“To reduce unemployment and underemployment in the District of Columbia by enhancing the skills of its residents.”

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Dear Friends,

On behalf the entire UDC Workforce Development & Lifelong Learning Team, THANK YOU so much for supporting our very first fundraiser “WDLL, a Gateway to Investing in Your Dream!!” The event gave us an opportunity to connect with our close partners, strong supporters and good friends all for one purpose: to support Student Success. During our short program Myra Harris, a student who just completed our Pharmacy Technician program, told her inspirational story about how she has newfound confidence and an industry recognized credential. With that combination, she knows that nothing can stop her! Ms. Harris represents one of over two thousand students who are enrolled in WDLL this semester. With your continued support, we know that these success stories will continue to multiply and motivate. We also presented Mayor Vincent C. Gray with a symbol of appreciation crafted by our students to thank him for his steadfast support. It is a beautiful symbol of Washington, DC that we felt represented UDC WDLL and the Mayor. We have attached a few pictures from the event so you can see that presentation and a few other images.

One of the photographs is where Mayor Gray himself made a contribution! So, if you were unable to attend, but still want to donate to our students’ success, you can do so here: https://secure.qgiv.com/for/?key=udcfoundation In the section please direct my donation to: select Option 11: “Dean’s Opportunity Fund UDC-CC Workforce Development & Lifelong Learning.” If you prefer traditional mail, you may also give to the University by sending your check or money order to: The University of the District of Columbia Foundation, 4200 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008 and in the Memo line note “11-WDLL Dean’s Fund.” All donations go to our Student Success Initiative and directly assists students.

We’d like to thank Mayor Vincent C. Gray, UDC President Dr. James E. Lyons, UDC-CC CEO Dr. Calvin E. Woodland, event chair Kim Blaney Bivings and our wonderful students Myra Harris, Katrina Fields, Wayne Jackson and Richard Cochran for their participation!

On behalf of the UDC Workforce Development & Lifelong Learning and our students, THANK YOU for your support!!

Dean Kim R. Ford
WDLL Fundraiser

“WDLL, a Gateway to Investing in Your Dream!!”

UDC President Dr. James E. Lyons with Mayor Vincent E. Gray

Dean Kim R. Ford, Pharmacy Technician Graduate Myra Harris and President Dr. James E. Lyons (Left to right)

Richard Cochran, Mayor Vincent Gray, Dean Kim R. Ford, Wayne Jackson, Dr. James E. Lyons, and Dr. Calvin Woodland (Left to right)

Mayor Vincent Gray makes a donation to the “11-WDLL Dean’s Fund” with Dean Kim R. Ford
The Student Appreciation event at Bertie Backus in August was reminiscent of a day of old friends getting together to play Spades, listen to ole school music, while other family members looked on and ate picnic food. Students from the Medical Billing and Coding, Electronic Health Records, Computer IT for Seniors and the WIC Hospitality Program were in attendance. Kudos to Sabrina Simmons, Student Success Specialist, at Backus for putting together a relaxed, stress free summer evening of laughter and fun. We were sorry that Dean Ford and Mr. Cook were unable to attend, they were missed.

-Bertie Backus, Medical Billing and Coding Summer 2014 Class
When it Rains It Pours

When it rains, it pours. How much will you endure?

The sun will come through to shine directly on you.

What goes up must come down. Sow your seeds in solid ground.

From the bottom to the top, the battles will never stop.

If you slip, don’t trip, grab again a firmer grip.

Because sink ships don’t float— you’re the captain of your boat.

God is your map and the sea is full of traps.

Let the angels be your crew, cause the rest is laid out for you!

- Chandra Brown, PR Harris
Student Appreciation at Marion Shadd

70’s Party at Shadd

Shadd students, staff, and Dean Kim R. Ford enjoyed 1970’s music played by Shadd’s own DJ, Bill Oates.

Some students came dressed in 1970’s fashions. Dean Ford, David Lloyd, Professor A and the students danced in a good old fashioned Soul Train line!

There were dance contests, “Best 1970’s” fashion contest!

