

**GOVERNOR'S**

**WORKFORCE  
SUMMIT 2025**

**St. Croix – Tuesday, September 30, 2025 \* 8AM - 3PM**  
**Caribbean Cinemas**

**St. Thomas – Thursday, October 2, 2025 \* 8AM - 3PM**  
**Caribbean Cinemas**

***Future-Proofing the USVI Workforce:  
Training, Technology, and Transformation***

**SUMMIT AGENDA AT A GLANCE**

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	Registration
8:45 AM – 9:00 AM	Welcome and a brief overview of the Summit
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Remarks
9:30 AM – 9:45 AM	BREAK
9:45 AM – 10:45 AM	Governor's Session
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	BREAK
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Governor's Youth Session
12:00 PM – 12:15 PM	LUNCH BREAK
12:15 PM – 1:20 PM	Concurrent Sessions
1:20 PM – 2:25 PM	Concurrent Sessions
2:25 PM – 2:30 PM	Closing Remarks

## PROGRAM DETAILS

**9:45 AM – 10:45 AM**

**GOVERNOR'S SESSION - ST. CROIX**

### **Tech-Driven Agriculture: Opportunities for Agri-Tech Entrepreneurship**

Agriculture is evolving and the Virgin Islands can lead the way. This session explores how emerging technologies like hydroponics, drones, and data-driven systems are creating new business opportunities in farming and food systems. Learn how innovation in agri-tech is empowering entrepreneurs, improving sustainability, and planting the seeds of economic growth in the Territory.

**9:45 AM – 10:45 AM**

**GOVERNOR'S SESSION - ST. THOMAS**

### **Bridging the Digital Divide: Expanding IT Skills and Opportunities**

Access to digital skills and tools is now essential for education, employment, and entrepreneurship. This session explores how to close the digital gap in the Virgin Islands and connect more residents to technology training, career pathways in IT, and the future of remote work.

**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**GOVERNOR'S YOUTH SESSION**

### **Dream It, Then Do It: Building a Bold Vision for Your Future**

What if your biggest dream isn't too big, it's just waiting for you to believe? This empowering session invites youth of the Virgin Islands to explore what's possible when they combine imagination with action. Governor Albert Bryan, Jr. will share how shaping bold goals, staying focus despite challenges, can turn ideas into impact. Walk away inspired, equipped, and ready to design a powerful vision for your future.

**12:15 PM – 1:20 PM**

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

#### **1. What Employers Really Want: Mastering Soft Skills and First Impressions**

In today's competitive job market, technical skills get your foot in the

door, but soft skills seal the deal. This interactive panel explores the qualities employers value most, from communication and attitude to problem-solving and professionalism. Learn what makes a lasting first impression and how to stand out in any hiring process.

## **2. Earn While You Learn: Apprenticeships, Internships, and Work-Based Learning**

Work-based learning is transforming how we prepare for careers. This session drives into the power of “earning while learning”, from formal apprenticeships and internships to job shadowing and on-the-job training. Join workforce leaders, employers, and educators to explore how these models can expand career pathways and provide real-time skills that lead to lasting employment.

**1:20 PM – 2:25 PM**

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

### **1. Wellness Wins: Balancing Mental Health, Social Media, and Real Life**

How do we stay mentally strong in a world of digital distractions, pressure to perform, and nonstop connection? This timely session explores the mental wellness challenges faced by youth, workers, and professionals in the age of social media. Join health experts, educators, influencers, and advocates as they offer practical tools for managing stress, creating balance, and protecting emotional health while staying connected to what matters.

### **2. Ask the Experts – Candid Conversations with Industry Leaders**

This dynamic, unscripted session puts the spotlight on top professionals from key industries shaping the future of the Virgin Islands. Attendees get a rare opportunity to hear honest reflections on what it takes to succeed, how to navigate change, and what leaders are really looking for in the next generation of talent. Come curious, this is your chance to ask the experts directly.

**2:25 PM – 2:30 PM**

**CLOSING REMARKS**