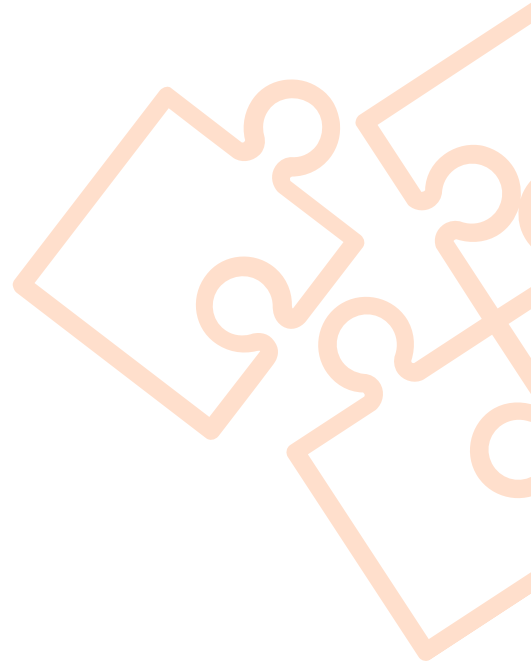


YOUTH AGENDA

SEIZE THE MOMENT: TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR TOMORROW!

**WORKFORCE
SUMMIT 2023**



8:00-8:45

Registration

8:45-9:00

Emcees: Asiah Clendinen Gumbs & Mike Fazio

Welcome: Michael Carty, Chairman, VI Workforce Development Board

Greetings: Honorable Gary A. Molloy, Commissioner, VI Department of Labor

9:00-9:30

Remarks: Honorable Tregenza Roach, Esq. Lieutenant Governor, United States Virgin Islands

Honorable Albert Bryan, Jr., Governor, United States Virgin Islands

9:30-9:45

Break

9:45 - 10:45

GOVERNOR'S SESSION

Keynote Panel Discussion: *Making Technology Work for Us: Strengthening Our Economy and Our Workforce*

Moderator: Governor Albert Bryan, Jr.

Panelists: Michael Carty, Founder & CEO, Smartnet

Daryl Wade, Chief Information Officer, ViNGN

Michael DelGiacco, General Partner, Twin City Fund

Wayne L. Biggs, Jr., Chief Executive Officer, USVI Economic Development Authority

10:45- 11:00

Break

11:00-12:00

Emcee: Kai A. Nielsen

**OCTOBER
12th**

**ST. THOMAS -
CARIBBEAN CINEMA, USVI MARKET SQUARE**

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SESSION ONE

11:00-11:30

1. Effective Communication- *The Keystone of Success*

- Why is communication critical in the workplace?
- What are the various forms of communication to master?
- What is the role of critical thinking in workforce development?
- How can students develop problem-solving skills?
- How can networking benefit career growth?
- What platforms and events are suitable for student networking?
- How to maintain and foster professional relationships?

Moderator: Dr. Cira Burke, Director, TANF/JOBS, VI Department of Human Services

Panelists: Victor Somme III, Assistant Commissioner, VI Department of Education
Emmanuel Phillips, Owner, EFex Photography
Dr. Kendra Roach, Co-Founder & Chief Learning Officer, The Leader's Branch, Inc
Tamia Grant, Student Government Association President 2023-2024, University of the Virgin Islands – St. Thomas Campus
Laurika Jude, Owner, Xcape 340

SESSION TWO

11:30-12:00

2. Financial Literacy: *Taking Charge of Your Economic Future*

- Why is financial literacy important for individuals to take charge of their economic future?
- What are the potential consequences of a lack of financial knowledge and skills?
- What are some key components of financial literacy that individuals should be aware of, such as budgeting, saving, investing, and managing debt?
- How can individuals acquire and develop these skills?
- What are some effective strategies and resources for improving financial literacy, both for individuals starting from scratch and those looking to deepen their existing knowledge?
- What strategies can be implemented to spark interest in entrepreneurship, particularly among students and career changers?
- How does entrepreneurship training contribute to economic development, and how can this impact be maximized?

Moderator: Cusa Holloway-Christian, Incubator Program Manager, VI Economic Development Authority

Panelists: Emeka Willis, President, Tropical Bliss
Thia T. Homer, Co-Founder/Chief Data Analyst, QualiT Management Solutions, LLC
Kyle Sexius, Financial Education Entrepreneur
Tonia Garnet, Real Estate Agent, Sea Glass Properties

LUNCH- KEYNOTE PANEL DISCUSSION

12:00-1:00

3. Unleashing Potential - *Cultivating a Growth Mindset*

- What is a growth mindset and why is it essential?
- How can a growth mindset influence career choices and progress?
- What strategies can students employ to cultivate a growth mindset?
- How can one build resilience and turn failure into a steppingstone for success?
- How does a growth mindset influence goal setting and time management in academics?
- How can one differentiate between constructive criticism and negative feedback?
- What strategies can be used to replace limiting beliefs with empowering ones?
- Why is it important to recognize that not being able to do something now doesn't mean never being able to do it?
- How can a growth mindset impact relationships with friends, family, colleagues, and community?

Moderator: Michael Carty, Founder & CEO, Smartnet

Panelists: Roberto "Robbie" Smalls, Motivational Speaker
Kai A. Nielsen, Founder & CEO, Virgin Islands Collaborative Solutions

CLOSING REMARKS

1:00