Everyone had a stone cold gas, honey!
We, the students and friends of the community wish to express our thanks and appreciation for allowing us to have a Movie Day. The showing of “Good Deeds” turned out to be a great success. We appreciate the food and the service we received during the presentation. We look forward to enjoying more events. We want to express that we will look forward to supporting the PR Harris Campus and its future activities.

Thank you again,

Patricia Roberts Harris Staff
Hi! My name is Jessica Jenkins. I just recently started working at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville, Maryland as a Patient Care Technician. It’s been a truly pleasurable and rewarding experience so far! I am finally doing something that I have a passion for. I have decided to further my career in the healthcare field by becoming a Neurologist in the near future.

I think working in a hospital is a huge step towards achieving my goal. Not just because it’s a hospital, but because of the environment and the hands-on-experience with actual patients. UDC Workforce Development has given me the opportunity and motivation to apply myself even more to the healthcare field. I strongly believe that the encouragement and motivation of my instructors has given me a chance to apply my knowledge to something that I have never considered in the past.

Being a student in Workforce Development gives me the confidence to learn at my own pace and the flexibility to stay after class and learn on-on-one with my phlebotomy instructor, Ms. Ann Semwanga! I will admit, I feel extremely grateful to be given the opportunity to take a Phlebotomy Technician program at no cost as a resident of the District of Columbia. I mean, who knew the District of Columbia offered such good “greatness”! I didn't stop until I searched and finally found it. Though this was very good, the “greatness” did not stop there! While enrolled as a student in the Phlebotomy Technician program, you can only miss (3) three class days. During this time, I was hired at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital. Thanks to my instructor Ms. Ann and Site Director Mr. Holmes, I was able to complete orientation on my new job as well as continue my phlebotomy program.

For this opportunity, I am grateful and always will be. With the flexibility and extra assistance, I was able to see this program through!

- Jessica Jenkins, CPT, CPCT
My trip to the White House to meet with Secretary of Labor, Mr. Perez, was a very humbling and eye-opening one. When I was selected by the Backus Campus to be a representative, I didn't really know what to expect. I knew we were going to go speak about unemployment and services that we were using like Workforce Development Courses to try and secure gainful employment, but that was about it. I was interested in knowing what type of security check we would have to go through seeing that we would be meeting in one of the rooms in the White House.

I arrived early at the checkpoint because I was raised by a military man and I am also a veteran so it is instilled in me that if you arrive on-time, you are already late. It was a good thing too, because not only did I get to meet some of the other representatives from around the DMV area, but the security checkpoint line was getting long. As we were waiting for our escort and one last participant to arrive, I was able to get a feel for our group. There were going to be a total of 17 people participating in the focus group, including President Obama’s Economic Advisor Jeff Zients, Mr. Secretary of Labor Tom Perez, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Employment and Training Administration Eric Seleznow. I learned that there were more than 14 participants names that were submitted by the District’s surrounding Community Workforce Development programs, but we were the selected few. I was definitely excited that I had made the cut and was now extra curious on what the deciding factors were. I soon found out one of the factors when our escort arrived and walked up to one of the participants and called her by name and said, “I recognize you from your LinkedIn profile.” I couldn't help but chuckle as I inquired, “So you all looked up all of the participants social media pages?” He turned to me and said with a searching look, “Yes, all of those that we could find.” I laughed again because I knew his searching look was his trying to put a name to a face and that he had drawn a blank because he could not find any of my social media pages. He continued, ”Which workforce program are you with?” “Backus,” I replied. “Oh, then you must be Ms. Pondexter because they submitted several names and we only selected one from the group, and no, I didn’t locate you on any social network.” I laughed again and replied, ”Yes, that is by design. I keep my private life private and my public life very professional.”

