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creates a special  
PPRN steering  
committee**

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€ 874,000 BENEFITING 345 STUDENTS.



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# A Word From The President

Dear friends,

As we are now in the period of long summer vacations, I wanted this issue of the Collectivité's newsletter to cover all of the various activities created to benefit the children and young adults of Saint Martin.

I would also like to keep you up-to-date on all of the ongoing renovation projects in the island's schools. The majority will be completed by the time school starts in September, while some of the work will continue until the end of the year. We currently have 11 construction sites in various schools, with an allotted budget of 14 million euros.

The reconstruction of Saint Martin is still in progress, although we had hoped it would have been more rapid. The speed of the work is set by the financial means at our disposition as well as the legal framework in which we must operate.

The FSUE, Solidarity Funds Of The European Union, allowed us to finance reconstruction of the schools, yet it took two years to get to the end of this enormous renovation project: 18 schools and all of the sports facilities. A few more months and this will all be behind us. The Collectivité and its partner, French National Education, have done everything in their power to make sure that back-to-school in September takes place under the best circumstances.

The Collectivité and its partners, EDF for electricity, and EEASM for water and waste treatment, continue their task of putting all pipes and wires underground, along with fiber-optic cables with Internet operators. This is a major project, spread out over two years, as there is a massive amount of work to be done across the island. We decided to meet this challenge so that Saint Martin can ensure that the infrastructure for its public utilities is resilient enough in case of a major hurricane or other catastrophe.

The village of Grand Case, which was badly damaged by Irma, takes priority. Between August and October, major work will be done there to put pipes and cables underground along Boulevard Bertin-Maurice. The wastewater treatment project is imperative for the wellbeing of the residents and respect for the environment.

The island will be a construction site for a few more months, and I know that everyone of you has been willing to accept the long time this rebuilding has taken. The day will come when Saint Martin has finished all of its reconstruction. The island can then position itself as an innovative place, ready to go even further in its development as a modern, welcoming tourist destination, turned exclusively toward a sustainable development.

Daniel GIBBS

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# NEWS FROM THE COLLECTIVITÉ

## The Territorial Council Votes Unanimously Against The Anticipated PPRN



July 17, 2019 will remain a date to remember in the current term for Team Gibbs and the decision of the Territorial Council that same day will also be engraved in the island's history.

All of the territorial council members were unanimous when it came time to vote on the anticipated PPRN (Plan for Protection From Natural Risks), as presented by the French State. Everyone expressed their rejection of this document, leading to a unanimous lack of understanding by the population and its politicians. The symbolic vote consisted on giving an opinion, including even the outgoing president of the CESC, who had on several occasions,

commended the position of president Daniel Gibbs and his team, leading to a unanimous formal rejection of the PPRN document, as presented by the services of the state.

Following the negative vote by the Territorial Council, president Gibbs, as majority leader, decided to go even further than a simple opinion, and to propose an alternative option, initiated by the Collectivité de Saint-Martin.

The goal is to work on solutions provided by experts who understand the realities of our island and have experience in the field, to benefit the people of Saint Martin and the sustainable economic development of our island.

**This project will be launched at the end of August and be comprised as follows:**

- A steering committee (COFIL): A political entity including representatives of major public and private organizations, associations, and professionals;
- Thematic technical committees: open to the public and composed of technicians and professionals.

**With this action, the Collectivité hopes to lay the cornerstone for the creation of a PPRN adapted to our realities and in concert with the largest number of partners, so that the French government can take into account the proposals made by the population of Saint Martin.**

# The 5th Caribbean Interreg Selection Committee Met In Saint Martin



The 5th Caribbean Interreg Selection Committee met on Tuesday, July 23 to discuss the various joint projects presented by different islands.

President Daniel Gibbs led the 5th Interreg selection committee meeting, in keeping with the geographical rotation of the committees. He pointed out the goals of the cooperative program, which should respond to the needs and challenges of the various islands in the region, primarily in terms of financing for prospective projects.

The Caribbean Interreg program has a budget of 85.7 million €, of which 64.2 million € comes from the FEDER European Funds. This year, the committee evaluated six projects oriented toward the themes of climate change, protecting the biodiversity of the Caribbean, and the ongoing fight against sargassum seaweed.

During his presentation, president Gibbs evoked his desire to see a special focus of the Interreg program dedicated to reconstruction projects, with a 95% level of co-financing. This would permit the Collectivité de Saint-Martin, in particular, and its partners, to promote such activities as waste treatment, the reinstallation of a CROSS station for navigational safety, and the opening of a resilient Data Center.

Other significant projects noted by the president of Saint Martin: those that promote renewable energies and adaptation to climate change, following the example of the geothermic and digital interconnection hub under creation in the Leeward Islands.



# A Small Village of 25 Containers On The Waterfront

Along the waterfront in Marigot, 14 restaurants, five bars, and six boutiques will be open for business before the start of the 2019-2020 tourist season.



*The containers in the process of transformation*

As announced by the Collectivité, the project to place redesigned containers to temporarily replace the lolos along the waterfront in Marigot is proceeding nicely. The foundations will soon be completed, water, sanitation, and electrical systems are being placed underground, and the metal supports for the decks made of exotic wood have arrived, as have the containers themselves. Stored on another site in Grand-Case, these metal structures are being transformed into commercial places of business. Openings will be cut for doors and windows, water and electricity hookups will be provided, as well as drainage, and a floor covering will be laid. The containers will then be decorated and painted. All of this work will be supervised by an architect and inspected before the containers are moved to the waterfront, where they will be bolted into place, but able to be moved if the need arises. Those using the containers have access to them, so they can decorate them as they so desire, after signing an agreement for temporary occupation and agreeing a set of rules, so that the harmony of this village is respected. Isabelle Brooks Gorizia, director of the Collectivité's service for engineering, construction, and habitats, and Frédéric Monteiro, who is managing this project with his staff, promise that the results will be aesthetically pleasing, especially in terms of the lighting. The current road used for parking along the waterfront will now be one-way, in the direction of cemetery for safety reasons, and as a result there will be a few less parking places.



As soon as the current owners of the lolos who were able to reopen after Irma are settled in their new containers, demolition work will begin on the site impacted by the hurricane, after tests for asbestos have been done.

# School: 11 Reconstruction Projects Open For 14 Million €

President Daniel Gibbs and Annick Pétrus, his third vice president in charge of academic affairs, are going for total transparency when it comes to the renovation of the island's schools for primary and secondary education. To do so, several meetings were held during the school year with various federal agencies as well as the National Education Board and parent/teacher representatives. The Collectivité defined an operational strategy in 2018 with a dedicated staff, in order to respond to emergencies and confront the enormity of the task.



The project director for the reconstruction of the educational system in St Martin, Christian Climent-Pons, and the renovation expert from the French Development Agency, Jean-Sébastien Roca, helped with the supervision of the operations in close collaboration with the DGA of the Sustainable Development Department, Romain Perreau, under the aegis of vice president Steven Patrick, president Gibbs, and vice president Pétrus.

In spite of the technical and administrative difficulties encountered in this delicate phase of rebuilding the 14 primary schools and five secondary schools damaged by hurricane Irma, the Collectivité and its partners kept the renovation efforts on track with financing from the European Union Solidarity Funds (FSUE).

The first phase of the work, which comprised a series of protective measures and repairing the schools during the academic year 2018/2019 (during student vacations), has been completed.

Phase two, currently underway, consists of all the schools being renovated during the long summer vacation, so some are ready when the students go back to school in September, and the others should be completed by the end of 2019. As construction

companies working in the academic environment face certain constraints in terms of accessibility and safety, the schedule was devised so that the use of any heavy machinery would take place during summer vacation.

