UDC 4-H to Host LifeSmarts Competition March 13
Also seeking volunteers for game show style competition which tests marketplace skills for teens

The University of the District of Columbia will again host the 4-H LifeSmarts Competition on March 13, 2015. The LifeSmarts consumer education for teenagers program creates savvy consumers and develops marketplace skills among teens in a fun and engaging format. The competition will be held in room 515 of the David A. Clarke School of Law from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., located on the UDC campus at 4340 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC.

Complementing high school curricula, LifeSmarts is run as a game-show style competition for 9th through 12th grade students. DC teams are set to compete in the areas of: personal finance, health and safety, the environment, technology, consumer rights and responsibilities. Over the past three years, McKinley Tech students have been crowned champions of DC LifeSmarts competition and will be returning to defend their crown. The champions of this year's competition will travel to Seattle, Washington, to vie for the National Championship April 17-20.

The LifeSmarts consumer education is a program of the National Consumers League locally run through the Center for 4-H and Youth Development of the College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES) of the University of the District of Columbia. CAUSES is committed to building strong, vibrant communities of active and engaged citizens. The Center for 4-H and Youth Development develops innovative programs that emphasize experiential learning opportunities for young people and their families. Through "hands-on" interactive programming, participants develop life skills, leadership abilities, and an ethic of civic stewardship.

Volunteers are needed to serve as referees, judges, timekeepers, score keepers and question master. Learn more about these volunteer responsibilities. If you would like to volunteer for the event, contact Jaime Brown, 4-H Extension Agent, at (202) 274-7136 or jsbrown@udc.edu. For more information on LifeSmarts, visit www.lifesmarts.org. Learn more about the Center for 4-H and Youth Development here.

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