We had to go through three security checkpoints before we were able to step foot into the White House. Once we made it past security, we were taken to our meeting room where we were immediately greeted by Secretary Perez, Economic Advisor Jeff Zients, and Deputy Assistant Secretary Eric Seleznow. They were very down-to-earth, shaking our hands and hugging us as they greeted us. Our meeting started on time and got very emotionally intense as each of the participants told their story of how and why they were currently unemployed or underemployed. There were times where it was visible that not only were the 14 participants fighting to hold back tears but so were the White House officials. One thing was clear, everybody was being affected by this non-talked about recession. Black, white, old, young, veterans, those with advanced schooling as well as those with very little schooling, unemployment and underemployment was touching us all. It was evident that Workforce Development programs were definitely beneficial to those in the room who were able to enhance or gain a new skill by taking advantage of the free courses/classes offered in their area.

However, there were still many barriers that we would have to overcome, many that President Obama and his staff were aware of and some that they weren’t. Many are being denied gainful employment because of their credit history, because of their age, because they have been unemployed for more than one year, because they cannot get sponsored for the required security clearance without already having a job that needs a security clearance, because they don’t have a permanent address due to losing their homes to foreclosure and because they are either over-qualified for the positions they are applying for or because the employers don’t want to pay them for their specialized skill set. It seemed as if everyone at the table had bought into the American ideal that if you worked hard, went to school, got good grades, that the ultimate reward would be that you would be able to secure gainful employment, work until retirement and then enjoy the rest of your life; however, that wasn’t any of our present realities.

After conversing for hours about what changes were needed to help get America, not just the DMV, back to work, our meeting ended, just as it had started, on time. We were assured that our suggestions would be discussed with President Obama as soon as he returned from the flyest city in the world, Chicago. They also stated they would be relaying to him that I said that I was Chitown’s favorite daughter being born and raised there but I would allow him to claim it as his home even though he moved there when he was grown.

-Rosmatine Pondexter, Bertie Backus
The Summer, 2014 semester ushered in the expansion of WDLL's Student Success Initiative via the inclusion of a Student Retention resource team. The Student Retention Specialist, Paulette Wooten-Martin, coordinates the strategic implementation of services aimed at supporting student retention and completion. Working collaboratively with the student, faculty/staff or external support partners, the Student Retention Specialist works diligently to assist students who are experiencing difficulties inside or outside of the classroom. The services range from connecting students to internal academic resources such as tutoring and workshops to facilitating non-academic support services such as transportation, childcare or housing through an external partner. To date, the Retention team has developed a resource guide that features various types of resources that will help provide students a better quality of life and help increase the likelihood of success in the classroom.

In addition to offering students the ability to meet one-on-one, the Retention team will be offering workshops on topics that will help students reach their full academic potential.

Retention team services are available at each site on a rotating basis, so please be sure to check with your site’s Student Success staff calendar to confirm when services will be available. Please contact Ms. Wooten-Martin to discuss ways to help you overcome academic or non-academic obstacles en route to Achieving Your Dream!
The Career Services arm of Workforce Development has launched with over 100 students taking immediate advantage of this new resource.

Career Counselor Mamei Willie-Bonglo has been busy conducting presentations in classes, reviewing/editing workshops, and offering career advice. In addition, she has also been networking with community partners and employers to expand the availability of options for WDLL students upon completion of their respective certificate programs.

To date, partnerships are underway with:
- Harris Teeter Corporation
- Community of Hope, D.C.
- DC United
- Volunteers of America-Chesapeake, Inc.
- DC SEU (Sustainable Energy Utility)

The immediate focus is to make sure that upon completion of a certificate program, students have resumes that are updated and fully reflective of the skills they’ve enhanced through Workforce Development.

In addition, career readiness workshops and mock interviews will also be offered through WDLL's Career Services.

Some recent success include the hiring of 11 workforce students to work as seasonal staff with the DC United soccer club!
Look Who’s Working!

Richard Cochran, Construction Instructor
Sasha Bruce Youthwork

Wayne Jackson, Night Maintenance
United States Senate

Troy Souder, Landscaper
Central Union Mission

Keishawn Johnson
Bernice Williams *(Winner “Man of the Match” Award)*
Johnny Johnson
Jhane Fletcher
Dale Seaton
Bakasia Miles
Jacqueline Thomas
Richard Thomas
Tyrone Queen *(Winner “Man of the Match Award”)*

Melvin Tolar, Track Maintenance Worker
WMATA
I’m Still Here!!

