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'University Bound' Program at UVI Honors 9 High School Seniors During 31st Annual Youth Role Model Awards

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Upper left to right: Anjahlique Bowry, Tashani Williams, Jamyka Smith, and Aishwarya Nagpal. From lower left: Tyfarri Lee, Jeb Dieudonne, Gabrielle Boodram, and D'kai Blake. By. THE UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.

The University Bound program at the University of the Virgin Islands recently recognized the outstanding achievements of nine high school seniors at its 31st Annual Youth Role Model Awards Luncheon, UVI made known via release Tuesday.

The Awards Luncheon was held at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 5 at Columban Hall in Anna's Retreat, St. Thomas.

This year's honorees were:

- Anjahlique Bowry – All Saints Cathedral School
- Aishwarya Nagpal – Antilles School
- Jeb Dieudonne – Charlotte Amalie High School
- Tashani Williams – Giff Hill School
- Vidhika Khemani – VI Montessori and Peter Gruber International Academy
- Gabrielle Sangeeta Boodram – Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School
- D'Kai Abijah Blake – STT/STJ 7th Day Adventist School
- Jamyka Smith – University Bound Program
- Tyfarri Lee – Ivanna Eudora Kean High School
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“The University Bound Parents Association has hosted the event for the past thirty years but were forced to take a two-year hiatus as a result of the pandemic,” said University Bound Director, Rosalia Rhymer-Rohan. “We’re delighted that we were able to resume this event to honor these outstanding and well-deserving students,” continued Mrs. Rohan.

According to UVI, the Youth Role Model Awards Luncheon is a community outreach activity designed to pay tribute to high school seniors who have demonstrated a commitment to education and have distinguished themselves as individuals worthy of the respect and admiration of their peers.

Each high school in the St. Thomas/St. John District and the University Bound Program selected a student who demonstrates the qualities to receive this distinguished honor. Proceeds, made possible by generous donors, go to provide scholarships and laptops for each honoree and the graduating seniors of the University Bound Program.

The University Bound Program at the University of the Virgin Islands is described as a highly successful college preparatory program for high school students. It is designed to generate the skills and motivation needed for academic success in high school and post-secondary education. The program extends its services to high school students from families meeting low-income criteria and/or potential first-generation college students. It seeks to assist students with academic potential, but who may not have the preparation, motivation, or opportunity to realize their academic goals. Each year, more than ninety percent of University Bound participants enroll in post-secondary institutions.