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The 19th Virgin Islands Board of Education celebrates Black History Month 2020 and urges everyone to acknowledge our history makers not only worldwide, but also in their families.

“People of color, particularly from the Caribbean, have often lead the charge for education, economic prosperity, religious diversity and family values,” said Arah C. Lockhart, chairperson of the V.I. Board of Education. “Our contributions span more than the great work of Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King or former President of the United States Barack H Obama.

“We are also Edward Blyden, who is regarded as a founding father of modern Liberia. We are Ashley Totten, who organized the Pullman Porters into a dynamic, nation-wide organization of thousands. We are Casper Holstein, who fought for the equality of Virgin Islanders and was a patron to many of the greatest writers and artists of the Harlem Renaissance,” she said.

Lockhart stated that the V.I. Board of Education has mandated all these persons and more need to be imbedded in the education curriculum so that the children of the Virgin Islands will know that they are the descendants of great thinkers, statesmen, writers and activists.

“Virgin Islands history is integral to not only Black history, but world history as well,” Lockhart said. “It is for this reason the VIBE has mandated that it is to be taught not only to students, but to instructors as well. We hope that everyone takes the opportunity throughout the year to learn all they can about our rich history,” she concluded.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Virgin Islands Board of Education is committed to its vision and will promote the transformation of the structure of existing public education through: 1. governance over the public education system; 2. improved student, parent, teacher relationship; 3. comprehensive community engagement; 4. standards that promote high academic achievement; 5. creation of an environment that is conducive to effective communication; 6. enhanced quality of professional development for all; 7. provision of adequate resources to achieve our vision, goals and objectives.

VISION STATEMENT

To ensure that each child is provided with the best quality education which promotes our history and culture, guarantees academic achievement and builds strong communities.