I am 51 years young, and I had struggles in my life; through the grace of God I am still here. I was stabbed when I was 18 years old and it came within inches of my heart. At the age of 32 I was in a near death car accident and also had a stroke. I had a nervous breakdown while pursuing a career at Metro learning and growing towards a CEO position. People say 3 strikes and you’re out, but in God’s eyes there’s no limit. God has opened the flood gates of heaven on me and it has rained on me ever since. You see, when you represent him, he puts you in his outstretched hand and he “represents you.” Don’t let people tell you that you can’t do something. You can do whatever you put your mind to. This is my second semester at UDC CC Workforce Development Division at PR Harris. I will continue to strive because God has something planned for me. – Barbara Summers, Patricia Roberts Harris

My name is Sharman Wilkins. As of 2014, I became a student in UDC-CC’s Workforce Development Division. Prior to attending PR Harris, my life was climbing uphill. Since I’ve been a student, my life has excelled. There is always a time for rejuvenation and that’s what is happening to me. I would not trade all of my accomplishments, under any circumstances. You know the saying “Life is what you make it”. My life is developing more and more to heights where the “sky is the limit.” I believe I can soar like an eagle and excel as high as the sky. You can become what you want, once you set your mind to be the best at whatever you decide to do. It’s an ongoing journey that’s worth taking, because the destination is never ending. The constant fulfillment you get from aspiring, better life and living has no limit. I believe if you look ahead, there is no reason to look back. Be proud of your accomplishments and always thank the person who made it happen. God always has been faithful and trust and believe. – Sharman Wilkins, Patricia Roberts Harris

Look Who’s Working!
My name is Chandra Brown and I am a single mother of a three children, ages 15, 9, and 3. Since I was 14 and for over 20 years, I have experienced domestic violence in one form or another. During one episode of domestic violence, I was unfortunate to have the retina of my right eye detached. I lost a portion of my vision and a big part of my confidence. I have struggled to maintain my sense of direction, peace, purpose, and well-being. I worked odd jobs in the past to survive and I would seemingly attract the same kind of individuals that would ultimately lead to more domestic violence.

Through running from one place to another to escape abuse, I became homeless, and my children were taken away from me. However, it was only when I was referred by PATHS to a program at EFFORTS did I see that others truly cared for me and that my life matters. The EFFORTS staff is friendly, helpful, warm, and down to earth. They helped me to get on my feet. My Case Manager, Mrs. Phyllis Pines Garnett was sympathetic to what I was going through and helped me to eliminate the word, "excuses" out of my vocabulary. For once, I felt safe. Mrs. Garnett explained that EFFORTS addresses clients holistically and she advised me that it takes perseverance and our best efforts to become whole and self-sufficient. She also gave me appropriate referrals to other agencies when needed. I have been looking ahead, not back, ever since!

Initially, when I came to EFFORTS, I was angry and unready to join EFFORTS's support groups in large part because I was unwilling to share my personal life with strangers. My case manager recognized that I had some unresolved anger issues and immediately gave me one-on-one anger management sessions so that I could control my outbursts of energy and express myself better. These sessions allowed me to get to the root of my problem. During a subsequent visit, Mrs. Garnett reminded me that EFFORTS offers support group sessions and that it has been proven that individuals in group sessions benefit from their peers who have like experiences. So, I began going to EFFORTS's group sessions and my first assignment was to write my living obituary and how I wanted to be remembered. This session caused me to think hard about my life, what I wanted in life, and what my legacy would be. I now look forward to the group sessions, and I am currently working towards my Bachelor's degree for Social Work at the University of the District of Columbia where I have maintained a B average. In addition, at night, I am attending the University of the District of Columbia Community College in pursuit of a Medical Assistant course to recertify my credentials. I have obtained housing, and I was recently reunited with my youngest son, and I am now working on unification with my oldest children. I am seeking my own business and I feel empowered! I know that the sky is the limit for me and I truly thank EFFORTS for its part in making me whole.
I am currently employed by Catholic Charities as a Case Aide providing services to 452 consumers in three (3) programs, Transitional Rehabilitation Program (TRP 48 bed capacity), Youth Transitional Program (YTP 24 bed capacity) and the Low-Barrier Shelter (LBS 380 bed capacity).

