



### **WAPA Announces 2025 Alva McFarlane Scholarship Recipients**

U.S. Virgin Islands (May 23, 2025) – The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (“WAPA” or “the Authority”) is proud to announce the recipients of the 2025 Alva McFarlane Scholarship, awarded annually to empower the next generation of innovators in clean energy, technology, and infrastructure. This year’s honorees are outstanding college students who exemplify academic excellence, community commitment, and a shared passion for shaping a sustainable future.

The selection process was highly competitive, reflecting the incredible talent and potential within our Virgin Islands community. We are honored to introduce the 2025 scholarship recipients:

- **Joshua Calcano** – A graduate of St. Croix Educational Complex, Joshua Calcano is now a sophomore engineering student at the University of the Virgin Islands. He is dedicated to renewable energy and environmental conservation, aspiring to develop sustainable water and power solutions tailored to the unique needs of island communities.
- **Daniel Newton** – A graduate of Ivanna Eudora Kean High School, Daniel Newton is currently pursuing a degree in Electrical Engineering at the University of Florida. He has a vision for a world driven by sustainable alternatives. His goal is to uplift communities through innovation and clean technology.

“Our scholarship recipients represent the vision, determination, and innovation that will shape our future of energy and infrastructure,” said Karl Knight, CEO and Executive Director, Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority. “We’re honored to support their academic journeys and inspired by the potential they hold to help build a more sustainable and empowered Virgin Islands.”

The Alva McFarlane Scholarship underscores WAPA's dedication to advancing education, fostering leadership, and promoting careers in the STEM fields. Named in honor of Alva C. McFarlane — a pioneer in apprenticeship and training — the scholarship continues his legacy by empowering and inspiring the next generation of engineers.

The Authority looks forward to witnessing the achievements of these scholarship recipients as they help shape a brighter, more sustainable future.

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**About WAPA:** The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority is an autonomous agency of the Virgin Islands Government which produces and distributes electricity and drinking water to residential and commercial customers in the territory. WAPA was created by the Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands in 1964 through Act No. 1248. Today, WAPA generates electrical power at production plants on St. Thomas and St. Croix and distributes electrical service through smart grids to customers on St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John, Hassel Island, and Water Island. Potable water is distributed to almost 13,000 customers through water lines and standpipes. WAPA also has the responsibility of installing and maintaining streetlights.

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