On Friday, June 28, 2019, third vice president Annick Pétrus met with the scholastic community at the Cité Scolaire Robert Weinum, along with National Education representatives in order to share factual information with teachers and parents about the work planned over the summer break.

Work in the primary schools is planned until the end of the calendar year, and will most

likely be finished for back-to-school in September, with a few finishing touches in a certain schools to be completed by the end of 2019.

**For the renovation of primary schools, the Collectivité has committed the following amounts:**

- Ecole Simeone TROTT: 1,386,855€ (work from January-September 2019)
- Ecole Aline HANSON in Sandy Ground: 481,252 € (work from July-November 2019)
- Ecole Ghislaine ROGERS in Grand Case: 106,297€ (work from July-September 2019)
- Ecole Omer ARRONDELL in Orléans: 227,850€ (work from August-December 2019 - French Foundation Financing)
- Ecole Amélie LEYDET in Concordia: 296,810€ (work from July-November 2019)
- Ecole Jérôme BEAUPERE in Sandy Ground: 286,315€ (work from July-November 2019)

**For secondary schools, the Collectivité has committed the following middle schools (collèges) and high schools (lycées):**

- Collège de Quartier d'Orléans: 623,779€ (work starting September 2019 for renovation of the school).





Mister Jean-Bébasstien Roca from AFD department and vice-president Annick Pétrus

A second phase consists of building a new school so that students can enjoy optimal learning conditions. An architectural competition will be announced in the next few weeks for the design of 35 new classrooms.

A modern gymnasium including a dojo and climbing wall is part of the program. The technical specifications have been completed and the executive council gave its approval on June 12, attributing 7.7 million € to this project, which meets environmental protection standards, and has co-funding from the French government and European Union.

Green spaces and garden will also be created to improve the comfort of the students, as well as the teachers and staff. The new middle school for the Quartier d'Orleans should be ready in early 2021.

- **Collège Mont des Accords de Mari-got:** 4,285,668€ (Phase three of the work from January-September 2019).

- **Collège Soualiga de la Savane:** 14 modular classrooms will be delivered after the Toussaint vacation in November 2019.

- **LPO des Iles du Nord:** 5,885,270€ (Phase three: heavy work from January-September 2019). Some of the finishing and the multi-purpose room will be ready in the third quarter of 2019.

The renovation of the infrastructures at the professional high school will be accompanied by a reworking of the training options to better adapt the educational opportunities to the needs of the economic development of Saint Martin.

- **Cité Scolaire Robert Weinum de la Savane:** 1,733,394€ (Work from July-November 2019)

**Construction of a new middle school for 900 students**

The collectivité is planning to build a new middle school for 900 students, for which

the technical program has been completed. The architectural competition will be open in the next few weeks after an agreement has been signed with the French government calling for the COM to receive financial aid of 18M€ for this project, which calls for the creation of a high-tech high school that meets environmental standards.

This project, which will cost a total of an estimated 21M€, was also the subject of much debate within the scholastic community during the 2018-2019 school year. The work is expected to start in the first quarter of 2020 and be completed by August 2022.

At this time, and during the months of July and August, there are 11 construction sites currently rebuilding the schools of Saint Martin, for a total investment of 14M€. Several local companies are working on these sites, allowing a large number of Saint Martin residents to participate in the reconstruction of the schools and be trained in such fields as masonry, carpentry, roofing, waterproofing, woodworking, plastering, tile, and painting.

The Collectivité has also set aside the sum of 1,078,803€ for the renovation of sports facilities at the schools between the months of September and December 2019, knowing that the major part of these facilities were repaired in 2018 and 2019.

President Gibbs and vice president Annick Pétrus have confirmed that an operations team the Collectivité in conjunction with National Education will provide rigorous supervision of the ongoing work, so that the next back to school season takes place in the best possible conditions.



# Major Roadwork This Summer



Since hurricane Irma hit, there has been quite a bit of roadwork in Saint Martin as part of the political policy of the president and his council to repair the roads and put all of the various cables underground. The Collectivité has started putting the electrical wires, and fiber optic network underground, while at the same time improving the water and sanitation systems. Included in several different budgets, this massive project is designed to modernize all of the island's networks and eliminate all overhead wires and cables. This work will continue throughout the president's term.

During the months of July and August 2019, work on the island continues. The task of putting cables underground on the Rue de Hollande will continue through the end of 2019. Restoring two-way traffic in front of Howell Center took place on Wednesday, July 10, with the work to be completed by early September. Traffic will remain two-way, other than for occasional roadwork, which will be done at night and on Sunday.

## Rehabilitation of the road from July 29 to August 9

As part of the work on the networks on rue de Hollande in Marigot, the Collectivité informs the program of road pavement and of ground signage will be done between Monday 29 July and the August 9, 2019. This work will be carried out at night between 9:00 pm and 6:00 am. Road traffic will be punctually modified during this period of work, with alternating traffic regulated by a traffic light.

## EDF GOES UNDERGROUND ON THE BOULEVARD DE GRAND CASE

After doing emergency repairs post Irma, EDF started putting the electrical wires along the Boulevard de Grand Case underground as of Tuesday, July 9, and replacing a defected high-tension line. 850 linear meters of wires will be buried during this operation, which is expected to take a month

and a half.

The EEASM Plans To Repair Water And Sanitation Systems Along The Boulevard de Grand Case Starting In September 2019 The Saint Martin Water and Sanitation Department (EEASM) is actively working on the renovation of the water and sanitation systems, with a constant concern for the quality and durability essential for the needs of the island and to meet environmental requirements. In this light, the EEASM opted for a vacuum sanitation system for the urban zone of Grand Case, which until now has lacked a collective network.

Certified at the European level, this vacuum process also meets economic performance standards in terms of investment and operational costs, and also respects the environment (does not pollute the groundwater, is self draining, and immediately detects any malfunctions).

Following a call for bids last February, offers are currently under consideration so that the work can get started in September 2019. Detailed planning for this project will be made available and updated with recurrent communications.

The EEASM will pay particular attention to make sure this work is done with the strictest respect for standards, quality, and safety, as well as for the residents that live in this area.

## WORK ON THE PARADIS RAVINE IN THE FRENCH QUARTER TO START IN OCTOBER

The Collectivité also has a project for the Paradis ravine in the French Quarter for an overall expenditure of 1.3M€. This hydraulic system is part of the operation to improve the Belle Plaine catchment basin, which has been the subject of numerous feasibility studies since 2015.

The main goal of the project is to protect people and properties from flooding and to ensure sustainable development of new business zones in the French Quarter. The first phase of this improvement project consists of taking steps to reduce flooding during periods of heavy rain. These measures were defined after technical studies were done, including hydraulic modeling to redefine the entire Belle Plaine catchment area.

## The Project Encompasses Three Sectors

When the work begins in October 2019, it is expected to last for nine months, and will encompass three sectors that have been identified as problematic for the flow of water:

- **Ravine Paradis bridge on route RN7:**

The current dimensions of the hydraulic section of the bridge are not sufficient to allow large quantities of water to flow during heavy rains, which causes flooding upstream and on the road. A new

bridge of reinforced concrete will be built to replace the current bridge. It will be equipped with sidewalks and guardrails for the safety of pedestrians. In addition, the banks will be protected from erosion by landfill.

• **Curve On Rue Cross the Range:**

The banks of the ravine are impacted by erosion caused by heavy rains, and the slope of the ravine is not sufficient. A U-shaped section of reinforced concrete will be built alongside the route, close

to the curve on Rue Cross the Range. Sidewalks and guardrails will be added for the safety of pedestrians.