I plan to earn an Associate’s degree and continue my education to earn a Bachelor’s degree in Social Work, and then continue to earn a Masters. It is my goal to provide quality services to the District's varied populations such as the disabled, elderly, homeless, persons living with mental illness, substance dependent, literacy, youth population, persons living HIV/AIDS and the LGBT community. All require a trained Advocate. With the help of the University of the District of Columbia Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning Program, I will be able to reach my goals. The process began with a visit to UDC CC offices in the United Medical Center. I was guided by Transition Coordinator, Ms. Kim Blaney Bivings. My check list now completed, I proudly attended my first classes on August 25th!

This has been a life changing series of events. Meeting the staff at the UDC CC Workforce Development Program Lifelong Learning was the beginning of a new life!

Thank you Mr. Jefre Holmes, Ms. Kim Blaney Bivings and Mr. McDuffie for this life changing opportunity.

-Antony B. Carter, United Medical Center
The Armed Forces Retirement Home visit on Friday, June 13, 2014 was one of pleasure and joy. As a veteran myself, I find great pleasure in being afforded the opportunity to participate in meeting former military comrades and hearing their stories as well as assisting those that now require help. While moving the residents to the picnic area, many of them shared stories of their life and their future. Some were humorous and some I provided the outside company that the resident longed for. I enjoyed serving the food as well as providing help to the residents - be it moving them from their living space to the picnic area and back to their rooms, helping them play a game, or just sitting with them and listening. This was a joyous time for me. Thanks for allowing me to be a part of this event. *Geraldine Hayes, Patricia Roberts Harris*

I volunteered at the Summer Reading Festival at M.L.K Library with Ms. Conchita Mays. We handed out flyers about the library’s summer reading program to potential library patrons. We also met the National’s baseball team mascots and danced with children in the library. It was a educational and fun filled event.—*Bryant Deas, Patricia Roberts Harris*
What made you decide to sell snacks and drinks at Shadd?
We got tired of being in class hungry! We needed some type of snacks for ourselves and for other students here in the building instead of us having to go outside. The snacks help keep students energized for class. The store is readily available for students who are rushing to class and for those who just need a pick me up - it’s convenient. We also wanted the administration to have something to eat as well.

What do you call your store?
It’s called the “Shadd Shoppette” because it’s not a total convenience store, but it’s totally convenient to Shadd students.

Do you offer a variety of goods?
Yes, we offer new candy, drinks and snacks as well as retro treats. Our biggest sellers are pistachio nuts and Slim Jim’s.

What has the response been from the students?
The response has been great. Students are looking forward to us setting up each day. If we do not set up due to a Shadd activity, they are not happy. Now they are used to us being here. When they are running late they know we will be here with snacks and drinks for them when they get here. When the students are running low on energy during class they know we will be here during their break.

What have you learned from this experience?
We learned that you can be appreciated for who you are and for expressing your ideas without jealousy and envy. We learned that people are honest and they appreciate others who do good deeds. We learned that people support each other and credit goes a long way. When we extend credit to students they become loyal to us. People are supportive of others being independent and creative. We know it’s about the customers and that we cannot go missing in action because people miss us.

What would you tell someone who is attempting to copy your services?
Be careful, it takes a lot of time, a lot of work, a lot of money. You have to develop good rapport with your clients. You have to laugh when people get you upset. No one can copy us! You have to understand your clients and their needs. Be versatile. We started out with a $400 budget and our merchandise consisted of sodas and chips.

