launch them into the world to make it better through the use of their skills, talents and expertise," said UVI President Dr. David Hall. "While the current circumstances would not permit us to be together, the University is committed to providing an equally gratifying celebration to commemorate our students' excellence."

Renowned Reverend Dr. Raphael G. Warnock, U.S. senator, will give the keynote address. The University will bestow upon him the honorary degree –?Doctor of Humane Letters.

“We are honored and overjoyed that Senator Warnock will serve as our keynote speaker for the 2021 Commencement,” said Dr. Hall. “All eyes in America were on him in January as he sought to become the first African American Senator from the State of Georgia. The control of the US Senate was in part determined by his historic election. Yet many have had their eyes on Reverend Dr. Warnock for years as he preserved and continued the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King by being a dynamic and socially active pastor for 15 years of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta Georgia. He is a visionary, passionate and insightful orator, and someone I am proud to call my friend.”

According to UVI, esteemed jurist, outstanding public servant, and consummate humanitarian, the Honorable Wilma A. Lewis, chief judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands will be presented with the honorary degree –Doctor of Laws. Exemplar of leadership, meticulous guide, and quiet force of excellence, Alexander A. Moorhead, Jr., UVI Board Chair Emeritus, will be honored with a Doctor of Humane Letters degree at this year’s ceremony.

Xuxa Garroden has been selected to be the Class of 2021 speaker from the Kean Campus. Garroden is graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry. Kelvina Salters, the Class of 2021 speaker selected from the Sheen Campus, is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Science and a minor in political science.

Watch the commencement ceremony?live through links found on our commencement page - <https://www.uvi.edu/virtualcommencement/>.