• **Rue Cross the Range Bridge**

Along the sides of this bridge, the banks of the ravine are affected by problems of erosion and the restriction of the hydraulic section. Landfill will be added upstream and downstream to secure this area.

**Temporary traffic modifications planned**

The Collectivité has noted that traffic will be impacted while this work is taking place, starting in October. All safety measures will be taken in creating detours, and in limited noise pollution that is part of the work to be done in securing the edges of the ravine.

**The Collectivité of Saint Martin is aware of the occasional inconvenience to be caused, and thanks the local residents for their understanding of the need for this project that is in the public interest.**

## A Public Contract To Remove 148 Shipwrecks

A favorite port for boat owners, Saint Martin suffered greatly during hurricane Irma. More than 860 boats were damaged, of which 360 were reduced to wrecks. Today, 148 of these boats are still non-navigational and need to be removed.



*A sad vision of Oyster Pond the day after Irma hit*



*The consequences of Irma at the Anse Marcel Marina*

Clearing Simpson Bay, Sandy Ground, Cul-de-Sac, Marigot, and Oyster Pond of the wrecks that are in the way and represent a threat to safety and the environment, and doing it according to the law. That is the task facing the Collectivité, which since 2007 has had jurisdiction over maritime affairs and recently assigned the contract for this work to a specialized company.

The contract, which represents a total of 2.35M€, is broken into three sections: the removal of non-navigational boats, cleaning them up, and removal of any debris from the clean-up operation. The company will use a barge at various locations to pull each of the wrecks out of the water for cleaning. The debris will be taken by sea to the port of Galisbay, from where it will be sent to the eco-site or to another island. The job is expected to take at least a year to complete. Beforehand, the project must be registered with The Department of the Environment, Planning and Housing (DEAL): A necessary step before starting to move the boats as they are considered hazardous waste by the environmental code.

### A Month To Evacuate One's Boat

Beforehand, it was necessary to stick to the letter of the law and identify all of the shipwrecks and their owners. If that task is relatively simple for French boats, whose owners are known and who received a formal request—by registered mail, then if necessary by the bailiff—advising them they had one month to remove their boat. However, it was not possible for the hundred or more foreign boats, some already reduced to wreckage for several years and abandoned by their owners. The Collectivité put posters in the marinas, published

articles in the press, and in the presence of the bailiff, created a «list of abandoned shipwrecks,» requesting that the unknown owners remove their property from the public domain within a month. For those owners who did not reply, one can assume they prefer letting the Collectivité cover the costs for the removal of a non-navigational boat, and it is up to the French government to pronounce a loss of property, at the request of the Collectivité. This process will soon be completed, giving the green light to the handling of all the dangerous wrecks and marking the end of a depressing spectacle that has clouded the waters of Saint Martin.

### Owners Are 100% Responsible

Every big hurricane sees a fair number of boats turned into wrecks, as was the case with Gonzalo, which destroyed 65 boats in 2014, and of course Irma in 2017 and Luis in 1995. In May 2017, to make boat owners more responsible, the Collectivité signed an order obliging all boat owners and managers to remove their vessels from the public domain as soon as an orange hurricane alert is announced. Those who did respect this decision were solely responsible for the damage caused to their boat or by their boat. At the same time, it is obligatory for all owners and captains to identify themselves and register with the port authorities as soon as they enter the administrative boundaries of the port of Saint Martin. An obligation clearly not respected by everyone! Finally, it is strongly advised that all boats should be insured, at least at a minimal level to cover cleaning and removal in case of another hurricane.



# PREPARING FOR HURRICANE SEASON

## Be Prepared! Be Protected!

In an attempt to create the most minimal consequences in the case of a hurricane, the following is a list of the indispensable actions the Collectivité encourages you to undertake today:

- Clear and secure the area around your house and your garden.
- Prune all trees close by.
- Remove all large, bulky objects—roofing, wood, metal... that could become dangerous projectiles in the case of strong wind.
- Check to see if you need to reinforce the roof of your home, as well as solidify roofing metal by adding screws every 50 centimeters.
- Verify your shutters, and if there aren't any, plan to put up large sheets of plywood to protect your windows and sliding glass doors.
- Make sure the doors and windows of your house are strong enough to hold.
- Make sure all water channels and gutters are clear to allow rainwater to flow easily.
- If you live in a flood zone, make sure to prepare in advance for a system of protection that reduces the penetration of water into your house: metal sheets, sand bags, silicone...
- Designate a safe room, without a door or window that opens to the outside, in case your house suffers any damage.
- Be prepared for an eventual evacuation and speak about it with people who live nearby who can house you in case of an emergency.
- Create a pantry and stock sufficient, long-lasting food in a secure location: rice, canned goods, sugar, oil, cookies...as well as food for babies and your pets.
- Make sure to have a supply of drinking water—at least 10 liters per person per day.
- If you usually cook with electricity, get a portable gas stove.
- Make sure you have a radio and flashlights with reserve batteries, or even a small generator with backup fuel.
- Stock items you might need after a hurricane in a specific, accessible place: axe, saw, nails, hammer, tarps, plywood...
- Create a first-aid kit: bandages, disinfectant, absorbent cotton, compresses, adhesive tape, as well as any medications you take on a regular basis.
- Verify that your home and vehicle are properly insured.
- Make sure that you and those around you are aware of the safety instructions.



# Advice To Professionals

How much damage can be avoided during the next hurricane if the strong winds don't find any debris or large objects in their path to pick up and turn into dangerous projectiles? The Collectivité calls upon a sense of civism and the responsibility of business owners to make sure they manage their debris in a better manner. Before the hurricane!

**Hoteliers and condo property managers** should ask their gardeners to prune and cut back the vegetation before taking away garden debris—as well as all bulky waste—to the Grandes Cayes eco-site, which is open Monday-Friday, from 6am to 4pm, and Saturday from 6am to 12 noon. The Collectivité does not intervene on condo property but in the case of bad weather conditions that cause a lot of debris, asks that property managers place the debris close to the main road and alert the Collectivité as quickly as possible.

**Construction companies**, of which there are quite a few on the island right now, should secure their work sites—cranes, containers, scaffolding...—and remove all construction debris—rubble, tiles, used air conditioners...—

by taking it to the eco-site.

**Merchants and artisans** should take their own trash, such as cardboard boxes and other packaging, directly to the trash collection center at Galisbay, Monday-Saturday from 10am to 6pm.

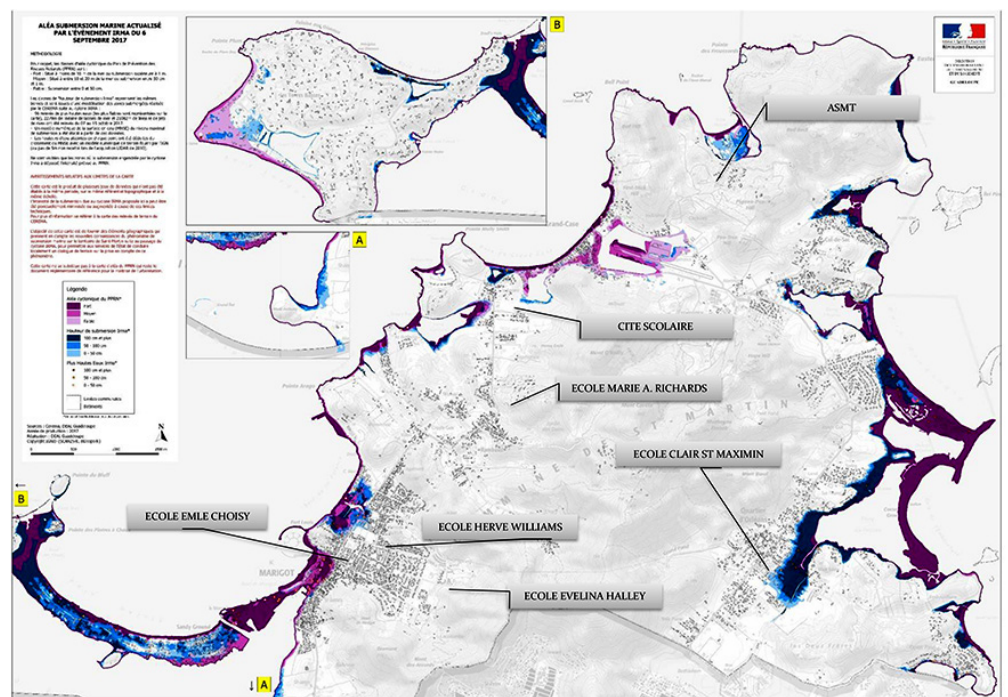
**Garage owners, mechanics, and sheet metal workers** know that their metallic debris can be transformed into dangerous projectiles, and can even be deadly, in the case of strong winds. Such waste should be removed as often as necessary.

