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UVI Journalism Students Gain Knowledge and Networking Opportunities at NABJ Conference

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Four young journalists from the University of the Virgin Islands honed their skills and made valuable networking connections at the Region 3 Conference of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) in Jackson, MS last month.

According to a statement by the UVIABJ, the local chapter voted to send their president Michael Bell, vice president Kyra Edwards, Tawfiq Muhsen and Ariel Paul to Missouri. They represented the university at a convention of 13 chapters of the national organization, attending workshops, seminars and lectures, according to a press statement from the local chapter. These training sessions were led by some of the more than 125 working journalists and media industry professionals across print, radio and

television.

In addition to the invaluable knowledge they gained, Mr. Bell and Ms. Paul also walked away with scholarships of \$1500 each. Ms. Edwards spoke highly of her experience at the conference. "I got to speak with top journalists and network with TV station professionals. It was amazing to learn about the job opportunities they had available," she said, also expressing gratitude for being able to mingle and network with her peers.

UVIABJ faculty advisor Dr. Sharon Albert-Honore said that the conference opened up new vistas for the student participants. "The trip...offered out students opportunities that extend beyond the classroom," Dr. Albert-Honore says.