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Save the Date: Urban Agriculture Symposium Oct. 24
The Urban Agriculture Symposium will bring together experts to discuss critical components of today's food economy - from urban food production to preparation and distribution. Featured keynotes include Steve Moore, Elon University, and Philson Warner, Cornell University. Learn more and register here.

Thanks for attending the Green Living Expo & Back to School BBQ!
Cheers to a successful 2014 Green Living Expo DC! This year's event was held in partnership with UDC’s 9th Annual Back to School BBQ, where the University welcomed back students, staff, faculty and alumni at the start of the 2014-2015 academic year. Aligning the two events offered the community a chance to join in the celebrations promoting global peace, health and wellness, and sustainability.

CAUSES featured in Urban Ag article for Climate Progress!
Thanks to Climate Progress for featuring CAUSES in How One Of D.C.’s Worst Heroin Markets Became A

Sustainable Food Source. We’ve been fortunate to partner with like-minded organizations such as Washington Parks & People as we combat food insecurity through urban agriculture and education, which also has a positive economic impact when food is grown, sold and consumed locally. MORE

First HarvestFest at Muirkirk Farm
The Muirkirk Research Farm welcomed nearly 100 guests to celebrate the first ever CAUSES HarvestFest. The farm has grown so much over the last two years, what better time to show off our progress on a sunny, fall day? MORE

Save the Date: 4-H Bully Prevention Summit Oct. 17
On October 17, the Center for 4-H and Youth Development will host the 2014 Bully Prevention Summit, featuring a program full of youth-oriented events. MORE

The Arcadia Mobile Market brings the market to you
You may have spotted a bright green, school bus parked around D.C. That bus has actually been reconverted to the Arcadia Mobile Market. The CAUSES Center for Sustainable Development partners with Arcadia at their Providence Hospital and the St. Elizabeth’s locations. MORE

CAUSES TV
In this episode of CAUSES TV, Dean O’Hara chats with DC Dept. of Public Works Director William Howland and CAUSES’ own Che Axum. About D.C.’s recycling program. MORE

Around CAUSES
Here’s what’s happening around CAUSES: 1) Welcome to Lorraine Weller Clarke, 2) Nutrition student Leah Fahey: from China to Boston, 3) Yao Afantchao honored by Cameroon American Council, 4) Ralph Belton selected Professor of Architecture of the Year, 5) Chef T honored for service by SOME, 6) City Orchard celebrates first harvest, 7) Dean O’Hara participates in Germany’s Degrowth Conference. And don’t forget to check out our upcoming events!

For more information on CAUSES visit www.udc.edu/causes or contact Leslie Malone at leslie.malone@udc.edu. And be sure to consult the CAUSES event calendar at http://calendar.udc.edu.

Read JUST CAUSES online at udc-causes.blogspot.com
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All About the UDC Architectural Research Institute
ARI provides cross-disciplinary research and service to support livable, sustainable and global cities. Programs in construction, architecture and planning, provide opportunities to combine research and fieldwork. Distinguished Professor Clarence Pearson has led ARI since its inception.

Collaborations with DHCD
ARI was founded through a collaboration between UDC and the D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development Homestead Preservation Program, now the Property Acquisition Disposition Division and the Single Family Residential Rehabilitation Program. DHCD has been ARI’s primary client for the past twenty years. This partnership provides comprehensive architectural services allowing for the reclamation of the city’s vacant, boarded up and run down housing, rehabilitating them for low- and middle-income residents. To date, ARI has provided architectural services for the renovation and rehabilitation of more than 606 homes and apartments at a cost of more than $90 million, positively impacting thousands of residents in all eight wards of the District.

Service to the Community
Whether to community organizations or residential assistance, ARI has helped to make a difference and an impact around D.C. These projects enable the city to become a “working model” in which students are able to confront and find solutions to the many issues that impact our urban environment. “Our mission in Architecture is not just to develop Architects, but to create good citizens in the community who have learned to give back and be an example to those who follow,” explained Prof. Pearson.

Service to UDC
Not only is ARI instrumental in rehabbing older buildings around D.C., the Institute also lends a hand right here at UDC. ARI has been awarded several contracts to provide UDC with architectural support on a variety of campus projects, thus, providing many services to the University. ARI has worked with Campus Services in all aspects of project activities including meetings with contractors, architects and OPM.

Student Intern Program
ARI combines real world experience with education, offering staff and students the chance to engage in solving real architectural and design problems. This gives students valuable experience in what working for an architecture firm entails. CAUSES research assistant Arielle Gerstein spoke with two former ARI interns, Yoftahe Woldemariam and Sarah Mousavizadeh.

For more information on the Architectural Research Institute, contact Prof. Clarence Pearson at cpearson@udc.edu or visit www.udc.edu/causes.