**Service station managers** should shutter their doors and turn off the gas pumps as soon as the island is under red alert. In addition, they should limit the sale of fuel in a gas can to 10 liters.

**The environmental brigade in charge of the fight against a lack of civility:** unauthorized posters, unauthorized dumping, noise pollution, or squalor. Contact: Hélène Isaac – 05 90 52 27 30 – [helene.isaac@com-saint-martin.fr](mailto:helene.isaac@com-saint-martin.fr)

**The management of household trash, bulky objects, and garden debris** is the responsibility of Jacqueline Helissey – 05 90 52 27 30 – [jacqueline.helissey@com-saint-martin.fr](mailto:jacqueline.helissey@com-saint-martin.fr).

**Seven  
100%  
Concrete  
Shelters  
For 1,500  
People**



The total capacity in the island's seven hurricane shelters is 1,500 people, in buildings that are 100% concrete for a maximum of security.

Protecting the population from risks related to hurricanes is a big goal for the Collectivité, which this year will open seven secure shelters for use by the population, five in schools, the "cité scolaire," and the ASMT building in Anse Marcel, for a total capacity of 1,500 people. «These shelters all resisted Irma and are completely secure, located outside of flood zones and built completely in concrete even the roof slabs,» explained Charlotte Terrac, who is in charge of major risk management for the Collectivité, including hurricanes of course. The objective is for people to get to the shelter

the closest to their home (see list page 11). As the Ecole de Sandy Ground is in a flood zone, the residents from there will go to Mari-got. Busses will run from Sandy Ground as well from the French Quarter, where the only shelter available can only hold 260 people. A total of 400 cots are available and priority will be given to those individuals who are the most vulnerable, but each shelter remains a secure refuge and each person should bring everything they might need (see list page 11). The Collectivité will provide water and cookies for the public, but it is certainly more comfortable to stay with friends or family if possible when there is a hurricane alert. A bit of advice: if you must leave your home due to a hurricane alert, it is a good idea to contact those people who might be able to house you in such a case, and plan in advance.

# List And Instructions For Hurricane Shelters

## Seven Secure Shelters For 1500 People In Case Of A Hurricane

It's now hurricane season and it's time to be prepared. If the current condition of your home does not allow you to feel safe and secure in case of a hurricane, and you don't have the possibility to stay with friends or family, the Collectivité invites you to the shelter the closest to your home as soon as there is a red hurricane alert.

## The list of seven secure hurricane shelters

The objective is to go to the shelter the closest to your home:

École Évelina Halley - Marigot - 210 people  
École Hervé Williams - Concordia - 170 people  
École Émile Choisy - Concordia - 200 people  
École Marie-Antoinette Richards - Rambaud - 100 people  
Cité scolaire - La Savane - 360 people  
ASMT - Anse Marcel - 200 people  
École Clair Saint-Maximin – French Quarter - 260 people

The shelters open their doors to the public as soon as there is a red alert. It is officially prohibited to leave the shelter before permission is given to drive by the public authorities, once the roads have reopened.

## Safety Instructions For The Secure Shelters

The shelters are equipped with water and basic food items, as well as a total of 400 cots for those who are the most vulnerable. Each person is responsible for his own comfort while staying in a shelter.

Therefore it is indispensable to arrive in the shelter with a minimum of provisions ready to be used: water, juice boxes, milk cartons, bread, biscuits, cookies, energy bars, chocolate bars, bags of peanuts...

For young children, parents must bring bottles, milk, and baby food, as well as diapers and toiletries, a plastic basin, and if needed, any medications.

It is also necessary to prepare a suitcase with your personal belongings: silverware, toiletries, wipes, towels, sheets and/or a blanket, pillow, first aid kit (bandages, disinfectant, regularly used medications...), a flashlight and radio with batteries. Folding beds and air mattresses are allowed and even encouraged. Earplugs are also a good idea.

Do not forget your ID, important papers, medications, and prescriptions for any medications you are taking at the time, as well as health/vaccination records.

People on heavy dosages of medications or with severe health problems should contact their doctor or the hospital, for a decision on what should be done.

Before leaving your home, it is important to alert the neighbors, family and friends as to your destination. At the same time, do not forget to secure your home by turning off the water and electricity and taking any mobile objects inside, so they do not turn into flying projectiles.

In a secure shelter, the certain rules must be respected: civism, hygiene, conviviality, and respect for others. Alcohol and tobacco are forbidden. The use of fire, guns, or sharp objects is prohibited. Confinement is obligatory and applies to everyone. Those in charge as designated by the Collectivité are the only decision makers. The presence of territorial police is planned to ensure law and order.

## Text Alerts: Sign Up!



Island residents know just how important information can be, especially in case of a hurricane alert. Well aware of this point, the Collectivité has established an alert system via text message, run by the risk management service. In the case of a major event—hurricane as well as an eventual tsunami—subscribers will get a message informing them about the imminent danger, or what is developing, which allows them to go into safety mode. The messages, in French and English, will be short and to the point. As per the law, people must sign up individually for this service. You can enroll on the Collectivité website by clicking on the dedicated tab on the home page or via the following link: <http://www.com-saint-martin.fr/alerte-sms.html>. Only cell phones and country codes +590, +33, and +1(721) can

## TEXT ALERTS: Sign Up!

benefit from this service.

*In keeping with the data protection act, those who have a right to the correction or removal of information about them, can address the risk management service, annex to the Collectivité de Saint-Martin, Rue Jean-Jacques Fayel in Concordia, or via email to: [sms-alerte@com-saint-martin.fr](mailto:sms-alerte@com-saint-martin.fr).*

# Stay Vigilant And Respect The Colors

Yellow, Orange, Red, Purple, Gray. Five colors for five states of alert.



## YELLOW ALERT: REMAIN VIGILANT

A hurricane is on the horizon, at a distance or not clearly defined, or close to the island but with limited impact expected.

- Remain vigilant and keep abreast of the evolution of the storm;
- Check your reserves of food and materials (candles, radio, batteries, medications...);
- Avoid long excursions in the mountains or near water;
- Do not travel by boat for a long period of time unless obliged.

## ORANGE ALERT: BE PREPARED

A tropical storm or hurricane represents a potential danger with an expected strong impact yet still a distance from the island, or a very probably danger getting closer but with moderate impact expected.

- Listen to weather reports and follow instructions;
- Prepare and consolidate houses;
- Protect vessels;
- Securely store all goods and perishables foods; businesses should secure sites (dismantling cranes, scaffolding...);
- Remove all television antennas and store any items that may be swept away from around the house.

