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## **CALL FOR STUDENT ART SUBMISSIONS TO THE “2025 DAVID HAMILTON JACKSON AND ALL AHWE” EXHIBITION**

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) Division of Virgin Islands Cultural Education is excited to invite students to participate in the 2025 David Hamilton Jackson & All Ah We Student Exhibit. The exhibition is a vibrant and interdisciplinary showcase that celebrates civic voice, cultural pride, and academic excellence. This year, the theme has been expanded to honor Rothschild “Polly” Francis, alongside David Hamilton Jackson. These visionary leaders used the power of the press to educate, mobilize, and uplift Virgin Islanders. Students are encouraged to submit artwork inspired by their legacies. Student projects can be submitted via e-mail to [stephanie.cbrown@vide.vi](mailto:stephanie.cbrown@vide.vi) by October 24th, 2025.

Both Jackson and Francis believed deeply in the transformative power of education and journalism. They challenged colonial and military rule, advocated for labor rights, and insisted on the dignity of every citizen. Their newspapers, *The Herald* and *The Emancipator*, served as public platforms; they were vehicles for justice, equity, and community empowerment.

This student exhibit invites learners to explore these legacies through project-based learning that integrates core subjects like Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, and Visual & Performing Arts. Students are encouraged to submit work in multiple formats, including essays, poems, social studies projects, math integration, and multimedia presentations. All submissions should reflect connections to the principles of Jackson and Francis' ideologies of justice, equity, and civic voice.

Submission Details: Deadline October 24, 2025

Formats: Digital (PDF, MP4, JPEG) or physical drop-off

Contact: [Stephanie.cbrown@vide.vi](mailto:Stephanie.cbrown@vide.vi) for coordination

This exhibit helps students see themselves as historians, artists, and change-makers. Let's honor our past by empowering our youth to shape the future.

If there are community members, scholars, or cultural stewards who have conducted research or have deep knowledge of David Hamilton Jackson or Rothschild Francis, they are invited to participate for either virtual or in-person classroom presentations. The Division of Virgin Islands Cultural Education is seeking guest presenters who can engage students across our Territorial school system and help deepen the educational impact of this project-based initiative.

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