Final words... Wayne and Richard want to thank Mr. Brown (Carpentry) for allowing them to operate the store around class time, Dean Ford for giving them the OK to begin their venture, and first and foremost the students of Shadd for their continued support and patronage.
I am a native Washingtonian and I have been a Workforce Development student at Marion Shadd since May, 2014. In 2013, I went to spend some time with my daughter, son-in-law and grandson in Atlanta, Georgia. When I returned home in February of this year, I didn't realize how much Washington, DC had changed and how bad the economy had become. I've been searching for a job since returning home and still have not been able to establish employment. So, instead of just sitting on the computer all day, I took it upon myself to visit the local libraries.

While at one of the libraries, I saw a flyer about free classes for DC residents at the University of the District of Columbia’s Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning Program. I am now taking the Math and Language Arts Skills class taught by Professor Adirah Aishet-Tsalmiel. Professor “A” is very knowledgeable about the subjects she teaches. She does an awesome job and we have covered a lot in this class.

In June, we visited the Deanwood Library located at 1350 49th Street NE. While at the library, I signed up for a library card and joined the summer reading book club. Just for signing up, you receive a prize, which was a library bag. The librarian gave a tour and talked about the collection at the Deanwood Library. What I found really rewarding was learning about the library website and the databases. She showed us how to download e-books, music, and audio books. She introduced us to ways we can search the library’s catalog, databases and how to practice a test (SAT, GRE, LSAT). The research database was very interesting. For example, if you already have a library card, just follow these steps: www.dclibrary.org > Research > Databases > Career > Education > Learning Express Library or Testing and Education Reference Center. You will love it!

Professor A also led a field trip to the Newseum located in downtown Washington, DC. While there, we attended a lecture class on 1964: Civil Rights at 50, saw a 3D Movie, and took tours of the September 11, 2001 Gallery and the "Pictures of the Year Gallery." If you plan on attending the Newseum, be sure to take a camera and go to the top of the building. There you will see the beauty of America's Main Street, while enjoying the city view.

I have learned so much since attending UDC-CC Workforce Development Lifelong Learning Classes. I am now also enrolled in the Customer Service Hospitality class taught by Professor Silva. We are really just getting started; however, I am learning a lot. I hope to continue to take as many classes as possible. I really enjoy learning in and outside of the classroom!

-Linda Williams-Dean, Marion Shadd
On July 10, 2014, Professor Adirah Aishet-Tsalmiel’s Math Skills and Language Arts Class presented her with a card in the form of a Winner’s Trophy that won’t tarnish and a beautiful floral arrangement. The presentation was made at the Town Hall meeting held at Marion Shadd. Together as a class, we came up with the idea as we discussed how much we appreciated her. We all had something good about her that we wanted to share, so we put our heads together and came up with this idea. From the look on her face, it was truly a good and well-received surprise. We all enjoyed the moment as well. To Professor Adirah Aishet-Tsalmiel, from all of us: Thank you for treating each of us with kindness, understanding, gentleness and the patience that only God can give. Thanks to you, we all can face the world with confidence and as winners. We will never forget you.

-Math Skills and Language Arts Class Summer

We Love Professor Awesome!

Students:
Linda Williams-Dean
Joseph Johnson
Salena Mohammed-Graves
Victoria Perryman
Edward Rhodes
Carrietha Robinson
Kimberly Ross
Sharina Shaw
University Health Services at the University of the District of Columbia introduces the university's health and wellness initiative Get Up and Move! This comprehensive health and wellness initiative is an interdisciplinary collaborative partnership between University Health Services, UDC Athletics, Counseling Center, Center for Nutrition Diet and Health, faculty, staff and students from the university's academic programs.

The initiative offers a combination of physical activity, disease prevention workshops, health promotion programs and learning about healthy lifestyles in a fun, interactive way. Students have the opportunity to learn about nutrition and engage in activities that improve their physical fitness, mental health and overall well-being. Each program is designed to encourage healthier living for the university community. The health and wellness initiative aligns with many goals of the university's strategic plan vision 20/20. The Get Up and Move! Health and Wellness Calendar lists the activities and events occurring throughout the academic year including weekly physical fitness sessions such as aerobics, swimming, and strength training.