## RED ALERT: PROTECT YOURSELF

A tropical storm or hurricane close to the island represents a very probable danger with big impact, or is a little further away with major consequences expected.

- Stay tuned to the weather channel and implement the instructions given by the authorities;
- GET BACK TO YOUR HOME OR TO A SAFE SHELTER;
- Avoid all travel;

- Remove or secure any object that can be transformed into a projectile;
- Protect your home; close all openings and exits;
- Bring animals indoors.

## PURPLE ALERT: STAY INSIDE

A major hurricane represents imminent danger, with major consequences expected.

- Stay tuned to the weather conditions and follow the instructions given by the authorities;
- Stay indoors: DO NOT GO OUT FOR ANY REASON;
- Take refuge if possible in the safest part of your home;
- Use the telephone only in the event of absolute necessity;
- Travel on foot or by car is prohibited
- Do not use open flame fire.

## GRAY ALERT: STAY ATTENTIVE

A hurricane has swept the island leaving damage in its wake. Cleanup and emergency crews should be able to get to work without being hindered in their movements and their work.

- Keep abreast of the weather situation and the consequences of the hurricane on the island;
- Remain careful when leaving your home or shelter;
- Try to assess the damage around your home while remaining very cautious;
- Do not obstruct rescue teams, and avoid unnecessary trips;
- Do not use the telephone network except in case of EMERGENCY.

# YOUNG PEOPLE, A HIGH PRIORITY FOR TEAM GIBBS

## Valérie Damaseau Sends A Strong, Sincere Message To Our Youth



In charge of Human Services Development, vice president Valérie Damaseau, who is just 35 years old, addressed the island's youth directly, and explained the ambitions and projects she has in mind.

"Young people cut across all of the sectors of Human Services Development, over which I preside: associations, cultural activities, sports... You are my priority, as well as that of the entire staff that works with me. I know your hopes, your expectations, and I also see your fears and often disillusionment... but please know you are at the heart of my concerns."

### MEA CULPA

"We are aware that we are far from reaching our goals as far as you are concerned... Hurricane Irma came to wipe out our ambitious plans, six months after we were elected. Constrained by the realities of the catastrophe, we were obliged to reinforce the projects already in existence, such as Lend a Hand, Ticket Sport, Vacation Employment... and rebuild the infrastructures so they could rapidly welcome you once again: schools and sports facilities. And yet we know that is not enough. Please understand that as quickly as possible after September 6, 2017, we made a considerable financial effort in terms of the associations, so that they could continue to support you. So where we met with major constraints, we substituted the associations."

### NEIGHBORHOOD BY NEIGHBORHOOD

"My team and I hope to work in a closer manner with the neighborhood councils, which are closer to you, and serve as veritable go-betweens. These neighbo-

hood councils will be augmented with an additional representative, and we have asked each of these councils to create an exhaustive diagnostic of the population. The employment office statistics are incomplete, as there are too many of you to be known to them. This diagnostic of the population will be completed with a report on the state of various associations in the neighborhood. From there, we are going to define projects for each location. These projects concern you, as well as the entire population of the neighborhood. And you, the next generation, please don't hesitate to meet with us, to talk about your projects; we are here to listen and help you. We hope you will share your hopes and dreams with us..."

### RETRACING HISTORY

"To know where you are going, you have to know where you came from! With this important saying in mind, I suggested to my team that we paint the entire wall along the Jean-Louis Vanterpool Stadium with a giant mural that illustrates all of the athletes and other important personalities that are part of our history, and often contribute to making Saint Martin known beyond its borders. We should, you should, be proud of our common history and what it tells us. In understanding it, we can better understand our roots and the force they give us to go farther. A Wall of Fame that can inspire you, and perhaps one day, you too will be represented?"

### EXCELLENCE IN SPORTS IS NOT JUST AN EMPTY PROMISE

"Once again we are obliged to cope with our impatience... the plans to create an

excellence in sports department at the Albéric Richard Stadium in Sandy Ground, with a boarding school for young athletes, as well as extensive athletic facilities, will see the light of day. But not right away in its definitive version. Financial constraints oblige us to proceed step by step. Shortly, the running track and lighting will be restored. The rest will come later. You know who I am, where I come from. I am part of a large family with eight children. The sports I practiced at a high level, until now, were the backbone of my life. And I know how much sports represent such important values as respect, discipline, and decency. And yes, to provide you with a sports complex that lives up to its name is one of the leitmotifs of the role I have accepted during this term. If we do not accomplish that goal, it will represent a failure for me. And I don't like failures. I am totally confident that president Gibbs will complete this wonderful project. And thanks to my determination, the Collectivité is there for you when it comes to sports, and once again, do not hesitate to come talk to us about your projects and your hopes.

I encourage all of our young people to take their futures in their own hands, by grabbing the hand that is extended to them by way of the many professional training programs that have been put into place by my colleague, vice president Annick Petrus.

Finally, I want to repeat that you can count on us, just as much as I count on you."

**Valérie Damaseau,**  
first vice president,  
responsible for Human  
Services Development

# A Solid Relationship

The twinning of Saint Martin and the town of Bry-sur-Marne was reinforced in a nice way this summer, with 12 young “Bryards” hosted on the island from July 2-13.



Young artists at work on the “wall of solidarity”



Big smiles to illustrate a successful twinning of cities

Aged 15 to 17, 12 boys and girls originally from Bry-sur-Marne thought it would be fun to spend part of their summer vacation with youngsters in Saint Martin. All members of the Youth Municipal Council in Bry, some of these kids had already been Saint Martin, as they had come to lend a helping hand post-Irma in February 2018. The goal this time you to take care of younger kids by animating recreation centers managed by the CTOS in several schools. They had all been previously participated in training where they learned, for example, the best way to run group games or the best activities for kids to enjoy in total safety. Artistic expression was also on the roster and we will long be able to admire the “wall of solidarity” with the magnificent fresco they painted at the Vanterpool

stadium, with the help of Saint Martin’s youth territorial council and the youth parliament of Sint Maarten. This shared painting project, initiated by artist Jimmy Sabas, whose work flowers with joy on many walls across the island. But let’s not forget that these adolescents were also on vacation, so they were able to visit Saint Martin, enjoy the beaches, and even spend a day in Saint Barthélemy. With Jean-Marc Gervais, leader of the Saint Martin youth territorial council, the kids discovered the Mont de Accords and the history of the Concordia Treaty and the separation of the two sides of the island. They were sad to go home, but have a serious intention to revisit their friends in Saint Martin as soon as possible.

Made official in late 2016, the twinning of Saint Martin and Bry-sur-Marne was originally intended to allow youngsters from Saint Martin to be trained for various jobs in the film industry, by way of an agreement with the studios in Bry-sur-Marne and the National Audiovisual Institute located there. In exchange, the young Bryards should have come to Saint Martin as interns in the hotel sector on the island. But hurricane Irma turned the plans for that project upside down. The day after the hurricane hit, a serious solidarity movement sprang up in Bry-sur-Marne, including a fund-raising campaign that donated 85,000€ for the reconstruction of island schools.

# FOCUS ON PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

## Give Every Chance We Can To Young People

Those under 25 years old represent 40% of the total population of Saint Martin. And the troubling report from the INSEE at the end of 2016 noted that among this young population aged 15 to 24, approximately 32% are not in school, not being trained, and not working: a situation that requires serious solutions and the creation of specific programs. Making this a primary objection for our youth, as well as the island's economic and social wellbeing, the Collectivité is doing all it can to reverse this trend and already put two projects into place for the first quarter of the year: The Territorial Plan for Professional Training, which began in early 2019; and the signing of an agreement, "Objective 100," with the Regiment of Adapted Military Service of Guadeloupe (RSMA).

