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Virgin Islands Department of Education Celebrates Major Milestone: 20 Educators Earn Master's Degrees in ESOL

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE), through its State Office of Bilingual Education, is proud to announce an incredible milestone for our Territory's schools: twenty dedicated teachers from the St. Croix and St. Thomas-St. John school districts have successfully completed their Master's in Education with a specialization in English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).

This remarkable achievement was made possible through the unwavering leadership and commitment of Jose Perez, ESOL Coordinator for the St. Croix District, and Dr. Migdalia Cruz Arthurton, ESOL Coordinator for the St. Thomas-St. John District. Their tireless efforts and a successful grant application created this life-changing opportunity for our educators, strengthening VIDE's capacity to serve English language learners across the Territory.

This accomplishment not only elevates the professional expertise of our teachers but also ensures that our English language learners receive the highest quality education and support to help them thrive. It is a testament to our educators' dedication and VIDE's ongoing commitment to fostering excellence and equity for every student in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Academic and professional training was provided at the Ana G. Méndez University (UAGM) Gurabo Campus. Please join us in celebrating the following educators for this outstanding accomplishment: Glenda Richards, Renita Rhymer, Yahaira Sanchez Acevedo, Ingrid Rogers Nicolas, Meredith V. Carty, Lucia V. Smith, Alysha Velez, Zuri E. Baker, Kenneth Christopher, Michelle Belardo, Sandra Douglas, Hilma Cuffy, Mary Felix, Thamrah M. Gomes, Maureen Charmaine Fleming, Ana Hernandez Evans, Judith Henley JnCharles, Magdalyn Jules, Winfred A. Lewis, and Jonathan Paul.

The VIDE extends heartfelt congratulations to these newly minted Master's graduates and looks forward to the positive impact they will continue to make in our schools and communities.

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