Get Up and Move! launched its health and wellness program with an appearance and lecture by healthy living advocate, Dr. Ian K. Smith, MD. The best-selling author and medical expert who is a recurring co-host on the Emmy® Award-winning talk show, The Doctors, and the creator and founder of two far-reaching national health initiatives — The 50 Million Pound Challenge and The Makeover Mile. Dr. Ian talked with students and conducted fitness demonstrations on the Dennard Plaza during the 9th Annual Back-to-School Barbeque Thursday, September 11, 2014.

Combining these comprehensive programs, Get Up and Move! is about linking students and the university community to the paths of a healthy future during their time at UDC and beyond.

"There’s overwhelming research evidence that students who lead healthy active lifestyles do better academically and are less likely to experience major illnesses which may impede their academic success." – Dr. Ayana Elliott, Director of University Health Services and Chairperson, Get Up and Move! Committee

Our goals are designed to promote sustainable strategies that will improve the health and well-being of the university community:

**Goal I: Start Small, Start Smart**
To provide individuals with opportunities to begin activities at various levels of experience and physical capabilities that cultivate the progressive incorporation of intentional physical fitness into their lives.

**Goal II: MyPlate, Your Place**
To empower individuals to make healthier food choices through counseling, workshops, and educational tools developed from nationally recognized authorities on nutrition.

**Goal III: Knowing How to Live Healthier**
To improve access to knowledge on physical and mental health seeking behaviors, disease prevention, and enhancing overall well-being at the individual, community, and population levels.

**Goal IV: Tobacco Free Campus**
To increase awareness on the smoke-free campus policy, the dangers of tobacco use/abuse, develop an action plan for a smoke-free campus, and launch a proven program or initiative aimed at decreasing tobacco use on UDC campuses.

For more information, please contact Retention Specialist Paulette Wooten-Martin at pwootenmartin@udc.edu
In February, 2014 a partnership was launched with representatives from the Harris Teeter Corporation and Forest City Washington. The goal was to prepare and place qualified District residents in positions at the Harris Teeter store that will be opening at Navy Yard this Fall. In high demand were candidates trained in Pharmacy Tech, Customer Service, and other key departments such as Bakery/Deli, Cashiering/Bagging, and in Meat Cutting. Over the past few months, several joint workshops have been held to better prepare these candidates, as well as hosting on-site application days where computer labs were made available and assistance was provided in completing the online application and employee profile on the Harris Teeter website. As the opening of the new store approaches, interviews are currently underway, and to date, several candidates have already received job offers. Amidst high competition and rigorous screening criteria, it is exciting to know that students from UDC-CC’s Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning Division were able to positively distinguish themselves from the masses.

-Mamei Willie-Bonglo, WDLL Career Counselor
How many of us walk through the front doors of Bertie Backus to attend class and never noticed the memorial in honor of Sara Clark and Asia Cottom, our fallen heroes of the 9/11 tragedy.

Both Ms. Clark, a sixth grade teacher and Asia Cottom, a sixth grader at Bertie Backus Middle School, were headed to Santa Barbara, California, for an ecology conference sponsored by National Geographic, on that tragic day. While many of us have gone on with our lives, the loss still lives on, in the lives of the family and friends of Sara Clark and Asia Cottom.

In order to keep their memory alive, Officer Downs and Officer Patterson, both UDC-PD officers at Backus, and Ms. Harris, an instructor at Backus decided it was time to clean up the memorial. “We wanted to let the community and their families, know that we will never forget the sacrifice of our fallen heroes.” New flags and silk flowers, were purchased, arranged and sprayed to protect them from the bad weather. They now sway softly in front of the memorial.

So, when you enter Bertie Backus, through the front door, stop a minute, to remember those heroes, who gave their lives striving to elevate education. – Professor Sylvia Harris
A Day at the Zoo!

Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning faculty and staff enjoyed a trip to the National Zoo after attending an All Staff Meeting at the Cleveland Park Library.
Thank You for Your Service

Recognizing Staff and Faculty who have moved on...

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