## Strong Push For Professional Training Programs

**Team Gibbs has made youth programs its priority. The Collectivité has been pushing steadily for professional training, working with every possible partner, both private and public, to find solutions to the recurrent problems of unemployment and dropping out of school, and the return to a healthy cycle for the local economy.**

In fact, facing the disquieting statistic that some 2,500 young people between the ages of 15 and 29 are without employment and lack qualifications, and the ratio of almost 40% of all youth who have left school

without a diploma, one of the solutions to consider would be to align the employment opportunities from the socio-economic sector with the qualifications of the local work force.

Under the aegis of vice president Annick Petrus, the first phase of the Territorial Program for Professional Training (PTFP), covering the period of 2018-2020, has been defined and offers a battery of professional training programs in various sectors: construction, hotels, food services, socio-cultural activities, and refresher courses. Candidates for this training will be paid,

either directly by the employment office, or by funds from the Collectivité. The training is intended for young people, but open to those of all ages who want to improve their skills or change professions.

An informational brochure lists all of the planned programs, the date each training starts, how long it lasts, and how to participate.

On Friday, March 22, the Collectivité organized an open-doors day at the CCISM to present this training program to the public, in the presence of partnering organizations. The partners individually met with each potential candidate, explaining how the training works and allowing them to pre-register there and then. The large number of people who attended the open-doors day indicates the high level of interest in this new training project.

The Territorial Program for Professional Training is co-financed by the Collectivité de Saint-Martin and Europe (European Social Funds), as part of an economic and social cohesion initiative open to everyone.

The booklet listing training programs for 2019-2020 is available on the Collectivité website: [www.com-saint-martin.fr](http://www.com-saint-martin.fr). The Department For Training, Vocational Apprenticing, and Employment is available to the public for additional information.



# RSMA “Objective 100”

The Collectivité has signed an agreement with the Regiment of Adapted Military Service (RSMA) of Guadeloupe: “Objective100,” thanks to which 100 places will be reserved to give priority to young people from Saint Martin who want to participate in the many different training programs offered throughout the year by the RSMA. In addition, this year, another new project, “The Discovery Path,” allows young job seekers the chance to try several training programs over the course of three months before choosing one.

## Schedule of upcoming training:

### AUGUST:

TRAINING	LENGTH
Car maintenance	10 months
Car body shop: repairs and painting	10 months
Heavy equipment drivers / Trash truck drivers	12 months
Professional orientation/discovery	6 months

### SEPTEMBER:

TRAINING	LENGTH
Car maintenance	6 months
Construction electrician	12 months
Plumbing installation	10 months
House painter	10 months
Private security guard	10 months
Bookkeeper	8 months
Forklift operator	10 months
Kitchen helper	12 months
Restaurant waiters and waitresses	12 months
Sales representative	6 months
Hotel sector	12 months

### OCTOBER:

TRAINING	LENGTH
Construction electrician	8 months
Mason	10 months
Plasterer	10 months
Metal worker / welder	10 months
Aluminum craftsman	10 months
Woodworking	12 months
Polyvalent environmental worker	12 months
Administrative agent	10 months
All Transportation drivers	8 months
Monitors for sports and tourism activities	12 months
Professional orientation/discovery	6 months

### NOVEMBER:

TRAINING	LENGTH
Car maintenance	10 months
Car body shop: repairs and painting	10 months
Public works driver	12 months
Preparation for civil service	8 months
Polyvalent exterior agent (green spaces)	12 months
Polyvalent agricultural worker	12 months
Private security guard	10 months

### DECEMBER:

TRAINING	LENGTH
Heavy equipment drivers / Trash truck drivers	12 months
Personal aide, social assistant	10 months
Forklift operator	10 months
Kitchen helper	12 months
Restaurant waiters and waitresses	12 months
Professional orientation/discovery	6 months

The RSMA offers 34 training programs in a large range of diverse sectors. The training might run from six to eight months for those who already have a diploma, or from 10 to 12 months for those who do not. The young recruits who are contracted receive room and board, and laundry services, during the training period as well as a small stipend. An interesting point of information is that there is an 84% rate of professional employment after this training. It's like a second-chance school for students who dropped out of the academic system, and allows them to regain self-confidence by opening

new horizons for them.

**To apply for these free training programs, one must be:**

- a young man or woman, not going to school,
- between the ages of 18 and 26,
- of French nationality,
- in good health,
- a resident of Guadeloupe or Saint-Martin

For additional information concerning the RSMA training, contact Mme Corine Pineau at the Welcome, Information, and Orientation Office Tel: 0590 27 94 82 or consult the website: [www.rsma.gp](http://www.rsma.gp)

## Two Young People From Saint Martin Report For Duty



Victor Gumbs, 19 years old, Young Recruit

Victor Gumbs decided to take his chances in the ranks of the RSMA Guadeloupe, during a recruitment period in the beginning of the year. He is being trained in plumbing installation. “Thanks to the RSMA, I have been able to experience things I never did before: bivouacs in the forest, surpass my expectations, live in a shared community. And especially, I will soon have my profession secured, that of a plumber, and I know that will change my future. Everyone always needs a plumber. If I had it to do again, I would do the same thing without hesitation and invite other young people like me to come and join the RSMA. I also got my driver's license. The RSMA is a great place to learn about life,” says Victor Gumbs.



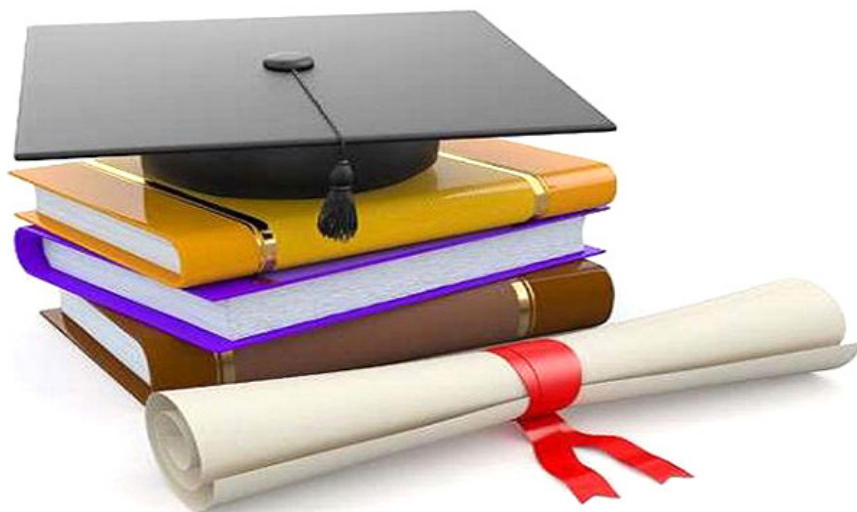
Marie-Michèle Théodule, Military Volunteer

This 27 year-old woman from Saint Martin joined the RSMA of Guadeloupe in October 2010, following a recruitment period run in partnership with Corine Pineau, from the Welcome, Orientation, and Information Service of the Collectivité. She was just 19 years old and had studied food service at the professional high school. She enlisted in the RSMA in 2010 to train as an administrative agent. In addition to this training, Marie-Michèle discovered a lifestyle and a work environment that agrees with her, and that she enjoys. “At the end of my training with the RSMA, I wanted to enter their ranks and am now military personnel. Today I have a satisfying professional life and have been able to create a family, as I am the mother of a little girl who is two years old, and I live in my own apartment. The RSMA is really there for young people to help us realize our projects. As soon as the regiment perceived my motivation for engaging in the military, solutions were rapidly put into place,” explains Marie-Michèle Théodule, who hopes that her experience motivates other young people, and concludes with this optimistic phrase: “When there's a will, there's a way!”



