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Wyndham Margaritaville Grants UVI Scholarships



[1]Two students at the University of the Virgin Islands are closer to their dream careers in tourism and hospitality thanks to scholarships from the Wyndham Vacation Ownership Club. Wyndham, which recently opened its newest resort, Margaritaville, on the east end of St. Thomas, has donated two \$10,000 scholarships to two UVI students this fall. Kishnell George and Tyler Hendrickson both are majoring in Hospitality and Tourism Management at UVI.

“These students have shown exemplary work in their efforts to graduate with a degree in hospitality,” said

Sarah King, executive vice president of Human Resources for Wyndham.

For George, the scholarship brings her closer to her dream of opening a restaurant on St. Thomas. She has a passion for the culinary arts and plans to travel the world to learn more about international cuisine.

Hendrickson, a freshman hospitality major, said the scholarship will help meet her financial challenges. Along with a financial boost, the scholarship further ignites Hendrickson’s passion for a career in resort management.

“My passion for resort management began when I was a little girl,” Hendrickson said.

“My mother worked at the Westin Resort, and she carried me to work with her when I was little. My love for working in a resort grew as I got older.”

Director of Resort Operations for the Caribbean Region Bryan Dixon said Wyndham is also continuing their paid summer internship program for two UVI students, who are studying in the field of business or hospitality.

“The internship program gives students the opportunity to learn first-hand what it’s like to work for Wyndham, the world’s largest vacation ownership company,” Dixon said.

This is the third consecutive year UVI students have received Wyndham Vacation Ownership Club scholarships.

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