ABOUT ORAU

Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) is a university consortium leveraging the scientific strength of 98 major research institutions to advance science and education by partnering with national laboratories, government agencies, and private industry.

ORAU manages the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) for the US Department of Energy. The University of the District of Columbia was admitted in March 2011 to the Associate Membership of ORAU.

Dr. Arlene Garrison, ORAU Vice President for University Partnerships, and her colleague, Ms. Cathy Fore, Director of Collaborative Initiatives visited UDC on September 20, 2011 to present the ORAU membership plaque to UDC President Sessoms and to meet with faculty and students.
Benefits of UDC—ORAU Partnership

As a consortium of major Ph.D.-granting institutions, Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) offers to UDC:

- **Advanced scientific research and education** through partnerships with academia and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

- **Participation in exciting collaborations** with national laboratories, federal agencies, other educational and governmental entities, and the private sector.

- **Additional resources** for engaging academia in the research- and education-related actions of UT-Battelle/Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), the Y-12 National Security Complex/National Nuclear Security Administration and DOE. Access to those entities will offer greater opportunities for research funding and higher visibility.

- **Professional development opportunities** for faculty and students through ORAU’s various programs, which offer grants, knowledge-strengthening competitions, and interactions with scientific leaders.

In the image analysis, information assurance, and data mining lab at UDC with left to right Dr. Lily Liang, Computer Science (CS), Dr. Byunggu Yu, Computer Science chairperson, Sergey Maydebura, CS grad student and 2011 BS graduate in CS.

Dr. Garrison with Dr. Rosie Sneed in her lab at the Biology Department, at UDC.

In Zero Energy Visitor Center, an off-grid, wind and solar-powered on-campus structure, which is part of UDC's Center of Excellence in Renewable Energy.

Dr. Arlene Garrison of ORAU with students and hovering robot in UDC robotics lab. Dr. Byunggu Yu and Prof. LaVonne Manning.