# EDUCATION GRANTS FROM THE COLLECTIVITÉ

## The Collectivité Helps Students With Higher Education



Co-financed at 85% by the European Social Funds and 15% by Collectivité, which advances the totality of the funds, the Territorial Grant For Higher Education each year allows close to 350 students, ages 16 to 25, to benefit from financial aid to help with their university and post-graduate courses. This year, for the first time, the grants will be given without the families being subject to income criteria. Following the impact of hurricane Irma, and taking into account that the aid is calculated on revenue from the past year, deputy Claire Guyon Firmin, in January 2018, questioned Frédérique Vidal, minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, about the attribution of the grants to students from the Northern Islands on social criteria, and awareness of the difficulties faced by the large number of employees who brutally lost their jobs, while the grants were in theory based on revenue declared for the past year. The request was favorably received and the attribution criteria will not longer take into account the revenue level of the families.

**The Collectivité defined several levels for these grants, which range from 2000€ to 5000€ per year, according to the level of education, as follows:**

Students in BAC + 2: 2000€ per year  
Students in BAC + 3: 2500€ per year

Students in Master 1: 3000€ per year  
Students in Master 2: 3500€ per year  
Doctoral students: 5000€ per year

This grant is paid to students in two parts, the first 70%, followed by the rest. For the university year 2018/2019, there were 345 students who benefitted from this aid, of which 297 were in the first year of their university degree, 28 in Master 1, 18 in Master 2, and two in PhD programs.

It is interesting to note that the majority of these students come from the French Quarter, and of the 345 who received grants, 249 are young women and the students for the most part are going to school in mainland France. Only 21 students, 16 young women and five young men, received exceptional amounts capped at 2500€ to study in the United States or Canada.

For the 2018-2019 cycle, the executive council, under the title of special assistance, gave a total 874,000€ to these 345 students.

Requests for the Territorial Grant For Higher Education can be made online on the Collectivité website: <http://www.com-saint-martin.fr> under the online services tab. The page is open since July 1 and will close on August 15. Additional information can be obtained by email: [dossierdebourses@com-saint-martin.fr](mailto:dossierdebourses@com-saint-martin.fr) or by calling 0590 29 59 18.

### The Executive Council Grants 4000€ In Special Aid To Stevensen Miller

When the executive council met on June 12, the Collectivité voted to attribute 4000€ in financial aid to the association SXM Alumni, for former students of Saint Barthélemy and Saint Martin, as part of their support for Stevensen Miller to participate in the summer Youth Leadership Initiative at the HEC in Paris.



SXM Alumni, the association for former students of Saint Barthélemy and Saint Martin, offers an important support network for young students who are leaving the family nest to continue their education in mainland France or any place else in the world. The Collectivité decided to provide funding to SXM Alumni to help with its financial aid for the young Stevensen. He was selected by members of founders of the association during their annual meeting held in December, as part of a program to provide all kinds of advice to high school students to help continue their education. Stevensen, who was first in his class at Robert Weinum high school, showed great interest in going to a top school, but the financial requirements put the brakes on his project.

SXM Alumni supported Stevensen in his quest to attend the summer Youth Leadership Initiative at HEC in Paris, the summer university program of this prestigious business school, and at the same time, he submitted a dossier to request funding from the Collectivité. After examining his dossier, the executive council members met on June 12 and considered this "an opportunity for the young man from Saint Martin to attend the summer program at HEC in Paris as he pursues his education and professional future, while also considering the financial burden for his family, which has limited means," and decided to make an exceptional grant of 4000€. Stevensen Miller flew to Paris at the end of June to start his adventure, which should be the first step toward a successful future

# New! An Incentive Grant to Bring Young College Grads Back to Saint Martin

During the 2019 edition of Successful Departure, which took place at the CCISM on Tuesday, July 16, third vice president Annick Petrus, who is in charge of academic affairs and professional training, announced a new program for the coming university cycle: the creation of an incentive grant, which, as its name indicates, would provide an incentive for young students from Saint Martin to come back and work on the island once their academic studies are completed. The measure was passed by the executive council on June 26.



## Eligible Sectors

This incentive grant is available to those students who are headed toward professional careers in the fields of teaching, health care (doctors, nurses, pharmacists, mid-wives, psychologists), civil service, construction engineering, tourism development, urban planning, the environment and sustainable energy, new digital and information technologies, law and justice, without consideration of their resources. The only thing required in exchange: a moral commitment on the part of the student to return and apply for employment in Saint Martin, upon graduation. "We lack people from Saint Martin who are trained in all of these sectors, even though there is a strong local demand for employment. In the teaching profession, only 3% of the posts are held by those from Saint Martin!" comments

Annick Petrus, who felt it was important to institute this new program, whose goal is to support the students who fill these conditions throughout their studies.

## Financial Aid For The Incentive Grants

Without taking into consideration their resources, students enrolled in the academic programs listed below, and who desire to return to the island to seek employment, will be supported by the Collectivité throughout their academic career as follows:

One or Two Year Programs: 2500 € per year  
Bachelor's Degree Candidates: 3000 € per year  
Master 1 Candidates: 3600 € per year  
Master 2 Candidates: 4200 € per year  
PhD Candidates: 6600 € per year  
This incentive grant is not cumulative with

the territorial scholarship for higher learning. This grant will be paid in two parts each year, 70% at the end of the calendar year and 30% at the end of the university year, upon presentation of a certificate of having sat for final exams. If the student desires to change majors, and remains in a new major equally eligible for this grant and under the same conditions, it will be transferred. Co-Financing Of 85% By European Social Funds And 15% By The Collectivité. Requests for this incentive grant can be made online on a dedicated page, which has been open since July 1 and will close on August 15, on the Collectivité's website: [www.com-saint-martin.fr](http://www.com-saint-martin.fr) under the online services tab, access student grants.

**Additional information can be obtained through the grants office at the academic affairs department, Human Development Center, by calling: 0590 29 59 18.**



## SUCCESSFUL DEPARTURE: A Good Start For A Successful Arrival!

Throughout the afternoon of Tuesday, July 16, as invited by the association Pélicarus and the Collectivité de Saint-Martin, new high school graduates and other students who will be soon leaving the island to pursue their higher education, passed by the CCISM to get valuable advice on how to succeed when they leave. The association, SXM Alumni, and the training center, 3W Academy, took part in this event, to provide the widest possible range of advice.



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The newly minted graduates filed through the CCISM, from 2pm to 7pm, stopping at various stands to listen, get advice, and helpful hints to follow when they get to their new destinations. At one of these stands, the association Pelicarus told the students about the administrative steps to take with the Centre Régional des Œuvres Universitaires et Scolaires (CROUS), as well as provide information on various universities, grants, housing subsidies, university residences, special services, etc... At a second stand, Pelicarus gave the students the possibility to enroll to be sponsored and supported

in their new adventures, like godchildren who would then become godparents in the future. There are 30 such sponsors across all of France, all members of the association, who take newly arrived students under their wing every year.

