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PRESS RELEASE

**PROJECT PROMISE FIFTH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER HONORS
LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands (February 19, 2021) – On Saturday evening, hundreds of people logged in to support Project Promise's fifth annual fundraiser in support of its Caterpillar Project (TCP) program. This year's event was a virtual experience, with the theme of *The Beautiful Beaches of Cuba*. Attendees who purchased individual tickets enjoyed a unique Cuban experience with a 15-minute salsa lesson and performances from El Güiro de la Habana y Combinación Perfecta direct from Cuba! Everyone who purchased a ticket to the Havana Nights virtual affair once again had the opportunity to win a trip for two to Havana, Cuba and a five night stay at an all-inclusive beach resort. This year's lucky winner is Dr. G. Rita Dudley-Grant.

Officials from Project Promise once again combined the Havana Nights fundraiser with its annual Youth Recognition event to showcase three high school students and spotlight their accomplishments over the last school year. St. Croix Educational Complex senior Caliyah Helliger, St. Croix Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC) senior Omarai Velasquez, and St. Croix Central High School senior Azani Claxton were all honored Saturday as this year's Project Promise Youth Recognition Award recipients. They were selected by school officials based on criteria provided to them by Project Promise. Each student received a

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\$500 scholarship, an award certificate and custom-made handcrafted plaque for their accomplishments over the last year, as well as gifts donated by Crucian Gold and Bougainvillea Perfumeria.

The proceeds from Havana Nights benefited Project Promise's Caterpillar Project, along with its three other programs. The Caterpillar Project, a long-term program designed to make a significant difference in the lives of at-risk youth in St. Croix. TCP began on January 25, 2016 with selected fifth graders from the Lew Muckle Elementary School, the support of the Department of Education, and community partners. Project Promise would like to thank the community, its sponsors, and all the individuals who helped to make Havana Nights a success.

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For more information about The Caterpillar Project, please contact Resa O'Reilly at (340) 513-0446. Project Promise is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of at-risk youth on St. Croix by providing empowerment initiatives, cultural programs and family services. To learn more about Project Promise, please visit the website at www.projectpromisevi.com .