### Mutual Aid Network For Saint Martin Students

Represented by a new graduate, 18 year-old Laura Bouaricha, who just got her

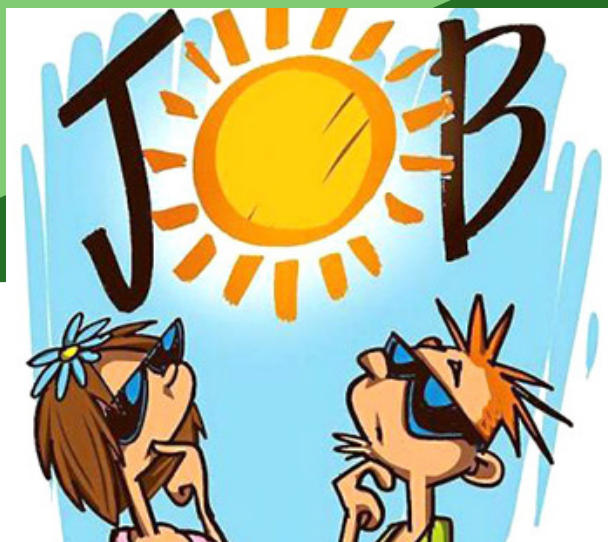
series L BAC with special mention, the association, SXM Alumni, offered to be an important resource for those students getting ready to leave the family nest: advice, help in creating dossiers, moral support, or just lending an ear... "I was also helped enormously throughout the school year by SXM Alumni, to help with getting into the school where I wanted to go after my BAC: a journalism school in Cannes. I will leave my island and my family in August, and I am confident and reassured, as I know I will never be alone. The Alumni are connected to me. As a result, I also want to be part of the association to take my turn in helping other students," indicates Laura.

With its stand dedicated to financial aid, staff from the Collectivité explained to students all afternoon the steps to take in order to obtain special assistance for their higher education, such as grants. To request a grant, an online application opened on July 1 and remains open until August 15, on the Collectivité website: [www.com-saint-martin.fr](http://www.com-saint-martin.fr), under the online service tab, click on student grants.

Successful Departure is a fantastic mutual aid network for students from Saint Martin, and works to make sure that the largest number of them will succeed.

# FOCUS ON SUMMER JOBS!

## Employment For Youth



Les cahiers, les livres scolaires et les stylos Books, notebooks, and pens have been put away for the summer, giving way to a long vacation. In addition to leisure activities, relaxing, and going to the beach, there is also time for summer jobs. To help with employment, every year the Collectivité provides young people with opportunities that give them a glimpse into the working world. These include programs initiated by the Jeunesse et des Sports de la Collectivité, Lend a Hand, Vacation Employment, Ticket Sport, and Le Stylo d'Août, allowing young people to surf the wave of employment.

### 200 Youth Enrolled In “Lend a Hand”

For almost 10 years, the “Lend a Hand” program extends a hand to young people, ages 18 to 30, who are no longer students but not employed, by offering them a job for two months during the summer with a business. Organized as internships as part of a professional training program, “Lend A Hand” has 200 young people enrolled and experiencing total immersion into the business world, either during the month of July or the month of August, for a total of 20 hours per week. There are 51 businesses taking part and integrating these young workers into their staff for two months during the summer.

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Registered with the employment office, these young interns receive payment of 600€ for the month, of which 100€ is paid by the participating business and the other 500€ from the Collectivité. The idea is to get this young people in tune with the working world, through a fixed schedule, hierarchical authority, and making them aware of their value, and that they are capable of working. Fairly often, those young workers who prove their skills and their motivation are offered a job at the end of the “Lend A Hand” program. An extended hand that has done its job!

The cost of the “Lend A Hand” operation for 2019 is 130,000€.

### Responsible Vacation Employment

For over 20 years there has been the opportunity for youth aged 17 to 25 to work during the summer months in one of the services of the Collectivité, of the Caisse Territoriale des Œuvres Scolaires (CTOS), or for short-term summer projects such as Ticket Sport and Le Stylo d'Août. At the Collectivité, these youth are immersed in the workings of the territorial administration and an effort

is made to make them as interested as possible in the tasks they are given.

With Ticket Sport, those young people recruited for vacation employment are part of the staff working with the kids that are part of the program. A great way to come full circle: the older kids help take care of the younger ones during excursions and sports activities.

Those in the vacation employment program can also take part in helping with extra-curricular activities organized by the CTOS or help with homework and summer revisions for younger students before the start of the next school year as part of Le Stylo d'Août program.

This is a good way for those between 17 and 25 to confront the working world, with an imposed schedule and hierarchy. And especially to learn the usefulness they can have in society and their responsibility for those who are younger.

This year, there are approximately 150 young people who were selected after applying online. Each receives a monthly sum of 600€, financed 85% by the European Social Funds and 15% by the Collectivité.

## 21 Year-Old Aline Trimarchi Finds “Vacation Employment” At Ticket Sport

An Economic Sciences major in Guadeloupe, Aline is a young woman from Saint Martin who returns to her mother’s house every summer. She is good at finding “vacation employment,” as she has done for the past several years, working as a secretary at a medical-social center, for example, or leading activities at a cultural center.

For the months of July and August this year, Aline has joined the summer staff at Ticket Sport: “This is a wonderful new experience for me to work with all these kids. There are four temporary employees for 20 kids and we help the sports directors with their work. I like the responsibility I was given, for which the key word is respect: respect the rules; respect others and yourself. In addition, this summer job allows me to financially help my family, which supports me for my education. It’s all good,” says Aline.



# ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

## Summer Fun With Ticket Sport!



Every year for the past two decades, the Collectivité creates the Ticket Sports program for the month of July. As of the first Monday of the month, and throughout all of July, La Halle des Sports at the Jean-Louis Vanterpool, stadium in Marigot is invaded by at least 100 kids who enjoy the numerous sports and fun activities designed for them.



This annual operation run by the Jeunesse et des Sports service is always very popular. Over 100 kids, ages 7 to 14, most of whom do not have the chance to go away on vacation, enjoy numerous activities throughout the month of August. Their sports instructors include youngsters recruited through the Vacation Employment program.



In groups of 20, divided by age, each kid can try their hand at various sports: soccer, volleyball, basketball, fitness, track and field, running, etc. In rotation, one group of kids can go to the beach in Galisbay to enjoy water sports and swimming.

With its sportsmanship spirit, Ticket Sport allows these kids to learn and enjoy a maximum of different sports, inciting them to practice the sport they like best, and joining associations and other local sports clubs.

# “Le Stylo d’Août”

## Get Ready To Go Back To School

Every year in August, the Collectivité organizes summer classes for young elementary school students (CP and CM2) who need refresher courses. “Le Stylo d’Août” program takes place in two schools, Elie Gibs in Grand Case and Emile Choisy in Marigot, from August 5 through August 23. The kids will work to improve their French and dictations, as well as mathematics, reading, and visual arts. The classes are fun, more like educational games, as after all this is during summer vacation! Among the staff for this program, there are older students recruited through the “Vacation Employment” program.

Free and open to all students from all schools, these classes allow children to revisit the basics they learned during the past school year and be ready academically to move on the next grade. Every year there are dozens of students who participate in this program, which allows them to be prepared to head into the next school year.

For additional information, contact the Jeunesse et Sports service at the Collectivité, in the annex to the administrative offices in Concordia. Tel.: 0590 52 27 30, or visit the Facebook page “Service jeunesse & sports de la Collectivité de Saint-Martin.”



# STYLO D’AOÛT

2019

**Soutien scolaire GRATUIT**

- Français
- Maths
- Lecture
- Dictée
- Arts plastiques

Du 5 au 23 Août 2019

Du CP au CM2

Ecole Emile CHOISY (Marigot)  
Ecole Elie gibs (Grand-Case)



**Pièces à fournir:**

- Carnet de Santé (page vaccinations)
- Attestation d’assurance RC
- Pièces d’identité Enfant + Parent
- Certificat de scolarité



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